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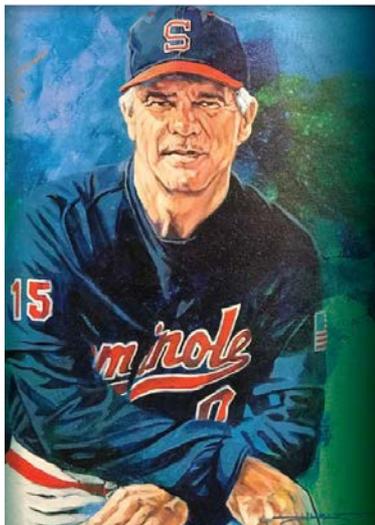
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LLOYD SIMMONS FIELD

DEDICATION

Join us in honoring the legendary Seminole State College Trojan Baseball Coach.



MAY 3, 2024

Dedication - 5:30 PM

Trojans Baseball Game - 6 PM

BCM Sports Complex
2803 Highway 9 West
Seminole, OK 74868

SPORTS

ABC GANG SHARES EXPERIENCES WITH SSC ATHLETES



Pictured (left to right): Head Coach Lucas Hunter, Luke Parish, Student Manager Karon Parker, Corey Upkins, Montae Collins, Anthony Bowie, William Childs, Adrian Banks, Max Zavarzin, Majier Adut, Nehemiah Weber, AJ Reed, Assistant Coach Seth Vinton, Ray Alford.

Former Seminole State College stand-out basketball players Ray Alford, Anthony Bowie and William Childs were back on campus where they visited with the current Seminole State College student athletes on Apr. 24. The trio was known as the "ABC Gang" during their time playing at then Seminole Junior College and led the 1983 Trojan team to a second-place finish in the 1983 NJCAA National Tournament.

"It is great to have these Trojan basket-

ball legends back on campus and interacting with our current student-athletes. The bond that the 'ABC Gang' has is special and to hear their stories and see their life-long friendship that began here at SSC is inspiring." Trojan Men's Basketball Head Coach Lucas Hunter said. "They set a great example of what success looks like in this program and we can't thank them enough for taking the time to come back and share their experiences with our current team."

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Stay up-to-date on campus events by visiting scok.edu/events.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Seminole State College will hold its 91st Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 3, for students completing coursework requirements for their degree programs. The graduation ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. inside the Raymond Harber Field House on campus.

Following the processional, Oklahoma State Representative Kevin Wallace (R-District 32) will offer the invocation. President Lana Reynolds will welcome guests and offer special comments.

This year's commencement address will be delivered by Rep. Charles McCall, Oklahoma's longest-serving Speaker of the House of Representatives. He was first elected to House District 22 in 2012. Four years later, he was elected Speaker, the first Republican from southeastern Oklahoma to hold the position. He brought years of experience as a community banker with him to the role. His focus on getting the state's fiscal house in order brought the state budget out of shortfalls and into solvency. During his tenure as Speaker, personal and corporate income taxes have decreased while public common education funding has increased by 35% and state reserves have been built up to record levels.

McCall has balanced his public service with his private sector role as the CEO and Board Chairman of AmeriState Bank in Atoka. Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, McCall served as Mayor of Atoka from 2005 to 2012. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Oklahoma and completed the Graduate School of

Banking at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Following the commencement address, Dr. Amanda Estey, Vice President for Academic Affairs, will present degree candidates, and President Reynolds will confer degrees.

Graduates of the SSC Nursing Program will complete their commencement activities with a special Pinning Ceremony inside the Enoch Kelly Haney Center's Utterback Ballroom. The nursing ceremony is scheduled for 12 p.m.

A special graduation program for students completing their degree in the Physical Therapist Assistant program will also be held at 12 p.m. in the E.T. Dunlap Student Union meeting room.

SSC's commencement ceremony will be live streamed. Those who will not be able to attend the ceremony in person can visit Seminole State College's website, sscok.edu, to access the live footage on the day of the event. The live footage will also be playing inside the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center on campus. This will provide an additional location for guests to sit and enjoy the program if the Raymond Harber Field House reaches capacity.

Campus offices will be closed to the public on Friday morning, May 3, to allow staff time to prepare for commencement exercises. Prior to commencement and following the ceremony, the SSC Bookstore and The Flower Box will have pop-up shops set up outside of the E.T. Dunlap Student Union. Campus offices will reopen at 1:30 p.m.



Rep. Charles McCall

OVERFLOW SEATING

If the Raymond Harber Field House reaches capacity, overflow seating will be available in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Auditorium.

LIVE STREAM

To view a live stream of the commencement exercises, visit the SSC YouTube page or scan the QR code below.



ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET DRAWS LARGE CROWD



More than 400 people attended the SSC Educational Foundation's 29th annual Spring Recognition Banquet on April 25 at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its 29th Annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 25 in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on campus. More than 400 people were in attendance.

The event serves as a major fundraiser for the foundation. This year's event raised over \$45,000, which will go directly to student scholarships.

Accomplishments by alumni, employees and students were recognized at the event. Former students Anthony Bowie and Doug Ogle were inducted into the SSC Alumni Hall of Fame. Recipients are selected for their achievements while attending the College, as well as the contributions they have made in their professional careers. Bowie was a standout basketball player at SSC and went on to have a career in the NBA. Following his professional basketball run, he went on to become an educator. Ogle was the manager for the men's basketball team and the President of the Baptist Student Union during his time at SSC. He is now the Superintendent of Perkins-Tyron Public Schools.

Kyle Kerwin, Vice President of Commercial Lending at First National Bank of NWA in Rogers, Arkansas introduced Bowie. Larry Reece, Senior Associate Athletic Director of Development for OSU Athletics and the "arena voice" of the OSU Cowboys, introduced Ogle.

Dr. Thurman Edwards received the Distinguished Service Award. Edwards worked at SSC for 28 years. He held various roles, including Golf Coach, Division Chair and Athletic Director. Edwards' award was presented by Dr. Brad Walk, SSC Vice President Emeritus for Student Affairs.

Campus organizational leaders were also recognized at the banquet, including Faculty Senate President Dr. Ricky Streight, Professional Staff President Tina Savage, Classified Staff President Tisha Simon and Student Government Association President Benjamin Parker.

Each division on campus has selected an outstanding student to be recognized at the event: Dalton Fowble of Chandler, Business and Education; Tori Annanders of Macomb, Health Sciences; Baylie Luschen of Chandler, Language



SSC President Lana Reynolds (left) and SSC Educational Foundation Chair Lance Wortham (right) congratulate Medical Laboratory Technician Professor Malinda Browning (center) on her 35 years of service and her upcoming retirement.



Reynolds (left) and Wortham (right) congratulate IT Technician David Cobb on his upcoming retirement.

SPRING BANQUET CONT.



Arts and Humanities; Olivia Stevenson of Seminole, Social Sciences; and Brett Griffith of Rocky, STEM.

Two employees were recognized for reaching milestone years of employment with the College. Talent Search Advisor Damaris Haney was recognized for her 25 years at SSC. Custodian Mark Spencer was recognized for his 20 years of service.

Two employees were recognized for their upcoming retirement: IT Tech-

nician David Cobb and Medical Laboratory Technician Professor Malinda Browning. Browning also reached the milestone of 35 years of employment at SSC.

The College's Educational Foundation was established in 1972 to "supply aid for charitable, benevolent educational, scientific and literary purposes." For more information on the foundation, visit sscok.edu/foundation.

Each of the five academic divisions named one Outstanding Student of the Year. During the banquet, honorees sat down with SSC Lana Reynolds to discuss their time at the College. Pictured (left to right): Reynolds, Dalton Fowble of Chandler, Tori Annanders of Macomb, Baylie Luschen of Chandler, Olivia Stevenson of Seminole and Brett Griffith of Rocky.



Former SSC Athletic Director Dr. Thurman Edwards (right) received the Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented by Vice President Emeritus for Student Affairs Dr. Brad Walck (left).



Former SSC students Anthony Bowie (center left) and Doug Ogle (center right) were inducted into the SSC Alumni Hall of Fame. Vice President of Commercial Lending at First National Bank of NWA Kyle Kerwin (left) and Senior Associate Athletic Director of Development for OSU Athletics Larry Reece (right) presented the awards.

SIGN-UPS NOW OPEN FOR KIDS ON CAMPUS SUMMER CAMPS



Children can now sign up for SSC's Kids on Campus Summer Camps. Themed camps include Outdoor, STEM, Lego, Art and Ceramics (pictured).

Seminole State College will host its annual Kids on Campus summer camps for children and teens aged 5 to 17 across two sessions, offering a variety of activities. The camp is hosted by SSC's Business and Industry program.

The first session of the camp will run from June 24 to June 27, with the second session scheduled from July 8 to July 11. Classes run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Individual camps take place in either the morning or afternoon. Lunch is available at the Student Union on

campus, and lunch is free for participants of the all-day camp. The price of each camp ranges from \$50 to \$90, and an all-week option is available for \$250. Each session features a range of themed camps tailored to different interests and age groups, including Outdoor, STEM, Lego, Ceramics and Art camps.

Nature enthusiasts will enjoy Outdoor Camp, where adventurers aged 5 to 17 will explore the wonders of the great outdoors. From bug and animal identification sessions to honeybee demonstra-

tions and fire safety training, campers will connect with nature and learn new skills in a safe and supervised environment. The Outdoor Camp takes place in the morning and costs \$50.

Scientific minds aged 10 to 17 are invited to dive into the world of robotics at the STEM Camp. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, campers will design and assemble their underwater Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) from scratch, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and confidence in STEM fields through experimentation and problem-solving. The STEM Camp takes place in the afternoon and costs \$90.

Budding builders aged 5 to 17 will embark on an adventure through the colorful world of Lego at the Lego Camp. Participants will unleash their engineering prowess as they tackle challenges and construct intricate designs using Lego bricks. The Lego Camp takes place in the morning and costs \$50.

Creatives aged 5 to 17 will get hands-on experience with clay and pottery at the Ceramics Camp. From sculpting whimsical creatures to crafting function-

al vessels, participants will express their creativity and develop a deeper appreciation for the art form. The Ceramics Camp takes place in the afternoon and costs \$90.

Young artists aged 5 to 17 will cultivate their talents across various mediums and styles, developing confidence in their creativity in the Art Camp. The Art Camp takes place in the afternoon and costs \$50.

"We are excited to welcome children and teens to our Kids on Campus Summer Camp for another year of fun, learning and exploration," Business and Industry Training Coordinator Scarlet Figueroa said. "Each camp offers an opportunity for participants to discover new interests, develop skills, and make memories in a supportive and engaging environment."

To sign up, visit sscok.edu/academics/community-and-on-demand-courses. For more information contact Scarlet Figueroa at b-i@sscok.edu or 405-382-9546.

EDUCATION COALITION



Shawnee Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Aaron Espolt, Oklahoma Baptist University President Dr. Heath Thomas and Seminole State College President Lana Reynolds (pictured left to right) visit on April 15 during a meeting of the Shawnee Education Coalition. The local educational leaders meet monthly to discuss ways to better serve students and communities of the area through collaborative programming and partnerships. Also included in the coalition are Gordon Cooper Technology Center Superintendent Julie McCormick and Shawnee Forward CEO Crystal Romanyszyn.

FLORES HONORED FOR 500 WINS AT SSC



Seminole State College Head Softball Coach Amber Flores was recognized for achieving 500 career wins prior to the team's matchup against Connors State College on April 18. Pictured (left to right): SSC Athletic Director Leslie Sewell, OKC Spark Owner Tina Floyd, Flores, SSC President Lana Reynolds and Chair of the SSC Board of Regents Kim Hyden.

Trojan Softball Coach Amber Flores was honored on April 18 for her recent 500th career win at Seminole State College.

On Saturday, April 6, Flores won her 500th game at the helm of the SSC program. The 4-1 win against Eastern Oklahoma State in Wilburn brought her overall record at Seminole to 500 wins against 104 losses.

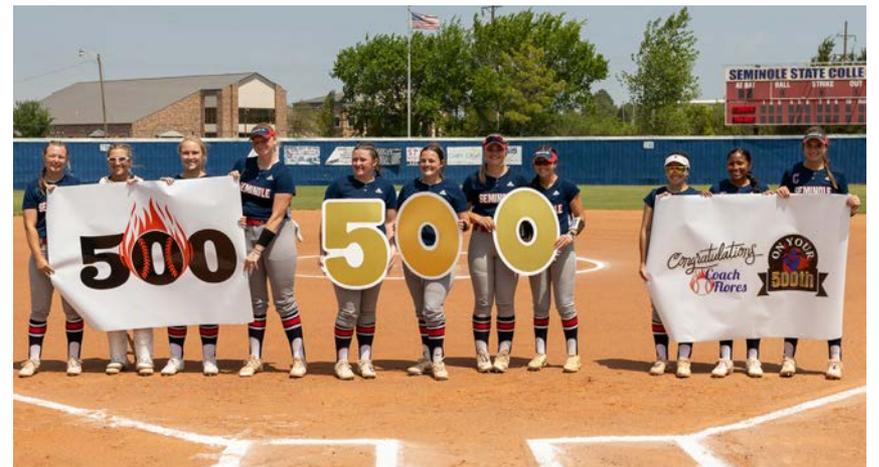
In recognition of this milestone a pre-game presentation was held prior to the Trojans facing the Connors State Cowgirls Thursday afternoon at the SSC home field. Participating in the ceremony at home plate were SSC Athletic Director Leslie Sewell, owner of the OKC Spark professional women's softball

team Tina Floyd, SSC President Lana Reynolds and Chair of the SSC Board of Regents Kim Hyden.

Now in her 12th season with the Trojans, she has taken teams to six NJCAA national tournaments – with the last five trips being in consecutive seasons. Her program has produced 12 All-American players and 62 Academic All-Americans. She has been named Region 2 Softball Coach of the Year six Times. In 2021, she was named the Region 2 Coach of the Year for All Sports.

Flores was named as the head coach for the new OKC Spark professional team last year.

In addition to a plaque commemorating the occasion and flower bouquets,



The Trojan softball team holds signs congratulating Coach Amber Flores.

Flores received a pair of custom painted "Trojan 500" shoes created by Jamie Chew of Calexico, California. Chew was Flores' high school basketball coach and now runs a nonprofit organiza-

tion to benefit the terminally ill called "Chews for the heART." The shoes are a special gift commissioned by Coach Flores' parents, Alex and Dianna Flores, to celebrate her milestone.

AGGIE CLUB HOSTS SIXTH ANNUAL FFA INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTEST



The SSC Aggie Club hosted its sixth annual SSC FFA Interscholastic Contest on Thursday, April 11. Aggie Club sponsor and Assistant Professor of Agriculture Wendy Rich organized the event and welcomed nearly 1,100 attendees before the contest began.

The Seminole State College Aggie Club hosted its sixth annual SSC FFA Interscholastic Contest on April 11.

Nearly 1,100 students from 100 schools across the state of Oklahoma participated in the event. Students competed in a variety of contests – Ag Mechanics, Animal Science Quiz Bowl, Milk Quality and Products, Electricity, 8th Grade Quiz Bowl, Employment Skills, Entomology, Environmental and Natural Resources, Floriculture, Home-site Evaluation, Land Judging, Soil and Water Management, Turfgrass Manage-

ment and Veterinary Science.

SSC Assistant Professor of Agriculture Wendy Rich served as the primary coordinator of the event.

“The SSC FFA Interscholastic event serves as an excellent opportunity to not only support the largest youth organization in Oklahoma — FFA — but to showcase the many opportunities that SSC has to offer to high school students in the state. We hope their experience here will pique their interest in attending SSC for their future educational goals,” Rich said.



High school FFA students compete in the Ag Mechanics contest.



Competitors evaluate soil and water during the Interscholastic Contest.

TALENT SEARCH EXPERIENCES THE MAGIC OF HARRY POTTER CONCERT



One hundred and four SSC Talent Search/FOCUS students, staff, and volunteers enjoyed dinner together at Logan’s Roadhouse and attended Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets in Concert at the OKC Civic Center on April 26. The Talent Search Central and West Projects are 100% federally funded in the amounts of \$388,326 and \$277,375 annually. For more information about the Talent Search Program, please visit sscok.edu/sponsored-grant-programs/talent-search or call 405-382-9709.

SSC CELEBRATES INDUCTION OF STUDENTS INTO HONOR SOCIETIES



Seven Seminole State College students were recently inducted into the Mu Alpha Theta honor society. Originally founded in 1957 at the University of Oklahoma, the honor society recognizes excellence in the study of mathematics. Pictured (left to right): STEM Division Chair Emily Carpenter, Assistant Professor of STEM and Mu Alpha Theta sponsor Melissa Bryant, inductees Nathania Mitchell of Seminole, Benjamin Foster of Prague, Caitlyn Factor of Wewoka, Gloria Barrett of Shawnee, Atriya Nourbakhsh of Shawnee, Ashley Pearson of Shawnee and induction keynote speaker Assistant Professor of Mathematics Cullen Birney. Not pictured but also inducted into the honor society was Ashlyn Turner of Lone Grove.



The newest members of Seminole State College's Psi Beta honor society pose for a photo following their induction on April 18. Psi Beta is the national honor society in psychology for community colleges, dedicated to the professional development of psychology students. Pictured (left to right): Mackenzie Harris of Shawnee, Scottlynn Wilson of Shawnee, Nathania Mitchell of Seminole, Olivia Stevenson of Shawnee, Trinity Stover of Seminole and Macy Proffer of Shawnee. Not pictured but also inducted were Emily Debord of Mustang, Channa Deer of Shawnee, Atriya Nourbakhsh of Shawnee, Ashlyn Turner of Lone Grove and Makayla Winchester of Seminole.

OG&E AND STUDENTS PLANT TREES AT SPORTS COMPLEX



OG&E employees and Seminole State College students planted 10 trees at the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex on April 4. As part of the company's environmental stewardship program, OG&E donated 10 oak and cypress trees to SSC, as well as 40 trees to the City of Seminole. The company also gave away 90 trees to the public.



SSC students in the Fundamentals of Soil Science class assisted with the planting of the trees at the sports complex. Pictured (left to right): Gage Fiegenger, Cord Bender, Jakin Teape, Luke George, Assistant Professor of Agriculture Wendy Rich, Anthony Smith, Bill McCarter and Director of the SSC Rural Business and Resources Center Danny Morgan.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TEAMS VOLUNTEER AT A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN GAMES



The SSC baseball team poses with members of a League of Their Own following a game on April 2.

Seminole State College Trojan baseball players worked with members of A League of Their Own at the Avedis Foundation Adaptive Field, located within the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex on April 2. The softball team volunteered the following week on April 8. The League is a co-ed softball league established to provide an avenue for individuals with cognitive or physical disabilities to play baseball. This

year 46 players are participating. The Trojan baseball team volunteered for the group's season opener, which was delayed to Tuesday due to Monday's severe weather. The Trojans encouraged and assisted participants as they hit and ran the bases. The League takes to the field on Monday evenings and will continue their season through May 20. For more information about the group, contact Holli Daniels at 405-380-7027.



Trojan baseball player Clayton Moore, of Norman, (right) congratulates A League of Their Own athlete Nic Tilley, of Seminole, for being named one of the game's MVPs.



Prior to her game, Emma Bilyeu of Prague (right) had to stop and say hello to SSC Softball Head Coach Amber Flores (left).



Steven Cowart of Holdenville hustles toward home plate, while SSC softball players Leslie Barber of Lexington and Bethany Noble of Amarillo, Texas, cheer him on.



Khole Goodwin of Seminole (left) takes a short dance break with her two SSC softball friends Ashlynn Turner of Lone Grove and Jaylee Lopez of Idabel.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HONORS TWO SSC EMPLOYEES

Two Seminole State College employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication during the monthly Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum on April 11. Assistant Professor of Nursing Ann Benson was honored as Faculty Member of the Month and Head Baseball Coach and Academic Advisor Mack Chambers as Staff Member of the Month.

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, along with the Lions Club and Kontoor Brands/Wrangler, recognize SSC employees several times during Forum each year. Individuals are nominated from across the campus and chosen by SSC administrators to receive the honor.

Benson has worked at SSC for three years. She teaches Psychosocial Nursing and the Nursing Leadership capstone.

She received her Bachelor of Nursing from Oklahoma University, her Women's Health Nurse Practitioner certification at Southwestern Medical College in Dallas, Texas, and her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Phoenix.

Benson is a member of the SSC Fac-



The Seminole Chamber of Commerce recognized and Assistant Professor of Nursing Ann Benson (left) as the Faculty Member of the Month and Head Baseball Coach Mack Chambers (right) as the Staff Member of the Month at their Forum on April 11.

ulty Senate and serves on the Faculty Welfare Committee. She is a member of the Beta Sigma Phi civic sorority, serves on the Board of Directors for the Prague

Kolache Festival and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Prague, where she is a Sunday school teacher.

She was named an Oklahoma Public

Health Leadership Institute Fellow in 2011 and was also recognized as the March of Dimes Pediatric/Adolescent Nurse of the Year in 2013.

She has been married to her high school sweetheart, Bryan Benson, for 41 years. They make their home in Prague. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Chambers has worked at SSC for six years. As the Head Baseball Coach, he led the team to win the NJCAA Region II Tournament in 2023. Beyond coaching, he serves as an Academic Advisor, where he works closely with students, offering guidance on majors, assisting with course registration and helping students manage their academic timelines.

He earned his associate degree at then Seminole Junior College, his bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University and his master's degree in Sports Administration at East Central University.

He and his wife, Melissa, reside in Shawnee. They have three children, Tyler, Mack and Kamden.

LEADERSHIP STUDENTS LEND A HAND WITH CAMPUS CLEANUP



In an early observance of Earth Day, Seminole State College President's Leadership Class members heard from environmentalist and filmmaker K.C. Shulberg, watched a screening of his documentary "The Urgency of Now" and then picked up trash across the SSC campus. "The Urgency of Now" explores the destruction of Hurricane Ian and features interviews with scientists, educators and public officials about the effects of climate change.

SSC SHOWCASES LOCAL ARTISTS AT CAMPUS EVENT

Seminole State College welcomed faculty, staff, students and the local community to immerse themselves in the world of art at the “SSC, the Arts and Me” event on April 17. Taking place at the Cooks Commons and the Boren Library, the event showcased the creativity of SSC students and local artists.

Attendees had the opportunity to view and purchase a diverse selection of artwork, ranging from paintings to sculptures.

In a special tribute to renowned artist Kelly Haney, his daughter Damaris Haney and her children, Caitlin and Matt Brown, spoke with visitors about Haney’s impactful work, which was prominently displayed in the library.

In addition to the visual feast awaiting attendees, culinary delights were available from Special Kneads, a food truck operated by South Central Industries in Shawnee. Great Western Dining also served grilled burgers and brats.

SSC graduate Robert Hanson performed acoustic guitar throughout the event.

The event was sponsored by the SSC Art Club, Student Support Services and STEM Student Support Services.

The SSC SSS project is 100% federally funded in the amount of \$294,725 annually. The SSC STEM SSS project is 100% federally funded in the amount of \$261,888 annually.



Seminole State College Talent Search Advisor Damaris Haney (right) discusses the artwork of her father, Kelly Haney, with SSC freshman Mark Factor of Seminole. Kelly Haney’s artwork was prominently featured during the College’s “SSC, the Arts and Me” event on April 17.

ENROLLMENT OPENS FOR SUMMER AND FALL COURSES

Enrollment is now open for summer and fall courses at Seminole State College. Course offerings and application information can be found on the College’s website, sscok.edu.

SSC offers a flexible summer schedule for all students, including new and non-degree seeking. A current class schedule can be viewed on SSC’s website.

SSC students can receive associate degrees in several transfer programs including majors in agriculture, art, biology, business, computer science, criminal justice, elementary education, enterprise development business administration, enterprise development general studies, health, physical education and recreation, health sciences, liberal studies, pre-engineering, psychology, secondary education and social sciences.

The College also offers several enter-the-workforce degree programs, including business technology, engineering technology, medical laboratory technology, nursing and physical therapist assistant.

Many degree programs are also offered 100 percent online. Perspective students seeking to learn remotely may contact the Online Degree Office at (405) 382-9577.

For help with enrollment, students may visit advisors in person inside the Walkingstick Student Services Center. Current students may enroll with their academic advisor.

Regular office hours at the College are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. For additional information about enrollment at SSC, please email advising@sscok.edu

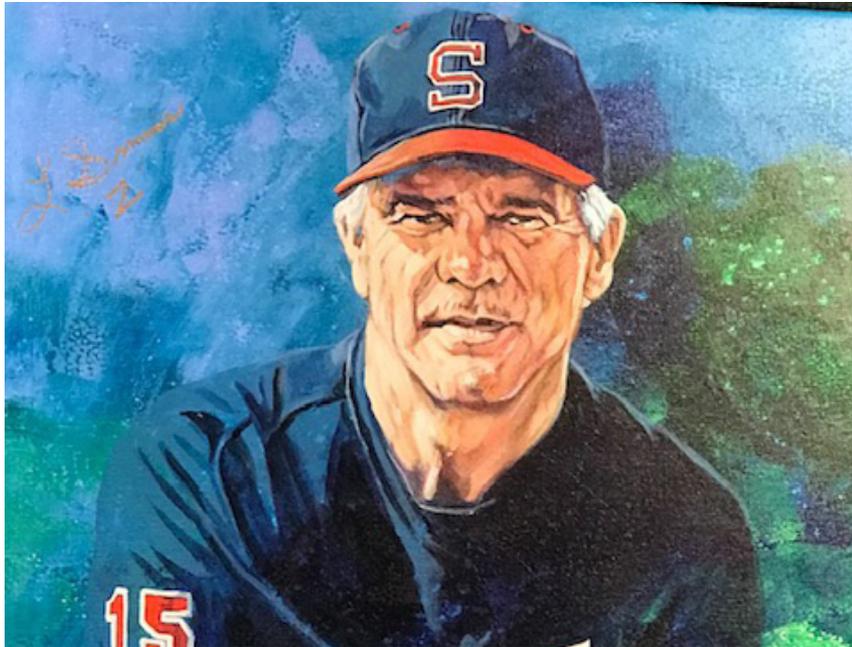


Academic Advisor Cindy Nolen helps a student enroll at SSC in the Walkingstick Student Services Center.

or call the College’s Office of Admissions at (405) 382-9230. If you’re needing help with academic advisement, contact the advising team

at 405-382-9797. For information about financial aid, please call the Office of Financial Aid at 405-382-9247.

SSC TO HOST LLOYD SIMMONS FIELD DEDICATION CEREMONY



Lloyd Simmons Field will be unveiled on May 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex.

Seminole State College will host the dedication ceremony of Lloyd Simmons Field on May 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex. Admission to the field dedication and the subsequent Trojan baseball game at 6:00 p.m. will be free for all attendees.

Beginning in October of 2023, Trojan baseball alumni spearheaded efforts to commemorate Simmons by raising funds to name SSC's home field in his honor. Simmons, whose coaching tenure spanned from 1976 to 2001 and 2012-2016, won 1,804 games. He led 13 teams to the NJCAA College World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado, and 43 of his former players made it to Major League Baseball.

"We are excited to honor Coach Sim-

mons, whose passion for baseball and mentorship transcended the game," SSC President Lana Reynolds said. "The dedication of the Lloyd Simmons Field serves as a symbol of his profound influence and legacy at Seminole State College and beyond."

The alumni also raised funds for the construction of a Trojan baseball arch to greet guests as they enter the sports complex.

Both the SSC Board of Regents and the SSC Educational Foundation Trustees ratified the naming of the field earlier this year.

At the field dedication, SSC President Lana Reynolds, SSC Board of Regents Chair Kim Hyden and SSC Educational Foundation Chair Lance

Wortham will make a special presentation to Coach Simmons. Representing the Trojan Alumni, David Maschino, Billy Jester and Curtis Morgan will present

on the fundraising efforts. At the conclusion of the pregame ceremony, the Lloyd Simmons Field typographical logo will be unveiled.

STUDENTS COMPLETE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CLASS PROGRAM



Ten Seminole State College sophomores in the Seminole State College President's Leadership Class received awards recognizing their completion of two years in the scholarship program on April 29. Members enjoyed a luncheon with SSC President Lana Reynolds and Director of Community Relations and PLC sponsor Kim Pringle to celebrate the occasion. The program helps students develop leadership skills through educational classroom and extra-curricular activities. Responsibilities of members include volunteering for the community and assisting with campus events. PLC students pictured are: (left to right) Brett Griffith of Rocky, Ryan Carlisle of Foss, Dalton Fowble of Chandler, Kamryn Lydens of Coweta, Jaci Chowning of Stroud, Easton Guest of Skiatook, Kaden Wright of Bixby, Sutton Titsworth of Bristow, Taylon Laxon of Oklahoma City and John Mahalik of Carrollton, Texas.

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