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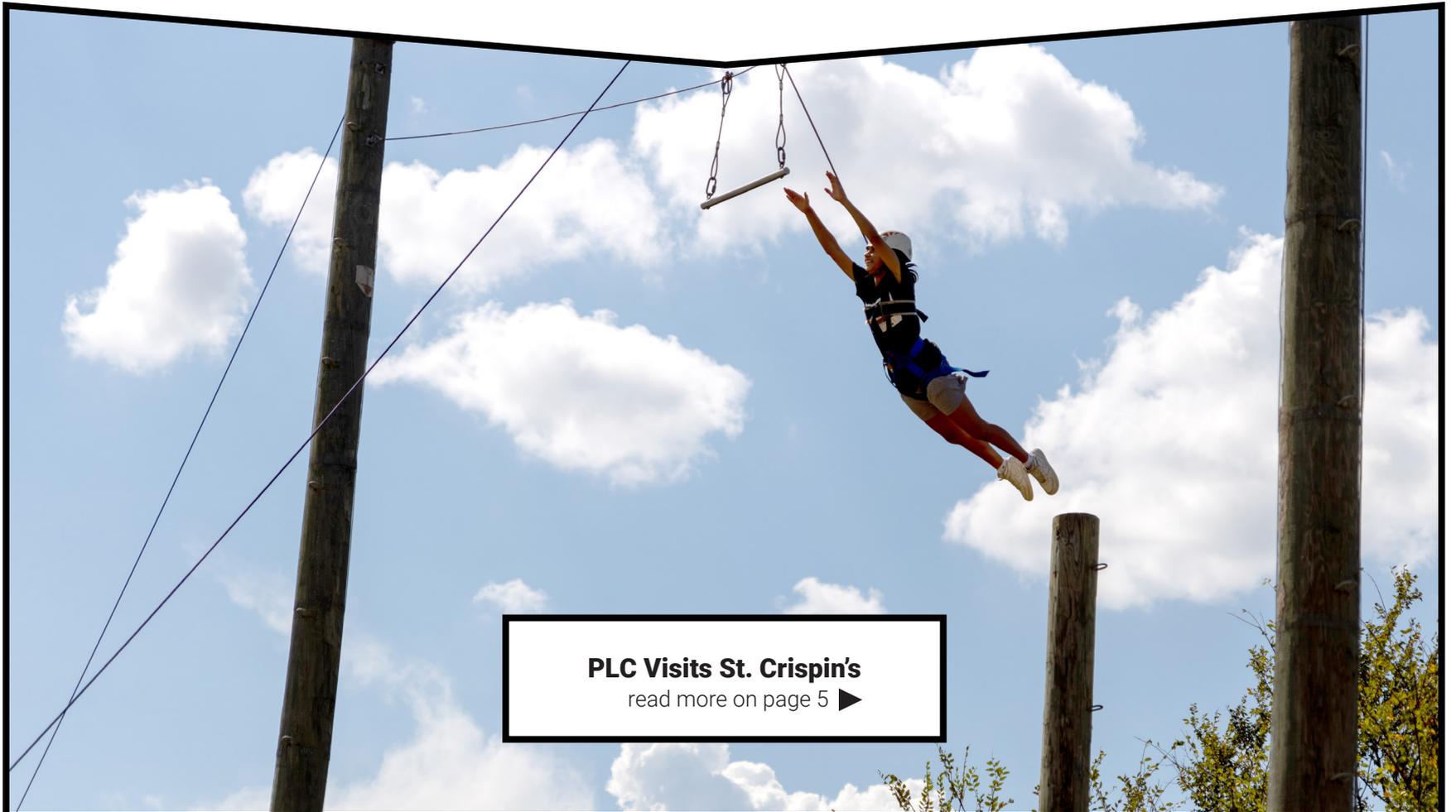
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SSC Student Gives Back



Seminole State College sophomore Dominic Green (center), of Shawnee, recently donated \$3,500 to the SSC Educational Foundation to support projects of the College's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society. In addition to providing funds for student fees associated with joining the national organization, he wanted to provide financial support to purchase holiday gifts for children through PTK's Angel Tree project.

Green said that when he was growing up, his family struggled with poverty, and he never forgot when he received Christmas presents through the Angel Tree program.

"I want to help people," Green said. "I want to give back to the community now that I can." Pictured alongside Green are PTK Advisor and Associate Professor of Business Dr. Jeff Cheng (left) and President Lana Reynolds (right).



Stay up to date with campus COVID-19 safety precautions at SSC's Coronavirus Response page.

Here you'll find important updates, CARES Act scholarship information, mental health resources and links to Centers for Disease Control data.

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Constitution Day



John Guinn speaks at the SSC Constitution Day event.

Seminole State College hosted its annual Constitution Day event on Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. in the Utterback Ballroom, located in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. This year's event featured guest speaker John Guinn, the Oklahoma Convention of States Director. Attendees had the opportunity to register to vote at stations set up by the Student Government Association and the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787, and the day honors those who have become U.S. citizens. Publicly funded educational institutions celebrate the day by providing educational programming about the history of the founding document.

Guinn spoke on Article V of the Constitution, the process of amending the Constitution, the history of amendments and an overview of the Convention of States. In addition to Guinn's work with the Convention of States, he has been a member of the U.S. military and has served as an adjunct professor of American Government at OSU-OKC and Rose State College.

Student Column

The Beauty in Routine

by Georgia Ledford



If you've ever called our college, you've probably heard the response, "Seminole State College, how may I direct your call?". As a student worker under the Academic Affairs division, my job is to answer the phone and to never leave it unattended. We direct your call to the appropriate department/ person and then bid each person adieu.

Think of our job as something like the first line of defense, or the first step towards a final destination. My specific department isn't necessarily resolving the issues of our callers. We don't give students their class schedules like admissions does, nor do we sort through bills like the business office does, and we don't talk to students about their grades like advisors do.

Aside from answering the phone, we generally only have one other task to complete daily: cleaning classrooms. The list we must complete chronologically is as follows:

1. Spray all of the tables, chairs, lights, and door handles with cleaning supplies. You've probably caught a glimpse of a clear spray bottle with a green-colored lid on it, and the classroom's number written on the side of it in each room. That's what we use each day.

2. Wipe down the tables, chairs, lights. Right next to the spray bottles, you'll see a paper towel roll. If you want to kill some time, see how much it diminishes daily from the student workers using it.

3. If we're working in a computer

lab, shut down each of the computers still left on.

4. Check both the hand-sanitizer dispensers and printers to see if they need to be restocked.

5. Spray the rooms with "The Sprayer." I don't know the actual name of the device, but it's a machine that holds some weird chemical concoction made to clean the rooms with. "The Sprayer" and I unfortunately don't get along very well, because it's extremely annoying to have to refill it in a storage closet daily, get the weird chemical mixture all over me in the process (thankfully I have yet to lose any hairs or burn my skin yet), and having to repeatedly turn it on and off again waltzing around the rooms spraying everything.

6. Turn all of the lights off, and shut/lock all the doors.

At first glance, my job can seem pretty mundane. As I said before, with answering the phones, we're not the ones resolving any interesting issues. Cleaning the classrooms can get pretty monotonous as well. Some days, I'd used to come into work dreading the same dull, tedious routine. It was all extremely repetitive, waiting for the phone to ring next on a slow day, or watching streaks of wooden desktops pass my eyes as I wiped them each down.

College is very routine-like for most of us. We go in to our same classes daily. Some of us have jobs, where we complete the same tasks daily. Then we either go to our dorms or go home, do homework,

and go to bed. Perhaps you personally question the meaninglessness of it all, and chastise yourself internally for letting it all seem so perpetual, dreary, and boring.

Then again, I wouldn't be employed here if I didn't have some small purpose. People's calls wouldn't be directed, and students would sit in germ-infested seats each day. You have to admit, "The Sprayer" and I have a pretty comical relationship. Maybe if you're bored, you can search for me cursing at the machine in an empty classroom one day.

I really can't romanticize myself with "The Sprayer" though, both figuratively and metaphorically. Since I'm writing a monthly article for seven more months, I don't genuinely know if I can come up with seven more entertaining anecdotes that lead to some big epiphany. But my boss is pretty cool, and my co-worker is too. Professor Carpenter is awesome to chat with, and she works right across from Ms. Denwalt and I. Honestly, all the people surrounding me are pretty sweet. Sometimes, people who call the college are bright and cheerful. The students whose classes I clean are most often than not nice enough not to leave each room in a total wreck each day.

Life really isn't about one big daily, weekly, or even monthly epiphany. I take whatever minuscule shred of happiness I can get and run with it. Perhaps we could all start to learn to how to romanticize small things.

NASNTI Program Awarded \$2.25 Million in Federal Grant



NASNTI Director Carol Parker (right) greets Miss Indian World Cheyenne Kippenberger (left) at a campus event on Sept. 20, 2019.

The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded the Seminole State College Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions program \$2.25 million in a new grant.

NASNTI will receive \$450,000 annually for the next five years. With these funds, the grant program plans

to expand SSC's accessibility for disabled students, deepen the College's computer science course offerings and extend programming and support for Native American students. The grant application process was spearheaded by NASNTI Director Carol Parker.

In an effort to bolster accessibility, NASNTI will focus on installing more accommodating seating, software and devices in an access lab located in the Dan Boren Library on campus. Through the grant, the College also plans to refine the remote learning experience for disabled students.

"I'm extremely excited about this grant. This will help us give these students more individual attention and additional tools to help them succeed," Parker said.

Campus-wide professional development will also be offered for all employees on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 guidelines, which are formal plans developed to help students with disabilities receive the support they need.

The grant will also allow the College to offer more courses in the field the computer science, including programming, cybersecurity and esports. These new course offerings

will help the computer science degree program meet modern trends in the field. All courses will be transferable to four-year universities in the state.

Through the new grant, NASNTI will also host more seminars and webinars focused on civics, professional skills, wellbeing and resilience. Additionally, Talking Circles will be held for Native American students. Talking Circles will focus on an issue students may be facing and discussions will be lead by a tribal member.

"The NASNTI program is a cultural cornerstone for the College. The program has been and will continue to be a tremendous resource to our students. We are very appreciative of our Congressional delegation, particularly Senator James Lankford and Congresswoman Stephanie Bice, for working with the U.S. Department of Education to bring these dollars home to Oklahoma," President Lana Reynolds said.

PLC Visits St. Crispin's Conference Center



. PLC students pictured (left to right) are: Kegan Magee, of Aurora, Texas; Braeden Jones, of Oklahoma City; Brynna McAlvain, of Seminole; Anna Kelsey, of Tecumseh; and Erin Bronson, of Shawnee.



PLC student Frank Bourlon, of Shawnee, leaps from a tall pole to a power jump bar at St. Crispin's Conference Center.

September Students of the Month Recognized



September Students of the month



Five outstanding Seminole State College students were recently honored for the month of September. Each academic division selected one student to honor based on work ethic, academic standing and campus involvement. The students were awarded a certificate from the Academic Affairs Office, a gift certificate to use at the Student Union Grill and a special parking pass allowing them

access to park in any spot on campus for a month.

September's students of the month are: Rodney Ackerman of Holdenville – Language Arts and Humanities; Kegan Magee of Aurora, Texas – STEM; Sophie Augustin of Augsburg, Germany – Business and Education; Donna Rupe of Shawnee – Health Sciences; and Raedyn Pierce of Shawnee – Social Sciences.

Digital Photography Course to Be Offered



Seminole State College will offer a digital photography course on Oct. 23 in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

Seminole State College will offer a digital photography course on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 102 of the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The course will break for one hour for lunch. The class will cover an introduction to photography skills, including lighting, composition, shooting in manual modes, photo correction and manipulation as well as editing for social media. This digital photography course is being offered through SSC's Business and Industry program, which provides concentrated training on topics for entrepreneurs, those looking to strengthen a workplace skill and hobbyists.

The cost of this course is \$59 and is open to all. A Digital Single-Lens Reflex (DSLR) camera or a camera with manual settings is recommended for this course but not required.

This course will be taught by photographer and SSC Web and Multimedia Coordinator Brooks Nickell. Nickell has more than ten years of experience as a photographer and has published work with various

media outlets across the state.

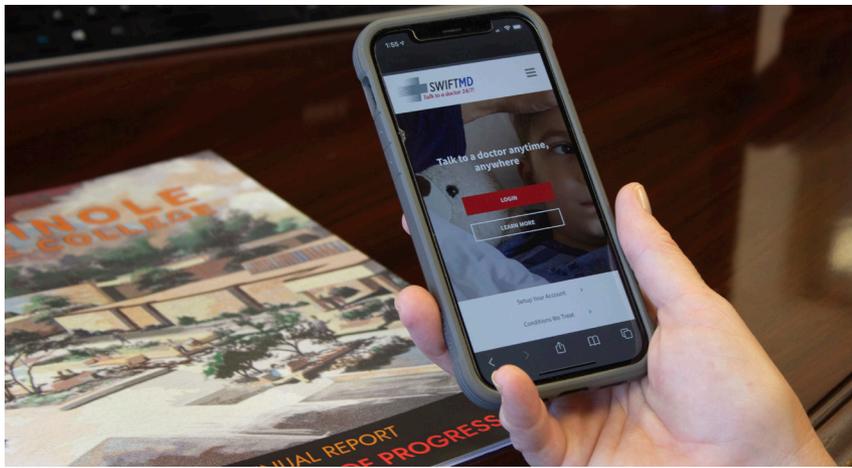
"The aim of this course is to enhance the basic digital photography skills of all who attend," Nickell said. "In today's multimedia-driven world, you can capture powerful images with a DSLR camera or even a cell phone."

The course will be divided into three parts, with the first half taking place in the classroom. The second section will be spent hands-on outside, putting newly acquired knowledge and skills into practical use if the weather permits. The final section will be spent editing photos to aid in learning entry level post-production skills.

"This course is for anyone who wants to take their photography to next level, anyone just getting started, or those wanting to find out if digital photography is a good fit for themselves," Nickell said.

For more information, contact Business and Industry Coordinator Stephen Brooks by phone at 450-382-9261 or email at s.brooks@ss-cok.edu.

SSC Launches Telemedicine Program for Students and Employees



Seminole State College recently partnered with SwiftMD to offer telemedicine services to students and employees at no cost to individuals.

Seminole State College launched a telemedicine program for students and employees on Sept. 1. The College's Board of Regents approved an agreement with SwiftMD on Aug. 26, based on a recommendation from campus administrators. The agreement with SwiftMD was purchased through a consortium of Oklahoma two-year colleges.

"We are excited about our partnership with Seminole State College, and we appreciate all of the institution's support as we get underway with the SwiftMD program for the campus community," SwiftMD Account Manager Cindy Canova said.

Students enrolled in at least five hours at the College and employees currently receiving health benefits have access to physicians and counselors for medical and mental health care over the phone or videoconference at no cost to the individual. Through telemedicine, doctors are able to treat common illnesses, including conditions such as allergies, rashes, fever, flu, sinusitis ("pink

eye"), upper respiratory infections, urinary tract infections and upset stomach.

After consultation, recommendations may be made for treatment and, when appropriate, doctors will prescribe medications. Students and employees can avoid unnecessary visits to the ER and Urgent Care or long waits for appointments at doctors' offices. There is no co-pay and no cost assessed through the program.

To utilize the service, students and employees must enroll in SwiftMD's telemedicine program. Emails detailing the process were sent to campus earlier this week.

"We believe this is a great service to provide to our students and employees – one that will save money and help ensure better health for everyone," President Lana Reynolds said. "We want to ensure students have access to healthcare, including behavioral health services, whenever they need it."

College Treats Students to Fair Day Event



Seminole State College Student Activities hosted Fair Day on Sept. 22 in the courtyard just outside of the E.T. Dunlap Student Union. The event featured fair cuisine, such as cotton candy, popcorn, turkey legs and corn dogs, as well as several games for students to play, including inflatable axe throwing, basketball, ring toss and more.



SSC students Elijah Durham, of El Reno, and Uriah McPerryman, of Wetumka, enjoy an assortment of fair food during the event.

Sen. Thompson Receives Higher Ed. Service Awards



Pictured with Senator Thompson and Chancellor Glen Johnson (left to right) are Presidents Ron Ramming (Connors), Chad Wiginton (Western), Janet Wansick (Eastern), Jay Falkner (Carl Albert), Jack Bryant (Redlands), John Feaver (USAO), Jeanie Webb (Rose State), Kyle Stafford (NEO), Lana Reynolds (Seminole State College) and Clark Harris (Northern).

Oklahoma Sen. Roger Thompson was recognized with 2020 and 2021 Distinguished Service Awards for Higher Education during Sept. 9's meeting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He was honored for his support of higher education in his role as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, co-chair of the Committee on Pandemic Relief and as a member of the Finance and Rules committees.

"Sen. Roger Thompson has remained steadfast in his support of the state system of higher education's budget priorities, including fulfilling the state's matching commitment of \$161 million for the Endowed Chairs program; a much-needed faculty salary increase; fully funding the concurrent enrollment program; expanding support for engineering, STEM, and nursing degree programs, as well as teacher education

programs; and providing funds for Section 13 offset monies, which are utilized for deferred maintenance and capital expenditure purposes at our colleges and universities," said Chancellor Glen D. Johnson. "The State Regents, the Council of College and University Presidents, and I are pleased to honor Sen. Thompson, a strong advocate for higher education since his election to the State Senate in 2014, with consecutive Distinguished Service Awards for Higher Education."

The Distinguished Service Awards for Higher Education recognize individuals who demonstrate distinguished leadership and support of higher education in Oklahoma during the legislative session. It is the highest award presented by the State Regents and the Council of College and University Presidents.

Streater Makes Large Donation to SSC Educational Foundation



Seminole State College President Lana Reynolds (left) thanks Brandon Streater (right), owner of Streater Construction, for a donation to the SSC Educational Foundation.

Streater donated \$10,000 to the Foundation, with \$5,000 supporting construction efforts on the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex and \$5,000 set for the President's Leadership Class (PLC) program. Streater was a member of PLC when he attended the College and said the program inspired him.

"This donation is a small thank you for what SSC did for me. PLC showed me what was possible, what was out there, and pushed me to accomplish my goals," Streater said.

Beyond his donation, both he and his father, Dewayne Streater, have offered to donate work on the sports complex's ongoing construction.

FALL BREAK OCT. 14 & 15



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Educational Foundation Hosts 25th Annual Golf Tournament



The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its 25th Annual Golf Tournament at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course in Seminole on Sept. 17. This year's event raised more than \$30,000 for student scholarships and campus capital projects. A total of 95 players, comprising 24 corporate teams, took to the links to show their support for the College.

State Senator Zach Taylor (District 28-R) tees off during the SSC Educational Golf Tournament on Sept. 17.