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Nov. 2

Tribal Fest - Courtyard by the Library - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This cultural experience for all students will feature performances by the Fancy Dancers and Brutha War, as well as information from local tribes and universities.

Nov. 4

SSC Sporting Clay Tournament - Clay Bird Shooting Range of Bethel - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hosted by the SSC Shooting Sports Club, this event serves as the group's main fundraiser for the year. This year's event will feature two categories: Open and High School.

Nov. 23-25

Thanksgiving Break

SSC offices will close for three days at the end of the month to allow students and employees time to spend with their families. Normal office hours will resume on Nov. 28.

For a full calendar of everything going on around campus, visit sscok.edu/events.

Trick-or-Treat Trail Draws Large Crowd to Campus



Hundreds of little ghosts and goblins (and other fascinating costumed trick-or-treaters) visited Seminole State College to load up on candy Thursday night on the trails in Henderson Park on campus. Faculty, staff and student organizations donated candy and dressed up in Halloween attire to treat community children. The annual event returned after a two-year break due to the COVID pandemic.



SSC Student Attends Town Hall



SSC Sophomore Brent White (left) attended the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals Town Hall from Oct. 16-19 at the Choctaw Casino, Resort and Conference Center in Durant.

Seminole State College sophomore Brent White, of Shawnee, was recently selected to participate in the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals Town Hall.

White (left) is pictured with other scholarship recipients at the Town Hall: Cassidy Beck, Rogers State University; Alaura Gilmore, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and Jose Andres Olivo, Cameron University.

The three-day intensive Town Hall on “Enhancing Our Workforce for an Increasingly Innovative Economy” was held Oct. 16-19 at the Choctaw Casino,

Resort and Conference Center in Durant.

The mission of The Oklahoma Academy is educating Oklahomans about public policy, with the goal of equipping them to take a proactive role with our leadership on every civic level.

The organization is a nonpartisan source of information about the issues facing our state. Through the Town Hall events, the Academy provides a place for the process of creating solutions together.

Enrollment is now open for the Spring 2023 semester. Schedule an appointment with your advisor today!

Seminole Chamber Honors Employees



Admissions Clerk and VA School Certifying Officer Stacey Foster (left) was honored as the “Staff Member of the Month” and Professor of History Dr. Steve Bolin (right) was honored as the “Faculty Member of the Month” at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum on Oct. 20.

Two Seminole State College employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication during the monthly Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum on Oct. 20. Professor of History and Student Success Coordinator Dr. Steve Bolin was honored as “Faculty Member of the Month” and Admissions Clerk and VA School Certifying Officer Stacey Foster as “Staff Member of the Month.”

Dr. Bolin has worked at SSC for 16 years. He teaches history and humanities courses for the Social Sciences Division. He also coordinates all learning strategies courses, as well as the Core Action early alert system for the College.

Dr. Bolin earned his Ph.D. in History from Oklahoma State University. He attends the Quail Springs Baptist Church.

In his spare time, he enjoys reading, home remodeling, landscape gardening and being a grandpa. He and his wife, Shelly, reside in Oklahoma City. They have two daughters, Isabelle and Abigail, and a grandson named Noah.

Foster has worked at SSC for four years and is currently pursuing her associate’s degree at the institution. She helps students through the admissions process, the transfer of college credits and certifying veteran education student enrollment to the VA for benefits. She serves on the Oklahoma Veteran Education Specialist Association Board.

She and her husband, Chad, reside in Seminole. They have two children, Adrienne Foster and Benjamin Foster.

Women's Soccer Clinches Regional Title



The Seminole State College women's soccer team won their fourth consecutive NJCAA Regional II title Saturday, Oct. 29. The Trojans defeated Northern Oklahoma College 5-2 in championship game at the Advance Soccer Complex in Enid. SSC will face Laramie Community College Saturday morning, Nov. 5 in Cheyenne, Wyoming for the West Plains District title and an automatic bid for the National Tournament.

Athletics

Volleyball Honors



The Seminole State College Volleyball team ended their season on Oct. 25 at the NJCAA Regional Tournament in Miami, Oklahoma. After winning in the first round against Rose State College, they lost in the fourth set to NEO. Three SSC freshmen players were named to the All-Region Team for 2022: Karrigan Powell of Oklahoma City, Carter Bobuslavicky of Mustang, and Skye Snyder from Paragould, Ark.

Campus Life

Transfer Fair Held



Seminole State College SSC hosted a College Transfer Fair on Oct. 5. Students were able to speak with representatives from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Cameron University, Oklahoma Christian, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, East Central University, Grand Canyon University, Oklahoma City University and the U.S. Army.

Hundreds Attend Grand Opening of Sports Complex



On Thursday, Oct. 20, hundreds of people gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex. The seven-field complex has been a major undertaking by the Seminole State College Educational Foundation. To kick off the event, major donors, Foundation trustees, community partners, SSC employees and student athletes gathered at the entrance for a ribbon cutting.



Educational Foundation Vice Chair Mark Schell delivers the opening kick at the Trojan soccer field.



"All-Star Donors" took to the field and participated in a warm-up exercise, while each person and their organizations were recognized for their contributions to the complex.



The League of Their Own co-ed softball group took to the Avedis Adaptive Field during the event. The league was established to provide a way for individuals with disabilities to play the sport.

Peter Simon Performs at SSC



Concert pianist Peter Simon performed a free program of classical music and poetry Tuesday evening at Seminole State College. The “Love and Poetry” program was sponsored by the SSC Educational Foundation and dedicated to the memory of Jasmine Moran and her love and support of the arts.



Pianist Peter Simon visited with guests at a reception following Tuesday’s concert, including (pictured left to right): Melvin Moran, Marci Donaho and Dale Donaho.



He also posed for a photo with long-time fans (pictured left to right): Thelma Randolph, LaVere Bishop and Bettie Conn.

Employees Recognized at Statewide Conferences



SSC Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Bill Knowles (left) presents the Professional Staff Member of the Year award to Holly Wilson-Byrd (center) and the Faculty Member of the Year Award to Christal Knowles (right) at the OACC Conference on Oct. 7 at Oklahoma Community College.



Seminole State College employee Stacey Foster, Admissions Clerk/VA School Certification Officer (left), was named the SSC Staff Member of the Year at the OACC Annual Staff Conference on Oct. 28 at Rose State College.

Foundation

Educational Foundation Appoints Three New Trustees

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation welcomed three new trustees during their quarterly meeting on Oct. 19. President and CEO of the Avedis Foundation Dr. Kathy Laster, Director of Kontoor Brands-Wrangler Fulfillment Center Ray McQuiston and Arvest Community Bank President of Shawnee Brian Nave have all been selected to serve as members on the Foundation Board. All were appointed to serve three-year terms.

Bringing more than three decades of business management, board leadership, professional consulting, and clinical practice experience, Dr. Kathy Laster was named to lead the Avedis Foundation in July 2018. She served as the CEO of Impact Consulting in Oklahoma City and previously maintained a private psychology practice in Shawnee. Prior to that, she held corporate management positions with AT&T and Southwestern Bell.

Laster was a founding board member for Avedis and served as a member of the Community Health Partners board, which was the governing board of the former Unity Health Center (SSM

Health St. Anthony – Shawnee).

Ray McQuiston previously served as a Trustee for the SSC Educational Foundation prior to being appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to serve a seven-year term on the SSC Board of Regents in 2015.

He has been with the Wrangler corporation since 1995 and has led the Seminole distribution center since 1999.

A past president of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce, he was named as Seminole’s “Citizen of the Year” in 2010. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board for the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum Governing Board.

Brian Nave who has served President of the Arvest bank in Shawnee since 2021 and has been with the Arvest organization since 2010. He has served as a board member for the Shawnee Kiwanis Club, a member of the Shawnee Economic Development Foundation, and a Shawnee Forward work force committee member among other community involvement activities.

Nave earned a bachelor’s degree in technology education and a master’s degree in business administration at

Northeastern State University.

The Foundation approved a slate of officers for 2022-2023, with Lance Wortham of Shawnee continuing to serve as Chair of the organization’s Executive Committee and Andy Tucker of Okemah and Mark Schell of Seminole, continuing to serve in their roles as Vice Chairs. Nine trustees were reappointed during the meeting: Steve Bagwell, Dr. Vickie Carter, Haley Coates, Darren Frederick, Jim Hardin, John Hargrave, Gordon Melson, Roy Sisco and Lance Wortham.

At Wednesday’s meeting, Trustees heard updates on recent Foundation activities, including the annual golf tournament which raised more than \$27,000. They also heard about regional economic activities and projects of the Rural Business and Resources Center from consultant Larry Smith and a report on college activities from SSC President Lana Reynolds.

An update was also given about the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex and plans for the facility’s Oct. 20 ribbon cutting.



Dr. Kathy Laster



Ray McQuiston



Brian Nave