

SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE

ANNUAL REPORT
2018 - 2019



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BOARD OF REGENTS



Marci Donaho



Curtis Morgan



Ryan Franklin



Ray McQuiston



Paige Sherry



Kim Hyden



Bryan Cain

CAIN REAPPOINTED



Returning SSC Regent Bryan Cain (right) was sworn in by the Honorable Associate District Judge Tim Olsen (left) during the College's July, 2018 Board of Regents meeting. Cain was re-appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to serve a second seven-year term on the College's Board of Regents.

DONAHO REAPPOINTED



Executive Director of the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum Marci Donaho, of Seminole, was reappointed by Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt to continue to serve on the Seminole State College Board of Regents for another seven-year term, beginning in July, 2019.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of SSC:

As we conclude another academic year at Seminole State College, I continue to be impressed by the tremendous devotion the SSC family has to our campus and community. The passion for teaching and helping students achieve their dreams is evident in our classrooms, hallways and through online instruction.

Throughout this past year, I have had the opportunity to watch hardworking colleagues challenge our students, both in and out of the classroom. They work diligently to help students find their passion and provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to have a bright future.

I take great joy in being a part of both this campus and community. I embrace the coming year as we continue to grow, working together towards our ultimate goal – the success of our students.

I want to express my gratitude to the ongoing commitment and dedication to Seminole State College by our faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents and friends. As you turn the pages of this annual report, I hope you share my pride in what we have accomplished in the last year.

Sincerely,



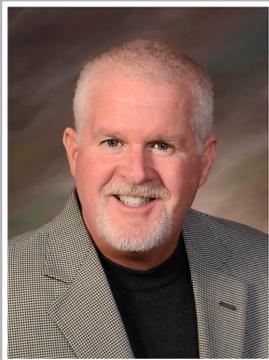
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SSC President

SSC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The College's Educational Foundation was established in 1972 to "supply aid for charitable, benevolent, educational, scientific and literary purposes," according to the organization's articles of incorporation. Foundation scholarships are awarded according to guidelines established by donors.

During the 2018-2019 academic year, more than \$125,000 in scholarships were awarded to SSC students by the Foundation.



Lance Wortham
Chair

FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jeremy Rich, Vice Chair
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Jack Sherry
Roy Sisco
Sue Snodgrass
Bob Swearingen
Andy Tucker
Reggie Whitten
David Wilson

FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its 22nd Annual Golf Tournament at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course in Seminole on Sept. 20. This year's event set a fundraising record with more than \$30,000 raised for student scholarships and campus capital projects. A total of 114 players, comprising 27 corporate teams, took to the links to show their support for the college.



FOUNDATION APPROVES PLAN TO BUILD SPORTS COMPLEX

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation approved a plan to begin construction on the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex at their meeting on June 12.

The complex will be constructed on a plot approximately half of a mile west of the SSC campus on Highway 9, adjacent to the new Seminole High School site.

The first phase will be a 7.25 million-dollar project and will include a Trojan baseball stadium and field, training facility, lighting, artificial turf, area landscaping, site dirt preparation, restrooms, snack bar, press box, parking, and a youth multi-use field that can be used for baseball, softball or soccer.

Additional phases of the project will include two youth baseball/softball fields, a parking lot extension, a combo field, a dedicated soccer field, additional restrooms, an additional snack bar and a maintenance building. The Foundation approved proceeding with these phases as additional funds are raised for the project.

The Brian Crawford Memorial Foundation



kick-started the fundraising efforts two years ago with a lead donation to begin work on the complex. Additional major gifts for the project have been secured from the City of Seminole, the Seminole Tourism Council, Seminole Sonic and the Kinslow family, the Parks Family, Roger E. Parks Heart and Stroke Foundation and Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

SPRING BANQUET HONORS ALUMNI, EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS

More than 350 friends and supporters of Seminole State College attended the SSC Educational Foundation's annual recognition banquet April 25, in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The event included recognition of college alumni, employees and students.

Seminole State College added three new honorees to its Alumni Hall of Fame at the SSC Educational Foundation Spring Banquet on April 25. Pictured from left to right: SSC President Lana Reynolds; Alumni Hall of Fame Honorees Johnathan Russell, Darlene Wallace, Carlos James; and SSC Educational Foundation Chair Lance Wortham.



PTA ACCREDITATION

The Seminole State College-Gordon Cooper Technology Center Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program was awarded a five-year full accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The program is the result of a three-year partnership between the two institutions, and is one of only eight accredited programs in the state. The program was written and developed by Physical Therapist and Program Director Shakira Stafford. “The program is structured as a 1+1 program, meaning students first complete their core-curriculum requirements and then finish the two-year degree plan with a year of concentrated technical coursework at GCTC,” explained Stafford.

Entrance into the PTA program is competitive, with 12 students being admitted each fall. Upon admittance, students engage



Physical Therapist Assistant students Shelby Miller (left) and Ashley Bristol (right) practice in the skills lab located inside Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee.

in a combination of classroom, lab, and clinical experiences. Students who successfully complete this combined training will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree from SSC. They are then eligible to sit for a licensure examination. Upon licensure, students are able to work as a PTA in the state of Oklahoma for a salary range of \$44,872-\$54,691 according to salary.com.

The PTA works in a variety of settings under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist (PT) to develop mobility, relieve pain, prevent physical disability, and promote wellness. The PTA program is designed to prepare the student to perform at entry-level as a PTA.

GLOBAL STUDIES

The SSC Global Studies Program is open to students and community members who are interested in a convenient, economical and educational way to travel. This program is designed to give participants a hands-on understanding of culture, art and history.



Seminole State College students and faculty members participated in an eight-day study tour of Paris, France from May 13-20, 2019. Highlights included visits to the Louvre, Musee d'Orsay, Versailles, the Eiffel Tower, and an optional side trip to Disneyland Paris.

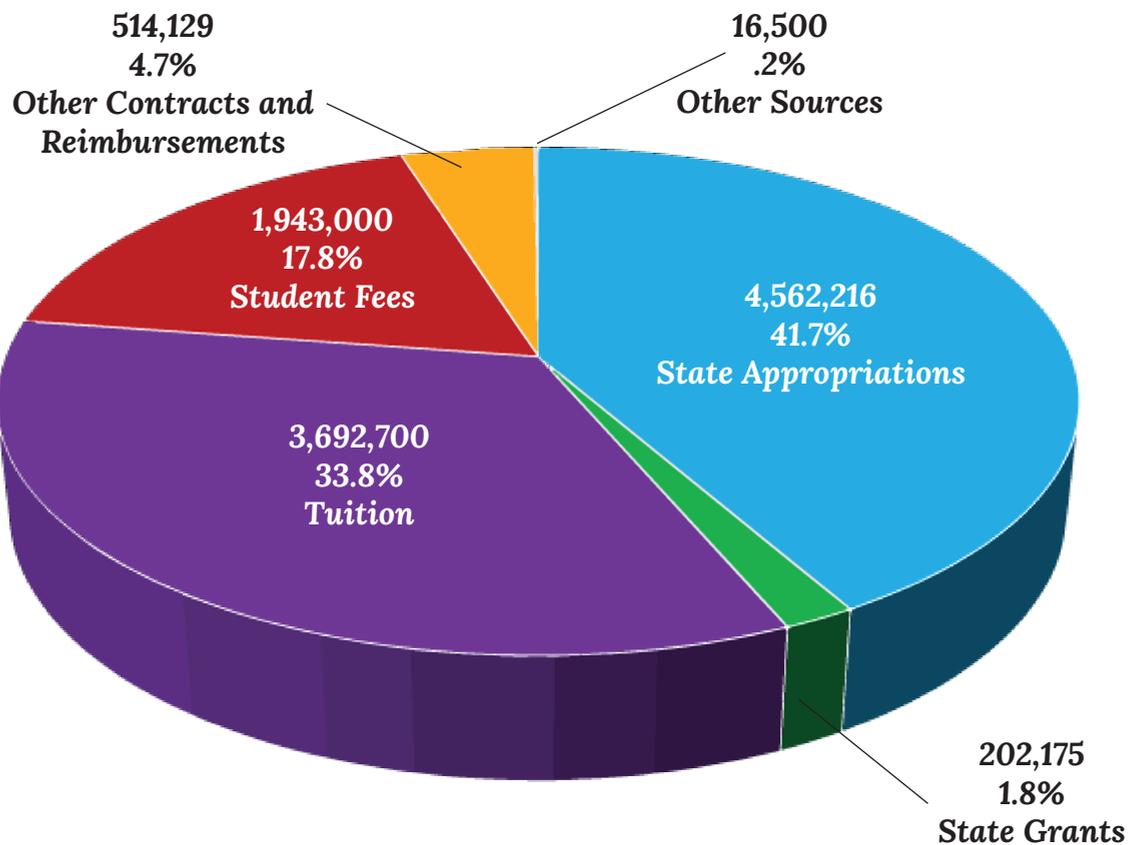
An additional group of students and faculty participated in a ten-day trip, beginning June 6, 2019. Participants visited Barcelona, Southern France and Florence, with stops including the Barcelona Cathedral, Carcassonne, Nice, Monaco, the Riviera and Pisa.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

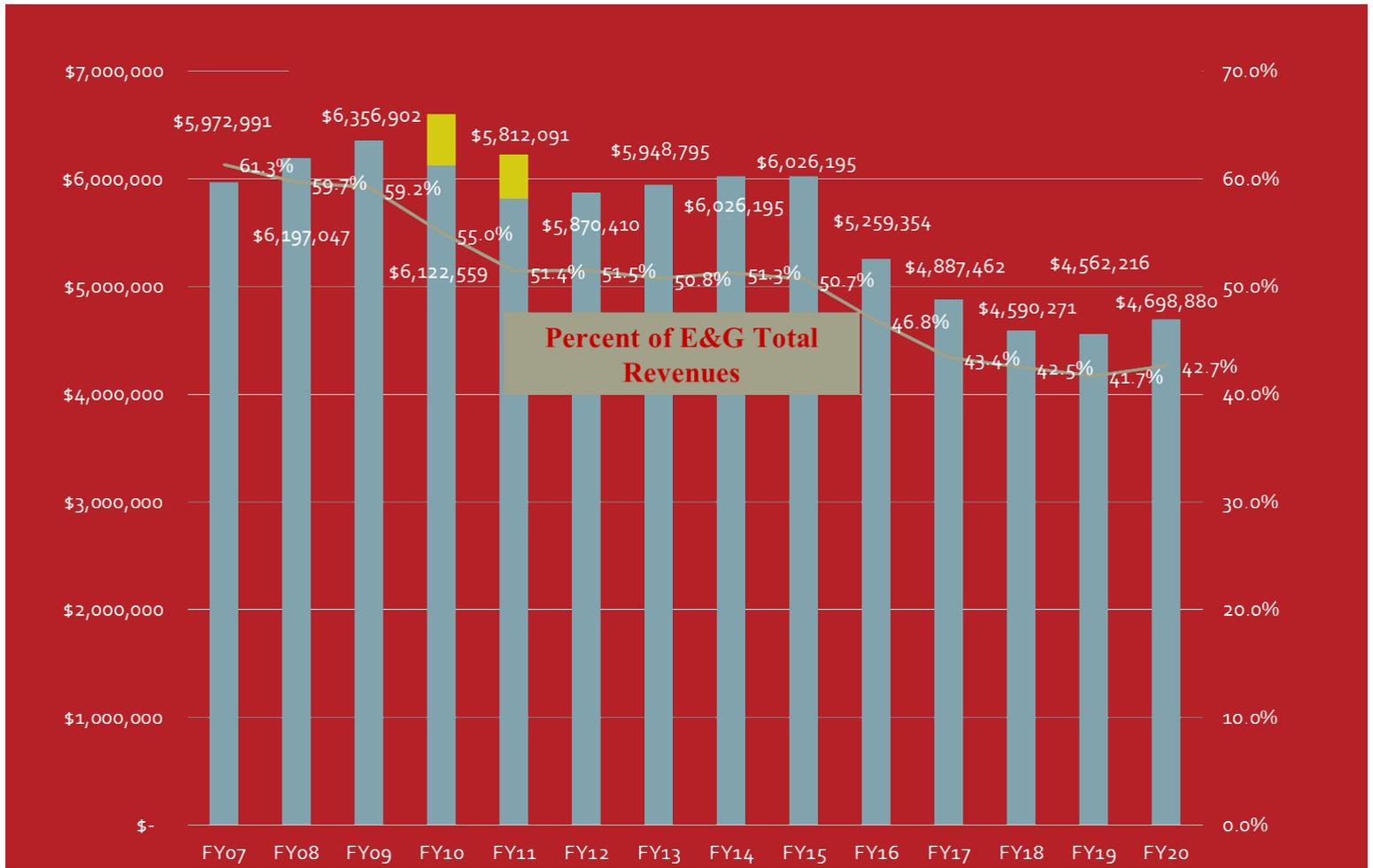
Seminole State College continues to put the education of its students at the forefront of yearly financial planning. The administration, faculty and staff remain dedicated to the success of each student and strive to honor the mission statement and core values of the College.



FY19 EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL REVENUE BY SOURCE



SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE STATE APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY



*Yellow bars indicate years the College received adjustments from federal stimulus funds.



ACADEMICS



STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVE

Seminole State College's graduation rate has surpassed every community college in the state, save one, largely due to its recent Student Success Initiative.

In each of the three years of the Student Success Initiative, SSC accomplished its goal of increasing graduation rates by three percent per year over the previous three-year average. At the outset of the initiative, SSC's graduation rate averaged 23 percent for the preceding three years.

According to data reported by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, SSC's graduation rate rose to 27 percent in year one, 35 per-

cent in year two and 39 percent in year three of the initiative. The IPEDS data shows the most recent first-time, full-time cohort reported was nearly double those of the cohort reported five years earlier.

Retention rates have also increased from 54 percent to 63 percent during the initiative.

The overarching goal of the Student Success Initiative was to build a campus culture that honors the standard of access to higher education and academic excellence, while providing a campus-wide focus on student engagement, completion and achievement.

DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR EVERY STUDENT

SSC offers 18 transfer degree programs. These high quality programs allow students to wrap up their first two years of college at an affordable rate and then take their progress with them to the university of their choice.

SSC also offers five applied science associate's degrees that are designed for immediate workforce entry following graduation.

FALL 2018 ENROLLMENT

Head Count: 1,602

Credit Hours: 16,852

SPRING 2019 ENROLLMENT

Head Count: 1,442

Credit Hours: 14,969

CAMPUS LEADERS CHART STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FUTURE OF COLLEGE

During 2018-2019, Seminole State College developed a new multi-year strategic plan for the entire institution – a plan to help guide the development of new academic and sports programs, the physical needs of campus and related budget matters. It will also help SSC prepare for their upcoming Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit.

Members of the College's Administrative Council worked with Dr. Bucky Dodd, Director of the Institute for Learning Environment Design – located at the University of Central Oklahoma, to initiate the planning process.

In mid-November, a "Chart-

ing the Future" task force was assembled and met to develop parameters for a campus and community survey to gather data for discussion at a planning retreat held in early 2019.

Those who served on the "Charting the Future" task force were: SSC President Lana Reynolds; Chair of the SSC Board of Regents Marci Donaho; SSC Foundation Trustee Mark Schell; SSC Booster Club President Dillon Robinson; Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Bill Knowles; Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Tony Crouch; Director of Community Relations Kristin Dunn; Professional Staff Council Presi-

dent Edie Cathey; Classified Staff Council President Toni Wittmann; Executive Assistant to the President Mechell Downey; Student Government Association Officer Alyson Sing; and President's Leadership Class Member Cami Sosbee.

A group of faculty, staff, students and community leaders convened in January to provide their input for the strategic plan. This winter retreat helped the College finalize its three-year strategic plan, which the Board of Regents approved in May, 2019.

COMMENCEMENT



2019 COMMENCEMENT AND PINNING CEREMONY

Seminole State College hosted its 86th Commencement Exercises on May 10, 2019 at the Raymond Harber Field House on campus. The College also hosted its Pinning Ceremony for graduates of the SSC Nursing program the same day at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.



EVENTS



2018 FACULTY IN-SERVICE

Seminole State College President Lana Reynolds welcomed faculty and staff back on campus in August to kick-off the new academic year with an in-service program built around the theme “Be Incredible.”

SOFTBALL ANNIVERSARY

The Seminole State College Trojan Softball Program celebrated its 20th anniversary by hosting an Alumni Celebration on August 25 at the SSC Softball Complex located across from campus off of Highway 9.



ATHLETICS COOKOUT

Seminole State College hosted its annual fall athletic cookout Sept. 25 at the college’s softball complex.

SSC had 154 student athletes attending the college. Oklahoma residents made up the largest portion of the group at 117 students. The second largest group was out-of-state students with 28 athletes from across the country, including Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Illinois, Iowa, New York and Florida. Nine international students, hailing from Brazil, England, Canada, France and Africa, compose the third and final group.

RETIREES RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR LUNCHEON



More than 30 Seminole State College retirees returned to campus in September to attend a luncheon in their honor.



EMERITUS STATUS GRANTED

The SSC Board of Regents granted honorary emeritus status to five former SSC employees in Feb. 2019: Annette Barnes, Dan Factor, Dawna Hamm, Gerhard Laule and Beverly Williams.

NIGHT AT THE LIGHTS

The College hosted its annual “SSC Night at the Lights” event on December 3 at the community Snowman Wonderland Light Display, showcased at Magnolia Park in Seminole.

Community members stopped by to enjoy the free event provided by the College. SSC student athletes helped children create holiday crafts.



PETER SIMON PERFORMS ON CAMPUS



Joanne Baxter, Sharlene Hammons, Thelma Randolph and Bettie Conn (pictured left-to-right) of Seminole visit with pianist Peter Simon after his community concert Nov. 8 on the campus of Seminole State College.

MLK DAY EVENT



In honor of Martin Luther King Day, Seminole State College hosted a special MLK program on campus featuring guest speaker Ashley Peden, Director of Corporate Communications for the Oklahoma City Thunder, on Jan. 16. Peden discussed the importance of setting clear goals and pursuing your dreams. She spoke about the difficulties of being a black female in a predominately male career field and how she had to work hard and focus on her goals to achieve the success and position she has today.

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING



Seminole State College and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society hosted a free screening of the documentary series Killing Pain on April 18. The event drew more than 140 campus and community guests. The series focuses on Oklahoma's opioid crisis and the steps being taken to stem the epidemic.

ATHLETICS

SSC SOFTBALL GOES TO NJCAA WORLD SERIES



Seminole State College's Trojan softball team won the Region II Division I championship on May 13 and advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament in St. George, Utah, May 22-25, where they finished fourth in the nation.

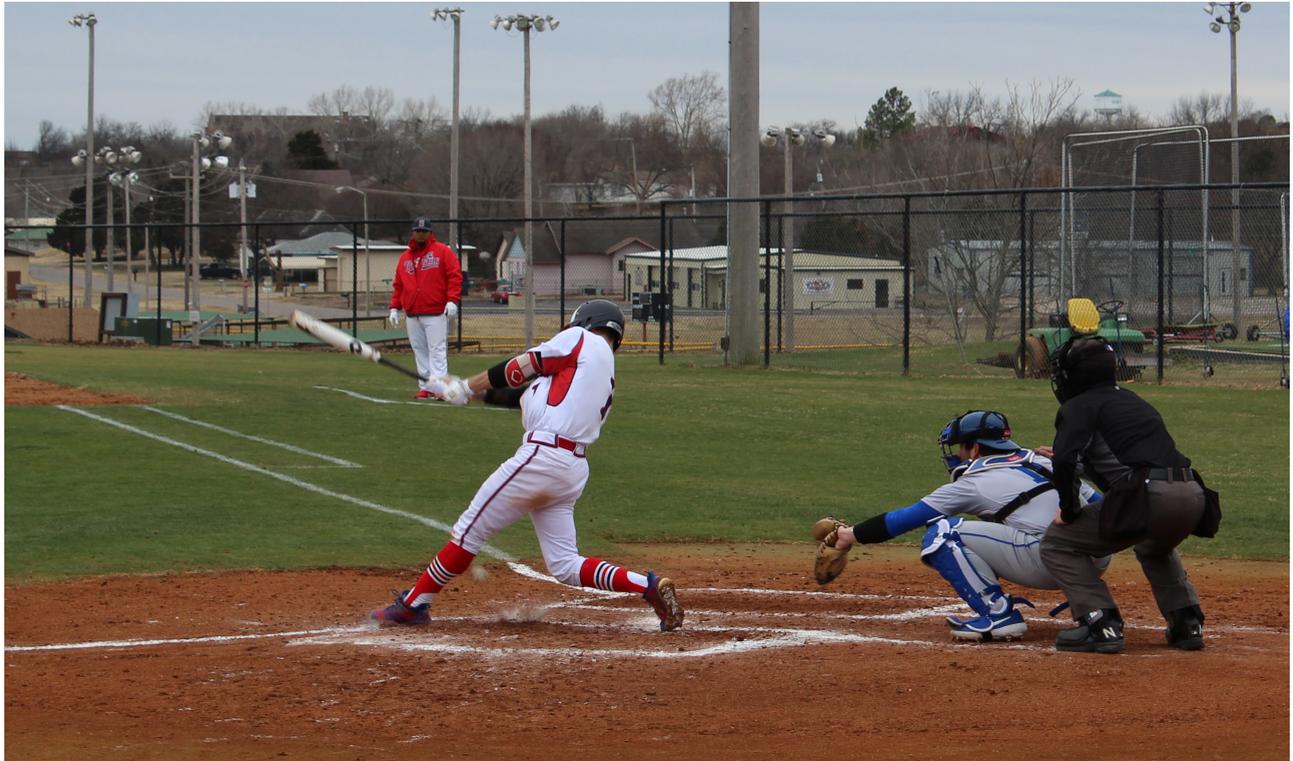
The Trojans were undefeated in the Regional Tournament, held in Seminole. They finished the regular season ranked Number one in

the NJCAA national poll, and entered the world series with a record of 48 wins and 2 losses on the season. At the end of regular season play, they had a 46-game winning streak.

SSC Trojan Softball Head Coach Amber Flores was named the Region II Division I Coach of the Year, following the Region II Division championship game on May 13.



TROJAN BASEBALL CONTINUES LEGACY



The SSC Trojan baseball team continued its legacy of success in the 18-19 season with a win-loss record of 39-14, 81 home runs and a batting average of .340.

NEW SSC BOOSTER CLUB PRESIDENT



In September 2019, the Seminole State College Booster Club Board of Directors kicked off their new year supporting SSC athletics. Seminole businessman Dillon Robinson, of Pam Robinson Real Estate, was elected to serve as President of the Club. Pictured (left to right) incoming Booster Club President Dillon Robinson is congratulated by outgoing President Hope Pickering.

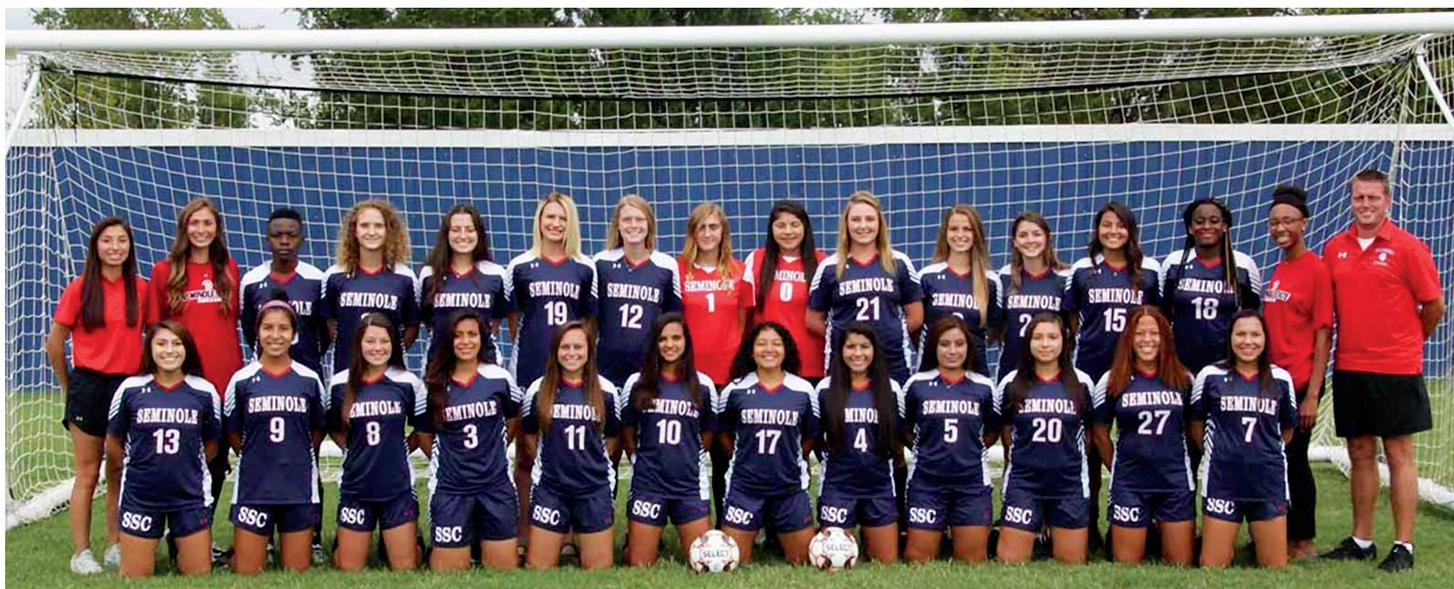
ATHLETES WRAP GIFTS

FOR COMMUNITY



Seminole State College student-athletes and coaches volunteered their time in December to wrap over 600 gifts for the annual Rotary Christmas Dinner.

SSC WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM HAS SUCCESSFUL SEASON



The Seminole State College Women's Soccer team finished in second place at the NJCAA Region II Finals in Miami, Oklahoma in November.

SSC Women's Soccer Coach Dan Hill was recognized as Region II Coach of the Year for the team's outstanding season play.

Several players on the team were honored for their overall season performances. Yudaya Nakayenze was named Region II Player of the Year. She was also named to the All-Region Team, alongside three more of her SSC teammates: Lauren Ramon, Giselle Longoria and

Riley Pfannenstiel.

Nakayenze, Longoria, Alexis Davis and Kanasa Spybuck were named to the All-Tournament Team, which recognizes high performers during the tournament itself.

ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS

Thirty-five student-athletes and five athletic teams at Seminole State College were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements this year by the National Junior College Athletic Association. The NJCAA All-American Student Athlete Awards are divid-

ed into the three groups based on GPA – First Team requires a 4.0 GPA, Second Team requires a GPA between 3.80 and 3.99, and Third Team requires a GPA between 3.60 and 3.79.

The NJCAA has also recognized five SSC Athletic Teams for ending their seasons with

a 3.0 GPA or above. Volleyball held a 3.39 GPA, Softball held an overall team GPA of 3.37, the Belles achieved a 3.05 GPA, Soccer held a 3.03 GPA and the Baseball team achieved a 3.02 GPA.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

SMALLEY, WALLACE RECOGNIZED WITH HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICE AWARDS



Sen. Jason Smalley (top photo) and Rep. Kevin Wallace (bottom photo) were recognized with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award for Higher Education during an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education meeting in October.

Sen. Smalley was honored for his support of higher education in his role as a member of the Oklahoma State Senate; for his efforts to restore funding to higher education and minimize budget cuts to higher education; and for his ongoing support of the Oklahoma's Promise program.



LEGISLATORS DUNNINGTON AND PUGH VISIT CAMPUS

Oklahoma State Representative Jason Dunnington (D-Oklahoma City) and State Senator Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) visited the Seminole State College campus in October, 2018. The legislators recently launched a non-profit organization called, "From Now On." The two state officials visited several Learning Strategies classes where they spoke to students about civic duty and stressed the importance of voting.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT GATHERS TO RETAIN LOCAL BOARD CONTROL



At their January meeting, the Seminole State College Board of Regents approved a resolution to maintain local board governance for the College.

Recommendations by the 2017 Task Force on Higher Education included restructuring governance of the State's six rural community colleges – eliminating the local Board of Regents.

President Reynolds told the Board that there has been continued interest in, and support of, retaining local Board control of the College by a number of area civic leaders and community groups. She said that Board Chair Marci Donaho asked that a resolution of support be considered by the SSC Board prior to similar resolutions being considered by oth-

er community organizations.

Within a month of the Board's resolution of support, four community organizations passed resolutions of local governance support: Seminole Chamber of Commerce, the Seminole School Board, Seminole City Council and the SSC Educational Foundation.

HIGHER ED DAY



A large delegation of campus and community leaders representing Seminole State College attended "Higher Education Day" at the Capitol in Oklahoma City, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON



A delegation of 24 people representing Seminole State College attended the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Briefing at Pete's Place in Krebs on Jan. 18, 2019.

ACHIEVEMENTS

PERSONNEL HONORED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Two Seminole State College employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication during the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum in the months of October, December, February and April.

October



Caitlin Brown



Theran Hernandez

December



Rick Hanson



John Bolander

February



Alec Daugherty



Laurel Gamble

April



Janna
Wilson-Byrd



Sam Rivera

SSC RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET



Seminole State College received a surprise recognition at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Banquet in January, 2019 with the presentation of a President's award for "outstanding dedication, commitment and support of all of the chamber's endeavors."

SSC PLACES SECOND IN VOTER REGISTRATION CONTEST

Seminole State College placed second in Oklahoma Campus Compact's annual Voter Registration Contest in the "Democracy" category in December, 2018. Over the 19-week contest period, SSC registered six percent of its student body.



SSC STUDENT ATTENDS NIGH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Area Seminole State College student McKenna Hanan of Seminole, Okla. attended the Nigh Institute Leadership Academy held in Oklahoma City in Feb., 2019.

Hanan received a George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship through the Nigh Institute program funded by the Oklahoma Legislature. During the leadership academy, students visited with members of the House of Representatives and the Senate and attended sessions concerning Oklahoma's government relations.

DR. GOELLER SELECTED FOR NATIONAL AWARD

Seminole State College Associate Professor of Mathematics Dr. Linda Goeller received the Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award at the 2019 American Association of Community Colleges annual convention in April, 2019 in Orlando, Florida.

Recipients of the award must be nominated, demonstrate passion for classroom learning, show a willingness to support students both inside and outside of the classroom, be inclined to participate in college committees and go above and beyond what is required to ensure the academic success of their students.



SSC STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT OACC CEREMONY



Channing Wortham



Cherie Brewer



Isaac Harjo



Matilyn Wood

Four Seminole State College students were recognized for their academic achievements at the All Oklahoma USA Academic Team and Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges President's Tuition Waiver Student Recognition Ceremony in March, 2019.

SSC students Cherie Brewer of Seminole, Isaac Harjo of Shawnee and Matilyn Wood of Depew were named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team. Honorees had to be

eligible to graduate during the 2018-2019 academic year and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5. Medallions and certificates were presented to each student.

SSC student Channing Wortham of Shawnee received the OACC Tuition Waiver Award. Recipients of the award had to be a graduating high school senior or attend a community college and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5.

CITY OF SEMINOLE PARTNERSHIP HONORED



Seminole State College and the City of Seminole were among colleges, schools and businesses honored during a Business Partnership Excellence Awards Luncheon in March, 2019 at the University of Central Oklahoma. The award, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, honors outstanding partnerships that lead to significant contributions in educating and developing Oklahoma's workforce.

EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED AT STATEWIDE CONFERENCE



Three Seminole State College employees received awards at the 51st annual Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges Conference at Oklahoma City Community College October, 2018.

SSC's 2018 Outstanding Employees were Director of Upward Bound Rich Thornton, Assistant Professor of Mathematics Jarrod Tollett and Administrative Assistant for the Vice President of Student Affairs Toni Witman.

CAMPUS LIFE

Governor
Mary Fallin Visits
Campus
Nov., 2018



Trick or Treat Trail
Oct., 2018



**SSC Hires New Vice
President for
Academic Affairs**

SSC welcomed its new Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Larry Guerrero in June, 2019.

For the last four years, he has served as the Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of the Southwest in Hobbs, New Mexico.



Welcome Week
Aug., 2018



Baseball Banquet
Jan., 2019



Finals Eve Party
Dec., 2018

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CLASS

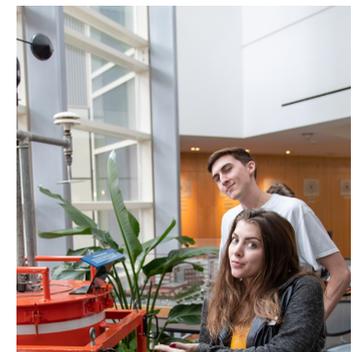
PLC is a two-year scholarship program created to help students develop leadership skills.



Route 66 Tour
Sept., 2018



Devon Ice Rink
Nov., 2018



National Weather
Center
Mar., 2018





DENMARK CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Seminole State College welcomed a delegation of Danish students in Oct., 2018 and April, 2019, as a part of the College's cultural and educational exchange program with College360° in Silkeborg, Denmark. A group of SSC students visited Denmark in May, 2019.



RETIREMENTS



Rick Hanson and Ann Gavin



Mary Higgins



Deedra Eldredge



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