



ANNUAL REPORT
2019-2020



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BOARD OF REGENTS



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Morgan Reappointed



Seminole County Resident Curtis Morgan was reappointed by Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt to serve on the Seminole State College Board of Regents. The appointment was confirmed by the Oklahoma State Senate Education Committee on May 12 using video conferencing software and sent to the Oklahoma State Senate for final approval. Morgan's new seven-year term as a Regent will conclude on July 1, 2027.

Regents Approve Salary Increases



The Board approved the college's budget for the 2020 fiscal year, which included a 3.5% salary increase for all employees and a 3.3% increase in tuition and fees. Resident tuition was increased from \$99 to \$104 per credit hour, and nonresident tuition was increased from \$303 to \$315 per credit hour.

College Thanks Sherry For Her Service



Paige Sherry served as regent from January 2017 to May of 2020. Sherry stepped down from the SSC Board of Regents to avoid a conflict of interest when her husband, Jack Sherry, was appointed as a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear friends of SSC:

As I reflect over the past academic year at Seminole State College, I am met with a variety of emotions. There have been many highs this year, but we have also been faced with some very challenging obstacles.

Our campus experienced excitement and pride with the renewal of our accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. We worked diligently to open a Food Bank and Help Center on campus to provide nourishment and other resources for our students in need. And, in true SSC fashion, our devoted faculty and staff worked hard to help our students find their passion and provide them with the knowledge and skills for a bright future.

As we entered into our spring semester, the COVID-19 virus arrived in the United States. With it came a whole new way of living. There were some true disappointments on campus – several athletic seasons were cancelled and graduating sophomores weren't able to participate in a traditional Commencement exercise. Many questions were raised on how to continue operations in the midst of such a pandemic.

As quickly as the questions came, so did the answers. The employees on this campus have been true champions for our students and this institution. They worked tirelessly as a united front to adapt and provide a functional learning environment for our students. In a short period of time, we were able to transition our spring semester to a completely online operation. This continued throughout the summer. Creative measures were used to stay in contact with current students and provide opportunities for future students to enroll. I can never thank our faculty and staff enough for their flexibility, creativity and patience during this time.

I also want to express my gratitude to the ongoing commitment and dedication to Seminole State College by others in our community, including our Regents, Foundation Trustees, elected officials, alumni, parents and friends. Even in the midst of the unique challenges we have faced recently, SSC has accomplished so much this past year. I hope you will feel as proud as I do as you turn the pages of our annual report.

Best Wishes,

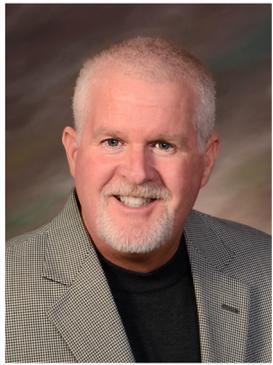
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lana Reynolds". The signature is fluid and cursive.

SSC President





EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Lance Wortham
Chair

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 2019-2020 academic year, more than \$100,000 in scholarships were awarded to SSC students by the Foundation.

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Former Trustee Appointed to State Regents



Jack Sherry

Holdenville resident Jack Sherry was appointed by Gov. Kevin Stitt as a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He was sworn in at the State Regents' June 25 meeting. Sherry will serve a nine-year term that expires in May 2029.

HOLIDAY PARTY



Golf Tournament



The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its 23rd Annual Golf Tournament at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course in Seminole on Sept. 20. This year's event raised more than \$26,000 for student scholarships and campus capital projects. A total of 120 players, comprising 33 corporate teams, took to the links to show their support for the college.

Sports Complex Groundbreaking



The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on campus for the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex on Nov. 7 at the Utterback Ballroom. The complex will be constructed approximately half of a mile west of the SSC campus on Highway 9.



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.

College Selects Interim Vice President for Fiscal Affairs

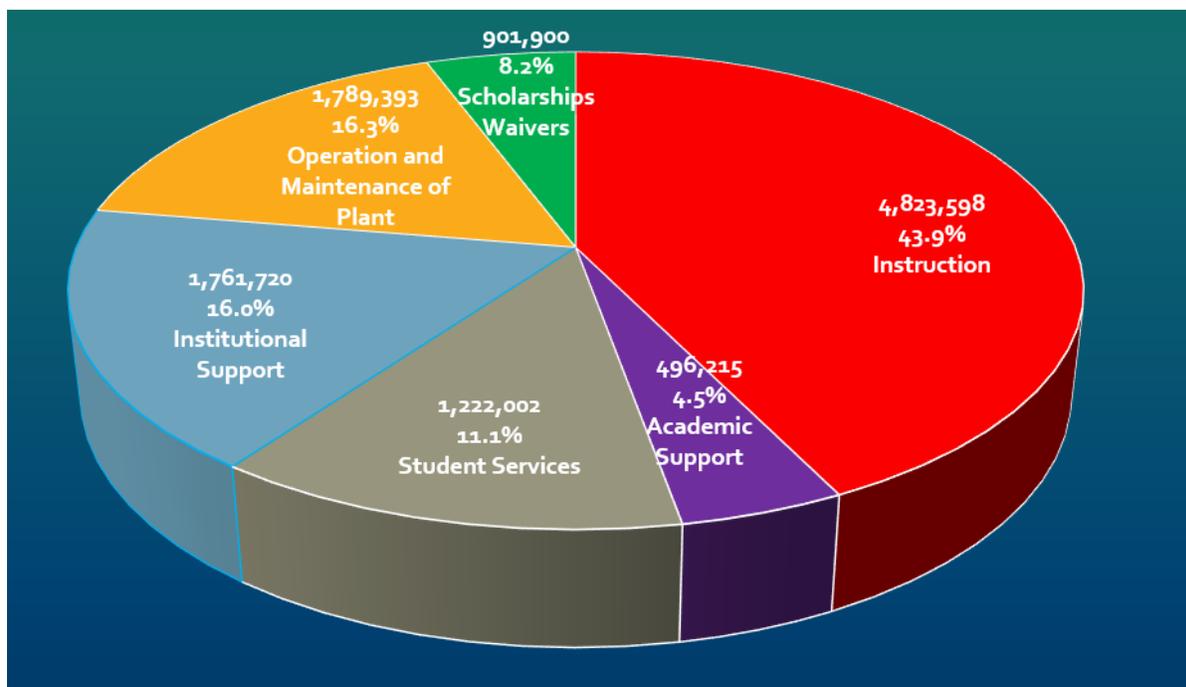
The SSC Board of Regents named Human Resources Director Courtney Jones as Interim Vice President for Fiscal Affairs at their meeting on April 9, 2020.

Jones has worked for the College for 12 years, 11 years as SSC's Human Resources Director and one year as a GEAR Up Advisor.

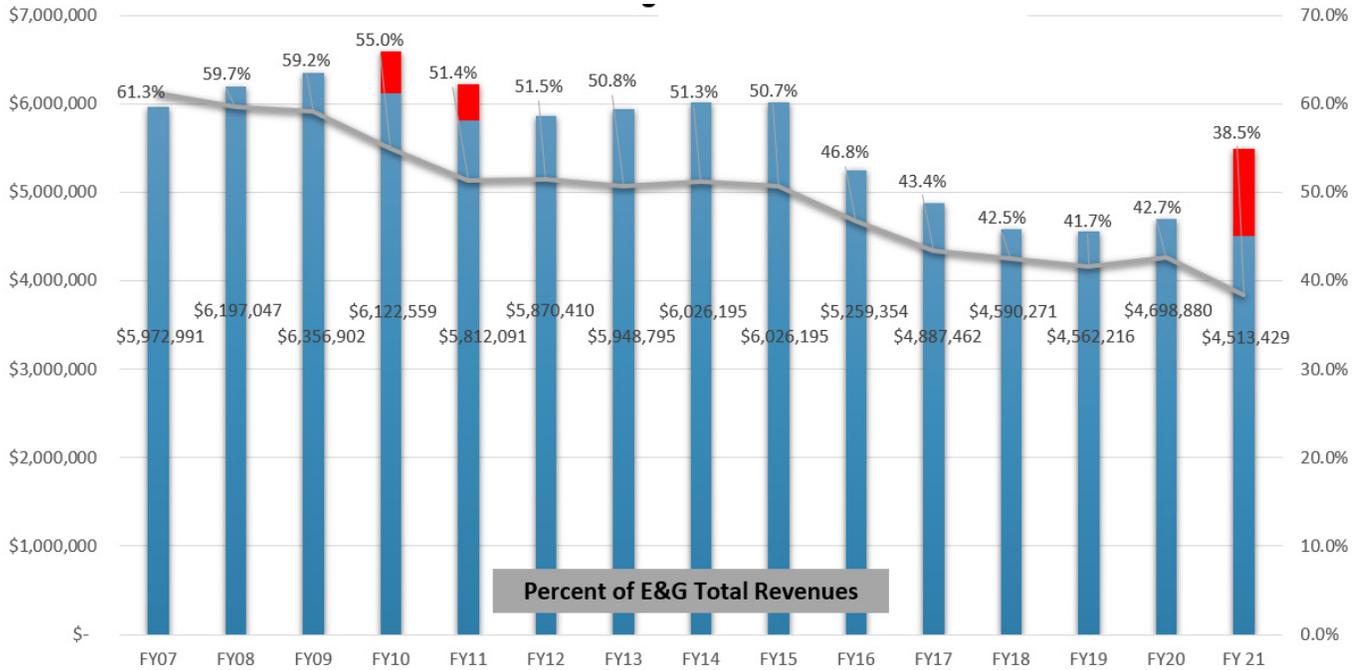
She received her master's degree of science in Human Resources at Cameron University and her bachelor of science in Sociology from Western Oklahoma State College.



FY20 Educational and General Revenue by Source



State Appropriations History



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

SSC Offers Relief Funds to Students Through CARES Act

Seminole State College received an allocation of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund provided by the U.S. Department of Education through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to assist students in the amount of \$580,000.

The funds were distributed to students based on specific guidance from the U.S. Department of Education as well as procedures established by SSC.

Students were contacted about steps to take to receive funding, based on their credit hour enrollment in Spring 2020 on May 1. Qualifying students who were taking 15 credit hours received \$675.



A total of \$50,000 was awarded on the basis of need. A separate application was released to students looking to receive these need-based awards.



ACADEMICS



SSC Receives Ten-Year Accreditation

Seminole State College received official notification in June of 2020 from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of its “Reaffirmation of Accreditation” that will continue until 2029-2030. This ten-year accreditation was the result of a multi-year preparation of a self-study Assurance Review. The process culminated in a site visit by an HLC team in late February. Additionally, the accreditation announcement required no mid-cycle reviews or special reports. No interim monitoring was

recommended.

Recommendations were made by the site visitation team, which was led by Chair Dr. Michael Boyd, President of Kankakee Community College in Illinois. The comprehensive team also included peer reviewers from higher education institutions in Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin and Colorado.

During the site visit in February, the team met with faculty, staff, students, Regents and members of the SSC Educational Foundation. Additionally, a special “drop

in” session was held for members of the public to provide feedback about the College’s operations and services.

President Lana Reynolds said, “I want to thank Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Linda Goeller and Coordinator of Accreditation Jessica Isaacs for leading us so ably through this process. I also want to thank everyone on campus who served on committees, researched and provided documents, and attended listening sessions with the site team.”

Mission Statement

Seminole State College empowers people for academic success, personal development and lifelong learning.

Fall 2019 Enrollment

Head Count: 1,503

Credit Hours: 16,280

Spring 2020 Enrollment

Head Count: 1,350

Credit Hours: 13,929



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.





COMMENCEMENT



2020 Commencement Ceremony Conducted Online

Seminole State College held the 87th Commencement Ceremony virtually on Friday, May 8. The graduation video included opening comments from SSC President Lana Reynolds, followed by the presentation of graduate names – including academic recognitions and photos. To conclude the presentation, messages of congratulations from the faculty were delivered by Division Chairs: Dr. Steve Bolin, Jason Cook, Jessica Isaacs, Dr. Noble Jobe and Brad Schatzel.

SSC Hosts First Fall Pinning Ceremony



Seminole State College held its first ever fall pinning ceremony on Dec. 6, 2019. The nursing program was granted continued accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing in April with the next evaluation visit sit for the fall of 2027.

EVENTS



2019 In-Service

Faculty and staff at Seminole State College celebrated the beginning of the new academic year with an in-service program built around the theme “HLC Matters to Me” in preparation for the college’s upcoming Higher Learning Commission visit in February 2020.

Athletics Cookout

The Seminole State College Athletic Booster Club hosted a cookout for the college's student-athletes and special guests Sept. 24 at the SSC softball complex. This year's sports teams included 106 students from across Oklahoma. Students also represented Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, New York, Florida, Virginia, Canada and Africa.



Retirees Honored at Breakfast

Seminole State College welcomed 20 retirees to campus for a breakfast in their honor on Sept. 24. The group included former administrators, as well as faculty and staff members.

Ribbon Cutting for Food Pantry and Help Center



Seminole State College hosted a ribbon cutting to commemorate the opening of its Food Pantry and Help Center on Oct. 24 at the Boren Library.

Close to 100 community members, faculty, staff and students attended the reception and toured the facilities.

Peter Simon Performs



Pianist Peter Simon demonstrated how a piano's sound is generated to Wilson Elementary students, following his special program designed to inspire an appreciation for classical music at SSC on Nov. 19.

Night at the Lights



Seminole State College hosted their annual "SSC Night at the Lights" event for area children on December 2 at the community Snowman Wonderland Light Display showcased at Magnolia Park in Seminole.

GRANT PROGRAMS



NASNTI Hosts Former NASA Commander



Former NASA Commander Dr. John Herrington spoke to students, faculty, staff and community members at an event hosted by Seminole State College's Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions program on campus Aug. 15.

Judge Tammy Kemp Speaks at MLK Day Event



In honor of Martin Luther King Day, Seminole State College hosted a special MLK program on Jan. 16 featuring guest speaker Judge Tammy Kemp of the Texas 204th District Court. During her presentation, "My Journey to the Courtroom," Judge Kemp discussed her path to becoming a judge and all of her experiences along the way. Judge Kemp is a native of Wewoka, Oklahoma. After graduating law school, she worked as an Assistant Attorney General and an Assistant Secretary of State for the State of Oklahoma, before relocating to the Dallas area.



Miss Indian World Visits SSC

Miss Indian World Cheyenne Kippenberger spoke at a reception on Sept. 20. Kippenberger is a member of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. She is the first Seminole woman to hold the title of Miss Indian World in the program's 36-year history.

Upward Bound Program Provides Meals to Students



Seminole State College's Upward Bound chapter provided meals to students enrolled in the program throughout the summer. Upward Bound coordinators Anna Skender, Amber Cooper, Ronnie Williamson and Matt Kappelle delivered the meals to homes and local schools. The program served meals to 250 participants.

SSC GEAR UP Students Selected for Leadership Summit



The Seminole State College GEAR UP program selected seven students and one alternate to attend the National Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) hosted by the National Council for Community

and Educational Partnerships (NCCEP). The YLS was set to take place in Washington DC in July but was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students selected were: Brogan Culwell of

Asher, Giulietta Cook of Konawa, Reiden Walker of Okemah, Benjamin Foster and Brooke Stanley of Prague, Madison Hinkle and Austyn White-Richards of Varnum, and Jackson Reid of Wetumka.



SSC Delegation Attends Higher Ed Day



Students were among a large delegation of campus and community leaders representing Seminole State College attended Higher Ed Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma City on Feb. 11. The event, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE), is held annually to demonstrate grassroots support for Higher Education funding.



Former Trojans, Oklahoma State Senator Darcy Jech of Kingfisher (left) and SSC Board Chair Curtis Morgan (right) visit with their coach Lloyd Simmons (center) during a Higher Ed Day luncheon.

Wallace Receives Higher Ed Distinguished Service Award



Rep. Kevin Wallace was recognized with the 2019 Distinguished Service Award for Higher Education during the Dec. 5 meeting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

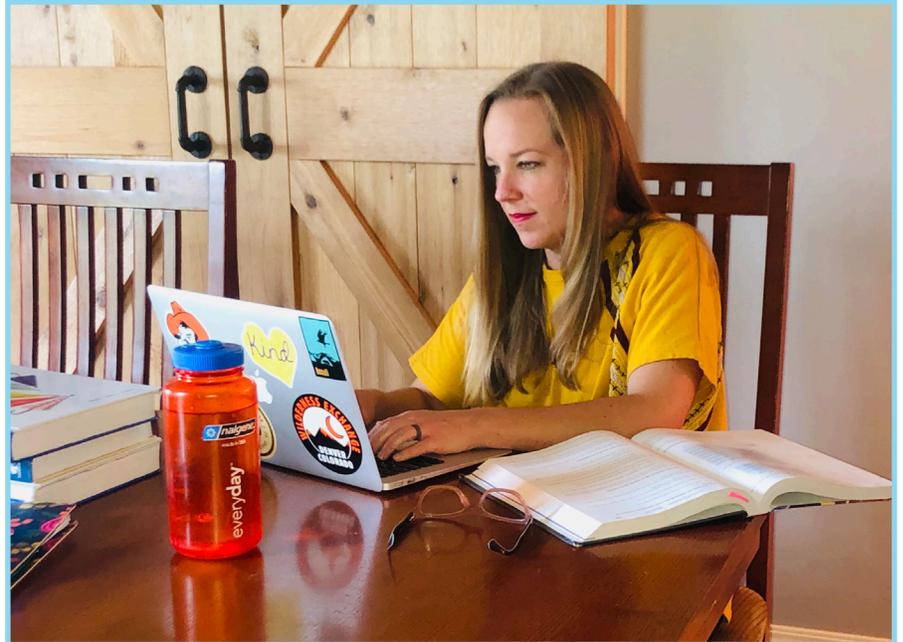


COVID-19 RESPONSE

SSC Shifts to Online Instruction for Spring and Summer Semesters

In consideration of the well-being of its students, employees and members of its extended community, Seminole State College shifted to electronic delivery methods of instruction from March 23 to the end of the summer semester.

SSC suspended all on-campus activities for the remainder of the semester.



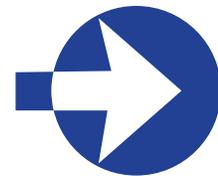
Campus Makes Preparations for Fall 2020



- Face-to-face instruction will continue where feasible for student safety.
- Large classes will utilize a blended learning model to accommodate social distancing.



- More than 80 online classes will be offered in the fall term.
- Labs are available on campus for students requiring computer access.



- Social distancing precautions will be taken. Cleaning and sanitization efforts will be made between classes.
- The wearing of masks will be required. Masks will be provided for those who need them.

ATHLETICS



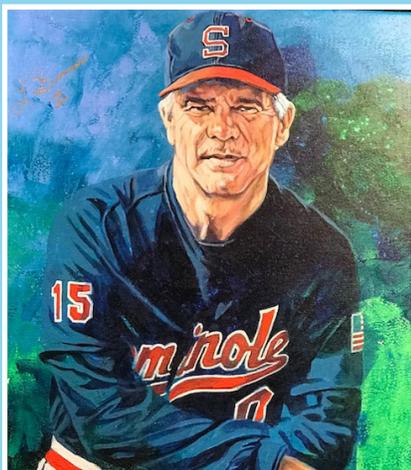
Women's Soccer Competes in National Tournament



The Seminole State College women's soccer team competed in the NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship at Eastern Florida State College in Melbourne, Florida, Nov. 18-23. After the Trojans

captured the NJCAA Region II Championship, they competed in the Plains District Tournament in Wichita, Kansas. The Trojans advanced to the national tournament due to their overall record of 19-0-3,

regional win, impressive districts play and their rank as fourth in the nation. The team received an at-large bid to compete as the number 10 seed in the NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship.



Simmons Inducted into College Baseball Hall of Fame

Former Seminole State College Trojan Baseball Coach Lloyd Simmons was honored Nov. 2 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with induction into the College Baseball Hall of Fame.

Simmons is the winningest coach in junior college baseball history with 1,804 wins. He led his teams to an unprecedented 13 trips to the NJCAA World Series. His teams won 16 NJCAA Region II titles and 13 NJCAA District championships.

The Impact of the Coronavirus on SSC Graduate's Final Softball Season

Following Center for Disease Control recommendations, the NJCAA cancelled all sports competitions from March 16 through the remainder of the spring semester.



Twenty games into the spring season, Seminole State College Lady Trojans utility player Teryn Pritchett discovered the rest of her season would be suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I went from being surrounded by my team, my friends and so many people I see as family to coming to my hometown, where I have minimal friends and not much to do,” Pritchett said.

The Lady Trojans opened their spring season strong with a win-loss record of 18-2. Early in the season, the team was ranked number one in the NJCAA. Pritchett played a key role in the team's success with a batting average of .478, five homeruns and 18 runs batted in.

In March, Pritchett left Seminole and returned to her hometown of Palmer, Texas. At first, she struggled to adapt to her new reality.

She credited practice and game days as instrumental in her mental and physical well-being. She needed a way to pull herself out of a rut.

“I decided to take on a full-time job at a sand plant and prioritized spending time with my family outside of work. I've missed so much quality time with them over the years being a collegiate athlete. This situation has made me sit back and truly see how easily we get caught up in everyday life,” Pritchett said.

Pritchett graduated from SSC in May with an associate's degree in Psychology and an associate's degree in Liberal Arts. In the fall, Pritchett will attend the University of Texas – Arlington, where she will continue playing softball.

Five Teams Recognized for Academic Achievement

The NJCAA recognized five SSC athletic teams for ending their seasons with a 3.0 GPA or above. Softball held a 3.59 GPA, volleyball held an overall team GPA of 3.53, the men's Golf team held a 3.25 GPA, women's Golf achieved a 3.15 GPA and the baseball team reached a 3.04 GPA.

ACHIEVEMENTS



Personnel Honored by Chamber of Commerce

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 and February.

October



Donny Coblentz



Amber Flores

December



Tina Morris



Stephen Brooks

February



Melissa Marshall



Dan Hill

ASHCRAFT ATTENDS NIGH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Former Governor George Nigh, his wife Donna Nigh, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Dr. Glen Johnson and Seminole State College freshman Cale Ashcraft, of Seminole, pose during a Nigh Institute Leadership Academy event on Feb. 10.



SSC Recognizes Five Outstanding Students



*Jaxon Cooper,
Health Sciences*

The Seminole State Educational Foundation honors one student from each of the College's five divisions at its annual Spring Recognition Banquet.

Due to restrictions on large gatherings in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 event was postponed.



*Taryn Washburn,
Social Sciences*



*Ronnie Trout,
Business and Education*



*Connor Buchanan,
Language Arts and Humanities*



*Kimberly Cotter,
STEM*

Employees Honored at Statewide Conference



SSC President Lana Reynolds (right) stands by SSC's 2019 Outstanding Employees at the Oklahoma Community Colleges Association annual conference Oct. 4. The award winners, selected by their colleagues, were (pictured from left to right) Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs Robin Crawford, History Professor Marta Osby and Financial Aid Specialist Edith Cathey.

Student Named Newman Civic Fellow

Seminole State College sophomore Tijah Johnson, of Shawnee, was named a 2020-2021 Newman Civic Fellow.

The Newman Civic Fellowship is a yearlong program for students from Campus Compact member institutions. The students selected for the fellowship are leaders on their campuses who demonstrate an ability to solve challenges facing their communities.



Students Selected for All-Oklahoma Academic Team



Crystal Smith,
Wewoka



Kristy Lively,
Bethel Acres



Paige Brown,
Seminole

Three Seminole State College students were named to the All Oklahoma USA Academic Team by the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges in the spring of 2020.

President Reynolds Named Chair of Leadership Oklahoma



Seminole State College President Lana Reynolds was named Chair of *Leadership Oklahoma*, a state-wide organization dedicated to educating and inspiring leaders to work for the betterment of Oklahoma. Reynolds is a graduate of *Leadership Oklahoma Class XVII* and has served two terms on the Board of Directors of LOK, as well as a past chair of the Marketing and the Ambassadors Committees.



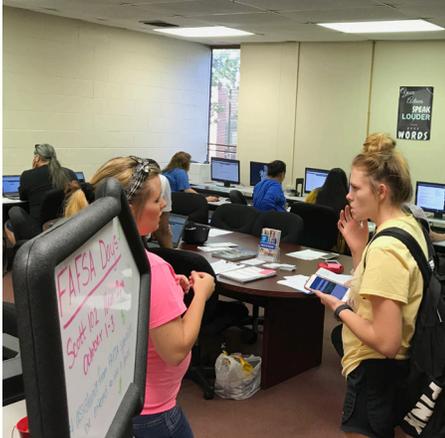
CAMPUS LIFE

Welcome Week



Baseball Banquet

FAFSA Days



BCM Volleyball

Trick or Treat Trail



Santa's Workshop

Goeller Named Vice President For Academic Affairs



The Seminole State College Board of Regents approved the appointment of Dr. Linda Goeller to the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs at a meeting on May 21.

Dr. Goeller began serving as the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs in November of 2019. Since that time, she led instruction and helped guide the College's accreditation efforts.

Dr. Goeller is in her 12th year at the College, where she has served as a past Division Chair and most recently as a Professor of Mathematics and Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness.

SSC Hires Interim Director of Nursing

Seminole State College named Linda Brown as the Interim Nursing Program Director for the spring 2020 and fall 2020 semesters. Brown comes to the College through a partnership between SSC and SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Shawnee.

Brown most recently served as an Acute Care Registered Nurse at St. Anthony Hospital - Shawnee. For 26 years, she also held a number of administrative roles at the hospital.



Denmark Cultural Exchange Program



Seminole State College welcomed a delegation of Danish students in October of 2019 as part of the College's cultural and educational exchange program with College360° in Silkeborg, Denmark.



PLC

Orientation Reception



The President's Leadership Class is a two-year scholarship program created to help students develop leadership skills.

The scholarship program was established to provide educational classroom and extracurricular activities to enhance leadership skills of students.

Responsibilities of PLC members include volunteering for community service programs and campus events.



Ropes Course

Food Bank



Chamber Forum



True Colors



Appreciation Luncheon for Seminole Pink Ladies



Seminole State College hosted an Appreciation Luncheon for members of the Seminole Pink Ladies hospital volunteer association on Dec. 11, 2019. For decades, the group has provided scholarships for nursing students at the College. The event was attended by 35, including Pink Ladies and representatives of Alliance Health of Seminole and Seminole State College.

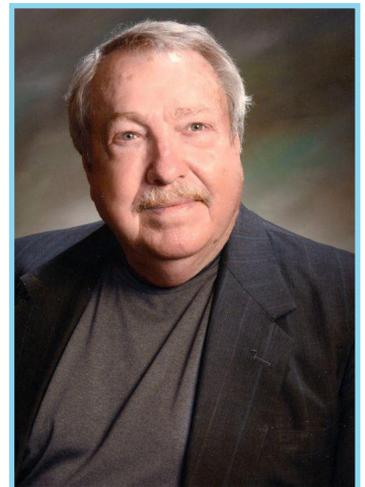
Local Women Work to Revitalize and Expand Gill Scholarship

Five local Board Members of the Donald E. Gill Scholarship Foundation are honoring the memory, legacy and wishes of long-time Seminole educator and community volunteer Don Gill by expanding and revitalizing a scholarship program he established to support high school students who plan to attend Seminole State College.

For many years Gill's personal Foundation provided scholarships to five students to

help offset costs of attending Seminole State College.

Following his death in October, 2018, the Foundation Board has been working to preserve his wishes and to help more deserving students. Shelly Trammell, Jonna Bunyan, Cynthia Yerby, Janelle Zehren and Linda Dearing, all of Seminole, worked to increase awareness of the scholarship opportunity in the spring semester.



Don Gill



MILESTONES



20 Years of Service

Seminole State College recognized six employees for 20 years of service (top row, from left to right): Carol Parker, Mechell Downey and Rita Story-Schell; (bottom row, from left to right): Susan Shumaker, Teresa Norman, and Tina Savage. The employees were set to be honored at the Seminole State Educational Foundation's annual Spring Recognition Banquet, but the event was postponed due to restrictions on large gatherings in the wake of the coronavirus.

Cindy Guinn Celebrates Retirement

A retirement reception was held for Seminole State College employee Cindy Guinn on July 25. Guinn served SSC for 19 years, most recently as an Administrative Assistant in the President's Office.



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