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New Regents Appointed

Seminole residents Haley Coates and David Hooten were appointed by Gov. Kevin Stitt to serve on the Seminole State College Board of Regents. Their appointments were presented by Senator Grant Green and confirmed by the Oklahoma State Senate Education Committee at the State Capitol on April 28. Coates, owner of HC Investments and Downtown Floral Co. in Seminole, began her term immediately following her appointment in April. Hooten, owner of Hooten Oil Co., began his term in July.



Donaho Completes Term

Marci Donaho, who served as a regent for 21 years at SSC, completed her final term on June 30. She is the longest serving regent in the history of the college. Donaho retired in 2022 after more than 25 years as executive director of the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum. She also spent 28 years as an elementary classroom teacher in Arizona and Oklahoma and recently completed 10 years of service on the Seminole Public Schools Board of Education. She is currently a member of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce and Seminole Rotary Club.



Marci Donaho
Chair



Mona Adkisson



Teresa Burnett



Haley Coates



Ryan Franklin



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In August 2026, Seminole State College will mark 95 years of service to this region.

That milestone invites us to look back, but more importantly, it calls us to look forward with purpose. Long before we were Seminole State College, before we were even Seminole Junior College as an independent institution, we began as an extension of Seminole High School, providing grades 13 and 14 for local students whose families wanted access to higher education close to home.

In those early years, Superintendent John G. Mitchell urged parents to consider the value of Seminole Junior College with a simple but powerful promise: "Give us your cooperation today, and we will endeavor to repay you with a higher form of citizenship tomorrow."

Nearly a century later, that promise still defines who we are.

At SSC, we prepare students for transfer, careers and meaningful work. We build academic pathways in health sciences, business, education, STEM, public service and the arts. We provide workforce training that helps adults strengthen practical skills. We create opportunities for high school students to begin college early, for first-generation students to find support and for graduates to step confidently into the next chapter of their lives.

But our mission has never stopped at academic preparation. We believe education should also shape citizens who serve, lead, contribute and care about the communities around them. That commitment is reflected in the way SSC students volunteer, lead food drives, support veterans, assist with community events and represent the College in civic programs across the state. It is also reflected in the way our campus continues to serve as a gathering place for families, public officials, business leaders, school partners and neighbors.

This year, that mission was strengthened in a remarkable way. SSC re-

ceived a \$17 million unrestricted gift from MacKenzie Scott through Yield Giving, the largest single donation in the College's history. It was an extraordinary vote of confidence in our students, our employees and the communities we serve. Just as important, we are already putting that gift to work for local families.

Beginning in fall 2026, eligible high school juniors and seniors in SSC's five-county service area will be able to attend SSC at zero cost through the state concurrent student tuition waiver and an automatic SSC scholarship covering books and fees. For students attending school in Seminole, Pottawatomie, Hughes, Okfuskee and Lincoln counties, this means earning college credit without the financial burden that too often keeps students from starting. It is an immediate investment in our region and a reflection of the careful stewardship that will guide every decision related to this gift.

The pages of this annual report show momentum across every area of the College. In Academic Affairs, SSC expanded opportunities through free concurrent college, health sciences training, community courses, esports and student success initiatives. Our faculty and staff helped students thrive in the classroom, with hundreds earning honor roll recognition throughout the year. Our health sciences programs continued preparing students for high-demand careers, while our nursing simulation lab and clinical partnerships strengthened hands-on learning.

Our community connections also continued to grow. SSC and Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative were recognized for work that supports campus safety and student development. The Clinic helped expand access to health care for SSC students. Rose State College, Redlands Community College and SSC entered into an agreement to share professional library services. The City of Seminole, Seminole Public Schools and SSC worked together on a

project designed to improve pedestrian access between the College, Seminole High School and the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex.

That spirit of service was also visible at the Avedis Foundation Adaptive Field, where A League of Their Own provided athletes with physical or cognitive disabilities the opportunity to play softball. SSC student-athletes and employees volunteered with the league, reminding us that the value of athletics is not only measured by wins and losses, but by the way teams serve others.

And what an incredible athletic year it was. Women's soccer advanced to the national tournament for the seventh consecutive season. Softball built a 39-game winning streak, captured a district title and returned to the JUCO World Series. Baseball won the Region II and South Central District titles and made its first JUCO World Series appearance since 2009.

These moments tell the story of a College moving forward while remaining deeply rooted in its purpose.

As we look toward our 95th anniversary, we are not simply honoring where we have been. We are preparing, with purpose and resolve, for where SSC will go next.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Lana Reynolds in black ink.

SSC President

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



SSC Receives Historic **\$17 Million Gift**

Seminole State College received the largest single donation in its 94-year history with a \$17 million unrestricted gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott through Yield Giving.

The gift, announced in December, is managed by the SSC Educational Foundation, the college's nonprofit fundraising arm. Foundation leaders said the donation will expand opportunities for students while strengthening the college's long-term future.

"This is a once-in-a-generation moment for Seminole State College," SSC President Lana Reynolds said. "MacKenzie Scott's extraordinary generosity is a powerful vote of confidence in our students, our mission and the communities we serve."

The funds will support scholarships, student success initiatives and priorities outlined in SSC's strategic plan. Reynolds said each decision will be guided by the college's commitment to student

success and the responsible use of the gift.

For the Educational Foundation, the donation marks a significant expansion of its ongoing work. Established in 1972, the Foundation provides scholarship support and other resources to the college. Its efforts have supported students, campus projects and regional economic development initiatives.

Foundation Board Chair Mark Schell said the trustees will focus on careful stewardship of the funds, balancing immediate needs with long-term impact.

"With this gift, the foundation can think in terms of decades rather than years," Schell said.

The gift will not replace annual fundraising or public support, college leaders said. Instead, it will allow SSC and the Foundation to move more quickly on opportunities that improve access, strengthen programs and support future generations of students.

About the 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 award-

ed according to guidelines established by donors.

Each year the nonprofit hosts three major fundraising events, a Golf Tournament, Holiday Reception and Spring Recognition Banquet.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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Jason Smalley

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS



HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Lab 405
Dec. 15, 2025
Amount Raised:
\$23,777



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Jimmie Austin Golf Course
Sept. 12, 2025
Amount Raised:
\$32,839



SPRING BANQUET

Enoch Kelly Haney Center
April 30, 2026
Amount Raised:
\$60,003



SPRING BANQUET

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation hosted its 31st Annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 30, in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. Alumni, current students, campus leaders, employees and retirees were recognized for their achievements.



Alumni Hall of Fame

Victoria Brooks (left) and Carole Carter (right) were inducted into the Seminole State College Alumni Hall of Fame at the event. Brooks serves as a Surgical Physician Assistant in the Congenital Heart Surgery Division at Oklahoma Children's Hospital – OU Health. Carter, a member of SSC's 1976 national championship women's basketball team, spent more than four decades in education, coaching and service.



Distinguished Service

Distinguished Service Award honoree Perthena Latchaw visits with former Seminole State College President Dr. Jim Cook prior to the Spring Recognition Banquet. Latchaw, retired Director of the SSC Medical Laboratory Technology Program, was honored for her 30 years of service to the College.



Outstanding Students

SSC recognized five Outstanding Students during the Spring Recognition Banquet. Pictured left to right are: Savannah Averitt, Business and Education; Lilly Jones, Health Sciences; Braden Young, Language Arts and Humanities; Gavin Williams, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; and Christian Herlehy, Social Sciences.



Trojan Family

Among the guests celebrating SSC at the Spring Recognition Banquet were (standing, left to right) former Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Brad Walck, former Baseball Coach Lloyd Simmons, former counselor Cynthia Yerby, former Athletic Director Dr. Thurman Edwards; and (seated left to right) former 1976 Belles Basketball player and 2026 Alumni Hall of Fame inductee Carole Carter, former Belles Coach Dixie Woodall and current Belles Coach Rita Story-Schell.

SPORTS COMPLEX



BCM Sports Complex Continues to Make Community Impact

The Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex continued to serve as a hub for athletics, recreation and economic activity in Seminole throughout the year.

The seven-field complex, home to the SSC Trojan baseball and soccer teams, hosted several major events, including the **NJCAA Region II Baseball Tournament** May 7-10 and the **NJCAA South Central District Tournament** May 14-15. In addition to collegiate

competition, the facility welcomed a number of tournaments throughout the year, drawing teams, families and visitors to the community.

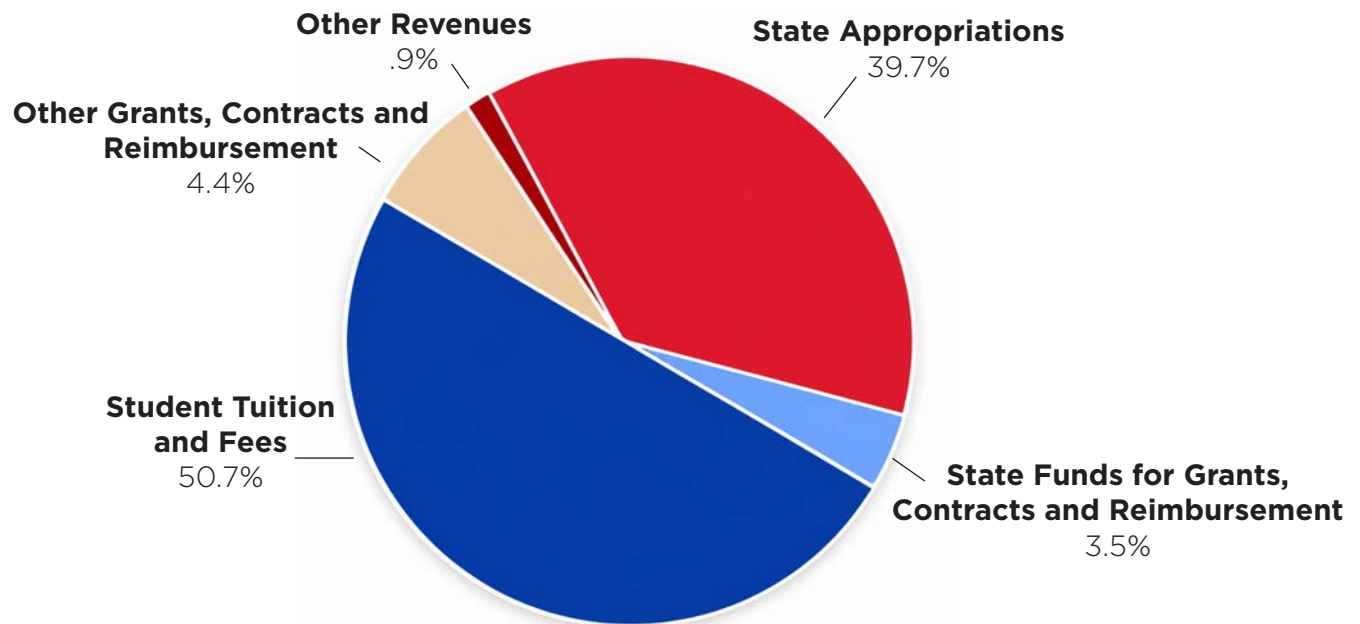
The complex also plays an important role beyond college athletics. Its adaptive field is utilized by **A League of Their Own**, a co-ed softball league for children with physical and cognitive disabilities. The City of Seminole's **youth baseball and softball programs** also make regular

use of the facility.

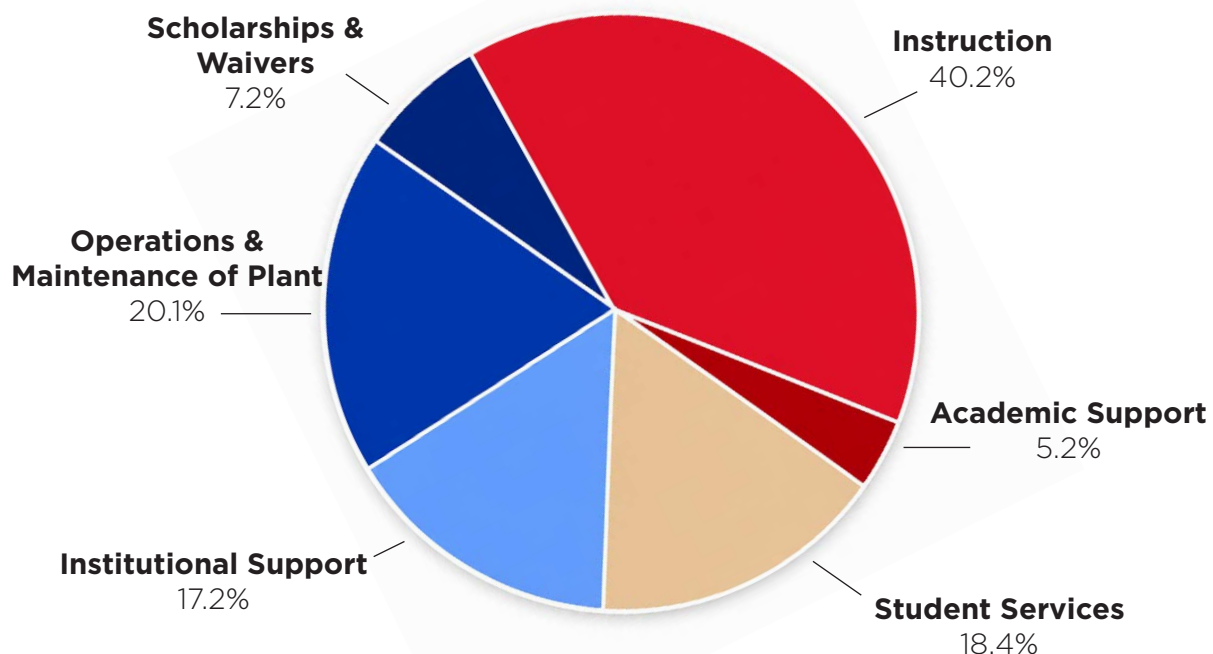
By bringing visitors to Seminole for games and tournaments, the complex provides a boost to the local economy through increased activity at area restaurants, hotels, retailers and other businesses. The added traffic contributes to sales tax growth and reinforces the complex's role as both an athletic asset and an economic development driver for the region.

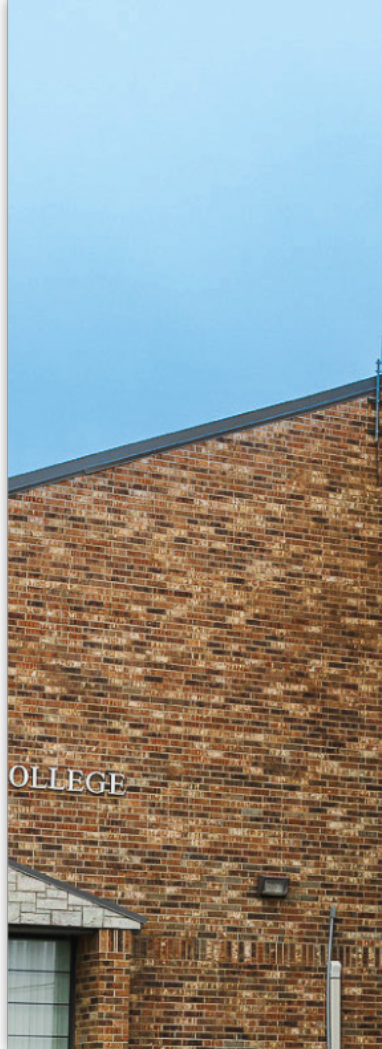
FISCAL AFFAIRS

FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL REVENUE BY SOURCE



FISCAL YEAR 2026 EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION





A STRONG RETURN FOR OKLAHOMA

In fiscal year 2024, SSC's operations, student spending and alumni activity generated a total economic impact of \$76.29 million in the State of Oklahoma. That activity supported 819 jobs and \$37.10 million in wages, strengthening communities, businesses and families across the state.

The analysis also found that SSC generated \$2.58 million in fiscal benefits for state and local jurisdictions through income and sales tax revenue. With \$6.03 million in state appropriations received during the year, every dollar invested in SSC resulted in \$12.66 in total economic output for Oklahoma.

Source: Economics Center Research and Consulting analysis of FY2024 data. The analysis is part of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education economic impact reporting.

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ECONOMIC OUTPUT

819 JOBS
SUPPORTED

\$37.1M
WAGES SUPPORTED

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TAX REVENUE

\$12.66
RETURN PER \$1

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ZERO. ZIP. ZILCH.

*That's how much concurrent
students pay at SSC.*

Beginning in fall 2026, Seminole State College will make **concurrent enrollment free** for eligible high school students in its five-county service area. Through the state concurrent student tuition waiver and an automatic SSC scholarship, qualifying students will **pay nothing for tuition, fees or books.**

The program is available to eligible juniors and seniors in **Seminole, Pottawatomie, Hughes, Okfuskee** and **Lincoln** counties, including eligible homeschooled students who live in the service area. Juniors may take up to **9 credit hours** with fees and books covered, while seniors may take up to **18 credit hours.**

The initiative is made possible through the historic \$17 million gift from MacKenzie Scott's Yield Giving, allowing SSC to remove financial barriers for local families and help students get a strong, affordable start on college. By earning college credit early, students can save money, build confidence and shorten the path to a degree.





HEALTH SCIENCES IN ACTION

SSC's health sciences programs continued to prepare students for high-demand careers through hands-on instruction, simulation training and clinical preparation. Nursing students tested their skills in a rural hospital drill that required real-time triage, patient transfer decisions and critical thinking. The PTA program also continued to demonstrate strong career outcomes, with graduates achieving a 100 percent job placement rate for the past six years. The Medical Laboratory Technology program's graduates achieved a 92% pass rate on their national certification exams.



BUILDING CAREER SKILLS

SSC expanded career-focused learning through community courses designed to help working professionals build practical skills while earning college credit. The College launched BLAST, a for-credit upskilling series covering topics such as leadership, communication, customer service, digital presence and human resources. SSC also offered Applied Excel for the Workplace, an eight-week micro-credential focused on organizing data, using formulas and creating charts and reports. Organized by Business and Industry Coordinator Talina Lee, the courses supported local workforce development with flexible, skills-based training.



ESPORTS ENTERS THE ARENA

SSC launched esports as both an academic emphasis within the Computer Science Associate in Science degree and a competitive team open to students across campus. The academic pathway combines computer science coursework with classes in esports, communication, game development and multimedia, preparing students for transfer and careers connected to gaming and digital media. The team joined the National Junior College Athletic Association Esports Division III in October 2025. During its inaugural season, SSC competed in Chess, Mario Kart and Overwatch 2. The Overwatch 2 team finished the regular season ranked 16th nationally and earned a berth in the NJCAA E playoffs, establishing a strong foundation for the College's growing esports program.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SSC students continued to demonstrate strong academic performance throughout the year, earning recognition across the summer, fall and spring terms. The College named 179 students to the Summer 2025 Honor Roll, 523 students to the Fall 2025 Honor Rolls and 455 students to the Spring 2026 Honor Rolls. These students represented a wide range of academic programs and completed their coursework while meeting SSC's standards for scholastic achievement. Their success reflects the effort and persistence of SSC students, as well as the guidance provided by faculty, advisers and academic support staff. Together, these accomplishments highlight a campus-wide commitment to learning, achievement and student success.



GRADUATION 2026

Seminole State College students completing degree requirements at the end of the 2026 spring and summer semesters, along with 2025 fall graduates, participated in the College's 93rd Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 8.

The graduation ceremony was held at 10 a.m. inside the Raymond Harbor Field House on campus. SSC Board of Regents Chair Marci Donaho served as the featured guest speaker.

Degrees were presented to candidates by Dr. Bill Knowles, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, and conferred by President Lana Reynolds.



306

EXPECTED GRADUATES

74

OKLAHOMA HOMETOWNS

111

TOTAL HOMETOWNS

7

U.S. STATES



TOP HOMETOWNS

Shawnee: 61
Seminole: 26
Tecumseh: 19
Ada: 13
Prague: 9





December 2025 Graduates

NURSING PINNING

SSC held pinning ceremonies in both the fall and spring semesters for nursing students meeting degree requirements. On Dec. 13, 14 students graduated from the program, and, on May 9, eight students graduated. Since the nursing program began in 1972, more than 1,200 nurses have graduated from SSC.



May 2026 Graduates



*Riversport
Oklahoma City*



*The Cowboy Exhibit
Oklahoma City*



*Route 66 Interpretive Center
Chandler*

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CLASS

The President's Leadership Class is a two-year scholarship program to help students enhance leadership skills. The program was developed to provide educational classroom and extracurricular activities to enhance the leadership skills of students. Responsibilities of PLC members include volunteering for the community and assisting with campus events.



*Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur*

CAMPUS EVENTS

A GATHERING PLACE
FOR THE COMMUNITY



1,800+



134 Schools



One Campus

FFA Interscholastic Meet

SSC's eighth annual FFA Interscholastic Meet welcomed more than 1,800 high school students from 134 schools for competitions including land judging and floriculture on April 9.



Trick or Treat Trail

Hundreds of little ghosts, goblins, superheroes and princesses visited SSC on Oct. 28 for the College's Trick or Treat Trail event. SSC employees and students passed out candy along the north pond on campus.



Student Plant Flags in Honor of Veterans

SSC's third annual Military and Veteran Resource Fair on Nov. 6 connected veterans and active-duty service members with organizations offering disability claims assistance, employment resources and more. The event was accompanied by a Field of Honor display featuring 5,000 American flags on campus.



Night at the Lights

Families celebrated the holiday season with SSC students, employees and student-athletes during Night at the Lights on Dec. 8. The event featured children's crafts, the Snowman Wonderland display in Magnolia Park, hot chocolate and cookies.

Throughout 2025-26, SSC brought students, families and community members together for experiences centered on learning, service, celebration and connection.

EXPERIENCES THAT BUILD BELONGING



Welcome Week

During the week of Aug. 18, Student Activities hosted daily Welcome Week events, including Waffles on a Stick, a welcome-back barbecue and esports demonstration, a photo booth and a do-it-yourself air plant activity.



A Walk on the Wild Side

Student Activities welcomed Extreme Animals to campus on March 4, giving students an opportunity to interact with a wallaby, lemur, snakes and other exotic animals under the supervision of trained staff.



Temple Grandin Presents at SSC

SSC's NASNTI federal grant program hosted a live Zoom presentation by animal behaviorist and neurodiversity advocate Dr. Temple Grandin on Nov. 10. Her presentation explored humane livestock practices and the value of creating opportunities for visual and hands-on thinkers.

GRANT PROGRAMS



GEAR UP

SSC's GEAR UP program continued building a college-going culture among students, families and partner schools. In the summer of 2025, more than **160 sixth- and seventh-grade students** from **12 area schools** attended two weeks of summer camps featuring

STEM activities, campus tours, recreational experiences and college-readiness workshops. In March, the program hosted an Oklahoma's Promise Family Event where students and parents could learn about the scholarship, receive enrollment assistance and con-

nect with GEAR UP services. Through academic enrichment, mentoring, financial aid information and family engagement, GEAR UP helps students begin preparing for education beyond high school years before graduation.



UPWARD BOUND

SSC's Upward Bound program provided nearly 160 area high school students with academic enrichment, college preparation and cultural experiences during summer 2025. More than **125 students** from **20 partner high schools** attended a monthlong residential camp on the SSC campus, where they completed core academic classes and electives.

The camp concluded with a trip to Dallas, where students toured the University of North Texas, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, the Dallas Holocaust Museum, the Dallas World Aquarium and AT&T Stadium before attending a Texas Rangers baseball game. Another 31 graduating seniors participated in the Bridge program, earning credit in two college courses and completing work-study assignments. Their summer concluded in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, with college tours, museum visits and career exploration activities.

TALENT SEARCH

SSC's FOCUS/Educational Talent Search program helps students in grades six through 12 stay in school, graduate and continue to college or career training. Since 1991, program advisers have worked with students at 17 schools across Seminole, Pottawatomie and Okfuskee counties, providing

monthly workshops on study skills, test preparation, life skills, college planning and career exploration. Talent Search is supported through two U.S. Department of Education TRIO projects: Talent Search West, funded at \$277,375 annually, and Talent Search Central, funded at \$388,326 annually.



NASNTI

SSC's Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions program advanced several initiatives focused on technology, accessibility and student engagement. The program supported development of the new **Esports Lab**, which employees previewed during a June workshop featuring the lab's technology, scholarships, livestreaming

capabilities and academic opportunities. NASNTI also played a key role in developing SSC's esports program and modernizing Computer Science offerings.

Accessibility remained another central focus. NASNTI staff attended the national AHEAD conference to explore assistive technology and accom-

modations.

The program also brought animal behaviorist and neurodiversity advocate Dr. Temple Grandin to SSC for a presentation on animal welfare and the value of visual and hands-on thinking. NASNTI is fully federally funded at **\$450,000 annually**.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES / SSS STEM

SSC received two five-year federal TRIO Student Support Services grants totaling nearly **\$2.9 million**. The traditional SSS project was awarded \$1,532,570, while the STEM SSS project received \$1,361,820. The programs are designed to improve retention, graduation and transfer rates among first-generation and low-income students and students with disabilities.

Participants receive academic tutoring, financial aid and scholarship guidance, career exploration, counseling and mentoring.

SSS staff also helped welcome incoming students during New Student Orientation, connecting students and families with campus technology, academic strategies and support resources before the fall semester began



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Higher Ed Day

A delegation of 67 Seminole State College representatives, including 38 students, traveled to the Oklahoma State Capitol on March 31, 2026, for Higher Education and Oklahoma's Promise Day. Students visited lawmakers' offices, heard from Sens. Grant Green and Darcy Jech and Reps. Danny Williams and Danny Sterling, and joined college students and leaders from across the state for a program in the House Chamber.





Rep. Brian Hill Tours SSC

Rep. Brian Hill visited Seminole State College on Nov. 19, 2025, as part of a tour of Oklahoma colleges and universities. During the visit, Hill met with community leaders to discuss rural economic development, infrastructure, housing and business growth. He also toured the Esports Lab, Nursing Simulation Lab, food pantry, developing paralegal law library and Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex, and met with members of the Native American Student Association.



Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Briefing

Four members of SSC's President's Leadership Class joined a delegation of 20 SSC supporters for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Briefing on Dec. 11, 2025, in Krebs. Attendees heard from state legislators, college presidents and Chancellor Sean Burrage about issues affecting higher education and the role colleges play in strengthening communities across southeastern Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Academy Town Hall

SSC sophomore Ethan Rich was one of 10 college and university students statewide selected to participate in the Oklahoma Academy Town Hall from Oct. 26-29, 2025. Rich attended alongside SSC President Lana Reynolds and Educational Foundation Chair Mark Schell. Participants worked with civic leaders, policymakers and community advocates to develop public policy recommendations focused on long-term community resilience following federal American Rescue Plan Act investments.





Denim Harris



Seminole State College honored the life of freshman baseball student-athlete Denim Harris during a candlelight vigil Oct. 21, 2025, at Lloyd Simmons Field inside the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex. Harris, an outfielder for the Trojans and a 2025 graduate of Mansfield Timberview High School in Texas, died Oct. 16, 2025, following a car accident. He was 18. More than 300 teammates, student-athletes, employees, family members and community sup-

porters attended the vigil.

On April 4, 2026, the Trojan baseball program retired Harris' No. 4 jersey during a ceremony at Lloyd Simmons Field. Head Coach Mack Chambers and members of the team presented Harris' parents, Toy Harper and David Harris, with a framed No. 4 jersey. In tribute, Harris' teammates wore No. 4 jerseys with his name on the back for one final game.

LEGACY, REMEMBRANCE AND FAMILY



Members of the 1976 Seminole Junior College Belles returned to the Raymond Harber Field House on Feb. 16, 2026, to celebrate the **50th anniversary of the College's first national team championship**. The NJCAA women's basketball national championships were recognized at halftime of the Belles' game against Northern Okla-

homa College-Tonkawa, with Head Coach Dixie Woodall and several members of the team in attendance.

The celebration recognized a program that helped shape women's athletics at SSC. The Belles program began in 1971 with support from a \$10,000 donation from the Blue Bell sewing plant, now Wrangler/Kontoor

Brands. A year before Title IX, Seminole became the first junior college in Oklahoma to award basketball scholarships to women. Woodall compiled a 390-97 record over 14 seasons, leading the Belles to the 1976 national title and national runner-up finishes in 1975 and 1977.

ATHLETICS

THREE TEAMS. THREE NATIONAL STAGES.



WOMEN'S SOCCER



SOFTBALL



BASEBALL

7th Consecutive National
Tournament Appearance

The SSC women's soccer team continued one of the strongest post-season runs in College history, earning its seventh consecutive appearance in the NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer National Tournament. The Trojans won the NJCAA Central Plains District title Nov. 1, 2025, in Enid after opening the district tournament with an 11-0 win over Murray State College and defeating Rose State College 4-0 in the championship match.

SSC entered the national tournament as the No. 2 seed and led NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer in scoring with 93 goals. At nationals, the Trojans defeated Laramie County Community College 1-0 on Nov. 16 and Navarro College 2-0 on Nov. 18 before falling 1-0 to Arizona Western in the semifinals on Nov. 20.

39-Game Winning Streak

The Trojan softball team put together one of the strongest seasons in program history, finishing with a 51-6 overall record and a 23-1 conference mark. During the season, SSC climbed to No. 7 in the national rankings and built a 39-game winning streak that came to an end in early May.

SSC won the NJCAA South Central District title in May 2026, defeating NEO 3-2 in the championship game at the CPN FireLake Ball Fields in Shawnee. The title sent the Trojans to the NJCAA Division I Softball JUCO World Series at Chocho-locco Park in Oxford, Alabama. At the World Series, SSC opened with a 5-4 win over Volunteer State Community College on May 25 before falling to Temple and Santa Fe College on May 28.

First JUCO World Series
Appearance **Since 2009**

The Trojan baseball team punched its ticket to the JUCO World Series by winning two games against St. Charles Community College in the NJCAA South Central District Tournament on May 15, 2026, at the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex. SSC won 11-5 and 19-5 to secure its berth in Grand Junction, Colorado.

At the JUCO World Series, the Trojans lost two close games, falling 16-15 to Walters State Community College on May 23 and 13-11 to Hartford Community College on May 24. SSC finished the season with a 48-14 record, captured the Region II title and won the South Central District championship, marking the program's first JUCO World Series appearance since 2009.



Head Coach Hannah Killian // **Win-Loss Record** 22-16



Head Coach Dan Hill // **Win-Loss Record** 17-2-2



Head Coach Rita Story-Schell // **WIN-LOSS RECORD** 17-11



Head Coach Austin Bogle // **WIN-LOSS RECORD** 20-11

SOFTBALL



Head Coach Amber Flores // **Win-Loss Record** 51-6

BASEBALL



Head Coach Mack Chambers // **Win-Loss Record** 48-14

MEN & WOMEN'S GOLF



Head Coach Ronnie Williamson

CROSS COUNTRY



Head Coach Ronnie Williamson

ACHIEVEMENTS

Seminole Chamber of Commerce Recognizes SSC Personnel

Four times during the academic year, the Seminole Chamber of Commerce recognizes two outstanding SSC employees. Honorees are nominated by supervisors and co-workers across campus.

October 2025



Health Sciences Office Manager Julie Mathews (left) and Professor of History Marta Osby (right).

December 2025



Assistant Professor of Life Science Leigh Ann Wilson (left) and Recruitment Specialist Maddy Potter (right).

February 2026



TRIO Office Manager Rejeanna Tidmore (left) and Associate Professor of Nursing Christine Clay (right).

April 2026



Language Arts and Humanities Division Chair Kelli McBride (left) and Director of Physical Plant Clint Robertson (right).

PR Team Earns Best of Show

The SSC Public Relations team earned Best of Show at the 2025 Oklahoma College Public Relations Association Annual Conference, held July 13-15 in Catoosa. Brooks Nickell and Josh Hutton won the top award for "Undercover President," a short video spoof of "Undercover Boss" featuring SSC President Lana Reynolds encouraging students to complete the FAFSA.



SSC Employees Recognized at Statewide Conference

Three SSC employees were honored at the 58th annual Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges Conference on Oct. 3, 2025, at Oklahoma City Community College. Dr. Deanna Miles was named SSC Faculty Member of the Year, Alecia Bailey was named Professional Staff Member of the Year and Alisha Riojas was named Support Staff Member of the Year. Several SSC employees also presented during the conference, sharing expertise on bias, testimonial marketing and professional support roles in higher education.



Eagle Scout Project Enhances Campus

Caleb Philips, a senior at The Academy of Seminole, completed a bridge reconstruction project near SSC's north pond as part of his Eagle Scout requirements. Philips, who graduated with both his high school diploma and an associate degree from SSC, used the project to improve a well-used campus area. He was also accepted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study nuclear engineering.



Business Students Win at ECU Competition

Five SSC business students competed at East Central University's Stonecipher School of Business on Nov. 12, 2025, and returned with multiple awards and cash prizes. The competition gave students the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in a business setting, present ideas and receive feedback from university faculty and business professionals.

Local Students Honored at OACC Awards Ceremony

Three area high school seniors and two SSC students were recognized at the All-Oklahoma Academic Team and Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges Presidents' Tuition Waiver Awards Ceremony at the Oklahoma State Capitol in the Oklahoma House of Representatives Chamber. SSC honored Gracie Gates of Butner Public Schools, Stevie Hogue of Strother High School and Kaitlyn Smith of Luther High School with the OACC President's Tuition Waiver. SSC students Laura Suthers of Earlsboro and William Heard of Konawa were also recognized as members of the All-Oklahoma Academic Team.





Reynolds Named Oklahoma Academy Chair

SSC President Lana Reynolds was named chair of the Oklahoma Academy for 2026, succeeding previous chair BancFirst President and CEO Darryl Schmidt. Reynolds assumed the role Jan. 16 in Oklahoma City. The statewide organization brings together leaders from business, education, government and nonprofit sectors to study public policy issues and develop recommendations for Oklahoma's future.



Tracy Jacomo Receives Emeritus Status

The SSC Board of Regents approved emeritus status for retired Associate Professor of Sociology Tracy Jacomo (right) on March 26, 2026. Jacomo was recognized for 26 years of service to Seminole State College, where she taught sociology and contributed to the academic development of generations of students. Following the Board Meeting, she was congratulated by SSC Board of Regents Chair Marci Donaho (left).



Wapskineh Represents SSC at Nigh Leadership Academy

SSC freshman Alivia Wapskineh of McLoud represented the College at the George and Donna Nigh Leadership Academy, held Feb. 7-10, 2026, in Oklahoma City. Wapskineh joined student leaders from across the state for four days of leadership development, civic engagement and service-focused activities, including visits to the First Americans Museum, Oklahoma City National Memorial, Oklahoma History Center and Oklahoma State Capitol.



Faculty Present on Accessibility

Assistant Professor of STEM Dr. Deanna Miles and Associate Professor of English Yasminda Choate represented SSC at the 48th annual AHEAD Conference in Denver. The faculty members presented on SSC's work to make courses and programs accessible for all learners. NASNTI Computer Science Specialist Alecia Bailey also attended the conference, which focused on accessibility, accommodations and inclusive practices in higher education.



Student-Athletes Achieve Academic Honors

Fifty-two SSC student-athletes earned NJCAA Academic All-American honors for the 2024-25 academic year. Five teams also achieved cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or higher: Women's Golf, Women's Soccer, Volleyball, Softball and Baseball.



Pringle Elected OCPRA President

Director of Community Relations Kim Pringle was elected president of the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association during the organization's monthly board meeting on July 15, 2025. Her selection placed SSC in a statewide leadership role within the organization for higher education communications professionals.



Miles Receives Tenure

The SSC Board of Regents approved tenure status for STEM Assistant Professor Dr. Deanna Miles during its May 21, 2026, meeting. Miles teaches Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with lab and helps coordinate campuswide efforts related to SSC's continued accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission. She serves as chair of the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Committee, mentors biology degree students, sits on the Faculty Senate and is a member of the Distance Education and Assessment committees. Miles also served as Faculty Senate president during the 2024-25 academic year.

President's Leadership Class Graduates Recognized

Sophomore members of SSC's President's Leadership Class were honored during an April 28, 2026, luncheon marking their completion of the two-year leadership program. The honorees included Hannah Upchurch, Jailey Battles, Summer Wallis, Tully Gildon, Ethan Rich, Hunter Gibson, Carter Sterling, Brayden Harpole, Gavin Williams and Bradley Ruby.



Knowles Named COSA Chair

Dr. Bill Knowles, SSC Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, was named chair of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Council on Student Affairs for 2026-27. The council provides leadership and collaboration on issues related to student services, campus life, and enrollment.



Juhasz Nominated for National Book Award Consideration

SSC Assistant Professor of English Paul Juhasz's latest poetry collection, *Katabasis*, was nominated for consideration for the 2026 National Book Award in Poetry. Published by Turning Plow Press, *Katabasis* is Juhasz's sixth book and explores grief, memory and recovery through the ancient concept of a descent into the world below. The National Book Foundation will announce its 2026 longlists, featuring 10 titles in each category, Sept. 15-17, 2026.

COMMUNITY



A League of Their Own

SSC continued to support A League of Their Own, a co-ed softball league for individuals with cognitive or physical disabilities. The league opened its season March 30, 2026, at the Avedis Foundation Adaptive Field, with members of the SSC baseball team assisting players throughout the event. SSC softball and women's soccer student-athletes also volunteered with the league on April 29. Fifty-four athletes participated in the league this season.



Leadership Development Food Drive

SSC's 2025 Leadership Development class organized a campus food drive from Oct. 6-20, 2025, collecting more than 400 boxed, canned and microwaveable food items for the Salvation Army. The effort received support from the Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa and the SSC volleyball team, demonstrating the College's continued commitment to service in the local community.



SSC Hosts Military and Veteran Resource Fair

SSC hosted its third annual Military and Veteran Resource Fair on Nov. 6, 2025, in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The event connected veterans and active-duty service members with organizations offering support in areas such as health care, disability claims, employment, education benefits and mental health.



Health Care Access for Students

SSC partnered with The Clinic to expand health care access for students beginning with the spring 2026 semester. Located just blocks from campus at 2249 Boren Boulevard, The Clinic provides students with access to preventive and primary care. The partnership was designed to reduce barriers to affordable health care and support student wellness beyond the classroom.



Business Support Strengthens Campus

Seminole State College and Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative received the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in spring 2026. The award recognized the organizations' work to support campus safety, student development and community engagement. Through the partnership, CVEC donated and installed an electrical pole that expanded the reach of SSC's emergency siren system.



Sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossing Partnership

At its Dec. 18, 2025, meeting, the SSC Board of Regents approved a partnership with Seminole Public Schools and the City of Seminole to pursue a Transportation Alternatives Program grant. The proposed project would provide sidewalks and a pedestrian crossing between the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex, Seminole High School and Seminole State College. Seminole City Manager Steve Saxon attended the meeting to provide background on the project.



Gifts for Local Children

SSC employees and students continued the College's longstanding Angel Tree tradition in December 2025, providing gifts for 25 local children in need.



Shared Library Services MOU

Rose State College, Redlands Community College and Seminole State College signed a memorandum of understanding June 2, 2026, to share professional library services beginning July 1, 2026. Under the agreement, Rose State will provide a qualified librarian to serve as librarian of record for Redlands and SSC. The partnership supports accreditation, library planning, assessment, research services, information literacy and resource sharing



Veteran Appreciation

Beginning on Veterans Day, SSC students, faculty, staff and administrators signed holiday cards for veterans across Oklahoma. A total of 250 cards were delivered to the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City

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Julie Hix
Comptroller
19 Years



Tina Savage
Talent Search Advisor
25 Years



Dr. Ricky Streight
Professor of STEM
18 Years

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Administrative Operations*
25 Years



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IT Technician
20 Years



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20 Years



Kelli McBride
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20 Years

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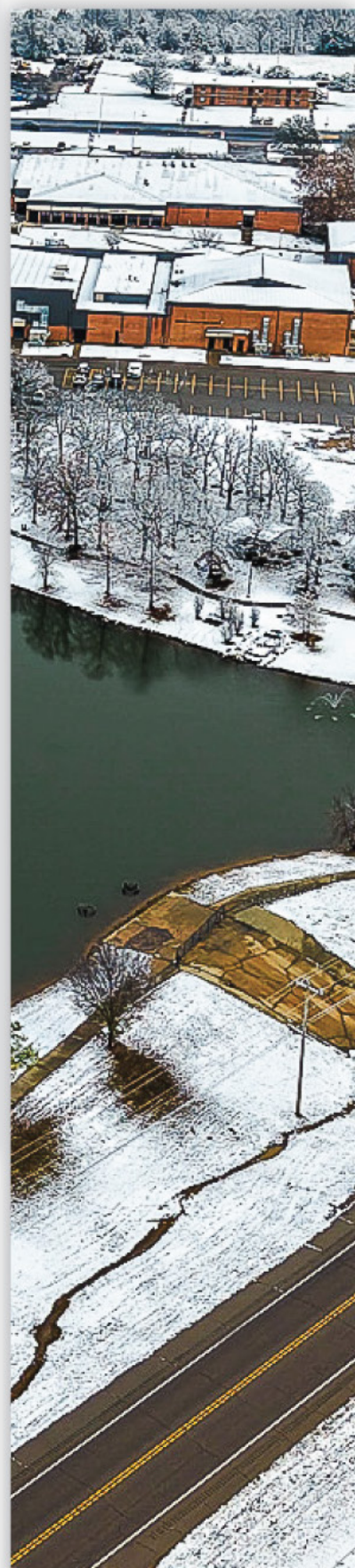


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