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College Provides Gifts to Local Children



Seminole State College employees recently provided gifts to 26 children participating in the Angel Tree programs sponsored by the Salvation Army and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. The Angel Tree program connects donors with children in need. SSC employees purchased clothing and toys

and donated the items. Providing gifts to children in the Angel Tree program has been an annual tradition at SSC since 1997. Pictured: Testing Coordinator Lauren Early, President's Office Manager Tisha Simon and Student Affairs Administrative Assistant Toni Wittman prepare the gifts to be delivered.



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

Here you'll find important updates, CARES Act scholarship information, mental health resources and links to Centers for Disease Control data. Explore the Response Page [here](#).



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

Athletes Wrap Gifts for Rotary Dinner



Seminole State College student-athletes and coaches volunteered their time at the beginning of December to wrap more than 200 gifts for the annual Earl Knowles free community Christmas dinner, organized by the Seminole Rotary Club.

The presents wrapped by SSC athletes were distributed at the community dinner on Sunday, December 25 at the Senior Citizen's Heritage House at 210 W. College.



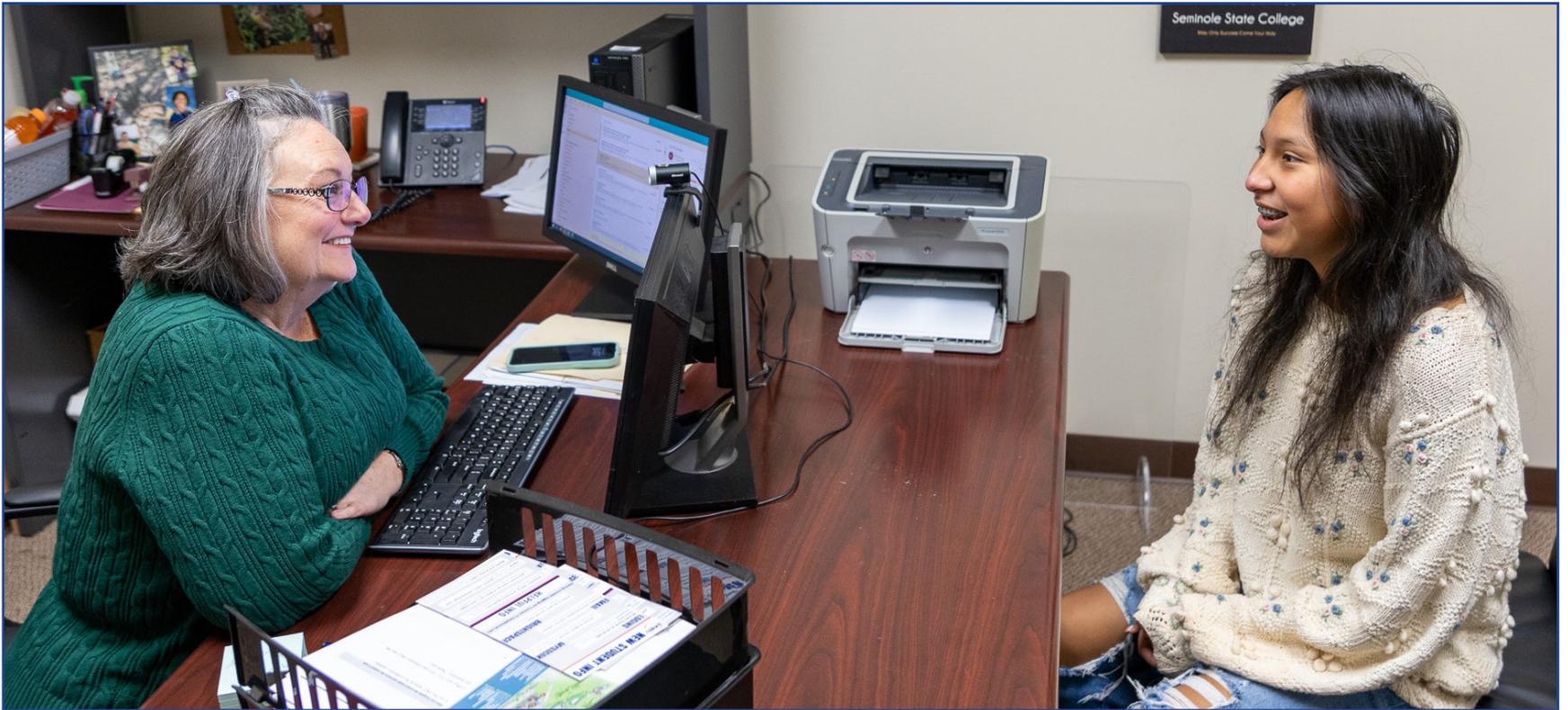
SSC Delivers Holiday Cards to VA Hospital

Starting on Veterans Day, November 11 through Nov. 30, SSC students, faculty, staff, community supporters, and administration signed thank you and happy holiday messages on festive cards, which in turn were delivered to veterans in the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City. This year more than 200 cards were signed with heartfelt notes of apprecia-

tion and holiday cheer.

Professor of History Marta Osby (right), who initiated this project and oversees it annually, delivered the cards to Chief Melissa Overfield (left), who in charge of Voluntary Services at the VA Hospital in OKC.

SSC Extends Office Hours as Students Enroll for Spring



SSC Advisor Carmen Hutchins (left) helps Tianah Tucker (right), of Shawnee, enroll for the Spring Semester.

Seminole State College's spring semester is set to begin Monday, Jan. 9. Special extended office hours will take place to provide students extra time and flexibility to enroll for the 2023 spring semester. While classes begin Jan. 9, enrollment remains open for the spring semester through Jan. 13.

Extended enrollment hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Jan. 5; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 6; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7.

For help with enrollment, students may visit with advisors in person inside the Walkingstick Student Services Center – located just on Highway 9 on the south side of campus – or call 405-382-9797. Current students may enroll with their assigned academic advisor.

In addition to the regular term courses, SSC also offers online, 8-week, evening and Saturday courses. Class schedules are available on the College's website at sscok.edu.

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Nursing Program Graduates Recognized at Pinning Ceremony



Nursing graduates pictured (left to right):

Back Row: LeRhonda Jessop, Sara Thompson, Jolena Hardin, Breanne Kobylinski, James Winn, Madison Smith, Audra Williams, Jeanna Gordon, Jordan Kerr

Middle Row: Stormy Davis, Delanie Canada, Parker Ford, Alexa Newton, Kimrey Mathews, Kayla Schweigert, Elida Silva, Jessica Morris, Jalynn Crabtree

Front Row: Tina Buckmaster, Abigail Gilliam, Tara Gaines-Manship, Hayley Dale, Tosha Johnson, Casey Visnieski and Stephanie Newburn



Jeanna Gordon (right) celebrates her graduation with her daughter, Harlow Evans (left), at the pinning ceremony on Dec. 8 at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

Seminole State College held a pinning ceremony at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on Dec. 8 for 25 nursing students expected to meet degree requirements this semester.

Due to the program's continued growth, this marked the fourth year the College has hosted a pinning ceremony in the fall. Graduates from both the traditional program and the fully online program that launched last year participated in the program.

Educational Foundation Hosts Holiday Fundraiser



The Seminole State College Educational foundation hosted its annual holiday reception and fundraiser on Dec. 9 at the Reynolds Wellness Center. More than 100 people were in attendance. Do-

nations from the campus community, local businesses and friends of the College helped the Foundation raise over \$22,000.



Board of Regents Approve Micro-Credentialing Agreements with Local Businesses

The Seminole State College Board of Regents approved a number of memorandum of understanding documents with businesses participating in the College's new micro-credentialing program and approved the 2023-2024 academic calendar at their meeting on Dec. 15.

As the meeting opened, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Melanie Rinehart presented the financial report. Then President Lana Reynolds provided an update on personnel, enrollment and campus activities since the Board last met.

Then the regents reviewed and approved memorandum of understanding documents with BancFirst of Seminole and Enviro for their participation in SSC's micro-credentialing program. Micro-credentials are short-term, post-secondary credentials comprised of a coherent set of measurable non-credit bearing activities or projects and/or up to nine hours of credit bearing courses that provide specific career critical skills, competencies and knowledge that can be readily transferred to the workplace.

This initiative also includes the implementation of digital badging so that the learners can share their training and employers have a verified credential that can be accessed electronically.

The Board also approved the renewal of a maintenance agreement with Jenzabar, who provides the College's software operating system.

The Board then approved the calendar for the 2023-2024 academic year, the annual report on student assessment and several academic program reviews.

These standard items are presented to the Board prior to submission to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Regents present at the meeting were Chair Ryan Pitts, Marci Donaho, Kim Hyden, Curtis Morgan and Robyn Ready.

The Board of Regents will convene for their next meeting on Jan. 19, 2023.

Campus Life

More Than 40 Teams Compete in SSC Shooting Club Event



The Seminole State College Shooting Sports Club hosted its Second Annual Fundraiser Shoot on Dec. 2. The event took place at Clay Bird Sports in Bethel Acres and featured more than 40 teams, competing in High School Junior, High School Senior, and Open divisions for Sporting Clays. Seminole State Agriculture Assistant Professor Wendy Rich and Social Sciences Professor Jeffrey Christiansen serve as the club's faculty sponsors and organized the event, along with club members Turner Dean, Mark Ellis, and Logan Jones. Proceeds from the fundraiser will allow the club to compete in regional and national competitions.

Chamber of Commerce Honors Two SSC Employees

Two Seminole State College employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication during the monthly Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum on Dec. 8. Assistant Professor of Art Lynette Atchley was honored as “Faculty Member of the Month” and NASNTI Student Support Specialist Kay Wallace as “Staff Member of the Month.”

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, along with the Lions Club, recognize SSC employees several times during Forum each year. Individuals are nominated from across the campus and chosen by SSC administrators to receive the honor.

Atchley began her work as an adjunct professor at SSC in 2016. In the spring of 2021, she was selected for the full-time Assistant Professor of Art position. She teaches studio art courses, as well as the lecture-based courses of Art History and Art Appreciation.

She received her bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts from the University of Central Oklahoma and her master’s degree in Fine Arts from the University of Texas in San Antonio with an emphasis in the studio art disciplines of ceramics, drawing and sculpture.

Atchley is the sponsor of the Seminole



The Seminole Chamber of Commerce recognized NASNTI Student Support Specialist Kay Wallace (left) as the “Staff Member of the Month” and Assistant Professor of Art Lynette Atchley as the “Faculty Member of the Month” at their forum on Dec. 8.

State College Art Club and an active member of both the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition and the Seminole Arts Council.

She and her husband Frank make their home in Shawnee. They have two sons, Clancy, seven, and Grady, five.

Wallace has worked at SSC for ten years. As the Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions Student Support

Specialist, she coordinates the College’s accessibility lab, manages student seminars, and helps organize professional development workshops and cultural events.

She received her bachelor’s degree in Home Economics from East Central University, her master’s degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix, and her master’s de-

gree in Grant Writing and Management from Concordia University.

Wallace is actively involved in the community. She works with the Cornerstone Baptist Church Women’s Mission. She is a member of the Philanthropy Education Organization and serves on the Seminole Nation Museum board. She resides in Wewoka.