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Area Students Honored at Conference



Area students were recognized for their academic achievements at the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges annual conference held in Oklahoma City last week. Current Seminole State College student Rufus Reed from Okemah and Wetumka High School Senior Kasey Sanders were awarded scholarships to attend SSC from the organization. SSC sophomore James Watkins of Tecumseh received recognition as a member of the All-Oklahoma Academic Team. Reed, Sanders, Watkins and Thompson are pictured with SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback at the awards ceremony.

Lieutenant Governor Visits Campus

Oklahoma Lt. Governor Mary Fallin visited with students and staff members at Seminole State College at a reception hosted by the SSC Student Government Association. Pictured (left to right) are: Seminole State College SGA Adviser Cynthia Yerby; SGA Vice President Samantha Simmons of Tecumseh; Lt. Governor Mary Fallin; and SGA member Debbie Lee of Stuart. The event was held in the David L. Boren Library on the SSC campus. Fallin, who is a candidate for the U.S. Congressional 5th District seat, visited a civic club, schools and several area businesses while in Seminole.



SSC Crowns Homecoming Queen

Lacy Lansdown of Dewey, Okla., was crowned the 2006 Seminole State College homecoming queen during the half-time of the men's basketball game against Northern Oklahoma State College on Thursday.

Six candidates were vying for the title. Brittiany Clonch of Ada, Okla., was named first runner-up, and Erin James of Tecumseh, Okla., was chosen as second runner-up.

Lansdown is a sophomore majoring in criminal justice. A member of the SSC Lady Trojan softball team, she is the daughter of Allen and the late Myrna Lansdown. She was escorted by Jimmy Pike of Perkins, Okla. Pike, the son of James and Cindy Pike, is a member of the SSC Trojan baseball team.

Clonch is a freshman business major. She is a member of the SSC Belles basketball team and is the

daughter of Melton and Vicky Clonch. She was escorted by Josh Chappell from Guthrie, Okla. He is the son of Jeff and Debbie Chappell.

James is business major at SSC. She is a member of the Student Voice for Service Learning Committee and the daughter of Kelly McGirt. She was escorted by Joe Colmenares of Seminole, Okla. Colmenares is the son of Ivan and Ethel Colmenares.

The remaining three members of the homecoming court were Amanda Green, Brianne Chesser and Ashley Greene.

Green is a physical science major from Shawnee, Okla. She is the daughter of Fred and Donna Green. She was escorted by Kelvin Diazferimin of San Diego, Calif.

Chesser is a speech and language pathology major from Stroud, Okla. She is the daughter of Kevin and Pamela

Chesser. Sawyer Carroll of Henryetta, Okla., served as her escort. Carroll is a member of the Trojan baseball team and the son of the late Tom and Marilyn Carroll.

Greene is a pharmacy major from Del City, Okla. She was escorted by Anthony Bowie of Spencer, Okla. He is the son of Rochelle and Emmitt Jones.

The queen was presented her crown and plaque by Student Government Association President Miranda White, a sophomore from Shawnee, Okla.

Flower girl for the homecoming ceremony was Rhiannon Barber, the five-year-old daughter of Rebecca Barber and Wes Kirby of Shawnee, Okla. Crown bearer for the ceremony was Colten White, the six-year-old son of Miranda White of Shawnee, Okla., and Starsky White of Paden, Okla.



(Below:) 2006 SSC Homecoming Queen Lacy Lansdown is crowned by her escort, Jimmy Pike.

The 2006 SSC Homecoming Court. Front Row (l to r): Crown bearer Colten White and Flower girl Rhiannon Barber. Second Row (seated l to r): Ashley Greene, Amanda Green, Queen Lacy Lansdown, Brittiany Clonch, Brianne Chesser and Erin James. Third Row (standing l to r): Anthony Bowie, Kelvin Diazferimin, Jimmy Pike, Josh Chappell, Sawyer Carroll and Joe Colmenares.

SSC Regents Hold February Meeting

The Seminole State College Board of Regents met for their February meeting and voted to extend the contract of current SSC President Dr. James Utterback.

The Board voted to award the President a six percent increase in salary effective January 1, 2006. This percentage raise mirrors action taken by the Regents in January, 2005. They also awarded Utterback a \$5,000 bonus for 2005.

Board Vice Chair David Wilson, presiding in Chair Derrill Cody's absence, said that the Board was extremely pleased with Utterback's service as President of the College. Referring to comments made by Cody at the January meeting, Wilson said, "The words our Chairman spoke last month are echoed by each of us on the Board."

During January's meeting, the annual consideration of terms of employment of Utterback was tabled until a Compensation Committee comprised of Regents Derrill Cody, David Wilson and Jon Flowers could meet. The committee reviewed salaries and benefits of other two-year college presidents across

the state and the region.

Utterback thanked the Board and stated that he was honored to serve as President. "I am appreciative of the support of the Board. Everything we accomplish at Seminole State College is done because we have great people associated with this institution. I am proud to be a part of a team that includes wonderful faculty, staff, students, Regents and community leaders," Utterback said.

During the President's report to the board, Utterback highlighted several events and activities that took place at the college over the last month. The President invited the Regents to attend Higher Education Day at the Capitol scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15, and gave an update on the renovation of the Mirror Room in the SSC Student Union. Utterback told the board about SSC Educational Foundation member Sue Snodgrass being named Seminole's "Citizen of the Year" at the annual Seminole Chamber banquet.

He also pointed out that several other Trustees of the College's Educational Foundation provide voluntary

leadership in several area communities. Mentioned were: 2005 Seminole Chamber President Mark Schell; 2006 Seminole Chamber President Kenneth Henderson; Mayor of Wewoka John Hargrave; 2005 Shawnee Chamber President Bob Weaver; 2006 Prague Chamber President Harvey Robinson and Prague Chamber President-Elect Steve Bagwell.

The President also discussed the success of the Trojan Baseball Diamond Dinner and the BancFirst Heroes Banquet held in the SSC Haney Center.

In the consent agenda, the board voted to approve the application for a CLEET certified COPS program, accepted the Fall 2005 Academic Profile Test and accepted the Fall 2005 "Face of the Future" survey report.

Board members present at the meeting included: David Wilson, William Harrison, Jr., Roger Nansel, Jon Flowers, Bill Huser and Marci Donaho.

The SSC Board of Regents' next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2006.

SSC Attends Higher Education Day

A large delegation of campus and community leaders representing Seminole State College attended "Higher Education Day" at the State Capitol, Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The event, sponsored by the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma, is held annually to demonstrate grass-roots support for Higher Education funding.

A morning session was held in the chamber of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Speakers included HEACO Vice President Edd Painter, Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Chancellor Dr. Paul Risser, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chairperson Cheryl Hunter, Oklahoma State House of Representatives Speaker of the House Todd Hiatt, Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry and Seminole State College President Dr. James Utterback.

Utterback, who currently serves as Chair of the Council of Presidents for Oklahoma colleges and universities, introduced the Governor as the keynote speaker for the program.

Higher Education Day activities included office visits with area legislators at the Capitol. A luncheon hosted by the College in the Bricktown area of Oklahoma City was attended by Lt. Governor Mary Fallin, Senator Harry Coates (R-Seminole), Representative Ryan Kiesel (D-Seminole), and Representative Shane Jett (R-Tecumseh).



ABOVE: SSC students, faculty, staff and community leaders visit the Oklahoma State Capitol on Higher Education Day.



BELOW: State Representative Shane Jett (R-Tecumseh), State Representative Ryan Kiesel (D-Seminole), Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin, State Senator Harry Coates (R-Seminole) and SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback attended a luncheon hosted by Seminole State College following activities at the Capitol on Higher Education Day.

Hide and Seek

Can You Find the Hidden Word?

Congratulations to Tami Perez of Valley Food Services for finding the hidden word in the February COLLEGIAN!

The word GREEN is hidden somewhere in this publication. The first person to report his/her findings in person, will receive a FREE 20 oz. Seminole State College insulated car mug from the SSC Bookstore. The mug can be continually refilled in the SSC food court for a discounted rate of 50 cents!

Participants must report their findings to the SSC Media Relations Office, in person, on the first floor of the SSC Haney Center. The winner will also be pictured in the April COLLEGIAN.

All readers are eligible. Participants are limited to one win per semester. The type of contest is subject to change every month. Good luck, SSC Fans!!!

February COLLEGIAN "Hide and Seek" winner, Tami Perez