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Three Inducted into Seminole State Alumni Hall of Fame



Berg

The Seminole State College Educational Foundation's annual recognition banquet, in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center, will include recognition of outstanding college alumni, students and staff.

Former students, Rick Berg, OG&E Director of Construction Services, Oklahoma State Senator Harry Coates and Native American artist, Tony Tiger, were inducted into the Seminole State College Alumni Hall of Fame.

This year's honorees join 48 other former students in the Hall of Fame. Nominations are accepted each year from faculty, staff, members of the SSC Educational Foundation and the public for induction.

Recipients of the honor are selected for their achievements while attending the college and contributions they have made in their professional careers which bring pride to the institution.

Career milestones of SSC employees were also noted at



Senator Coates

the event. Jeff Cox, Chair of the Language Arts Division is completing 25 years of service to the institution. Social Science instructor Tracey Jacomo is marking her 20th year at SSC.

Three long-time employees will retire this spring. Mathematics instructor Larry Birdwell, Social Science instructor Dr. Richard Wood and Nursing and Health Sciences Division secretary Jo Ann DeArmond were recognized for their service.

Leaders of major campus organizations during the past academic year received awards of appreciation for their service. English Instructor, Christian Morgan, has been president of the Faculty Senate. Mona Ridley, Human Resources Director, has served as the president of the Professional Staff Council.

The Classified Staff Association has been led by Cindy Guinn, secretary to the Vice President for Institutional Advancement. The



Tiger

president of the Student Government Association has been Cedar Shirey, a sophomore from Shawnee.

Proceeds of the banquet will go to the SSC Educational Foundation. The SSC Educational Foundation, Inc., was created in 1972 "to supply aid for charitable, benevolent, educational, scientific and literary purposes," according to the foundation's articles of incorporation.

Members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees are: Chair Mark Schell, Vice Chair Kenneth Henderson, Steve Bagwell, Chris Clark, Kelly Cook, Chief Kelly Haney, Jim Hardin, John Hargrove, Blake Hargrove, Dave Hill, Doug Humphreys, Gary Kinslow, Mike Langley, Tim Mathews, Curtis Morgan, Bill Parsons, Kenny Pryor, Jeremy Rich, Harvey Robinson, Paige Sheffield, Ed Smith, Sue Snodgrass, Bob Swearingen, Ben Walkingstick, Darlene Wallace and Bob Weaver.

Owens Attends Nigh Leadership Conference



Seminole State College Freshman, Ashley Owens, was selected to attend the five-day Nigh Public Service Leadership Academy in Oklahoma City in early April. Pictured left to right is Former First Lady Donna Nigh and Ashley Owens.

Seminole State College student Ashley Owens of Shawnee was one of 30 Oklahoma college and university students selected to attend the Nigh Institute Leadership Conference recently held in Oklahoma City.

Owens received a 2009 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, as well as attended sessions concerning Oklahoma's local government, government relations,

the national election, public policy, and Oklahoma's economic future.

"It really inspired me to get involved in my state and be proud to be a part of making a difference in Oklahoma," said Owens. "I left inspired."

The students also had time to enjoy some of Oklahoma City's numerous attractions. They toured the Governor's Mansion, the Oklahoma History Center and the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum and heard remarks from the Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Jari Askins.

In addition, the group had the opportunity to attend briefings from the Oklahoma Supreme Court, House of Representatives and Senate.

Owens, a freshman from Shawnee, is active in several campus groups and volunteers for many service projects. She is the President of Phi Theta Kappa, member of Sigma Kappa Delta, and volunteer for the Shawnee Rescue Mission and Celebrate Recovery.

SSC's Medical Laboratory Technology held Open House April 22



SSC Medical Laboratory Students during the MLT Open house held April 22.

Seminole State College's Medical Laboratory Technology Department hosted an Open House on Wednesday, April 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Open House took place at the south end of Tanner Hall on the SSC campus in the MLT Laboratory, Room 505. "This event celebrated National Medical Laboratory Week, which honors all medical professionals in the laboratory technology field," said MLT Director Perthena Latchaw.

Everyone was invited to use the opportunity to find out what goes on behind the scenes in a laboratory.

Aspiring students were also invited to attend and find out what it takes to be a part of this program.

SSC and Wewoka Industrial Authority Partnership Honored



(l to r) Larry Smith, SSC Rural Business and Resources Center; Brian Cain, Wewoka Industries; Tara Morgan, Wewoka Chamber of Commerce; Mark Mosley, City Manager and Wewoka Industrial Authority; Dr. Jim Utterback, SSC President; and Sid Hudson, OSRHE Vice Chancellor were recognized at a ceremony for the economic development partnership between SSC and Wewoka Industrial Authority.

Seminole State College and Wewoka Industrial Authority were among 21 education and business partnerships honored during an Economic Development Partnership Recognition program held April 14. The Economic Development Partnership Recognition program honors outstanding partnerships that lead to significant contributions in educating and developing Oklahoma's workforce.

The joint efforts of Seminole State College, the Wewoka Industrial Authority and leaders of the city of Wewoka have resulted in

the creation of a business incubator in a vacant building that formerly housed Big Yank in downtown Wewoka.

This partnership enabled Round-House Overalls to start a satellite sewing plant in a newly-remodeled 10,000 square-foot portion of the building. Wewoka provided the funds to remodel and invested over \$80,000 dollars for paint, walls and heat and air equipment for the facility. Round-House opened for business with 12 new employees and currently is employing 19.

A second company landed in

the incubator in 2008. A new metal fabricator for heat and air equipment leased 10,000 square-feet in the north end and currently has two employees working out of the space.

The partnership also succeeded with the expansion of TMC, a local company that manufactures orifice fittings used for the flow measurement of gas and other hydrocarbons in the oil, gas and petrochemical industry.

The Wewoka Industrial Authority, USDA and SSC's Rural Business and Resources Center secured a \$100,000 grant and a \$200,000 loan to help make this expansion possible, as well as added 10 new jobs.

"The partnership between Seminole State College and the Wewoka Industrial Authority has been extremely beneficial in establishing and growing businesses in this area. We are proud of our partnership and pleased that our joint efforts have been recognized by the State Regents," said SSC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds.

To learn more about the Partnership Recognition Program visit www.okhighered.org/eco-devo.

SSC Honors Three Retiring Employees



Larry Birdwell
Mathematics Instructor



Dr. Richard Wood
Social Science Instructor



JoAnn DeArmond
Nursing & Health Sciences Secretary

Seminole State President's Leadership Class Students Tour Prison



Members of the President's Leadership at Seminole State College recently toured the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester. Pictured left to right (front row) are: Taylor Wassam, Dani Trueblood, Link Dearing; (middle row) Jim Hardin, Becky Tiger, Shalan Tyra, Jessica Schimmel, Chance Marsey, Calli Wood, Jalisa Miles, Chelsea Smith, Nash McMurtrey, Lana Reynolds; (back row) Bill Hobia, Cherise Taylor, Matt Smith, Michelle Jones, Steven Gomez, John Tonubbee, Cody Barlow and Jared Whitlock.

Members of the Seminole State College President's Leadership Class toured the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester recently as part of their leadership development activities.

The leadership students visited with prison officials and toured the maximum security facility in an effort to learn about challenges the State of Oklahoma faces in funding and operating its corrections system.

SSC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds, who serves as a sponsor of the PLC program, said the prison tour was an informative and sobering experience.

"The outstanding students in this program have had some great opportunities throughout the year to meet with state leaders, learn about philanthropy, study leadership styles and volunteer their time. The experience in McAlester introduced them to some important issues facing our state. They learned about the realities of a system trying to deal with incarcerating criminals, carrying out death sentences, and even feeding an inmate population on very limited funding," Reynolds said.

"As future leaders of our state, they will most certainly deal with corrections issues. We hope the experience afforded them recently

in McAlester will make them better informed and equipped to make decisions and influence public policy," she said.

The PLC group was accompanied on the prison tour by Reynolds, Mechell Downey from the SSC President's office and SSC Educational Foundation Trustee Jim Hardin. Hardin, spent 15 years in law enforcement prior to becoming an elected county official, and served 13 of those years as a member of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

Hardin shared with the students his OHP experiences during the 1973 prison riot in McAlester. According to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections' website (www.doc.state.ok.us), the riot was the most costly in the history of the nation at the time. Damage was estimated to be between \$20 million and \$40 million.

The President's Leadership program at Seminole State College was established in 2007 to provide educational classroom and extracurricular activities to enhance leadership skills of students.

School officials throughout the college's service area of Seminole, Lincoln, Pottawatomie, Hughes and Okfuskee counties are invited by SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback to nominate high school seniors as candidates for the scholarship program each year. Participants are selected based on ACT scores, academic performance and demonstrated leadership ability.



**Come support our graduating students!
Commencement will held on
May 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the
Raymond Harbor Field House.**

Seminole State College Native American Student Association Hosts Pow Wow

Seminole State College's Native American Student Association hosted a spring powwow on the SSC campus April 11. Over 400 community members, students and dancers joined together for the event. Supporters from Oklahoma, several surrounding states and as far as South Dakota were in attendance.

Three former presidents volunteered their time at the all day event. Ben Little (1999) served as head gourd dancer, Kevin Fields (2000) served as head man dancer and Nick Wahpepah (2002) sat at drum.

A powwow is a traditional gathering of family, friends and community members. During the evening session, several competitive dances took place.

"All of this emphasizes the

continuity that NASA, Seminole State College students and their families provide our institution," said Marie Dawson, NASA faculty adviser. "They, and their commitment, are key elements in the dynamic progress of our college."

Male dancers competed in grass dance, men's southern straight dance, men's northern traditional dance and fancy war dance. Women dancers competed in the jingle dress dance, ladies southern cloth dance, ladies traditional buckskin dance and ladies fancy shawl dance.

"In the eleven years it has been my honor to serve as sponsor of NASA I have time and time again witnessed members, friends, families and community members all give freely and willingly of their time and talents to bring excellence

to every project NASA members choose to undertake," said Dawson. "This powwow was a great example of what this student organization can accomplish."

Cedar Shirey, President of NASA; Shelly Watson-Howell, Director of the SSC Native Americans Serving Non-Tribal Institutions Grant Program; Ted Hurt, SSC Printshop Manager; Samantha Coon, 2005 NASA President; and Elise Little were tremendous assets to the success of the event.

SSC NASA awarded over \$4,500 in prize money, gifts of appreciation and dinner for all attendees. Funds were raised by the support of NASA students, members of the campus community, various nations, vendors and community businesses.



Henderson, Roesler and Smart Families Honored at Ribbon Cutting



Three families who have been long-time supporters of Seminole State College were honored during a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated park and pond area in front of the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on Tuesday, April 28.

The college dedicated Henderson Park, Roesler Trails and the J. Smart Family Foundation Pavilion during a 2:30 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony. The public was invited to attend the brief outdoor ceremony.

Henderson Park was named in honor of Kenneth and Rose Henderson who have spearheaded the efforts to build the park.

“The Hendersons have given an immense amount of time, money and energy to the improvements in the park surrounding the campus pond,” said Dr. Jim Utterback, President of Seminole State College. “They have also traveled the state purchasing over 200 trees and shrubs which they personally helped plant on campus.”

Utterback also noted that they provided partial funding to

rebuild the pond dam, purchase a 40-foot walking bridge, build sidewalks, construct a small foot bridge and purchase nine bronze statues for the area.

The walking/jogging trail which circles the pond was named in honor of Leilani Roesler and her late husband Dennis. The Roeslers provided a lead gift to help renovate and landscape the area around the pond. Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Roesler has continued to support the project, as well as a student scholarship program, through the SSC Educational Foundation.

Additional improvements to the park were made through the generosity of the J. Smart Family Foundation of Wewoka. Led by Jim and John Smart, the Foundation was responsible for the purchase of “The Guardian” statue created by renowned artist and Chief of the Seminole Nation Enoch Kelly Haney. The 7-foot statue, which is placed on peninsula of the pond, is the artist’s proof of the “The Guardian” which sits atop the Oklahoma State Capitol dome in

Oklahoma City.

The brief ceremony included the raising of the American flag on a new 50-foot flagpole and the cutting of a ribbon on Henderson Park, Roesler Trails and J. Smart Family Foundation Pavilion. Representatives of the families being honored were on hand for the ceremonial planting of a 20-foot Blue Atlas Spruce tree.

Following the ceremony, guests were invited to enjoy refreshments and explore the new park and trails.



It's Baseball Playoff Tournament Time!

Region II Baseball Tournament May 7-10
in Bartlesville.

For scores and game times go to www.sscok.edu
or call the SSC Sports Hotline at 382-9600.



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SPRING 2009 SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE

MAY 11, 12, 13, 14

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009

<u>Regular Class Meets</u>		<u>Test Schedule</u>	<u>Day</u>
8:00 a.m.	MWF	8:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Monday
10:00 a.m.	MWF	10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Monday
12:00 noon	MWF	12:00 noon – 1:50 p.m.	Monday

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

<u>Regular Class Meets</u>		<u>Test Schedule</u>	<u>Day</u>
7:30 a.m. or 7:45 a.m.	TTH	8:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Tuesday
8:00 a.m.	TTH	8:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Tuesday
10:50 a.m.	TTH	11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Tuesday
1:40 p.m.	TTH	1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Tuesday

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

<u>Regular Class Meets</u>		<u>Test Schedule</u>	<u>Day</u>
9:00 a.m.	MWF	8:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Wednesday
11:00 a.m.	MWF	10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Wednesday
1:00 p.m.	MWF	12:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Wednesday
2:00 p.m.	MWF	2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Wednesday
3:00 p.m.	MWF	4:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.	Wednesday

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

<u>Regular Class Meets</u>		<u>Test Schedule</u>	<u>Day</u>
9:25 a.m.	TTH	9:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Thursday
12:15 p.m.	TTH	12:00 noon – 1:50 p.m.	Thursday
3:05 p.m.	TTH	2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Thursday

EVENING CLASS TEST SCHEDULE

All semester tests in evening classes will be given during the regular class meeting time.

Classes, which meet on Monday and Wednesday, are to be given semester tests during the regular class period on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. Classes, which meet on Tuesday and Thursday, are to be given semester tests during the regular class period on Thursday, May 14, 2009. Classes that meet one night per week will be tested during their regular class meeting time during the week of May 8 through May 14, 2009.

NOTICE: Finals must be taken according to this schedule. All classes must meet during finals week. If an early final is necessary, written permission from the Vice President for Academic Affairs is required.