

# SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE COLLEGIAN

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## PLC Leadership Students Attend Welcome Reception



*Members of the President's Leadership at Seminole State College recently attended a welcome reception at the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum. Pictured are (l to r) Casandra Ragan, Chelsea Bateman, Dr. Jim Utterback, Chad McAlvain, Desirae Mize, Jake Tonubbee, Erin Corral, Whitney Mullins, Ashley Cheves, Jessica Downey, Gabriela Dixon, Leah Little, Ashley Carter, Valerie McKinzie, Cara Graham, Ieisha Shaw, Lacey Goodson, Britton Daniels, Chantil Chaffin and Clyde Tejada.*

Seminole State College President's Leadership Class III members and their parents attended a welcome reception hosted at the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum in early September.

Students involved with PLC include: Chelsea Bateman, Seminole; Ashley Carter, Konawa; Chantil Chaffin, Seminole; Ashley Cheves, Seminole; William Jared Choate, Seminole; Erin Corral, Seminole; Britton Daniels, Seminole; Gabriela Dixon, Holdenville; Jessica Downey, Seminole; Lacey Goodson, Seminole; Cara Graham, Tecumseh; Kaleigh Jones, Shawnee; Leah Little, Prague; Chad McAlvain, Seminole; Valerie McKinzie, Depew; Desirae Mize, Prague; Whitney Mullins, Prague; Dijon Noble, Aurora, CO; Casandra Ragan, Hartshorn; Jake

Tonubbee, Davenport; Jennifer Votaw, Seminole; Shelby Williams, Seminole; Ieisha Shaw, Shawnee; and Clyde Tejada, Shawnee.

Marci Donaho, executive director of the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum was the guest speaker at the event. Donaho spoke about the history of the museum and the importance of philanthropy and volunteer work in communities. Attendees also got a tour of the museum.

SSC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds, who serves as a sponsor of the PLC program, said the reception provided the opportunity for the students to get better acquainted and introduced parents to the program and school administrators.

In addition to SSC President

Dr. Jim Utterback, other members of the College's Administrative Council attended the reception. Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Paul Gasparro; Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Brad Walck; Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, Katherine Benton; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Lana Reynolds; and Director of Management Information Systems and Maintenance, Jack Whisennand were present at the event.

"The outstanding students in this program will have some great opportunities throughout the year as they meet with state leaders, learn about philanthropy, study leadership styles and volunteer their time," Reynolds said.

"Later this fall students will get a chance to speak with the Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Steven Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Jari Askins. They will also tour the Tinker Air Force Base," she said.

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 Utterback to nominate high school seniors as candidates for the scholarship program each year.

Participants are selected based on ACT scores, academic performance in high school and demonstrated leadership ability.

## SSC's honors Constitution Day with Student Activities

In observance of Constitution Day, Seminole State College hosted a "Test Your Knowledge of the Constitution" competition Sept. 17 in the Jeff Johnson Building.

SSC Government Instructor Jeffery Christiansen, Social Science Division Chair Pam Koenig, Social Science Instructor Marta Osby, COP Coordinator Bill Knowles and History Instructor Steve Bolin assisted students in the "Constitution Jeopardy" competition.

The Student Government Association supported the activity. Christiansen organized the 2009 Constitution Day event.



(pictured l-r) Ashley Neece, Autumn Wiles, Jessica Shaw and Taylor Young

## Congress Passes Historic Community College Legislation

The U.S. House of Representatives passed historic legislation Sept. 17 that will positively affect the 100,000 students who attend community colleges each year in Oklahoma, according to Seminole State College President Dr. Jim Utterback.

Utterback, who serves on the Board of the American Association of Community Colleges, said the measure – H.R. 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009 - will provide funding for community college modernization and programs with the goal of increasing graduation rates.

The Act contains the American Graduation Initiative which provides for guaranteed increases in the Pell Grant maximum for students attending community colleges.

The bill passed by a vote of 253 to 171 in the House, made largely on a party-line basis. Six Republicans and three Democrats abandoned their parties on the vote for final passage. U.S. Congressman Dan

Boren was the only member of the Oklahoma delegation to support the community college legislation.

Utterback commented, "We appreciate Congressman Boren's support of this landmark legislation, and we hope that other members of the Oklahoma delegation will resolve to support the measure as it moves forward through the legislative process.

"Community colleges in Oklahoma are experiencing dramatic increases in enrollment as people choose to return to college as a result of the downturn in the economy. This is especially true at Seminole State College where enrollment has skyrocketed this fall.

The American Graduation Initiative will provide much needed funding for the long-term continuance of our efforts to meet the expanding needs of the people of Oklahoma," he said.

In a joint statement by the American Association of Community Colleges and the

Association of Community College Trustees made July 21, 2009, the organizations representing presidents and trustees of the nation's more than 1,200 community colleges, commended the House Committee on Education and Labor for proposing the legislation. The statement included,

"Our colleges are the economic engines that will assist in the nation's economic recovery. H.R. 3221 represents the largest single infusion of federal assistance to community colleges and their students in the colleges' more than 100-year history."

Community colleges are the fastest growing sector of higher education in the State of Oklahoma, as well as the United States. More than 50% of the higher education students choose to begin their education at two-year colleges.

President Obama has set a goal of increasing the number of community college graduates by 5 million by 2020.



## Small Business Conference hosted at SSC Campus

Small business owners throughout the area attended a half-day workshop Sept. 24 sponsored by the Oklahoma Small Business Advocacy Committee and hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Seminole State College.

The “New World – New Marketing – New Money!” program was held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on the southwest corner of the Seminole State College campus.

This South Central Small Business Conference was one of several being hosted across the state to promote economic development and particularly, small business retention and growth. Special guest for the event was Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Jari Askins.

Askins, who has been appointed by Governor Brad Henry as “Oklahoma’s Small Business Advocate,” has been given the task of providing assistance to small business owners throughout the state. Askins spoke to conference attendees during the noon luncheon in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

“The importance of small business forum meetings is two-fold. We want to make businesses aware of the resources available to them and



*Lt. Governor Jari Askins speaking at the “New World – New Marketing – New Money!” program luncheon sponsored by the Oklahoma Small Business Advocacy Committee and hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Seminole State College.*

help provide businesses assistance,” said Askins.

In addition to learning about electronic marketing and building an effective website for a small business, participants received information on “Insure Oklahoma,” the Small Business Administration, and exploring growth opportunities in government contracting and international business.

Seminole business owners David Zehren with GOFF Industries, Scott Sutcliffe with Formcrete and Craig Froelich with Enviro systems and Shawnee Business owner Chuck Mills with Mills Machinery participated in a panel discussion about their success in business growth and development.

The sponsoring organization, the Oklahoma Small Business Advocacy

Committee (also known as OSBRFA), is a group that gives small businesses a voice and influence over new or existing rules affecting their day-to-day operations. The Committee reviews new rules set by State agencies to determine if they will adversely impact small businesses and suggests less restrictive alternatives and/or creative, flexible means for business to comply to the rules wherever possible. The committee can also assist businesses with concerns about existing rules.

The committee is composed of 13 business owners and chairs of the Oklahoma House Economic Development and Financial Services Committee and the Senate Business and Labor Committee.

Local members of the OSBRFA include Chuck Mills, Mills Machines Company, Inc., of Shawnee and Roy Sisco, Seminole Ford, Seminole. Oklahoma State Senator Harry Coates (R-Seminole) also serves on the committee in his position as Co-Chair of the Senate Business and Labor Committee.

According to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, small businesses in Oklahoma comprise 95% of the state’s economy, with 75% of those enterprises employing 10 people or fewer.

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# SSC 'Bone Health & U' Public Service Workshop a Success

Over 80 people attended the free public service workshop focusing on the critical health issue of building and keeping healthy bones among children and adults coupled with early detection and prevention of osteoporosis held at Seminole State College on Sept. 24.

The special "Bone Health & U" workshop was sponsored by INTEGRIS Seminole Medical Center, Seminole State College, the US Public Health Service Office on Women's Health, and the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women.

Panelists on bone health included nurse practitioner Kathie Machado of Paradigm Health Care at JD Wood Clinic, physician's assistant Jeannie Simpson of Seminole Family Medicine Clinic, and nutritionist Karen Massey of INTEGRIS Health in Oklahoma City.

Participants received free exercise bands, calcium-rich food samples, and a voucher for a discounted DEXA bone density scan with certified radiologist evaluation from INTEGRIS Seminole Medical Center.

With the DEXA bone density voucher and an order from an individual's health care provider, the total cost of the scan and evaluation only cost participants \$100 at INTEGRIS Seminole Medical



Center. Brad Stephens, the Director of Radiology at the center presented a video demonstration of the scan and discussed the importance of "T scores" during the workshop.

OCSW initiated the workshop with Seminole partner sponsors as part of its statewide outreach to women and families because osteoporosis is a critical health issue that affects women over 50.

"Health providers tell us four out of 10 women over fifty will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in their lifetimes," said Dr. Rebecca Kennedy, a Seminole resident serving on the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women.

"Local sponsors feel that all of us would like to find ways our mothers and daughters can avoid broken bones as they get older,"

Kennedy said.

Chef Jon Hammerstrom of INTEGRIS Health demonstrated food preparation and menus that use calcium, potassium, magnesium, Vitamin A and Vitamin D rich nutrients essential to building strong bones. Chef Jon prepared tasty calcium-rich treats participants were invited to sample and provided recipes to use at home.

Those serving on the "Bone Health and U" Public Service Planning Committee organizing this event from INTEGRIS Seminole Medical Center are Matt Henderson, Sherri Kemp and Brad Stephens; from the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women are Rebecca Kennedy and Adeline Yerkes; and from Seminole State College are Donna Chambers, Carol Hartman, and Rita Story-Schell.

## SSC Volleyball Underway







On Sept. 9-10, SSC staff members (l-r) Melinda Sims and Rich Thornton dished out treats instead of work to students during the ice cream social held in conjunction with the college's 15th annual "Area Services Fair".

Members of the President's Leadership Class at Seminole State College toured the Oklahoma State Capitol Sept. 22.

Pictured are (l to r) Ashley Cheves, Erin Corral, Jennifer Votaw, Ieisha Shaw, Clyde Tejeda, Jessica Downey, Chantil Chaffin, Chad McAlvain, Chelsea Bateman, Valerie McKinzie, Kaleigh Jones, Jared Choate, Gail Dixon, Ashley Carter, Jack Tonubbee, Desirae Mize, Leah Little, Whitney Mullins, Lacey Goodson, Cassandra Ragan, Cara Graham and Britton Daniels



Seminole State College's Chapter of the English Honor Society Sigma Kappa Delta collected donations of children's books all spring and summer ending up with over 300 hundred books to donate to local organizations, schools, and daycares.

Students, faculty, staff and community members may still donate more books to the boxes around campus. The organization hopes to establish a continuous flow of new or slightly used books to donate to children in order to support and spread literacy.

For questions please contact co-sponsors Jason Garrison, (405) 382-9289 or [j.garrison@sscok.edu](mailto:j.garrison@sscok.edu) or Rayshell Palmer, (405) 382-9563 or [r.palmer@sscok.edu](mailto:r.palmer@sscok.edu).

# SSC hosts Native American Student Luncheon

Seminole State College hosted a Native American Student Luncheon Sept. 22 to educate students about available on-campus resources.

The event, held in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center, was sponsored by All Nations Student Development Center (NASNTI grant), Native American Student Association and the SSC President's Office

Topics about financial aid, tutoring and new virtual-learning lab technology were covered. NASNTI Director, Shelly Watson, fielded questions from students about campus life and resources.

In August NASNTI hosted a kickoff event which included student services information and various Native American cultural demonstrations including a blessing ceremony, traditional powwow



*Yashanda Scruggs, NASNTI Retention Specialist (seated), talks to students about on-campus resources available to them at the Native American Student Luncheon.*

dancing and sampling of traditional native food.

Dr. Darryl Tonemah, nationally-recognized speaker for Native

American events, shared his experience about living a bi-cultural life and the importance of utilizing on-campus resources.

## Student Government Association Officers attend National Summit



*SSC students (pictured l-r) Autumn Wiles and Calli Wood attended workshops about student government while at the National Student Government Summit in Washington D.C.*

Seminole State College Student Government Association President Autumn Wiles of Seminole and Vice President Calli Wood of Seminole along with Faculty Advisor Bill Knowles

attended the National Student Government Summit in Washington D.C. Sept. 24-27.

While attending the four-day training conference students and advisors from across the nation shared ideas, networked and received training from the American Student Government Association staff.

The summit offered private consulting on specific areas of concern, student government related workshops, sight-seeing tours, roundtables with student

government leaders and a tour of the U.S. Capitol.

The SSC Student Government Association is dedicated to promoting the interests of the total student body by formulating and proposing ideas to administration for the improvement of the college.

“We strive to encourage and promote student participation in the planning and implementation of college activities and to serve as an open forum for the discussion of issues that impact students of SSC,” said Knowles.

“The Washington D.C. trip gave the officers training on topics and issues that impact students across the nation and was a great opportunity to form bonds with other SGA leaders.”



# SSC Foundation Golf Tournament Raises over \$13,000



New State Regent Mike Turpen is pictures with his team at the SSC Foundation Golf Tournament that raised over \$13,000.

The SSC Educational Foundation Golf Tournament raised over \$13,000 with 88 players and sponsorships from businesses and individuals across the state.

The annual event is sponsored by State Senator Harry Coates (R-Seminole) and Staet Representative Ryan Kiesel (D-Seminole).

State political commentator and new State Regent Mike Turpen, who sponsored a team, discussed the tournament and the bi-partisan support of the college on his *Flashpoint* television show.

## HLC Consultant-Evaluator Site Visit to SSC Oct. 26-28

### Monday, October 26

- **7:50 a.m.**  
Team members arrive on campus
- **8:00 a.m.**  
Team Meeting
- **8:30-9:30 a.m.**  
Introductory Meeting with Administrative Council
- **9:45-10:30 a.m.**  
Dr. James Underwood meets with Criterion Two Group  
Dr. Thompson Brandt meets with Human Resources personnel  
Dr. Marlene Tignor meets with Enrollment Personnel  
Dr. Russell Baker meets with Division Chairs
- **10:30-11:15 a.m.**  
Dr. Marlene Tignor meets with Criterion Four Group  
Dr. Russell Baker and Dr. James Underwood meet with MIS personnel  
Dr. Thompson Brandt meets with Dr. Paul Gasparro
- **11:30-1:00 a.m.**  
Complete C-E Team Lunches with SSC Board of Regents  
Immediate prior, special presentation from Native American Student Organization
- **1:00-1:45 a.m.**  
Break time
- **1:45-2:45 a.m.**  
Complete C-E Team Meets with Faculty
- **3:00-4:00 a.m.**  
Complete C-E Team Meets with College Community Supporters, (by invitation)

### Tuesday, October 27

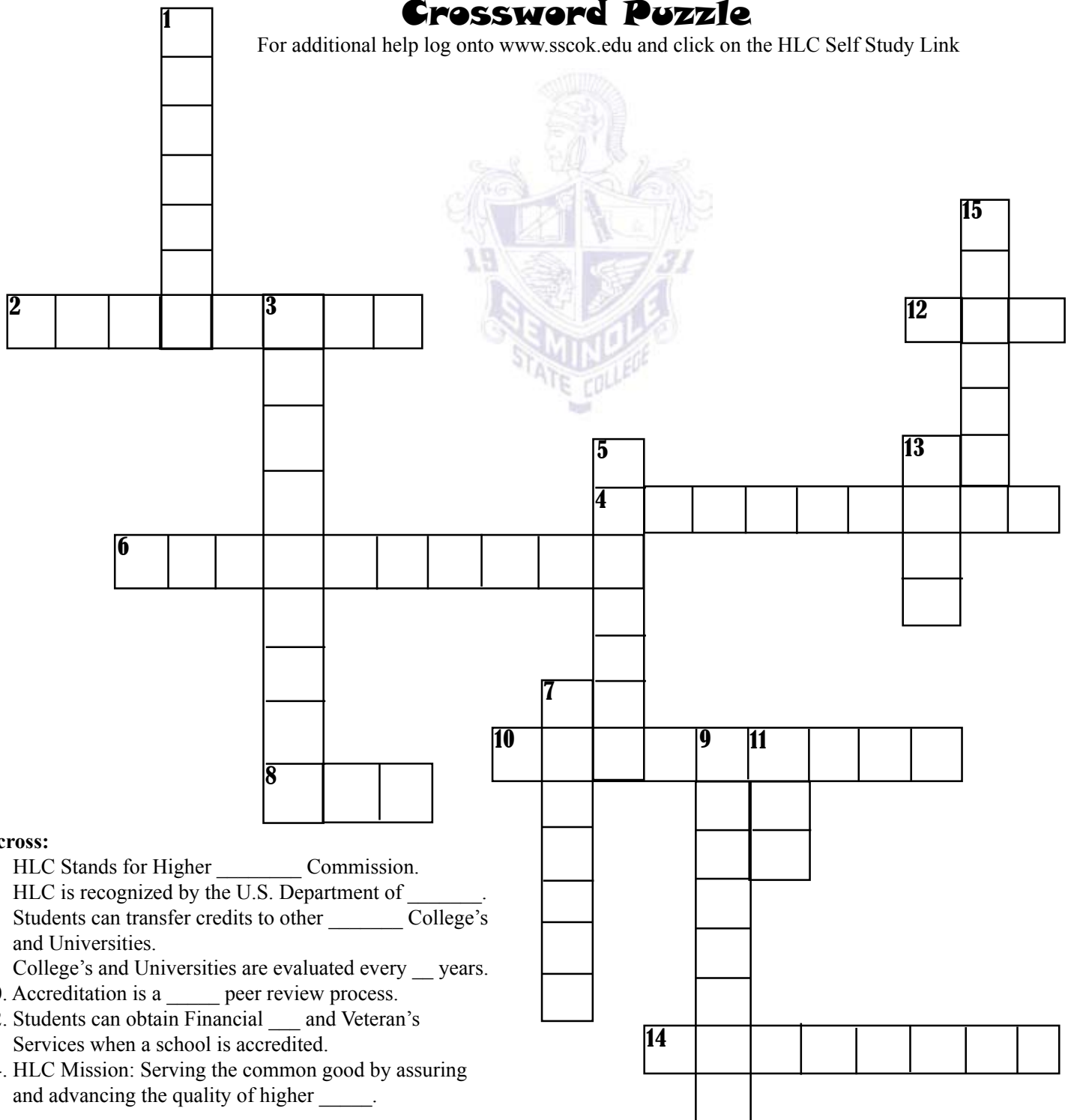
- **8:00 a.m.**  
Team arrival on campus
- **8:30-9:30 a.m.**  
Dr. Thompson Brandt and Dr. Marlene Tignor meet with Support Staff
- **9:45-10:30 a.m.**  
Dr. Russell Baker Meets with Criterion Three Group  
Dr. Marlene Tignor and Dr. James Underwood Meet with Student Support Services
- **10:30-11:15 a.m.**  
Dr. Thompson Brandt and Dr. Russell Baker meet with Assessment of Student Learning Committee  
Dr. James Underwood Meets with Criterion Five Group
- **12:00-1:00 p.m.**  
Complete C-E Team Lunches with Students (by invitation)
- **1:00-2:00 p.m.**  
Dr. Thompson Brandt meets with Federal Compliance Team
- **2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
Team group time in Resource Room

### Wednesday, October 28

- **9:00 a.m.**  
Team arrives on campus
- **9:30 a.m.**  
Dr. Thompson Brandt meets with Dr. Jim Utterback
- **10:00 a.m.**  
Exit Summary
- **11:00 a.m.**  
C-E Team Departs Campus

# SSC Higher Learning Commission Crossword Puzzle

For additional help log onto [www.sscok.edu](http://www.sscok.edu) and click on the HLC Self Study Link



### Across:

2. HLC Stands for Higher \_\_\_\_\_ Commission.
4. HLC is recognized by the U.S. Department of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Students can transfer credits to other \_\_\_\_\_ College's and Universities.
8. College's and Universities are evaluated every \_\_ years.
10. Accreditation is a \_\_\_\_\_ peer review process.
12. Students can obtain Financial \_\_\_ and Veteran's Services when a school is accredited.
14. HLC Mission: Serving the common good by assuring and advancing the quality of higher \_\_\_\_\_.

### Down:

1. HLC visits the SSC campus \_\_\_\_\_ 26-28, 2009.
3. Accreditation is \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure the continued success of SSC.
5. Accreditation allows SSC to participate in projects funded by \_\_\_\_\_ grants.
7. HLC was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1895.
9. HLC of the North Central Association of College's and Universities oversees \_\_\_\_\_ states including Oklahoma.
11. SSC is a \_\_\_\_\_ year public college.
13. There are \_\_\_\_\_ accreditation criteria for HLC.
15. HLC offices are housed in \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois.

**Bring this correctly completed crossword puzzle to the Media Relations Office in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center by October 25, 2009 for a special prize.**