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Welcome Back Students, Faculty, and Staff! Record Breaking Enrollment Anticipated

Enrollment at Seminole State College may reach an all-time high this fall according to Dr. Jim Utterback, President. During a meeting of the SSC Board of Regents held Aug. 27, Utterback reported that the semester began Aug. 17 with more students than on any first day in the institution's history.

"Compared to this time in the term last year, we are up roughly 18 percent in headcount and even higher in full-time equivalency (FTE) enrollment. It is the clearly the highest projected enrollment SSC has ever seen.

"We have added classes, overloaded classes and bent over backwards to try to accommodate the large number of students who have wanted to enroll," Utterback said.

He told the Board that some classes have had more students than chairs, parking on campus is challenging and the SSC Bookstore ran out of textbooks for certain classes. "Our faculty and staff have worked extraordinarily hard to try to put our students first.

We are here to help them succeed and we are taking that responsibility



Parking lots overflowing with cars were a sure sign that school was back in session at Seminole State College. On Aug. 17, SSC welcomed both old and new students for the new academic year.

very seriously," he said.

Regular enrollment for the fall term has concluded, but, numbers will continue to fluctuate over the coming months as students who enrolled but fail to show up for classes are dropped from the system, and as additional short-term classes are added to the schedule throughout the semester.

During the meeting, the Regents also heard reports on the hiring of new personnel, and campus activities. New additions to the SSC faculty and staff include Aggie Busby, Nursing Instructor and David Moore, Veteran's Upward Bound Coordinator.

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**-Dr. Jim Utterback,
SSC President**

In his "President's Report," Utterback presented the 2008-2009 Annual Report publication and updated the board on the college's Fall In-Service program. The guest speaker for the In-Service program held Aug. 12 was actor and motivational speaker William Allen Young who is Founder and President of the Young Center for Academic and Cultural Enrichment.

Utterback discussed his attendance at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Board Meeting held recently in Washington D.C and Congresswoman Mary Fallin's visit to campus as the speaker at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum on Aug. 13.

As their first item of business, the Board reviewed and approved the authorization for purchase of services from Timecruiser for online course management services with the use of federal grant money.

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Seminole Faculty/Staff Get in Gear for Fall Semester

Seminole State College faculty and staff members gathered Aug. 12 for the opening day of Fall In-Service training held prior to the beginning of classes.

In addition to hearing updates on college activities and national education issues from SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback, employees had the opportunity to hear television and motion picture actor and motivational speaker William Allen Young. Young spoke to a crowd of 130 instructors and staff members on the topic, "Changing Lives through Education."

Young is founder and president of the non-profit Young Center for Academic and Cultural Enrichment in Los Angeles, Calif. Through the Center, he works to inspire a new generation of ethical leaders, critical thinkers and engaged citizens and bring about positive social change in America. An estimated 10,000 youth have participated in programs and events sponsored by the Young Center.

Young is recognized for portraying Frank Mitchell, the tough-but-loving father on the hit TV series "Moesha" and Chief Judge Ratner on "CSI: Miami." He appeared in the Academy Award-nominated film, "A Solider's Story" and in numerous stage, film and television productions. Mr. Young has received critical praise for his stage performances in New York and Los Angeles, and has performed abroad in London, France, Italy, Austria, Sri Lanka, Russia and Africa. His latest film project, "District 9," filmed on location in South Africa, is scheduled for worldwide release this month.

Young is the recipient of the NAACP "Outstanding Social Achievement Award," USC Black



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Young spoke to SSC employees about "Changing Lives through Education".

Alumni Association "Thomas Kilgore Jr. Service Award," California Lottery Association "Hero in Education Award," Black Hollywood Education Resource Center "President's Icon Award," Arts Council for the Disabled "Humanitarian Service Award," and National Organization of Women at Work "Man of the Year Award."

He was inducted into the African-American Hall of Education and deemed an "Ambassador of Goodwill" by former President Bill Clinton.

His speaking engagement at Seminole State College was sponsored by the College's All Nations Student Development Center (NASNTI Grant program).

Global Studies Program to Travel to London and China

Seminole State College's Global Studies program will travel to Dublin and London in March and China in June for its 2010 excursions.

The nine day Dublin and London trip, slated for March 15-24, will begin in Dublin where travelers will tour St. Patrick's Cathedral and view the Book of Kells at Trinity College.

Travelers will ferry across the Irish Sea to Wales to visit a Welsh castle and visit Snowdonia National Park for an overnight stay. From Wales, travelers will journey to Warwick visiting a restored castle, including its dungeon, and learn of the relationship with the castle and the town. Traveling on to Stratford, home of Shakespeare, travelers will visit Shakespeare's wife's house – Anne Hathaway's cottage.

From Stratford, the tour will head to London, and make stops at Parliament, St Paul's Cathedral and Hyde Park. Travelers will be taken on a walking tour which includes stops at Trafalgar Square, Convent Garden and Leicester Square. They will have options of visiting Hampton Court or traveling around London enjoying over 300 museums and shopping on their own.

The twelve-day China trip, slated for June 14-26, will direct

travelers through Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Tourists will experience China's thousands of years of history.

The trip will begin in Beijing with sightseeing of Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Imperial Palace, The Great Wall, Riksha tour of hutongs and Temple of Heaven Park. The group will also experience Tai Chi Chuan exercises and a Peking Duck Dinner.

Day five will take voyagers to Xi'an to experience the Wild Goose Pagoda, Shaanxi Provincial Museum and the Terra Cotta Soldiers with an optional Tan Dynasty Show and Dinner. In Shanghai tourists will visit Jin Mao Tower, the Bund, Jade Temple Yu Yuan Garden and experience an acrobatic show with an optional evening Huangpu river cruise.

The final leg of the trip will take travelers to Hong Kong, the center of Royal British China. During the sightseeing tour, travelers will see Happy Valley, Royal Yacht Club, Repulse Bay, Aberdeen Harbor and experience a Dim Sum lunch with an optional Heritage Tour and night cruise.

Global Studies Coordinator and SSC Art Instructor, Kelly Kirk, and Language Arts Division Secretary,

Tony Wittmann, will hold an introductory class for interested students and members of public on Wednesday, Sept. 9 and Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6:00 p.m. in Boren Library, room 100, on the Seminole State College campus.

The cost for the Dublin and London tour is \$2,620.00 for students under 23 and \$2,955.00 for students over 23. The cost for the China tour is \$3,837.00 for students under 23 and \$4,262.00 for students over 23.

The additional costs for students over twenty-three is due to the sleeping arrangements. Students over twenty-three are in a room with only one other traveler.

Kirk said that community members are invited to participate in the trip. "You need not be a SSC student to enjoy this trip. Openings are limited, so apply for your passport—if you don't already have one—and reserve your place now on this tour full of history and culture," he said.

Kirk can be contacted by phone at (405) 382-9251 and by email at k.kirk@sscok.edu. Interested parties may also contact Wittmann at (405) 382-9561 or by email at t.wittmann@sscok.edu.

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Back to School Student Activities



MLT Advisory Committee Visits Campus, Tours Lab

The Seminole State College Medical Laboratory Technology Program held its annual Advisory Committee meeting.

In attendance were laboratory managers and education coordinators from SSC hospital affiliates where MLT students spend 16 weeks in clinical internships.

Medical Technologists work in all areas of the clinical laboratory including blood banking, chemistry, hematology, immunology and microbiology. They perform a full range of laboratory tests, are also responsible for confining the accuracy of tests results and reporting laboratory findings to pathologists and other physicians.

The graduates of SSC's MLT program are responsible for performing laboratory tests efficiently and accurately for high-quality patient care. The information gained by the physician from a laboratory test influences over 80% of medical decisions in the treatment a patient will receive.

"Quality patient care and patient safety are of the upmost importance in the training they receive on the campus and in our affiliated hospitals," said Perthena Latchaw, Director of SSC's Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) program. "Our graduates are facing increasing opportunities for an excellent career in laboratory medicine."

A labor market survey by the Oklahoma Healthcare Workforce Center shows the demand for health professionals in Oklahoma is outpacing the supply. By 2012, Oklahoma will likely face a shortage of more than 500 medical technologists and technicians.

"All of our students who want to work are finding jobs upon completion of the Medical Laboratory Technology program," said Latchaw.



Among those attending the SSC Medical Laboratory Technology advisory committee meeting were members of the first class of SSC MLT graduates (pictured from left to right) Judy Scott, Lori Earls, Dianne Campbell and Rita Martin who are working in the profession locally at Integris Seminole Medical Center and Seminole Medical Clinic.

Following the lunch and meeting, the committee members toured the MLT lab and saw the new technology acquired through congressional grants.

For more information on MLT please contact Latchaw at (405) 382-9581 or p.latchaw@sscok.edu or MLT Instructor Malinda Browning at (405) 382-9286 or m.browning@sscok.edu.

New SSC Faculty



Aggie Busby
Nursing Instructor



Christal Stevenson
Social Science/English
Instructor



Jeffrey Christiansen
Political Science
Instructor



Linda Goeller
Mathematics Instructor

New SSC Staff

Melinda Sims, VPSA Secretary

Tina Harjo, Nursing Secretary

Karan O'Dor, Upward Bound Coordinator

Sharon Streater, Upward Bound Secretary

David Moore, Veteran's Upward Bound Coordinator

Henderson Named to Seminole State College Board of Regents

Seminole resident Kenneth Henderson was named to serve on the Seminole State College Board of Regents by Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry last spring and took office in July.

The appointment was passed by the Oklahoma State Senate Education Committee on April 13 and confirmed by the Oklahoma State Senate on April 29. The nomination was carried by Senator Harry Coates (R-Seminole). Henderson succeeds Roger Nansel who completed a seven-year term on the Board in June.

Senator Coates commented, "Kenneth is a hardworking person who puts 110 percent into everything he does. I was so honored to get to carry his nomination before the Senate Education Committee. He will be a tremendous addition to the college's Board of Regents. His expertise in a number of areas will greatly benefit this wonderful institution."

During his confirmation hearing, Henderson told the Senate Education Committee that he was pleased to be appointed to the SSC Board.

"I am honored that the Governor would nominate me for this appointment. I am proud of Seminole State College and the tremendous growth it has experienced under the leadership of Dr. (Jim) Utterback (SSC President). I look forward to being a part of the College's future," Henderson said.

Henderson graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy. He purchased and developed an independent chain of six pharmacies and drug stores which he operated until his retirement in 1991.

Henderson began a second career in real estate in 1990 – acquiring residential properties and multiple day-care facilities. He also owned



Kenneth Henderson (right) of Seminole takes the oath of office to serve as a Regent for Seminole State College administered by SSC legal council Ed Cadenhead. Henderson succeeds Roger Nansel, whose term expired in June. Henderson's seven-year term will expire in June 2011.

and operated a 1200 acre wildlife refuge in the Stroud area, where he raised endangered and exotic animals, as well as American bison and elk.

He is a past member of the Board of Directors for Goodwill Industries, the Westside YMCA of Oklahoma City and the REST Homeless Center.

A strong advocate for children, Henderson has volunteered his time and provided financial support for the Children's Center in Bethany and the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum in Seminole – where has been a long-time member of the governing board.

He has served as President and on various boards of the Oklahoma City Jewish Federation.

Henderson is a past president of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce was named Seminole's "Citizen of the Year" in 2007. In recognition of this work as the driving force behind the creation and success of Seminole's 4th of July festival, he was named the "Oklahoma Tourism Volunteer of the Year" in April, 2007.

He serves as a Trustee for the Seminole State College Educational Foundation and currently is Vice Chair of the Foundation.

He and his wife, Rose, have two adult children: Stacie and Sonny and four grandchildren.

President Utterback said, "Mr. Henderson has a demonstrated interest in Seminole State College and in students. He is a highly-respected civic leader who will bring a strong business background and a love of this community to his service as a Board member. I look forward to working with him."

The Seminole State College Board of Regents consists of seven Regents. Members of the Board are appointed by the governor for seven-year terms. The Regents serve as the College's governing body and have the supervision and management responsibilities for the College.

Other members of the Board, listed by order of appointment include: Jon Flowers of Shawnee, Bill Huser of Wewoka, Marci Donaho of Seminole, Jeff Miller of McAlester, David Wilson of Seminole and Marilyn Bradford of Shawnee.

Board Approves Changes in Employee Insurance Program

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The Board also reviewed and approved authorization to enter into a consortium agreement with other colleges to purchase group insurance from Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

The Oklahoma State and Education Employee Group Insurance Board (OSEGIB) has announced

an 8% increase in rates and doubled co-pays for doctor visits and prescriptions to their insured.

“When we are faced with tough economic times, to double the costs to our employees is outrageous. After thorough discussion and an on-line vote from faculty and staff affected, we feel that a change is

needed,” said Utterback.

“Our main concern is to do what is in the best interest of our employees.”

Members present at the meeting were: Jon Flowers, Chair; Bill Huser, Jeff Miller, David Wilson, Marilyn Bradford and Kenneth Henderson.



Students at Seminole State College participate in the Back to School Cookout held at the J. Smart Family Foundation Pavilion in Henderson Park. As classes started, activities were planned all week to welcome students back to campus. A cookout, dance, hypnotist and movie night were part of the opening week activities.



Important Dates

Classes Dismissed:
Labor Day
Monday, September 7

Fall Break
Thursday and Friday,
October 15 and 16

Last Day to Withdraw
Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Holiday
Wednesday - Friday,
November 25 - 27

Final Examinations
Thursday, December 10
thru Tuesday, December 15

Fall 2008 Semester Ends
Tuesday, December 15



Seminole State Volleyball Fall 2009 Schedule

Head Coach: Amy Gillespie
Assistant Coach: Jeremy Ford
Office Phone: (405) 382-9559

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Tues	9/8	Redlands	El Reno	1:00 pm
		North Central Texas College		3:00 pm
Fri-Sat	9/11-9/12	North Central Texas Tournament	Gainsville, TX	TBA
Wed	9/16	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Seminole	6:00 pm
Thurs	9/17	Brookhaven Triangular	Dallas, TX	
		Brookhaven		4:00 pm
		Vernon		6:00 pm
Wed	9/23	Redlands	Seminole	6:00 pm
Fri-Sat	9/25-9/26	Hutch Tournament		TBA
Tues	9/29	Northern Oklahoma College	Seminole	6:00 pm
Fri-Sat	10/2-10/3	Indian Hills Tournament	Indian Hills, Iowa	TBA
Mon	10/5	Redlands	El Reno, OK	6:00 pm
Wed	10/7	Triangular	Seminole	
		Frank Phillips		3:30 pm
		Brookhaven		7:00 pm
Tues	10/13	Northern Oklahoma College	Enid, OK	6:00 pm
Wed	10/14	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Miami, OK	6:00 pm
Wed	10/21	Northern Oklahoma College	Enid, OK	6:00 pm
Thurs	10/22	Redlands	Seminole	3:00 pm
Sat	10/24	Neosho Triangular		
		Neosho		TBA
		Friends JV		TBA
Wed	10/28	Paris	Paris, TX	5:00 pm
Tues	11/3	Northern Oklahoma College	Seminole	6:00 pm
Fri-Sat	11/6-11/7	Region 2 Tournament	Seminole	TBA
Thurs-Sat	11/19-11/21	National Tournament	Council Bluffs, IA	TBA

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Seminole State College
Seminole, Oklahoma

Gate Admission: \$3 Adults - \$1 Students - SSC students and personnel admitted free with proper I.D.
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