Seminole State College
2011 SPRING SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE
MAY 9, 10, 11, 12

Classes MUST MEET for final exams as scheduled.

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EVENING CLASSES 2011

All semester tests in evening classes are given during the last 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 11, 2011. Classes, which meet on Tuesday and Thursday, are to be given semester tests during the regular class period on Thursday, May 12, 2011. Classes, which meet one day/night per week, will be tested during their regular class meeting time and day, May 7, 2011 to May 12, 2011.

NOTICE: Finals are to be taken according to this schedule. If an early final is unavoidable, written permission is required from the Vice President for Academic Affairs in advance of the final exam.
The Seminole State College Educational Foundation’s annual recognition banquet, set for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5, in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center, will include recognition of college alumni, students, staff and supporters.

Special Awards will be given to long-time associates of Seminole State College Ben and Bonnie Walkingstick and Lloyd Simmons and former students, Adam LaRoche and Robby Trammell will be inducted into the Seminole State College Alumni Hall of Fame.

Former SSC Regent Ben Walkingstick and his wife Bonnie will receive the “Founders Award” for their long-time support of student scholarships and numerous capital construction projects on campus. Former Trojan Baseball Coach Lloyd Simmons will receive the first ever “Distinguished Service Award” for his commitment to students and the institution.

Ben Walkingstick served as Chairman of Union Bank of Chandler, which is now owned by BancFirst. He is founder of the LaGere Walkingstick Insurance Company and retired President of Chandler Insurance Company of Cayman Islands. He has been active in state and local civic activities, serving as City Councilman, Mayor and President of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce. For his service to the community he has been honored as Chandler’s “Man of the Year” and “Outstanding Citizen.”

Walkingstick currently serves as a Trustee for the SSC Educational Foundation.

The “Ben and Bonnie Walkingstick Student Services Building,” which opened last Spring, was officially named for the Chandler residents by the SSC Board of Regents in July in recognition of their significant financial contribution to the SSC Educational Foundation’s “Shaping the Future” Capital Campaign.

Coach Lloyd Simmons’ recognition as the “Distinguished Service Award” recipient will honor the coach’s 26 years at Seminole where he built a dynasty in collegiate baseball. Simmons, or “Zero” – his jersey number and nickname, compiled a record of 1,643 wins and 312 losses over the course of his career with the Trojans from 1976 to 2001.

Simmons led 13 Seminole teams to the National Junior College (continued to page 3)

Bryan Gonterman to Speak at SSC Commencement May 13 in Harber Field House

Bryan Gonterman will be the featured speaker at the 78th Commencement Exercises for Seminole State College to be held Friday, May 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Raymond Harber Field House.

Gonterman is the President of AT&T Oklahoma. He is responsible for AT&T’s legislative, regulatory and external affairs activities in the state.

Gonterman was named President of AT&T Oklahoma on July 1, 2008. He previously was assistant vice president for telecom operations and shared services at AT&T headquarters, helping to plan, build and maintain AT&T domestic and global network.

Before that, Gonterman served as the assistant vice president for legislative affairs for AT&T Texas in Austin. Prior to that position, he was the executive director for regulatory operations for AT&T Texas.

Gonterman is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, earning a degree in finance. He serves as a board member of the State Chamber of Oklahoma; the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber; United Way of Greater Oklahoma City; the Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation; Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum and Oklahoma Business and Education Coalition. He is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma Class XXIII.

Gonterman and his wife, Andrea, have two daughters, Sphia and Isabella.

Following Gonterman’s address at the Seminole State commencement, Dr. Paul Gasparro, SSC Vice President for Academic Affairs, will present the 235 degree candidates, and SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback (continued to page 6)
SSC Short Clips...

SSC Faculty attend PCA/ACA Conference

Several Seminole State College full-time English instructors recently attended the Pop Culture Association/ American Culture Association Southwest Texas and National Joint Conference in San Antonio, TX.

English faculty Kelli McBride, Jessica Isaacs, Jim Wilson, Rayshell Clapper and Christian Morgan attended the four-day conference that focused on promoting the study of popular and American culture. Presentations covered American culture, human relations, literature, material culture, music, science fiction, fantasy, teaching and profession and creative works.

The Southwest Texas Regional Conference celebrated its 32nd Annual conference along side the 41st Annual National Conference. This joint conference yielded four days of non-stop panels and academic discussions.

The English faculty presented original creative works in their panel titled, “Invisibility and Oklahoma: Looking Beyond the Forgotten.” Their fiction and non-fiction pieces discussed Oklahoma issues, experiences and people particularly focusing on invisibility.

SSC Medical Laboratory Technology Open House

Seminole State College’s Medical Laboratory Technology Department hosted an Open House on Wednesday, April 27 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

“This event celebrates National Medical Laboratory Week, which honors all medical professionals in the laboratory technology field,” said MLT Director Perthena Latchaw.

For more information on MLT or National Medical Laboratory Week 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.

Come support our graduating students!

Commencement will be held on May 13, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.
in the Raymond Harbor Field House

Nursing Pinning at 12:00 p.m.
Enoch Kelly Haney Center
SSC PTK Honor Society Inducts New Members

Thirty-four SSC students recently were recently inducted into the Alpha Theta Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges. Students are selected based on their scholarship, leadership and service qualities. The chapter provides programs, activities and participation in community service projects.

Requirements for membership at SSC include: enrollment at an accredited two-year college with a Phi Theta Kappa chapter, overall GPA of 3.5 in a minimum of 12 credit hours. Dr. Steve Bolin and Jeffrey Christiansen serve as the organization’s faculty advisers.
Jordan named National League of Nursing Ambassador

The Seminole State College Nursing and Health Sciences Department has announced that J. Jeffery Jordan, MSN, RN, MBA, CEN, CNE, EMT-LP Nursing Faculty, has been appointed by the National League for Nursing to serve as an NLN Ambassador.

Donna Chambers, Chair of the SSC Nursing and Health Sciences Division, said “We appreciate Mr. Jordan accepting this role of responsibility and for being an encouraging role model for other faculty seeking professional development.”

As a participant in this elite group, Jordan will help keep faculty and administration informed about NLN initiatives, recruitment opportunities, conferences, publications, workshops and other benefits available to NLN members.

“We created this selective program to make it as easy as possible for nurse faculty and nursing programs at all levels of academia to understand what the NLN has to offer to enhance professional development and status,” said NLN CEO Dr. Beverly Malone. “At the same time, we expect the Ambassadors to communicate to NLN professional staff and the board what issues and challenges are of greatest concern to nurse educators in the field so that we can maximize the effectiveness of our programming and services. The Ambassadors are, in effect, the NLN’s ‘eye’s and ears’ on campus.”

Jordan who has been a nursing instructor with SSC since 2008, has a Masters in Science in Nursing Education from Southern Nazarene University and is anticipating the completion of a Master’s of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education and Administration from the University of Phoenix in October 2010. He is licensed by the Oklahoma State Board of Nursing, Texas Department of Health and the Texas State Board of Nursing Examiners.

On the SSC campus, Jordan is active on the School of Nursing curriculum committee, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and retention committee. He is a member of the Emergency Nurses Association where he currently serves as President of the Oklahoma Emergency Nurses Association and is a member of the Nursing Honor Society of Sigma Theta Tau International.

The NLN Ambassador program was established in the fall of 2006 with an initial cadre of 126 members who teach in all types of nursing programs – practical nurse, associate degree, diploma, baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral. Today there are over 700 ambassadors representing schools of nursing in 49 states plus Canada, Guam and the Virgin Islands. New ones are appointed twice a year to meet the goal of having one NLN Ambassador in every school of nursing.

Observed Dr. Malone, “We are confident that the insight gained through this valuable relationship will help make the NLN more responsive to the needs of our dedicated nurse educators.”

For more information about the nursing program at SSC call (405) 382-9205 or email nursing@sscok.edu.

Gonterman to be Graduation Speaker

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will confer degrees.

Processional and recessional music for Friday’s ceremony will be provided by Susan Gates.

Graduates of the SSC Nursing Program will end their day of graduation activities with a special “Pinning Ceremony” at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The nursing ceremony is scheduled for noon.

Campus offices will be closed to the public Friday morning to allow staff to prepare for the commencement exercises. Offices will open at 1:30 p.m.

For additional information concerning graduation activities, contact the Office of Admissions at 405-382-9230.

Baseball & Softball Playoff Schedule

SOFTBALL NJCAA PLAYOFFS
Region II Tournament – Oklahoma City – May 6-8
National Tournament – St. George, UT – May 19-21

BASEBALL NJCAA PLAYOFFS
Region II Tournament – Jenks, Ok – May 12-15
District Tournament – TBA – May 20-21
World Series – Grand Junction, CO – May 28-June 4
Two to be Inducted into SSC Alumni Hall of Fame at Spring Banquet

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Athletic Association World Series, with his last trip coming in 2000. Of those 13 appearances, the Trojans finished second four times. He coached the Trojans to a NJCAA Region II Championship 16 times, and led them to 13 district titles.

During his career at the college, he coached 41 All-Americans, and over 130 of his former players went on to play professional baseball.

After retiring from Seminole State, Simmons joined the Kansas City Royals organization, coaching their rookie team in the Arizona League for six years. For the past three years he has been working as a scout of the Royals, and recently was named an area scout for the New York Yankees.

LaRoche is a Major League Baseball first baseman for the Washington Nationals and Trammell serves as news director for The Oklahoman and NewsOK.com.

LaRoche graduated from Fort Scott High School in Kansas, where he was named All-American in baseball as a senior. He attended Fort Scott Community College before transferring to Seminole Junior College where he was an All-American and the MVP of the Junior College World Series.

Trammell’s journalism career began in his hometown of Seminole, Okla., where he worked for many years as editor and reporter at the The Seminole Producer. Trammell earned an associate’s degree from Seminole Junior College, bachelor’s degree from Central State University and master’s degree in Journalism and Mass Communications from the University of Oklahoma. He formerly taught journalism at Seminole Junior College and was elected to two terms on the Seminole City Council.

He is currently an adjunct professor teaching Media Ethics at the University of Central Oklahoma. He serves on the board of directors of the Oklahoma Press Association and is past president of Associated Press/ Oklahoma News Executives. Trammell and his wife Linda, of 37 years, have three grown sons and two grandchildren. He is an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church and has served on the Diocese of Oklahoma’s Council on Missions.

This year’s honorees will join 53 other former students in the Hall of Fame. 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. Nominations are accepted each year from faculty, staff, members of the SSC Educational Foundation and the public for induction.

Career milestones of SSC employees will also be noted at the event. Fred Bunyan, Business and Information Systems Instructor and Kelly Kirk, Art Professor, will be celebrating their 35th year working at Seminole State College. Chair of Nursing Division, Donna Chambers; Head Cashier Mona Griffin; Business and Accounting Professor Dawna Hamm; Educational Talent Search Coordinator Mary Ann Hill and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Brad Walck are marking their 20th year at SSC.

Four long-time employees are retiring this spring. Maintenance Services Coordinator Kelly Chastain; Educational Talent Search Adviser Frank Washington; Biological Science Professor Beverly Williams and Veterans Upward Bound Adviser Cheryl Woods.

Leaders of major campus organizations during the past academic year will receive awards of appreciation for their service. David Helseth, Life Science Professor, has been president of the Faculty Senate. Rustie Butner, Coordinator of Media Relations, has served as the president of the Professional Staff Council. The Classified Staff Association has been led by Sharon Smith, Secretary to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The president of the Student Government Association has been Kailyn Parker, a sophomore from Seminole.

Six students, one representing each academic division on campus, have been selected as the “Outstanding Students” for 2010-2011. Shawn Summy - Business and Information Systems; John Clark – Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Chantil Chaffin - Language Arts and Humanities; Eric Sutliff - Math, Science and Engineering; Samantha Darnell - Nursing and Health Sciences; and Daphne Vining – Social Sciences will be also be recognized at the banquet.

PSI Beta Induction

Nineteen Seminole State College students earned the honor to be inducted in to the PSI Beta Psychology Honor Society in April.

Samantha Bowman of Prague; Lauren Deere of Shawnee; Ryan Gaines of Stratford; Lynnette Gomez of Holdenville, Cody Habecker of Okemah; Janis Hart of Seminole; Stephanie Hawk of Shawnee; Abigail Hobbs of Seminole; Tammy Howard of Shawnee; Jennifer Hutchens of Luther; Faith Jacoway of Shawnee, Sheila King of Wewoka; Heather Mullendore of Shawnee; Mathew Overbey of Seminole, Stormy Stacey of Konawa; Alexis Taylor of Shawnee, Henry Vance of Seminole, Elyse Wind of Wewoka and Brittian Withers of Seminole were inducted into the honor society during a special candle-lighting ceremony held in the College’s Enoch Kelly Haney Center. Each student received a pin, certificate of achievement and an honor stole to wear at the College’s commencement ceremony in May.
Seminole Chamber Honors College Personnel at Chamber Forum

Two Seminole State College employees were honored for their outstanding dedication and work during the monthly Chamber of Commerce Forum Thursday, April 14. Secretary for the Vice-President for Student Affairs Melinda Sims and Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division Chair and women’s basketball coach Rita Story-Schell were recognized as “Staff Member of the Month” and “Educator of the Month,” respectively.

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, along with the Lions Club and Blue Ribbon Realty 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.

Melinda Sims graduated from Bishop McGuiness High School in Oklahoma City and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Central Oklahoma. She has worked for SSC for two years.

As part of her duties on campus, Sims coordinates the annual Interscholastic Meet that brings approximately 1,400 students from over 30 area high schools to campus to compete in academic testing. She also assists with the operation of the SSC Testing Center which conducts placement testing for college students.

Sims is married to Curtis Sims and has four children. She is a member of the Assembly of God in Meeker and enjoys working in her garden, riding her husband’s motorcycle with him, fishing and camping. She also enjoys watching her children participate in football, dance, choir, band, wrestling and tumbling.

Story-Schell graduated from Bethel High School. She holds an Associate of Science degree from Seminole Junior College, a Bachelor’s of Science from East Central University and a Master’s of Education from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Story-Schell has been employed with SSC for eleven years. She was inducted into the Seminole State College Alumni Hall of Fame in 2003.

Among her coaching honors, Story-Schell was named “District Coach of the Year” in 1995 and received the 2000 NISOD Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

She currently serves on the All-American Committee of the Women’s Basketball Association.

She is a member of the First United Methodist Church and enjoys running and spending time with family and friends.

Story Schell is married to Mark Schell and has two children Jacque-lynn and Beckham. In her free time, she likes to spend as much time as possible family and their black lab named Piper.

Student Bank Board Program

High school seniors from Meeker, Prague and Stroud attended the Student Bank Board Field Trip at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum April 6. Area high school seniors are selected to be a part of the Student Bank Board program. Seminole State College partners with BancFirst of Meeker, Prague and Stroud and allows high school seniors to participate in their Student Bank Board programs and earn college credit.

“This is a strong partnership between the college and surrounding communities that offers rewarding opportunities to high school seniors in the area,” said SSC Business and Training Coordinator Carol Hartman.

Campus hosts Creativity Symposium

The Language Arts and Humanities Division at Seminole State College hosted their First Annual Howlers and Yawpers Creativity Symposium Friday, April 29, 2011.

The symposium showcased amateur and professional Oklahoma artists, musicians, actors, writers and dancers in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center on the SSC campus. Students, faculty and community members will be presenting a variety of musical performances, dances, creative writings, theatrical performances and artistic presentations.
Seminole State College was the site for a statewide Economic Development Recognition Program hosted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education April 26 afternoon at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. Chancellor of Higher Education Glen Johnson and college and university presidents and administrators from across the state, joined business leaders being honored for their partnership efforts with higher education.

The Economic Development Partnership Recognition program honors outstanding partnerships that lead to significant contributions in educating and developing Oklahoma’s workforce.

Seminole State College and the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation were among the honorees at the event.

The joint efforts of Seminole State College and Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation have had a positive impact on the economic climate of Central Oklahoma, according to SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback.

The organizations’ collective work has fostered the growth of existing businesses and assisted with the recruitment of new industries to the area. The Rural Business and Resources Center at Seminole State College and the tribe’s Community Development Corporation are both highly involved in two major economic development organizations – Oklahoma Southeast and Cross Timbers RC&D. The groups combine their efforts to create jobs and provide financing and other services to businesses throughout the southeast quadrant of the state.

The past year has seen continued success and growth for CPCDC and their clients. They made over $4.6 million in loans to 20 Native American-owned companies looking to start or grow their business. As a result, these firms were able to create or retain over 80 jobs.

According to SSC Rural Business and Resources Center Director Larry Smith, “The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation and Executive Director Kristi Coker Bias have been a constant resource for the College’s economic development office. The two entities share information to assist clients and share ideas to provide economic stability to communities throughout their service area. Specifically, they have jointly worked on projects to create jobs in Wewoka, Meeker and Shawnee.”

The tribe has also been a longtime supporter of Seminole State College. A large number of Citizen Potawatomi tribal members take classes at Seminole State, receiving financial support from the tribe to attend college. The tribe has also supported capital improvements on the Seminole State College campus through support of the SSC Educational Foundation. Potawatomi Assistant Chair Linda Capps served as a Trustee on the Foundation board for many years and Kristi Coker Bias currently represents the tribe on that board.

“The partnership between Seminole State College and the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation has been extremely beneficial in economic and educational efforts. 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 Students help with Egg Run

Seminole State College volleyball and basketball students stuffed 8,500 eggs for the 17th Annual Jazzy’s Egg Run at the Children’s Museum. “Each year students from these programs help us with this special event. It would take our staff days to stuff the eggs, but these students complete the daunting task in about 2 hours. It’s a lot of fun to watch them helping us with this annual project”, states Marci Donaho, museum Executive Director.

The 17th annual Jazzy’s Egg Run was held Saturday, April 23 on the museum grounds.