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NEWS LEADERSHIP STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



The Seminole State College President's Leadership Class spent time learning from the leaders at the Boys and Girls Club of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. Students went through a typical afternoon at the Club to prepare to volunteer with children who attend on a weekly basis.



Charity Hair, Seminole, and Holden Bradford, Oklahoma City, face off in an enthusiastic rock, paper, scissors battle royale while their teams cheer them on waiting for their turn.

LIFE AND LEGACY OF EISENHOWER TO BE DISCUSSED AT SSC EVENT



SSC Professor of Government Jeffrey Christiansen will deliver a presentation on Dwight D. Eisenhower at the upcoming Presidents' Day event on Feb. 16.

Seminole State College will host its annual Presidents' Day event on Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. in the Utterback Ballroom, located just inside the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. This year's event will feature a presentation by Professor of Government Jeffrey Christiansen titled "Dwight D. Eisenhower: Soldier and Statesman." The event is free and open to the public.

"Few stories of the 'American Dream' can compare to that of Dwight David Eisenhower," Christiansen said. "He was born to humble circumstances, but he would eventually graduate from the United States Military Academy, rise to the five-star rank of General of the Army, command Allied forces in the largest amphibious assault in human history

during the Second World War, lead one of the country's most prestigious institutions of higher learning and be elected President of the United States in a landslide—twice."

Christiansen has worked at SSC for 15 years. In addition to being a Professor of Government, he serves as Vice Chair of the Social Sciences division. He also is the coordinator of the College's Constitution Day program, a faculty sponsor of the SSC Shooting Sports Club and volunteers as a judge at The Academy of Seminole's annual History Fair each spring.

For more information about the event, visit sscok.edu or contact Christiansen at j.christiansen@sscok.edu.

SEMIOLE STATE COLLEGE

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER SOLDIER AND STATESMAN

A Presidents' Day Presentation by Professor of Government **Jeffrey Christiansen**

**FEB 16
10 AM**
KELLY HANEY CENTER
UTTERBACK BALLROOM

You're invited to a special Presidents' Day presentation. This year's event centers on the life of the United States' 34th president, Dwight D. Eisenhower. **The event is free and open to students, faculty, staff and the community.**

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Stay up-to-date on campus events by visiting sscok.edu/events.

SSC HOSTS TROJAN BASEBALL BANQUET

To kick off the 2024 baseball season, Seminole State College hosted its annual Trojan Baseball “First Pitch” Banquet February 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

Former Trojan Baseball Coach Lloyd “Z” Simmons served as the event’s guest speaker.

During Simmons’ career in coaching junior college baseball, he amassed 1,804 wins. He led his teams to an unprecedented 13 trips to the NJCAA World Series, where they returned home as runners-up four times. His teams won 16 NJCAA Region II titles and 13 NJCAA District championships.

He coached 41 NJCAA All-Americans, and more than 200 of his players

signed professional baseball contracts, with 43 of those playing in the major leagues. Simmons was Oklahoma Baseball Coaches Association Coach of the Year eight times during his career and was inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame in 1997.

In 2019, Simmons was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Three former SSC baseball received special recognition at the SSC kick-off banquet. The 1983-84, 1993-94, 2003-04, and 2013-14 rosters were honored for their 40th, 30th, 20th and 10th anniversaries. Members of the 2024 Trojan baseball team were introduced by SSC Head Coach Mack Chambers.

Former Trojans Baseball Head Coach Lloyd Simmons served as the guest speaker at the First Pitch Baseball Banquet on Feb. 3.



Jeff Stych, 1992 Trojan alumni, served as the event’s master of ceremonies.



Trojans Baseball Head Coach Mack Chambers introduces the 2024 team during the First Pitch Baseball Banquet on Feb. 3.

NEWS

SSC PARTICIPATES IN LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Seminole State College hosted area colleges at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Southeast Oklahoma Legislative Briefing at Pete's Place in Krebs on January 26. SSC attended the event with a delegation of state legislators.

SSC President Lana Reynolds welcomed attendees to the event and introduced Chancellor Allison Garrett of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

In her remarks, Chancellor Garrett discussed the importance of higher education in improving the economy and business climate of the state. The State Regents are requesting \$1.1 billion in state funding for FY25, which reflects an increase of \$122.4 million or 12.2% over the FY24 appropriation of \$1 billion.

State Representative Danny Williams (R-Seminole), Representative Dell Kerbs (R-Shawnee) and Representative Danny Sterling (R-Tecumseh) attended the event on behalf of SSC.

Others representing Seminole State College at the event were President Leadership Class students sophomore Dalton Fowble, of Wellston; freshman Olivia Stevenson, of Shawnee; freshman Daylan Saxon, of Seminole; and freshman Jaylee Friend, of Prague; SSC Regents Chair Kim Hyden and Bryan Cain; SSC Educational Foundation trustees Jim Hardin, John Hargrave, Executive Director of the Avedis Foundation Dr. Kathy Laster, Rhonda McKee and Mark Schell; community supporters Seminole City Manager Steve Saxon and Lisa Saxon; SSC employees President Lana Reynolds, Director of Community Relations Kim Pringle and Communications Coordinator Josh Hutton.

The event was attended by delegations representing Carl Albert State College, Connors State College, East Central University, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Seminole State College and South-eastern Oklahoma State University.



Seminole State College employees, Regents, Foundation Trustees, local community supporters, legislators and students show their support at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Southeast Region Legislative Briefing at Pete's Place in Krebs on January 26. Pictured (left to right): Oklahoma State Regent Jack Sherry, former SSC Regent Paige Sherry, Seminole City Manager Steve Saxon, Lisa Saxon, SSC Director of Community Relations Kim Pringle, Executive Director of the Avedis Foundation and SSC Trustee Dr. Kathy Laster, SSC Board Chair Kim Hyden, SSC Trustee John Hargrave, State Representative Danny Sterling, SSC Foundation Trustee Mark Schell, State Representative Dell Kerbs, SSC Foundation Trustee Jim Hardin, SSC Regent Bryan Cain, State Representative Danny Williams, Wellston Sophomore Dalton Fowble, Shawnee Freshman Olivia Stevenson, Seminole Freshman Daylan Saxon, Prague Freshman Jaylee Friend and SSC President Lana Reynolds.

FALL HONOR ROLL RECOGNIZES STUDENTS

Seminole State College has released the names of honor roll students for the 2023 fall semester. Three separate honor rolls recognize students for their academic achievements.

The President's Honor Roll is comprised of students who maintain a perfect 4.0 grade-point-average in at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

Students named to the Vice President's Honor Roll must have a 3.5 grade-point-average or better and no grade below a "C".

The Part-Time Students' Honor Roll is for students who maintain a 3.5 grade-point-average with no grade below a "C" in at least six, but less than 12 college credit hours.

Students named to the President's Honor Roll include (listed by hometown):

Ada: Krista Grant
 Aguascalientes, Mexico: Marisol Gomez Andrade
 Allen, TX: Tatum Tallal
 Altus: Jaycee Foster
 Amarillo, TX: Bethaney Noble
 Bixby: Barrick Leu
 Bristow: McKenna Ingram, Sutton Titsworth
 Canute: Dalton Williams
 Caracas, Venezuela: Paola Gutierrez
 Cashion: Caden Kitchens
 Chandler: Dalton Fowle
 Claremore: Gwyneth Griffin
 Clinton: Mackenzie Kauk
 Comanche: Aspen Loafman
 Coweta: Kamryn Lydens
 Earlsboro: Mvhvya Gravatt, Dolly Hinesley
 Edmond: Akajia Handsom

Elgin: Mackenzie Davis
 Foss: Ryan Carlisle
 Holdenville: Jordan Long, Brooklynn Obryant, Kirby Van Haren, Zaida Wood
 Jennings: Kylie Hewitt
 Konawa: David Herriman, Jazmine Yahola
 Little Rock, AR: Luke George
 Lone Grove: Ashlyn Turner
 Macomb: Arie Hazell, James Miller
 Mannford: Braden Ruston
 Maud: Kadie Jencik
 McAlester: Gage Dollins
 Muskogee: Evan Smith
 Mustang: Carter Bohuslavicky
 Norman: Rania Ali, Kennedy Cox
 North Richland Hills, TX: Emma Teague
 Okemah: Ronald Campbell, Jaiden Hardy, Kurtis Wilson
 Oklahoma City: Holden Bradford, Kiera McGahee, Elizabeth Taber
 Paden: Miah Case, Kerrigan Vass
 Prague: Renae Enns, Jacob Hause, Demi Manning, Mason Rempe, Justin Scott, Maggie Smith
 Reno, TX: Joey Allen
 Rocky: Brett Griffith
 Seminole: Benjamin Foster, Bailey Galleciez, Daisha Minner, Kenny Parker, Destiny Smith, Trinity Stover, Emily Tidd
 Shawnee: Reyna Alvarado, Marilyn Bates, Jessica Bednarek, Ronald Bemo, Isabel Blue, Nicole Blue, Hallee Cousins, Diego Garcia, Michelle Glenn, Callie Haney, Mystyn Hankins, Brianna Humphrey, John Irick, Brian Jackson, Megan Larney, Michael Legardye, Jaxon Meyers, Taryn Naas, Atriya Nourbakhsh, Benjamin Parker, Nghi Pham,

Macy Proffer, Rebekkah Radford, Allie Ratcliff, Anna Robinson, Olivia Stevenson, Kaitlyn Tate, Trevor Terry, Lyudmyla Tkachenko, Zane Walck, Nicholas Whited
 Spring, TX: Aaliyaiah Durden
 Stroud: Baley Bivin, Kaley Bivin
 Tecumseh: Shannon Bennett, Destiny Bright, Katelyn Byrd, Londyn Green, Abbiegail James, Ethan Johnson, Tara Lack, Chevlyn Topping
 Tulsa: Reese Howsen, Maxim Zavarzin
 Tupelo: Payton Owens
 Tyler, TX: Tyler Priest
 Waco, TX: Mekhi Betancis
 Wetumka: Mazie Wagner
 Wewoka: Nicole Barnhart, Zechariah Stone Moore
 Wichita Falls, TX: Mathew Brown
 Students named to the Vice-President's Honor Roll include (listed by hometown):
 Asher: Jacob Leslie
 Bethel Acres: Dallas Borowski
 Boise, ID: Brooklyn Lough
 Boley: Karon Parker
 Brenham, TX: Cade Warmke
 Bristow: Kenneth Lupp
 Broken Arrow: Grayson Childers, Trystin Pauls
 Chandler: Kyler Henley, Dalton Alsip
 Claremore: Kinley Daniels
 Clinton: Caden Powell
 Coweta: Alex Harper
 Del City: Paige Baumgartner
 Earlsboro: Gabe Fiegenger, Emma Ford, Tina Glasgow, Hailie Robinett
 El Reno: Caroline Huber
 Farmers Branch, TX: Ashley Perez
 Fort Smith, AR: Harrison Adams

Fort Worth, TX: Brady Miller
 Frisco, TX: Kylah Barnhill
 Grand Prairie, TX: Lauryn Woodard
 Henryetta: Makenna Stubbs
 Hickory Creek, TX: Chelsea Vilca
 Holdenville: Chyanne Neese, Zarai Velazquez
 Konawa: Gracie Herriman, Kayla Martin, Ember Ingram
 Lakewood, WA: Alexandra Ginnis
 Lone Grove: Jackson Grace
 Lubbock, TX: Gabrielle Torres
 Macomb: Grant Blythe, Carlos Franco
 Maud: Raygan Wilmeth
 McAlester: Lleyton Bass
 Mcloud: David McAdams, Kimberly Weston
 Meeker: Stephanie Wood
 Midwest City: Kayden Murphy
 Moore: Marissa Frolich
 Nocona, TX: Emily Carpenter
 Norman: Gary Moore, Ytzel Garcia
 Okemah: Alexis Dominic, April McIntyre, Yessenia Rosas-Garcia
 Oklahoma City: Josalyn Faulkner, Aynslee Duffy, Madison Roberts, Cole Girard
 Owasso: Madilyn Drummond
 Paden: Morgan Fite
 Paragould, AR: Madeline Snyder
 Perry: Angel Tiscareno
 Prague: Jaylee Friend, Caden Simek, Landon Alexander, Harley Frey, Autumn Brown
 Quanah, TX: Madelyn Sidlauskas
 Red Oak: Denver Hamilton
 Roland: Nicole Massey
 Seminole: Adrianna Odaniel, Abigail Choate, Kathaleya Sharpe, Chantel Bar-

low, Cody Causey, Soulowla Williams, Cathryn Sands, Samantha Richardson, Alan Charqueno, Chase Conner, Daphne Lamoureux, Rachel Hoskison, Isaiah Myers, Chelsea Norman, Rainy McGraw, Alicia Massay, Abigail Moore

Shawnee: Rodrigo Juarez, Huynh Bao Long Nguyen, Haley Martin, Taylor Hoover, Joshua Abercrombie, Isabelle Conley, Hailey Painter, Isabella Bishop, Brianna Wortham, Gloria Barrett, Reece Cheatham, Channa Deer, Darion McKane, Skylar Grubb, Katelyn Williams, Cody Hisaw, Madison Wyatt, Mea Romine, Lacy Haynes, Daniela Parada, Emily Abbott, Mandy Adair, Sydney Balmes, Serenity Gothard, Phoenix Hindman, Ashley Pearson

Tecumseh: Sophia Childers, Tomas Lopez, Jazmine Mink, Savannah Phillips

The Colony, TX: Megan Gilchrist

Wewoka: Marissa Padilla, Sophie Han, Cednei Hulbutta, Olisaebuka Eze

Wichita Falls, TX: Terrius Causey
Wolfforth, TX: Gabrielle Deleon

Students named to the Part-Time Honor Roll include (listed by hometown):
Ada: Deanna DeLodge, Tabitha Esquibel, Caeden Henderson, Brooklyn Johnson, Lynaea McGee, Kenley Eastwood, Olivia Alvarez, Debra Lindsey, Zaydin Fick, Carly Wood

Asher: Cheyeann Adams, Avery Larmann

Bristow: Brooke Teter

Byars: Presleigh Casteel

Castle: Ella Guinn

Checotah: Summer Emerson

Choctaw: Carter Moisant

Cleo Springs: Dezirae Phillips

Coalgate: Keeley Lee
Cushing: Rebecca Green
Davenport: Troy Edwards, Emylee Keith

Dustin: Trista Caldwell

Earlsboro: Cassidy Baker, Ava Daily

Edmond: Shelbie Stephens

Fort Worth, TX: Liliane Hill

Harrar: Madison Broeker, Emma Meador, Sonya Trevino

Henryetta: Tamra Dugger, Sierra Morgan, Jessica Wood

Holdenville: Quetzali Becerra, Nakesha Edwards, Carley Hunter, Tyrell Phillips, Marlina Richmond, Sandra Gunn, Kasi Fearn, Mylisha Allen, Brooklin Ford, Natalie Jennings

Konawa: Charlene Galimba

Macomb: Tori Annanders

Maud: Brooke Watson, Micah House, Cooper Nance, Sarah Brushia

McAlester: Jeffery Kendrick, Miranda Mengers

McCloud: Desiree Duncan, Lisa Hancock, Ethan Lindenbaum, Whitney Zuck, Lena DeLodge

Meeker: Brandy Chambers, Baylie Luschen, Savana Sims, Elizabeth Swindell, Maci Flowers, Kiyah Guinn

Midwest City: Christopher Forsyth

Milfay: Tiffany Adair

Mustang: Emily DeBord

Newalla: Kayla Vinson

Noble: Carleigh Wilcox, Ethan Crawford, Connor Fox, Marian Johnson, Talya Maricle

Norman: Shelly Teape, Scarlett Frith

Okemah: Ty Haynes, Carlee Owen, Alden Bingham, Madison Basinger

Oklahoma City: Sundry Rey

Okmulgee: Alysha Petree

Paden: Colby Vass, Maylee Vass

Poteau: Bryan Robinson

Prague: Emma Brill, Ellie Brown, Allison Collins, Carley Dunlap, Sagan Dyer, Ethan Harkness, Breeana Hayes, Mahek Jeevani, Abby McCoy, Shane Newman, Colleen Nicholson, Kailey Rich, Madison Swinford, Adysen Thompson, Caden Pothorst, Madison Runyan, Janelle Oldham, Ethan Rich, Aspen Schmeusser, Emma Williams

Purcell: Ragan Dauzat

Sasakwa: James Hulvey, Grace Blackburn, Pake Eberle

Seminole: Easton Atyia, Joshua Belshe, Chelsei Blackshire, Caitlin Boggs, Meagan Capria, Jadelan Cartwright, Madalyn Douthit, Joshua Follett, Rachel Franks, Cortney Galleciez, Alison Gee, Deborah Glover, Mackenzie Jordan, Jenny Liu, Oscar Lopez, Gaylan Parsons, Ryan Powell, Audra Provaznik, Jessica Sneed, Isabella Bible, Angela Billings, Carrie Chessmore, Jael Salceda, Bethany Anderson, Christopher Johnson, Faith Lena

Shawnee: Riley Barker, Grace Bryant, Bray Bussell, Alexis Canaday, Chloe Clark, Danielle Coleman, Haley Cooper, Cade Dickinson, Austin Dong, Ethan Douglas, Brooklyn Duff, Jennifer Edgin, Ethan Ehtisham, Aubree Gonzales, Max Goodnight, Kathrine Grant, Laney Green, Karsen Griggs, Summer Groves, Harper Haskins, Israel Hernandez, Keylee Landes, Gabrielle Larney, Ngan Le, Sara Lock, Divine Mbote, Talan Nguyen, Cale Palmer, Carson Plumb, Anushka Lakmal Polwatte Ranaweeralage, Addison Pringle, Karsyn Reed, Corleen Richards, Casen Richardson, Hunter

Sealock, Grayson Serner, Jannah Shoffner, Olivia Stacy, Hannah Starkey, Adriana Taximaroa Palominos, Aubrey Terry, Makenna Thomas, Ambroysha Tuttle, Michael Walker, Camber Whinery, Benjamin Wiles, Grace Wiley, Diamond Young, Grady Nowlin, Francesca Porras, Michael Pettit-Williams, Riley Kieffer, Jacob Madden, Dayton Forsythe, Sarah Setzer, Ashlyn Coleman, Serenity Rezendes, Brittany Austin, Jordan Carpenter, Erica Collins, McClendon Conway, Zachary Fortin, Tasha Gause, Mackenzie Harris, Katrina Knobel, Gabriella Levine, Corbyn Lupo, McKenzie Lupo, Matthew Maxwell, Daniel Sullivan, MaKenna Turner, Tara West

Sparks: Emily Fulghum

Stratford: Falisha Wood

Stroud: Gwendolyn Denigris, Nicole Jones, Regan Wilbanks

Tecumseh: Riley Bateman, Keaton Byrum, Devnee Foust, Emma Hill, Nicholas Johnson, Daryl Kernes, Andrea Knight, Bralynn Powell, Addison Robertson, Darcee Souders, Emma Wilcox, Raeanna Streater, Donryan Wiginton, Jessica Cummings, Darrah Adkins, Abigail Davison, Destiny Gaines, Tori Holdridge, Madison Jones, Paige Lowther, Harley Scott

Wanette: Jolie Jones

Weleetka: Alessa Pelley

Wetumka: Kaiya Herrod, Kerra Pack

Wewoka: Jami Barkhimer, Teagan Cain, Nathania Mitchell, Eyan Norman, Jackson Patterson, Griffen Young, Savannah Deatherage, Robin Ross-Wind, Montana Sipes

White Deer, TX: Jessica Rogers

Wilburton: MaKanaan Palmer

SSC BOARD OF REGENTS EXTEND PRESIDENT'S CONTRACT

The Seminole State College Board of Regents met Jan. 18 to discuss changes to the College's bereavement policy and review the terms of President Lana Reynolds' employment. The College's annual Year-in-Review publication was also unveiled during the meeting.

The meeting opened with an overview of the College's recent expenditures by Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Melanie Rinehart.

SSC President Lana Reynolds then presented her President's Report, which included an update on personnel changes, information about campus activities and an update on spring semester enrollment numbers.

The President's Report concluded with a presentation of the 2023 Year-in-Review. The publication opens with a letter from President Reynolds, highlights the top stories and documents campus news over the span of the past year, month by month. The Year-in-Review is available to the public on the College's website, sscok.edu.

With the first item on the agenda, the Board reviewed proposed changes to the College's bereavement leave. SSC's Administrative Council and Human Resources Office suggested removing a requirement of completing probationary employment status prior to being able to access to bereavement leave.

"We felt the time period for waiting to utilize this leave placed an unnecessary burden on employees. This is a small change in the policy but could make a big difference to someone who needs it," President Reynolds stated.

The Board approved the change.



The SSC Board of Regents renewed President Lana Reynolds' contract at their meeting on Jan. 18. Pictured (back row, left to right): SSC Regents Robyn Ready, Ryan Franklin, Ryan Pitts, Curtis Morgan and Marci Donaho; (front row, left to right): President Lana Reynolds and Board of Regents Chair Kim Hyden.

The second action item was the review of President Reynolds' employment. In accordance with Board Policy, the President is evaluated each year prior to the January meeting. The evaluation process is conducted according to the wishes of the Board Chair. Seven years ago, Reynolds was named to the position of President, beginning her tenure in July of 2017.

In December, Board members wrote written evaluations of President Reynolds' performance over the course of the last year. She was assessed in institutional leadership, community relations, legislative relations, institutional loyalty and commitment, fiscal management, vision, planning and integrity. It was reported that President Reynolds met with Chair Kim Hyden earlier this month to review performance and discuss challenges and

successes of the last year, as well as to establish goals for the coming year.

The Board retired into executive session to discuss President Reynolds' evaluation and contract. When the Board returned to public session, her' contract was extended, and she was given a three percent raise, mirroring the percentage increase full-time staff received last summer.

"President Reynolds has been a visionary leader for SSC. She has demonstrated a commitment to innovation, student success and community. We, as a board, believe that President Reynolds goes above and beyond to foster strong relationships with local businesses and community partners," Chair Hyden said. "We look forward to what the College accomplishes under her leadership in 2024."

Reynolds added, "It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity through both remarkable achievements and tough challenges. I am passionate about this college, our students and our employees, and I am grateful for the Board's trust and support in enabling me to continue to serve."

On the consent agenda, the Board approved the academic calendar for 2024-2025, various degree program modifications and a contract renewal with software company Jenzabar.

Board members present at the meeting were: Chair Kim Hyden, Marci Donaho, Ryan Franklin, Curtis Morgan, Ryan Pitts and Robyn Ready.

The next SSC Board of Regents meeting is set for Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024.

STATE REGENTS MEET AT SSC, TOUR CAMPUS



The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) held a regular meeting at Seminole State College (SSC) on Feb. 1. The meeting was part of the OSRHE's ongoing effort to visit and learn more about the state's public colleges and universities. SSC President Lana Reynolds greeted the State Regents and made a presentation on the college's history, academic initiatives, community impact, partnerships, athletics and opportunities for students.



SSC Student Government Association President Benjamin Parker, of Shawnee, spoke with the state regents about his experiences at the college. Pictured (left to right) OSRHE Chair Jack Sherry, Parker and Oklahoma State System of Higher Education Chancellor Allison Garrett.



Following their meeting, the state regents toured campus and visited several classes. Assistant Professor of Life Sciences Truitt Eubank welcomed the State Regents into his General Botany course (pictured).



The State Regents made their final tour stop at the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex. SSC Rural Business and Resources Director Danny Morgan spoke about the economic impact the complex is having on the community.

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