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Here you'll find important updates, CARES Act scholarship information, mental health resources and links to Centers for Disease Control data.

Explore the Response Page [here](#).



March 6

First Day of Second 8-Week Session

Enrollment is still open if you're looking to pick up additional credits this semester.

March 7

Axe Throwing Hosted By Student Activities and Events

Students are invited to an evening of axe throwing at Lumberjack Johnson's, located in Shawnee, from 6 to 10 p.m. Bring your student ID. Waivers can be found on the SSC calendar page.

March 13-17

Spring Break

SSC offices will close for the week. Class sessions and normal office hours will resume on March 20.

March 22

SSC Movie Night

Students can enjoy free admission and a free snack at Strother's Cinema, beginning at 7 p.m.

For a full calendar of everything going on around campus, visit sscok.edu/events.

Chamber of Commerce Honors Two Employees

Two Seminole State College employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication during the monthly Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum on Feb. 9. Assistant Professor of Mathematics Dr. Ricky Streight was honored as “Faculty Member of the Month” and Admissions and Record Specialist Jessica Guinn as “Staff Member of the Month.”

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, along with the Lions Club and Kontoor-Wrangler, 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.

Dr. Streight has worked for SSC at two separate stints of time, totaling 16 years. He served from 1986-2000, first as an instructor and later as an administrator. He returned 21 years later in 2021 to serve as a full-time Assistant Professor of Mathematics. He presently teaches the calculus series, differential equations and also develops and teaches courses in computer science.

He received his bachelor’s degree in Science at the University of Central Oklahoma. He holds four master’s degrees: Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, Computer Science from West Coast University, Data Analysis from Western Governors University and Mathematics from Indiana State University. He received his doctorate in Higher Education at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Streight is actively involved in the Military Officers Association, the Re-



The Seminole Chamber of Commerce recognized Assistant Professor of Mathematics Dr. Ricky Streight and Admissions and Record Specialist Jessica Guinn as Seminole State College’s employees of the month on Feb. 9 at the Chamber’s monthly forum.

serve Officers Association, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the American Legion, Elks Lodge and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

He and his wife, Sherri, reside in Shawnee. In his spare time he enjoys jogging, golf and working on old computers

and electronics.

Guinn has worked at SSC for seven years. In her role, she processes transcript requests and applications, manages student records and helps organize the College’s commencement ceremony.

She received her associate’s degree from SSC and played for the College’s

women’s basketball team, the Belles.

Guinn serves on the campus Wellness Committee and the Classified Staff Scholarship Committee.

She resides in Shawnee with her two sons, Jett and Phoenix.

Need additional credits? Enrollment is still open for second 8-week sessions. Speak to an advisor today.

SSC Holds Disaster Training Event for Nursing

Seminole State College held a disaster training event for nursing students on Feb. 22 inside the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on campus.

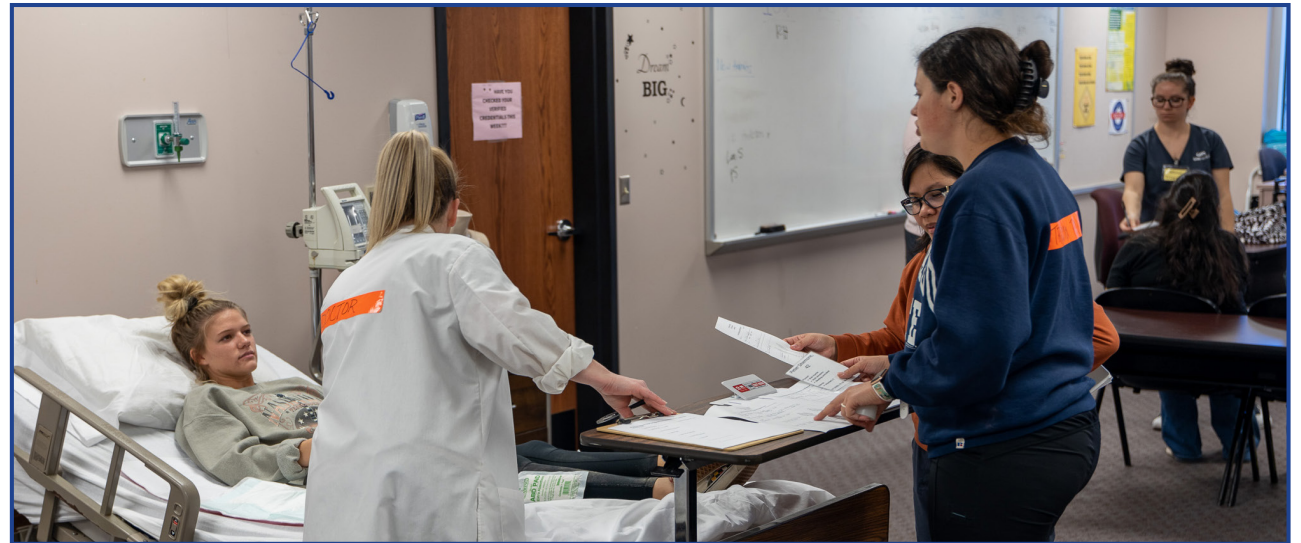
Students participated in a training module designed to help them understand what qualifies as a disaster, how to triage patients, manage resources and how to work with other agencies to access quick medical care. Before the hands-on training, students attended a lecture about incident command, treating patients and communication techniques in a time of crisis.

Following the lecture, the nursing students were able to put their disaster response skills to the test during a simulation drill, where students responded to the aftermath of a bombing. The loading bay of the Haney Center served as the site of the incident. Students took on different roles. Some students took on the role of victims with various injuries, while other students were asked to perform search and rescue, triage patients and tend to their medical and psychological needs.

“Disaster training is becoming more and more important. We are proud of our nursing students who embrace the philosophy that nursing is an intricate part of any successful disaster response,” Crystal Bray, SSC Nursing Program Director, said. “In the future, we hope to work with area hospitals, Emergency Medical Services and Police to expand the training for our nursing students, as well as, area healthcare professionals and response teams.”



SSC nursing students participated in a disaster response simulation on Feb. 22 in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. Pictured (left to right): Melissa Johnston, Cierra Stevenson, Bryan Davis, Dariyan Fancher, Katty Nelson, Jessica Taylor and Amanda Flores.



Students took on various roles during the simulation. Victims were transported from the site of the incident to a makeshift treatment center set up in a nursing classroom, where they were treated by their classmates.

SSC Delegation Attends Higher Ed Day



SSC was represented by 30 President's Leadership Class students and two members of the College's Student Government Association.

A large delegation of campus and community leaders representing Seminole State College attended Higher Education Day at the Capitol in Oklahoma City, Tuesday, Feb. 14. The event, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, is held annually to demonstrate the value and importance of higher education in the state.

To begin the day, SSC President's Leadership Class students visited the offices of several legislators, spoke with them and delivered Valentine's Day candy.

At lunch, SSC President Lana Reynolds introduced elected officials who represent communities in the College's service area. State senators Grant Green, Shane Jett, Darcy Jech; and representatives Kevin Wallace, Dell Kerbs, Danny Sterling and Danny Williams spoke to the SSC delegation about their support

of higher education and their outlook on the legislative session.

Community supporters in attendance included: Karel Brewster, Brewster and Associates; Karel Brewster, Brewster and Associates; Haley Coates, SSC Foundation Trustee and Owner, HC Investments; Harry Coates, Former Oklahoma State Senator and Owner, HC Investments; Marci Donaho, SSC Regent and Retired Executive Director of the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum; Randy Gilbert, Owner, Gilbert & Sons Trucking; Suzanne Gilbert, SSC Foundation Trustee and Owner Gilbert Insurance Agency; Jim Hardin, SSC Foundation Trustee; Dr. Donna Hardin, Retired Seminole State College Instructor; Kim Hyden, SSC Regent and Owner of Gary A. Crain, Inc.; Chris Moore, SSC Foundation Trustee and Senior Vice President BancFirst Semi-

nole; and Jeremy Rich, SSC Foundation Trustee and J. Rich Companies.

SSC Student Government President Georgia Ledford, Tecumseh, and Vice President Danielle Sullivan, Holdenville, attended, along with members of the President's Leadership Class.

PLC participants were: Frank Bourlon, Bethel; Holden Bradford, Oklahoma City; Erin Bronson, Shawnee; Emma Buchanan, Stroud; Ryan Carlisle, Foss; Diana Cazares, Castle; Thomas Chote, Seminole; Jaci Chowning, Stroud; Morgan Fite, Paden; Dalton Fowble, Chandler; Brett Griffith, Shawnee;

Randall, Okemah; Jeremy Slate, Dallas, Texas; Elizabeth Smith, Agra; Evan Smith, President's Leadership Class, Muskogee; Sutton Titsworth, Bristow; Rachel Vieyra, Chandler; Hailey Wallace, Wellston; Brent White, Dale; Alivia Wiley, Oklahoma City; Kaden Wright, Bixby; and Audrey (Maggie) Zeier, We-woka.

College representatives present were: Dr. Amanda Estey, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Bill Knowles, Vice President for Student Affairs; Danny Morgan, Rural Business and Resources Center Director; Brooks Nickell, Web



Seminole State College employees and community supporters attended Higher Education Day at the State Capitol on Feb. 14.

Alexis Harper, Coweta; Jordan (Jesse) Jones, Tecumseh; Taylon Laxson, Oklahoma City; Jacob Leslie, Asher; Karmryn Lydens, Coweta; Johnny Mahalik, Carrolton, Texas; Kaden Morris, Holdenville; Blake Parrick, Stroud; Allyson

and Multimedia Coordinator; Kim Pringle, Director of Community Relations; Lana Reynolds, President; Wendy Rich, Faculty Senate President; and Melanie Rinehart, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs.

Tenure Granted to Two Faculty Members at SSC Board Meeting

The Seminole State College Board of Regents granted tenure to two faculty members, approved an increase to room and board rates and approved a resolution to support the current law regarding firearm restrictions on college campuses at their meeting on Feb. 16.

During her report to the Board, President Lana Reynolds discussed campus events, personnel changes, campus maintenance projects and legislative activities.

With the first two items on the agenda, the Board granted tenure to Associate Professor of Mathematics Emily Carpenter and Associate Professor of English Dr. Andrew Davis. Faculty considered for tenure must show evidence of quality performance in teaching, scholarship and service. Applicants must be employed full time by the College for at least five years and submit a portfolio showing evidence of their performance, student feedback and assessment results. Both Carpenter and Dr. Davis were recommended for tenure by Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Amanda Estey.

Carpenter received both her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and her master's degree in Teaching, Learning and Leadership with an option in Special Education from Oklahoma State University. She is a National Board-certified teacher with 13 years of K-12 teaching experience. She has worked at SSC full-time for seven years and served the College as an adjunct for one year prior to that. She currently serves as Chair for the STEM division.

Dr. Davis received his bachelor's de-



SSC Associate Professor of Mathematics Emily Carpenter and Associate Professor of English Dr. Andrew Davis were granted tenure at the Board of Regents meeting on Feb. 16. Pictured (left to right): Board of Regents Chair Ryan Pitts, Carpenter, Dr. Davis and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Amanda Estey.

gree in English from Connecticut College, his master's degree in Gender and Cultural Studies from Simmons College and a doctorate in English from Oklahoma State University. He has worked at SSC for five years. In addition to teaching, he supervises the Writing House, a tutoring space for composition students. He is also the Phi Theta Kappa honor society advisor.

Next, the Board approved an increase in room and board rates for the 2023-2024 academic year. Moving forward, the \$100 deposit for campus housing will be non-refundable. The rising cost of food and the need for continued maintenance and improvements in the residence halls drove the request. SSC has not increased the rates since 2015.

With the last action item on the agenda, the Board approved a resolution supporting current restrictions on firearms on campus. The resolution reads: "The members of the Seminole State College Board of Regents support maintaining the current law regarding weapons on campus, in which the President has the sole discretion to allow individuals to carry weapons on campus when the individual circumstances warrant it."

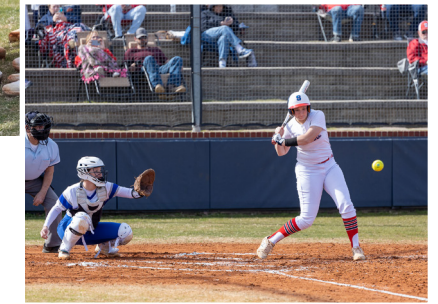
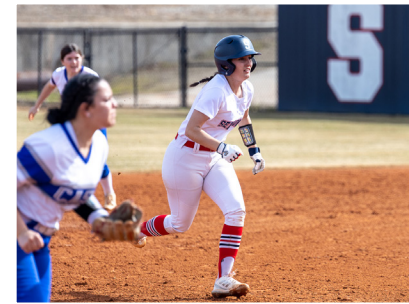
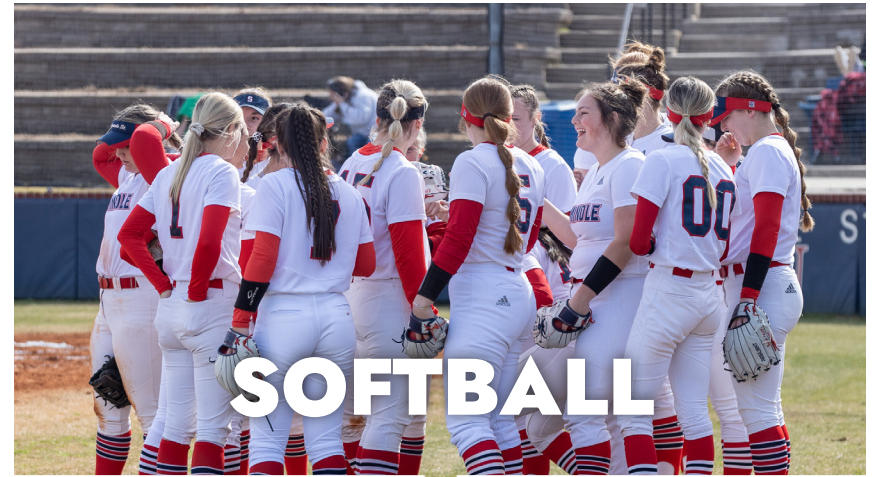
Similar resolutions have been approved by the College's Professional Staff Council and the Student Government Association, as well as local law enforcement. Other SSC employee organizations are considering their own resolutions of support. Copies of these resolutions will be provided to the Oklahoma State Re-

gents for Higher Education and shared with legislators to combat any proposed changes in the current law.

On the consent agenda, the board ratified an emergency purchase to replace a boiler that controls the heat in the Seminole Nation residence hall. The boiler, installed in 2007, is obsolete and parts are unavailable. The Board also approved a program modification to an associate of arts degree.

Board members present at the meeting were: Chair Ryan Pitts, Bryan Cain, Marci Donaho, Kim Hyden, Curtis Morgan and Robyn Ready. The next meeting of the SSC Board of Regents is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Spring Sports Preview



Head Coach
Mack Chambers

Win-Loss Record
10-6 Overall

Runs
157

Batting Average
.345

Upcoming Games
March 7 • 1:00 p.m. • Home
• vs. Northern Oklahoma
College - Enid

March 10 • 3:00 p.m. • Away
• vs Northeastern Oklahoma
AM College

March 11 • 1:00 p.m. • Away
• vs Northeaster Oklahoma
AM College

Head Coach
Amber Flores

Win-Loss Record
8-2 Overall

Runs
65

Batting Average
.380

Upcoming Games
March 4 • 2:00 p.m. • Home
• vs. Coffeyville Community
College

March 5 • 2:00 p.m. • Away
• vs Ranger College

March 5 • 5:00 p.m. • Away
• vs Trinity Valley Commu-
nity College

Sports Preview



MEN'S GOLF



WOMEN'S GOLF

Head Coach
Rusty Beene

Upcoming Event
March 20 • Time TBA •
Oakwood Intercollegiate

Head Coach
Rusty Beene

Upcoming Event
March 20 • Time TBA •
Meadowlake Intercollegiate



MEN'S BASKETBALL



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach
Don Tuley

Upcoming Tournament
March 8 • Time TBA •
NJCAA Regional Tour-
nament • Rougher Village
Arena - Muskogee

Head Coach
Rita Story-Schell

Upcoming Tournament
March 9 • Time TBA •
NJCAA Regional Tour-
nament • Rougher Village
Arena - Muskogee

For schedules, stats, sports news, and rosters, visit sscathletics.com.

Buchanan Attends Nigh Leadership Academy



Former Gov. George Nigh and his wife Donna meet with SSC freshman Emma Buchanan, of Stroud, during the four-day Nigh Leadership Academy in Oklahoma City.

Seminole State College freshman Emma Buchanan, of Stroud, recently attended the Nigh Institute Leadership Academy held in Oklahoma City.

Buchanan joined college students from across the state for the four-day academy from Feb. 4-7. Over the course of the event, Buchanan and her peers volunteered at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, enjoyed an OKC Thunder game, toured the Oklahoma City National Memorial, visited the Bob Funk Ranch and experienced the First Americans Museum.

“I am honored to have earned the opportunity to represent Seminole State College at the 2023 George and Donna Nigh Leadership Academy,” Buchanan said. “This experience allowed me to make friends from colleges across the state and learn about public service from the perspectives of other students and

state leadership. I enjoyed hearing former Governor Nigh and his wife Donna speak to us each night. He encouraged us that we can be successful and make an impact right here in Oklahoma.”

Buchanan is a 2022 graduate of Dav- enport High School. She is the daughter of Jason and Jessica Buchanan.

The George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship was established on April 19, 1999, by the Oklahoma State Legislature and former Gov. Frank Keating. The purpose of this scholarship is to allow each of the two- and four-year higher educational institutions, both public and private, to select and honor one student each year as a Nigh Scholar. Each student is selected and nominated by their institution’s president and receive a one-time \$1,000 Leadership Scholarship.

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State Farm Makes Donation to SSC’s Laptop Loan Program



SSC President Lana Reynolds (left) thanks State Farm Agent Darren Frederick (right) for the company’s donation of 25 laptops to the College’s laptop loan program.

State Farm Insurance recently donated 25 laptops to Seminole State College’s laptop loan program. Seminole State Farm Agent and SSC Educational Foundation Trustee Darren Frederick identified the corporate grant program for the College and assisted with the application, resulting in the donation of the devices.

The laptop loan program, which launched in 2020, allows students to check out laptops on a semester-by-semester basis through the Boren Library on campus. To be eligible to receive a laptop, students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours. Students may re-

check laptops for up to one calendar year if they are consistently enrolled in at least six hours. After the one-year point, students will be able to reapply for the program. All laptops are in good condition and include a charger.

“We are so thankful for the generosity demonstrated by State Farm. This partnership between a private business and our public institution will directly benefit our students. We appreciate Darren Frederick identifying the need and taking action to increase accessibility to technology on our campus,” SSC President Lana Reynolds said.