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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AWARDS SSC 'CERTIFIED EXCELLENCE'



Seminole State College has earned the "Certified Excellence" designation, the highest level of recognition from the Certified Healthy Oklahoma Program, a division of the Oklahoma Department of Health. This free, voluntary certification program recognizes organizations committed to fostering healthy environments and policies that encourage better nutrition, increased physical activity, and tobacco-free living. The award was presented by Kimberly Ramsey, Adolescent Health Specialist with the Oklahoma State Health Department (center). Accepting the award were Mechell Downey, Director of Board Relations and Administrative Operations (left), and SSC President Lana Reynolds (right).

SSC REPORTS SUCCESS WITH GEAR UP DREAMCATCHER GRANT



Seminole State College Comptroller Julie Hix (left) and Vice President of Finance, Grants and Enrollment Melanie Rinehart celebrate the success of the GEAR UP Dreamcatcher grant, which concluded in 2024. Hix formerly served as Director of SSC's GEAR UP program for five of the grant's seven years.

Seminole State College has released its annual progress report on the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Dreamcatcher grant, which concluded in 2024 after seven years. The federal grant, awarded in 2017, provided critical college readiness, career exploration and academic achievement support to approximately 1,000 area students annually.

The Dreamcatcher GEAR UP grant funded six full-time positions, enabling SSC to deliver a wide range of services to students and schools within its five-county service area. Program offerings included college campus visits, free tutoring, career guidance, mentorship programs and financial aid workshops for students and families. The grant also supported

scholarships for participants and provided partner schools with professional development, resources and guidance in implementing Individualized Career and Academic Plans (ICAPs).

To ensure equitable access, SSC provided students with 24/7 online tutoring services through Tutor.com. These services proved critical for academic success and preparation for college entrance exams, particularly for underserved communities. Students also benefited from unlimited ACT testing vouchers, which removed financial barriers to college admission tests.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, GEAR UP staff pivoted to online services, redirecting funds previously allocated for travel and in-person events

toward postsecondary enrollment assistance. These adjustments ensured students continued to receive vital support during a challenging period.

The program achieved substantial improvements across key areas, including a 35 percent increase in the number of students completing pre-algebra by the end of eighth grade. Graduation rates among GEAR UP participants ranged from 98 to 100 percent, with 99 to 100 percent of students advancing to the next grade level on time. More than 80 percent of participants also reported plans to attend college, reflecting the program's success in fostering aspirations for higher education.

The grant made a significant impact on partner schools, providing funding for equipment, professional development and individualized support for educators. GEAR UP coordinators worked closely with school counselors to streamline ICAP implementation, fostering academic success and enhancing college preparedness for students.

"This report showcases the tremendous impact of the GEAR UP Dream-

catcher grant on our students, families and community," SSC Vice President of Finance, Grants and Enrollment Melanie Rinehart said. "We'd like to thank former GEAR UP Director Julie Hix for her five years of dedication and work on this grant. Her hard work played an essential role in preparing students not only for college, but also to enter the workforce. We are fortunate to have Julie continuing her service to SSC in her current role as Comptroller."

In September of 2024, SSC received a new Believe and Achieve GEAR UP grant, backed by \$6.5 million in federal funding over seven years. This grant will expand services to approximately 1,168 students across 12 school districts, introducing new program elements such as a partnership with Texas Instruments to provide advanced technology resources. The grant will also fund research in collaboration with CoBro Consulting to assess and enhance program outcomes.

For more information about Seminole State College's GEAR UP program, visit sscok.edu.

Scan the QR code to learn more about GEAR UP's new **Believe and Achieve** grant.

The graphic features the SSC logo (a red gear with 'SSC' in blue) and the GEAR UP logo (a blue gear with 'GEAR UP' in blue and 'BELIEVE & ACHIEVE' in red). A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS TAKE TO THE COURT AT OKC THUNDER GAME



More than 120 high school students in the Seminole State College Upward Bound program recently had the opportunity to experience an exciting evening of NBA action at the Paycom Center, as they watched the Oklahoma City Thunder claim a 144-110 victory over the Sacramento Kings. In addition to enjoying the game, several Upward Bound students participated in exclusive pre-game activities, including greeting Thunder and Kings players in the Spirit Tunnel and standing on the court during the National Anthem and player introductions. To cap off the night, every student took part in a special post-game photo opportunity on the court with Rumble the Bison, the Thunder's mascot. SSC's Upward Bound program serves 20 area high schools and is fully funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program provides academic support, college preparation and enrichment experiences to help students achieve their higher education goals.

LEADERSHIP STUDENTS TOUR OKLAHOMA STOCKYARDS



Members of the Seminole State College President's Leadership Class visited the Oklahoma National Stockyards in Oklahoma City on Jan. 30 to learn about the impact of the cattle industry on the state's economy. The students toured the facility, including walking the catwalks built above the cattle holding lots, viewed the sale ring and watched videos from a previous sale. In Since the Oklahoma National Stockyards was founded in 1910, more than 102 million head of livestock have passed through the market.

TROJAN BASEBALL BEGINS SEASON WITH BANQUET

Seminole State College kicked off the 2025 Trojan Baseball season with its annual “First Pitch” Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The event brought together alumni, supporters, and current team members.

Jeff Stych, a 1992 Trojan alumnus, emceed the evening’s festivities. The program opened with an invocation led by Trojan player Bennett Crafton and a greeting from SSC President Lana Reynolds.

This year’s banquet honored anniversary teams from 1985, 1995, 2005, and 2015, recognizing their contributions to the program’s legacy.

The keynote speaker for the event was Matt Hancock, a 2003 Trojan alumnus, who spoke about his journey from collegiate baseball to community leadership.

“Like everyone else, I wanted to go to Seminole to play professional baseball,” Hancock said. He pitched for two years under former Head Coach Eric Myers. As he honed his talent on the field, he



Matt Hancock (pictured), 2003 Trojan alumnus and current Director of Tulsa County Parks and Recreation, was the event’s featured speaker.

also developed a love for community involvement. While taking a leadership course, he was required to log volunteer hours. He spent time working at the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum and

lending a hand with Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

He also met his wife, Tommie Jane Hancock, an All-American on the College’s softball team.

He earned a degree in Recreation Administration at Oral Roberts University and was later drafted by the Boston Red Sox in 2005. He spent two years in the minor leagues before an elbow injury ended his playing career.

He then began working for the YMCA of Greater Tulsa. Over 18 years, he held multiple leadership roles, including Chief Operating Officer, Chief Growth and Strategy Officer, and Vice President of Youth Development.

Currently serving as the Director of Parks and Recreation for Tulsa County, Hancock also leads the Rotary Youth Leadership Program for Rotary District 6110 and serves on the boards of Tulsa Route 66 Main Street and Skiatook Youth Wrestling.

SSC Baseball Head Coach Mack Chambers introduced this year’s team, highlighted recent improvements to the baseball training facility, and expressed his gratitude to attendees for their continued support.



Current and past Trojan players and coaches pose for a photo following the banquet. The Trojans began their season on Jan. 30 with a three-game series against New Mexico Junior College, coming away with a 2-1 win-loss record.



FALL HONOR ROLL RECOGNIZES SSC STUDENTS

Seminole State College has recognized 394 students for their academic achievement in the fall 2024 semester by naming them to the President's, Vice President's and Part-Time Honor Rolls.

Seminole State College has released the names of honor roll students for the 2024 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):

- Bixby: Keyleigh Howard Wapaha
- Bristow: McKenna Ingram
- Broken Arrow: Brooklynn Cahill
- Chandler: Lillee Durbin, Jentrie Gibson, Jerra Haymes
- Claremore: Gwyneth Griffin
- Clinton: Mackenzie Kauk
- Collinsville: Olivia Brown
- Comanche: Aspen Loafman
- Coppell, TX: Emma Fanous
- Davenport: Troy Edwards
- Edmond: Kayla Klinessmith, Carter

- Sterling, Gavin Williams
- Eufaula: Brooklynn Jones, Gracie Jane Lasiter
- Farmers Branch, TX: Ashley Perez
- Holdenville: Victoria Carlson, Scotty Routon
- Jennings: Kylie Hewitt
- Kaleen, AU: Sophia Doumos
- Lawton: Morgan Curry
- Little Elm, TX: Kara Doan
- Lone Grove: Allison Townley
- Macomb: Stephanie Rivera Jimenez
- Mannford: Braden Ruston
- Maud: Cynthia Bird
- McCurtain: Zane Cooper
- McKinney, TX: Gabriel Barrientes
- Meeker: Lenny Davidson
- Midwest City: Peyton Black, Seth Flinchbaugh, Hutch Russell, Loana Truong
- Norman: Kennedy Cox, Ytsel Garcia, Evan Madden, Gary Moore, Kaitlyn Webb
- Okemah: Ronald Campbell, Jaiden Hardy
- Oklahoma City: Cole Girard, Bradley Ruby, Maxim Zavarzin
- Paden: Lilly Jones, Summer Wallis
- Piedmont: Chelsea Powell
- Pilot Point, TX: Maria Maldonado
- Poteau: Aiden Sockey
- Prague: Autumn Brown, Jacob Hause, Justin Scott

- Pryor: Ashlynn Vargas
- Roff: Rylan Cantrell
- Rogers, AR: Bennett Crafton
- San Jose, CA: Caitlin Ann Nuttall
- Seminole: Jasmine Barney, Joshua Belshe, Tiara Billie, Jessica Choate, Lorilai Cook, Ronald Daniels, Madalyn Douthit, Bailey Galleciez, Mackenzie Jordan, Jillian Lamb, Daisha Minner, Caden Pierce, Lindsey Pruitt, Ricardo Salinas, Halee Sellers, Destiny Smith, Soulowla Williams, Zoey Wilson
- Shawnee: Lucas Blevens, Isabel Blue, Alexis Canaday, Addison Day, Paityn Edmondson, Ryan Fullbright, Dylan Gerdon, Cody Hisaw, Kelby Mayfield, Lacy McCaslin, Kylie Naas, Huynh Bao Long Nguyen, Arsha Nourbakhsh, Nghi Pham, Caleb Phillips, Ami Quarry, Sierra Streater, Isabella Swaggerty, Brianna Wortham
- Sperry: Easton Guest
- Spring, TX: Aaliyaiah Durden
- Stillwater: Caeli Schaefer, Camryn Westbrook
- Stroud: Kynslei Wise
- Tecumseh: Destiny Bright, Keaton Byrum, Emily Farley, Londyn Green, Doneta Hill, Nicholas Johnson, Tara Lack, Kylan Townsend
- Vernon, TX: Hannah Reed
- Wanette: Jolie Jones
- Wayne: Kaylee Madden

- Wetumka: Kaiya Herrod
- Wewoka: Nicole Barnhart, Zechariah Stone Moore
- Wilson: Braylee Foster
- Wolfforth, TX: Gabrielle Deleon
- Yukon: Melanie Long

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

- Ada: Aradia Crawford, Reid Samson, Taylor Whitesell
- Argyle, TX: Nathan Anderson
- Azle, TX: Declan Dahl
- Balch Springs, TX: Yiselle Bernal
- Brampton, ON, CA: Megan Knapp
- Broken Arrow: Grayson Childers
- Burkburnett, TX: Brayden Harpole
- Calvin: Audrey Taylor
- Cashion: Hunter Gibson
- Choctaw: JaMon Valentine
- Drumright: Cayden Sherwood
- Earlsboro: Duncan Bennett, Cameron Gonzales Gunville, Ethan Rich
- Eufaula: McCamey Jones
- Enid: Virginia Seal
- Fort Smith, AR: Harrison Adams
- Fort Worth, TX: Kaylee Sallee
- Hartshorne: Abigail Tovar
- Henryetta: Mckayla Greenhaw
- Holdenville: Kelci Cook, Braden Young, Trinity Anderson, Marlina Richmond, Quetzali Becerra

Konawa: Kaitlyn Chambers
 Lewisville, TX: Zoe Trenchard, Molly Kate Lundy
 Lexington: Taylor Williamson
 Little Elm, TX: Kara Doan
 Locust Grove: Reeve Ross
 Lone Grove: Jackson Grace
 Lubbock, TX: Gabrielle Torres, Breana Stumbo
 Maud: Kadie Jencik, Raygan Wilmeth, Madison Gates
 Mcloud: Jazmene Teaney, Mia Hasbell-Stafford
 Midwest City: Kayden Murphy
 Miami, FL: Jhonatan Bassett
 Moore: Marissa Frolich
 Oklahoma City: Raegan Scott
 Okemah: Luke Spitale
 Paden: Morgan Fite
 Perry: Angel Tiscareno
 Prague: Hanlon Gottschalk, Tanner Gregory, Kacey Baca, Zachary Bailey, Caden Simek
 Purcell: Ragan Dauzat
 Quanah, TX: Madelyn Sidlauskas
 Red Oak: Denver Hamilton
 Rio Vista, TX: Ella Conley
 Sapulpa: Jailey Battles
 Seminole: Summer Genson, Isabel Choate, Makayla Harge, Haley Redding, Chance Samilton, Mary Boateng Awuah, Chase Conner, Landon Jones, Lauren Pace, Marjorie Paredes, Joselyn Phillips, Jael Salceda, Rachel Hoskison, Jacqi Dill, Genesis Dockery, Alicia Massay
 Shawnee: Jacklyn Clifton, Mystyn Hankins, Gabrielle Larney, Zoe Davis, Symphony Green, Summer Groves, Daniela Juarez, Jessica Rogers, Ngan Le, Angelina Sims, Isabella Pfeiff, Diana Baiz, Gloria Barrett, Shayla De Kuyper, Timothy Heath, Carley Hunter, Landri Lowden, DeAsia Posey, Lyd-

ia VanAntwerp, Isabella Bishop, Olivia McRay, Hallee Cousins, Neisha Earles, Aiden Brown, Steven Avitia, Israel Hernandez
 Stillwater: Caeli Schaefer, Camryn Westbrook
 Tecumseh: Ashley Durham, Hailee Durham, Emma Hill, Kenneth-Krew Green, Matthew Breske
 Tulsa: Kinley Green
 Warner: Trysta Cloud
 Weatherford: Caden Hunter
 Wetumka: Mazie Wagner, Leah Jaggars, Olivia Williamson
 Wewoka: Hermione Jones, Libby Driggers
 Yukon: Jackson Pickelsimer, Shelby Ellis
 Students named to the Part-Time Honor Roll include (listed by hometown):
 Ada: Alona Cooper Rochovitz, Maranda Eastman, Debra Lindsey, Natalee Neill, Alphine Samoei, Noah Wilson, Carly Wood
 Bristow: CaSandra Welch
 Chandler: Kyra Long, Halli Murray, Ian Radcliffe, Haley Wertman, Cali Hilgenfeld
 Choctaw: Selisa Stoll
 Dustin: Trista Caldwell
 Earlsboro: Cassidy Baker, Ava Daily, Jason Meyers, Brianna Sullivan-Stevens, Laura Suthers
 Harrah: Stephanie Smith, Diamond Young
 Henryetta: Tambra Dugger
 Holdenville: Shauna Cochran, Rylee Eckles, Ariel Gomez, Grady Mills, Harlee Nolen, Tyrell Phillips, Orion Pointer, Michelle Skipworth, Gracelyn Wulf
 Konawa: Isabella Allen, Victoria Cordray, Joseph Trevino
 Lexington: Whitney Myers, Step-

nie Norris
 Little: Emilie Echelle
 Maud: Grace Dunagan
 McAlester: Leslie Veurink
 Mcloud: Alyssa Eckles, Montea Prewett
 Meeker: Brandy Chambers, Kenadi Chambers, Savana Sims
 Moore: Rebecca Adams, Gabrielle Steward
 Noble: Jessica Keck
 Norman: Mechille Gondeck, Kenny Parker
 Okemah: Blaine Crowe, Garon Davis, Nikki Deere, David Esparza, Jera Forgette, Katelyn Neace, Savannah Neace, Austin Tucker
 Oklahoma City: Madison Willis, Dusten Lancaster
 Paden: Paige McEntire, Hailee Parrick, Jacob Bailey, Daisy Perry
 Prague: Mikole Ake, Kamryn Evig, Alexis Mehring, Jozlynn Milliman, Benton Quarry, Addison Richardson, Brianna Roller, Ella Simek, Ellie Brown, Sagan Dyer, Samuel Kornele, Emily Lazzara, Sophia Plata
 Sasakwa: James Hulvey
 Seminole: Easton Atyia, Adrian Azurdia, Alexis Cain, Sean Carlisle, Karlonte Carter Taylor, Carrie Chessmore, Sissie Coker, Buddy Croce, Jensen Dean, Adrienne Foster, Deborah Glover, Elizabeth Guzman, Rebecca Hilfer, Robin Horton, Taylan Horton, Kaylee Jones, Zady Joplin, Bella Lerma, Hailey Mack, Ethan Miller, Benjamin Schatzel, Jessica Sneed, Gracie Stark, Cienna Works, Chloe Frederick, Raylin Gee, Emma Noey, Joshua Schott
 Shawnee: Jessica Bednarek, Ava Bell, Olivia Bergsten, Constance Botting, Addison Brown, Austin Brown, Mia Bryant, Boston Busler, Jamie Carolina,

Cayden Carpenter, Trayden Chambers, Kinsley Clanin, Carson Click, Rachael Cole, McClendon Conway, Tessa Cooksey, Julia Cozad, Austin Dong, Aubri Drake, Lydia Dunn, Amber Edmonson, Ethan Ehtisham, Zachary Fortin, Tamara Gilliam, Olivia Green, Harper Haskins, Kinsley Hill, Kristen Hull, Gage Karner, Corbyn Lupo, Cole Maloy, Rachael Martin, Logan Matlock, Ashley McDonald, Jalee Meyers, Angela Miller, Ashley Moody, Cheridan Mosier, Riley Motrych, Ellen Murdoch, Toby Nave, Priscilla Ponce, Alisha Riojas, Camden Sateren, Josiah Shaw, Gracyn Simpson, Isaiah Smith, Sydnee Spears, Daniel Sullivan, Zoey Tetrault Miller, Emerson Thomas, Aehrell Timm, Lyudmyla Tkachenko, Sosie Tucker, Keygan Veeley, Hagen Wells, Elijah Whitehead
 Stroud: Baylie Greenhaw, Harlee Standley, Baley Bivin, Ember Patterson
 Tecumseh: Riley Bateman, Mallie Broxterman, Mikiah Deere, Emily Dossy, Shaelynn Fletcher, Arie Hazell, Jessi Hull, Isaiah Jordan, Kaylah Larman, Dalton Lewelling, Jocelin Lindholm, Amanda Magill, Taylor Marrs, Allyson McAlister, Seth Miranda, Charlene Prestmo, Sierra Ramey, Laycee Thoma, Ashley Rodgers, Jayden Green, Logan Prestmo, Zachary Bateman
 Wanette: Ashley Mckinney
 Weleetka: Mayci Wixson, Alessa Pelley
 Wetumka: Jordan Taylor, Jacob Burton, Joseph Burton
 Wewoka: Cortlyn Brown, Trissy Bruner, Juli Givens, Ian Ketcher, Stacy Mireles, Jackson Patterson, Frankie Young, Jacqua Marshall, Jacquelyn Harjo.

SPRING SPORTS UNDERWAY AT SSC

*Seminole State College athletics are in full swing this February, with exciting matchups ahead for the men's and women's basketball teams, as well as the baseball and softball squads. Basketball season is heating up as both teams continue their push through conference play. Meanwhile, the Trojan baseball team is off to a strong start, and the SSC softball team kicks off their season today. Here's a look at the **upcoming games for each team throughout the month of February.***



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Seminole State College women's basketball team holds an overall record of 14 wins and 6 losses, with a conference record of 6 wins and 2 losses.

Here are the upcoming women's basketball games for February:

Feb. 6 – 5:30 p.m. (H) vs. Murray State College
 Feb. 10 – 5:30 p.m. (A) at Connors State College
 Feb. 13 – 5:30 p.m. (H) vs. Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa
 Feb. 17 – 5:30 p.m. (A) at Northern Oklahoma College-Enid
 Feb. 20 – 5:30 p.m. (A) at Redlands Community College
 Feb. 24 – 5:30 p.m. (H) vs. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
 Feb. 27 – 5:30 p.m. (A) at Eastern Oklahoma State College



MEN'S BASKETBALL

The SSC men's basketball team holds an overall record of 14 wins and 8 losses, with a conference record of 4 wins and 4 losses.

Here are the upcoming men's basketball games for February:

Feb. 6 – 7:30 p.m. (H) vs. Murray State College
 Feb. 10 – 7:30 p.m. (A) at Connors State College
 Feb. 13 – 7:30 p.m. (H) vs. Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa
 Feb. 17 – 7:30 p.m. (A) at Northern Oklahoma College-Enid
 Feb. 20 – 7:30 p.m. (A) at Redlands Community College
 Feb. 24 – 7:30 p.m. (H) vs. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
 Feb. 27 – 7:30 p.m. (A) at Eastern Oklahoma State College



SOFTBALL

The SSC softball team is commencing their season today.

Here are the upcoming softball games through February 15:

Feb. 5 – 1 & 3 p.m. (H) vs. Cowley County Community College
 Feb. 7 – 1 & 3 p.m. (A) at Garden City Community College
 Feb. 8 – 1 & 3 p.m. (H) vs. Western Oklahoma State College
 Feb. 9 – 1 & 3 p.m. (H) vs. Garden City Community College
 Feb. 14 – 12:15 p.m. (N) vs. Butler Community College (KS) (THF Park, Denison, TX)
 Feb. 14 – 2:30 p.m. (N) vs. Grayson College (THF Park, Denison, TX)
 Feb. 15 – 1:30 p.m. (N) vs. Western Oklahoma State College (Denison, TX)



BASEBALL

The SSC baseball team has an overall record of 2 wins and 1 loss.

Here are the upcoming baseball games through February 15:

Feb. 7 – 12:30 p.m. (N) vs. San Jacinto College-North (Tournament of Champions)
 Feb. 8 – 9:00 a.m. (N) vs. New Mexico Junior College (Tournament of Champions, Houston, TX)
 Feb. 8 – 12:30 p.m. (N) vs. Wabash Valley College (Tournament of Champions)
 Feb. 11 – 9:30 a.m. (N) vs. Cloud County Community College (UCO)
 Feb. 11 – 2:30 p.m. (N) vs. Butler Community College (KS) (Wendell Simmons Field, Edmond, OK)
 Feb. 12 – 4:30 p.m. (N) vs. Coffeyville Community College (UCO)
 Feb. 15 – 1 & 3 p.m. (H) vs. Southeast Arkansas College

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BOARD OF REGENTS EXTEND PRESIDENT'S CONTRACT



The SSC Board of Regents renewed President Lana Reynolds' contract at their meeting on Jan. 16. Pictured (seated, l-r): President Reynolds, Chair Curtis Morgan; (standing, l-r) Regents Ryan Franklin, Robyn Ready, Ryan Pitts, Marci Donabo, Teresa Burnett and Bryan Cain.

The Seminole State College Board of Regents convened for their monthly meeting on Jan. 16 to review the terms of President Lana Reynolds' employment.

The meeting opened with an overview of the College's recent expenditures by Vice President of Finance, Grants and Enrollment 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.

With the first item on the agenda, the Board reviewed a bid from Atlantic Fabrication & Design for a \$47,350.05

project to replace a boiler in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The Board approved the bid.

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. Eight years ago, Reynolds was named to the position of President, beginning her tenure in July of 2017.

President Reynolds met with a committee of the Board, composed of Chair Curtis Morgan and Regents Ryan Pitts and Robyn Ready, on Jan. 8 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 raise, mirroring the across-the-board increase provided to all employees last summer.

Chair Morgan expressed his appreciation for President Reynolds' continued leadership and dedication to

SSC, stating, "President Reynolds has been instrumental in driving the College's mission forward. Her commitment to student success and community engagement remains unwavering. We look forward to what the College accomplishes under her leadership in 2025."

Board members present at the meeting were: Chair Curtis Morgan, Teresa Burnett, Bryan Cain, Marci Donabo, Ryan Franklin, Ryan Pitts and Robyn Ready.

OACC DIRECTOR VISITS SSC



Former Oklahoma State Senator Chris Kidd, who now serves as the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges, visited Seminole State College on Jan. 30. Following a tour of campus, including classrooms, science labs and the Brian Crawford Memorial Sports Complex, Kidd had lunch with administrators and leaders from SSC employee organizations. Luncheon guests (pictured seated left to right) are: Professional Staff Association President Melinda Sims, Director Kidd, President Lana Reynolds and SGA President Adisen Williamsen; (pictured standing left to right) are: IT Director and Chief Information Security Officer Marc Hunter, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Bill Knowles, Classified Staff Association President Tisha Simon, SSC Legislative Consultant Karel Brewster, Director of Board Relations and Administrative Operations Mechell Downey, Vice President for Finance, Grants and Enrollment Melanie Rinehart, Faculty Senate Vice President Paul Juhasz, and Dean of Instruction Jessica Isaacs.

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