Commencement features Dr. Cordell Adams as speaker

Dr. Cordell Adams (’82) will be the guest speaker at Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s Fall Commencement.

Two ceremonies will be held on Saturday, December 15, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Bloomer Sullivan Arena. A reception for all graduates, their families and friends is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Visual & Performing Arts Center.

The schedule is as follows:

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**
School of Education & Behavioral Sciences
John Massey School of Business
Master of Business Administration
Master of Arts (Clinical Mental Health Counseling)
Master of Education
Master of Arts (Teaching)
Master of Science (Sports Studies and Athletic Administration)
Master of Science (Aerospace Administration and Logistics)

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Commencement Reception (VPAC)

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**
School of Arts & Sciences
Master of Technology
Master of Science (Occupational Safety and Health)

The second ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m., is starting an hour later than in previous years in order to allow for smoother traffic flow.

Adams is a board-certified practicing ophthalmologist at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, with a subspecialty in glaucoma. He has been in private practice for 17 years, and is a three-time recipient of the Physician Recognition Award from the American Medical Association.

He has distinguished himself for more than 30 years, first as a student at Southeastern, as chief resident in his ophthalmology residency, in his solo medical practice, and as a member of his community, professionally and socially.

Adams was in the upper third of his class in medical school and his research, while in residency, fellowship, and private practice, is published in scholarly journals.

In 2009, Adams was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of Southeastern.

At Southeastern, he was a Presidential Honors Scholarship recipient and earned a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry. He was involved in numerous campus activities, including Student Senate, the American Chemical Society, the University Players, and as an undergraduate research participant in Minority Biomedical Sciences. Adams graduated Summa Cum Laude.

His hobbies include fine arts, music, intramural sports, fitness training, community activities, and recently number one on the list, creative writing. From this last endeavor, Adams has embarked on a literary career, and his first novel, *Light Bread*, was ranked No. 1 for local paperback fiction in the *Dallas Morning News*, in which he pays homage to his maternal grandmother’s wit, wisdom, and insatiable curiosity.

His father, the late Claude Adams, was an assistant professor of English at Southeastern.
University participates in Indian Education event

Southeastern Oklahoma State University was well represented at the 43rd annual National Indian Education Association convention and trade show.

The event was held Oct. 18-21 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. “Maintaining Traditions in a Digital Era” was the theme of this year’s convention.

Southeastern president Larry Minks joined more than a dozen students, faculty, and staff from the University in participating. Some 2,500 people attended the convention, which provided opportunities for visibility, networking and recruiting. A number of workshops and forums were offered as well.

Representatives from Southeastern presented four workshops, and Chris Wesberry, Director of Southeastern’s Native American Excellence in Education program, also participated in a one-hour live “Native America Calling” radio broadcast.

President Minks spent two days assisting in the Southeastern recruitment booth.

Southeastern ranks annually among the nation’s leading universities in producing Native American graduates. Approximately 30 percent of Southeastern students are Native American.

“The conference provided an excellent opportunity for our students, staff, and faculty to learn and share with other Native people who attend higher education or work as professionals in Indian Education,” Wesberry said. “The workshops that we held were well attended and we had a great response from fellow educators regarding President Minks being in attendance.”

Southeastern representatives attend Creativity Forum

Southeastern Oklahoma State University was represented by five faculty/staff members and 12 students at the 3rd annual State of Creativity Forum in Oklahoma City’s Cox Convention Center on Nov. 13.

The Forum is part of the OSLEP (OK Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program), an academic program of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with Dr. Don Betz, president of the University of Central Oklahoma, serving as Coordinator.

Jamie Lynne Paris, a senior Recreation major from Durant, is the OSLEP Scholar who attended both the Creativity Boot Camp and the Creative Oklahoma Annual Forum. Southeastern’s Dr. Mark Spencer, Professor of English and Humanities, serves as campus coordinator for the program.

The Forum featured keynote speakers and breakout sessions on Education, Commerce and Culture.

Southeastern was represented by faculty/staff members Dr. Aaron Adair, Kathleen Hardgrove, Judy Hodges, Jason Hicks and Luke Willman. Students attending were Twahna Kemp-Finley, Durant senior majoring in English with a Writing Emphasis; Leah Neumann, Stonewall freshman, Art Education; Sally Pickens, Durant senior, Music-Vocal; Jordan Hedrick, Bethany junior, Elementary Education; Tyler Slawson, McAlester senior, Communication-Organization and Strategic Communication; Shannon Hutcherson, Durant senior, Sociology; Mika Knight, Durant senior, English with a Writing Emphasis; David Reagan, Durant senior, Communication-Media Studies (Journalism); and LaKesha Bell, Sapulpa freshman, Graphic Design and Visual Media. Students from Texas are Andi Gregory, Whitesboro junior, Biology; and Alex Fowzer, Paris senior, Communications-Media Studies (Broadcasting).
Native November Celebration

Southeastern Oklahoma State University celebrated Native November with a variety of events throughout the month. Clockwise, from top right: LaDonna Brown of the Chickasaw Nation presents information during a professional development program from the Nation’s Department of Homeland Affairs; Dustin Curry, Chantelle Standefer, Twahna Kemp-Finley, David Batton, and Brenner Billy are members of the cast of the play, “To Us It Wasn’t Code;” and students participate in stickball during SE Live/Native American Visitation Day Nov. 7.

State Treasurer visits Southeastern government class to offer insights

Oklahoma State Treasurer Ken Miller, right, took time out of his schedule November 7 to visit a class at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Treasurer Miller discussed his job and experiences with students in Dr. Chunmei Yoe’s United States Federal Government class. After his remarks, students enjoyed a question-and-answer session with the guest speaker.
Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s Vicki Hudson has been recognized as the Virginia Peters Higher Education Professional for 2012-13.

The award is named in honor of Dr. Virginia Peters, a longtime professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and former coach at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Hudson received the award at the State Convention held at UCO on October 16.

“It was an amazing honor to receive the Higher Education Award named for and presented by a woman whom I have long admired,” Hudson said. “She has been an outstanding leader in our profession for years and has served as an exceptional role model for all of the professionals in our discipline.”

The recipient of the Virginia Peters Higher Education Professional Award must prepare Oklahoma public and private school physical education teachers; oversee, direct and/or advise student teachers in the field of physical education; serve as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness; share the enjoyment of activity; and demonstrate sensitivity to the physical and emotional needs of all students.

Hudson has served as chair of Southeastern’s Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation since 1997. She is in her 43rd year with Southeastern and has coached several sports over the years.

She started women’s tennis, volleyball and basketball in the modern era and has served on numerous athletics- and academics-related committees.

In 1995, Hudson was presented the OAHPERD Honor Award in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to the profession and association. In 1996, she received the Pathfinder Award from the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports.

In 2012, she was inducted into Southeastern’s Athletics Hall of Fame.

Hudson is a two-time recipient of the Southeastern Faculty Senate Award for “Excellence in Service” and in 2012 was presented the “Lifetime Achievement” award by the Faculty Senate.