

# SOUTHEASTERN

A CENTURY OF BUILDING FUTURES

# UPDATE

## Southeastern celebrates Centennial Homecoming

Cool, fall weather greeted alumni and friends Oct. 8-10 as Southeastern Oklahoma State University celebrated its Centennial Homecoming.

Activities began on Thursday, Oct. 8, when Major General James Chambers offered remarks at the Southeastern Centennial Lectureship. A 1975 graduate of Southeastern, Maj. Gen Chambers enthralled an overflow crowd in the SE Ballroom with his comments.

On the following day, a rainy, cold morning welcomed a group of dedicated golfers at the Whang Bang alumni tournament at Silverado Golf Course.

That evening, in the Visual & Performing Arts Center, the Distinguished Alumni-Former Faculty Awards Banquet was held. Honored as Distinguished Alumni this year were Dr. Cordell Adams, Butch Arnett, and Sen. Johnnie Crutchfield. Former Faculty award recipients were the late Claude Adams, Jeanette Engles, and Dr. Jack Robinson.

Also at the banquet, the Heritage Award was

presented posthumously to Dr. Anne Ruth Semple. This award honors individuals who have impacted the history of Southeastern in some unique way.

The Benefactor Award was presented to Scott and Carol Crain. It is awarded to individuals, businesses or foundations who support the University through financial means.

Saturday morning included such traditional events as the Former Athletes' Breakfast and the homecoming parade. Special events this year included a Russell School reception and the unveiling of a centennial marker in front of the Russell Building. Also, a centennial birthday cake was cut on the front lawn.

Later that day, the Southeastern football team did its part in ensuring a successful homecoming, as the Savage Storm blasted Central Oklahoma, 41-24.



Recipients of the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award were Dr. Cordell Adams, Butch Arnett, and Senator Johnnie Crutchfield

## Rep. John Carey to address fall graduates

State Representative John Carey will be the speaker at Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Fall Commencement.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12, in the new Bloomer Sullivan Arena. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and will be followed immediately by a reception for the graduates in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Representing District 21, Carey is also a graduate of Southeastern, having earned a degree in banking/finance in 1992.



## *Southeastern professor receives Governor's Arts Award*

Dr. Gleny Beach, Director of Art at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, has been working with art students for more than 20 years and loved every minute of it.

A strong testament to that is the fact that she received a prestigious Governor's Arts Award, an award that recognizes individuals for longtime leadership and significant contributions to the arts across Oklahoma. She was honored by Governor Brad Henry at the 34th Annual Governor's Arts Awards ceremony on Tuesday, October 20, in the 4th Floor Rotunda of the State Capitol.

When Oklahoma Arts Council Executive Director Suzanne Tate contacted Beach recently with news of the award, Beach was, in a word, surprised.

"When someone is nominated for such an award, it somehow does not seem real when you actually receive a telephone call telling you that you have won," she said. "I just couldn't believe it -- it is such a humbling experience. I'm very proud of the students that I have been able to perhaps influence in a positive way and very proud of what we do in the support of the arts at Southeastern Oklahoma State University."

Beach completed both her B.A. in Art Education and her M.A. in Education at Southeastern. In 2007, she earned her Ph.D. in Art Education at the University of North Texas. She serves as the tenured Associate Professor and Director of Art in the Art, Communication, and Theatre Department at Southeastern.

"This is a tremendous honor for Dr. Beach, the University and the community," said Southeastern interim president Larry Minks. "She has distinguished herself in her field, while at the same time, encouraged others to appreciate the arts. Dr. Beach is very deserving of this recognition and we are

proud that she is a member of the Southeastern family."

Sponsored by the Oklahoma Arts Council, 16 individuals and five organizations will be honored for their contributions to the arts in their communities or throughout the state.

Beach teaches art, produces art and advocates the value of the arts in her daily life. Grants she has written annually have provided support for the Art Exhibition Series and for renovation and redesign of Southeastern's Centre Art Gallery.

In 2004-05, she received the Southeastern Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Service given for service to the University and the community.

She is an active advocate for art in the community, serving on numerous committees promoting the arts. Local Government Challenge Grants she wrote in collaboration with the City of Durant have resulted in \$30,000 in funding

for public art.

Beach currently serves as the President of the Red River Arts Council (RRAC) and has been a board member for 14 years. Grants she wrote for the Council resulted in \$40,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts for Southeastern's music programs.

Under her guidance, Beach led the RRAC Public Art Committee to plan and launch a "Horses in Durant" project to raise funds for a permanent bronze sculpture in downtown Durant. She has also worked with the Durant Main Street Project to put a historical monument in Market Square.

Previous Governor's Arts Awards recipients from Southeastern have included Dr. Molly Risso, Max McClenon, and Dr. James Wintle.



## *McMillan named Interim VP for Academic Affairs*

Dr. Douglas McMillan has been appointed Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

"Dr. McMillan's responsibilities will include providing leadership and coordination of the entire academic enterprise," said Southeastern interim president Larry Minks. "He has a wealth of experience, and served in a similar capacity at the University in 2007."

McMillan joined the University in 1990 as Assistant Professor of Psychology and Counseling. In addition to his new position, McMillan will maintain his current duties as Vice President for Educational Outreach.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University, a master's from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University.

McMillan and his wife Delia are the parents of three children, one of whom attends Southeastern, and have two grandchildren.



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## A CENTENNIAL HOMECOMING



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Major General James Chambers, a 1975 graduate of Southeastern, delivered remarks at the Centennial Lectureship, held Oct. 8.



Southeastern Interim President Larry Minks, left, congratulates the recipients of the Distinguished Former Faculty Award -- Claudette Adams Carr, who accepted on behalf of the Claude Adams family, Jeanette Engles, and Dr. Jack Robinson.



In conjunction with the Centennial Homecoming Celebration, a centennial marker was placed in front of the historic Russell Building, which now houses the John Massey School of Business. Visiting after the ceremony were Southeastern Interim President Larry Minks, Regent Terry Matlock of the Regional University System of Oklahoma, and State Regent John Massey.



*Southeastern Interim President Larry Minks, left, presents a plaque to Governor Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation. Gov. Anoatubby was the guest speaker at the Dr. Linnie Ruth Hall Lectureship, held Oct. 20 at Southeastern.*

## Linnie Ruth Hall Lecture features Gov. Anoatubby

Gov. Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation was guest lecturer at the Dr. Linnie Ruth Hall Endowed Lectureship on Oct. 20. The event, which was sponsored by the Southeastern Oklahoma State University John Massey School of Business, was held in the Southeastern Ballroom.

Anoatubby became the 30th Governor of the Chickasaw Nation when he was elected to the position in 1987. He has since been re-elected to serve each term, and began his sixth term in office in 2007. The Governor manages more than 100 tribal government programs and 75 tribal businesses, and the Nation employees more than 12,000 people.

The Chickasaw Nation is also a strong supporter of education in Oklahoma, and has partnered with Southeastern and other institutions on several projects to assist students.

Gov. Anoatubby has been active in tribal government since 1975, having served as first Lieutenant Governor, director of tribal health services, director of finance, special assistant to the governor and controller.

He is a graduate of Tishomingo High School, Murray State College, and East Central, and has completed additional coursework at Southeastern and East Central.

The lectureship honors the late Dr. Linnie Ruth Hall and was established in 1993. It enables Southeastern students and others to learn first-hand from individuals who have demonstrated values, ethics, and integrity through contributions to business disciplines, business acumen, and success.

Dr. Hall retired in 1973 as head of the business department at Southeastern after a 42-year career as a teacher. She spent 27 of those years at Southeastern. In addition, her first degree, in business education, was earned at Southeastern.

## Calendar of Events

### November

- 4-6 -- Native American Symposium
- 6 -- Regional University System of Oklahoma board meeting, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- 10 -- Rep. Lisa Johnson Billy will speak on "The Importance of Valuing Culture," Russell 100, 2 p.m.
- 11 -- SE Live Open House and College Day, 8 a.m. -- 2 p.m.
- 13 -- Howard Starks Centennial Memorial poetry reading, Student Union 2nd floor auditorium, 10 a.m., Fine Arts Recital Hall, 7 p.m.
- 18 -- Southeastern honors veterans and active military, ceremony, Montgomery Auditorium, 2 p.m., reception, Ballroom, 3 p.m.
- 25-27 -- Thanksgiving holiday

### December

- 1 -- Holiday open house, faculty & staff, 2-4 p.m., community, 5-6:30 p.m, Magnolia House
- 2 -- Martha Childs Family Light Pole dedication, Front of Morrison Building, 2 p.m.
- 7 -- Candlelighting ceremony, Montgomery Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 11 -- Last day of Fall classes
- 12 -- Commencement, Bloomer Sullivan Arena, 10 a.m.

**For a complete schedule of Southeastern athletic events, visit [www.gosoutheastern.com](http://www.gosoutheastern.com)**

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