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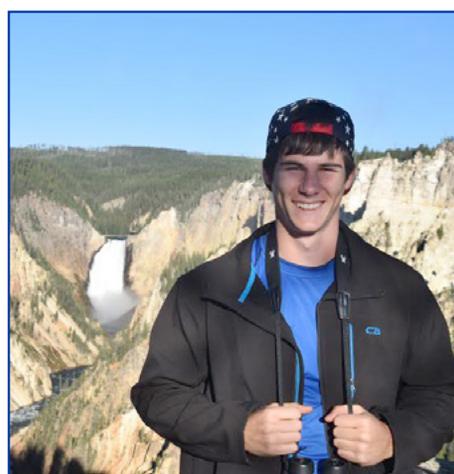
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GETTING HIS FEET WET IN RESEARCH

Having grown up in northeast Oklahoma near Grand Lake, Southeastern senior Bobby Long is no stranger to the outdoors. He graduated from Ketchum (Oklahoma) High School. Whether it was hunting, fishing, hiking or riding four-wheelers, he was always spending time outside as a kid. It was this same love for the outdoors that led him to land at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. click here to read more



GOLD & BLUE SCHOLARSHIP GALA

Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Gold and Blue Scholarship and Auction Gala will be held April 1. The Gala is scheduled for the Visual and Performing Arts Center and hosted by the Southeastern Alumni Association. It's an evening of cocktails, live and silent auctions, hors d'ouvres and dancing. The event is the primary fundraiser for student scholarships. Last year's Gala drew a record-setting crowd of more than 200 guests and raised more than \$82,000 to be awarded to Southeastern students.

Alumni Director Stephanie Davison said, "This is a major fundraiser for the association. Thanks to the guests and sponsors of the Gala, the Alumni Association can award scholarships, which is one of the reasons the association exists. We do our best to bring high quality, desirable items to the live and silent auctions and provide a full evening of entertainment, including food and dancing to live music by the Decades band."

Numerous businesses and Southeastern alumni support the Gold and Blue Gala each year by donating unique and valuable items for the auctions. The Gala and silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the live auction beginning at 8 p.m. Individual tickets for the Gala are \$75 and table sponsorships (for eight) are available for \$1,000. Tickets may be purchased at the Southeastern Welcome Center or by clicking here.



EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS



Dr. Robert Stewart Mayers, III began his career at Lone Grove (Oklahoma) High School teaching math, world history and three levels of German. After teaching in public schools, he focused his studies and career on preparing prospective teachers and administrators. Following this calling to work with future educators, he found Southeastern. Now a faculty member for 16 years, Dr. Mayers is a professor in the Educational Instruction and Leadership (EIL) department.

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SCOTT COLEMAN - GLOBAL SAFETY

Sometimes it's the path we never considered that turns out to be the right one. This is certainly the case with Southeastern alumnus, Scott Coleman. He came to Southeastern from Roeland Park, Kansas, in 1999 to join the Aviation Sciences Institute upon transitioning into the Oklahoma National Guard after serving in the United States Navy for three years. However, his career path quickly changed when airlines began laying off pilots after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Shifting gears, he joined the growing Occupational Safety and Health Department at Southeastern and earned a bachelor's degree in 2002.

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NEWS BREIFS



>>Rebecca Gordon, an August 2016 graduate of the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Honors Program with a double major in English/History, was offered admission and a graduate assistantship to Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science in Boston, Mass. This is the top-ranked library school in the country for her desired specialty, according to Dr. Meg Cotter-Lynch, the Honors Program director. Admission to this school is very competitive.

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>>MEMNTO Conference

On Saturday, March 4, five Honors students presented at the Medievalist and Early Modernists of North Texas and Oklahoma (MEMNTO) conference at Southern Methodist University. "Our kids totally excelled," said Dr. Meg Cotter-Lynch, Honors Program Director. "One of our own students said at the end of the day 'you know, of all the schools here, we rhetorically excelled; all of our presentations were solid.' The fact that she recognized this fulfills one of my major goals for the conference; that our kids see that they can hold their own against anyone."

>>Jake Martin, a History major from Broken Bow, Oklahoma

In addition, when Dr. Cotter-Lynch returned from the MEMNTO conference, she received an email from a colleague at SMU who had been impressed by the presentation by SE student Jake Martin. She "virtually" introduced Dr. Cotter-Lynch to a friend of hers at Notre Dame so that Jake could get in touch with the Notre Dame professor to talk about attending graduate school.

Martin has also been accepted for the prestigious Summer Curatorial Research Project in Indigenous Arts at the University of Virginia. The eight-week program is funded by the Mellon Foundation for rising sophomores and seniors who have an interest in museum studies including art education, conservation and collections management. "It's exciting that one of our students is being funded by the Mellon Foundation, and will study at UVA and get paid to do fantastic things while getting prepped for grad school," said Dr. Cotter-Lynch. "Another student was in my office recently, and said he was excited about Jake's opportunity, not just for Jake, but because it proves that students from SE can do important things like this."

Dates to Remember

April 1
Gold and Blue Gala

April 4
Massey Family Lectureship

April 22
Aviation Fish Fry

October 7
Homecoming

Click the events for more information