

NATIVE @ SE

Telling the Native story at Southeastern.



HELP NASA HELP OTHERS



Interested in helping your community and Southeastern? The Native American Student Association (NASA) is hosting a hygiene product drive from March 21st through March 25th to support the Choctaw Nation Children and Family Services Department for Adoption and Foster Care. Children receiving these products range in age from two to 18 years old.

Anyone who brings two full-size hygiene products receives one ticket to enter a drawing for some flash SE gear. Yes, the more hygiene products you bring, the more tickets you get! Bring things like toothbrushes, deodorant, body wash, feminine hygiene products, shampoo & conditioner, razors, nail clippers, q-tips, floss, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and any other toiletry item you typically use.

Be sure to stop by the Student Union Atrium the week we come back from Spring Break and be a part of this important cause! A winner will be announced at the end of the week on March 25th.

MINDFUL IN MARCH

CHEROKEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPEN

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CHOCTAW SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

SE GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

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ALL MAJORS CAREER FAIR

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UDALL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

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LAST DAY TO ADD TERM II CLASSES

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TERM II CLASSES BEGIN

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LAST DAY TO DROP TERM II CLASSES

14-20

SPRING BREAK-CAMPUS IS CLOSED

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CHICKASAW TEXTBOOK REIMBURSEMENT DEADLINE

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CHAHTA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

COBELL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE



EVERYONE LOVES A SUCCESS STORY



Everybody loves a good celebration, right? In February, the Academic Advising and Outreach Center honored those hard-working freshmen who earned a 3.25 or higher GPA during the fall 2021 semester. One hundred first time freshmen students achieved this lofty goal, one quarter of which were Native American!

Being a brand-new freshman can be intimidating, to say the least. But these students are off to a terrific start and we know they have many more successful semesters ahead of them. Good show, guys!

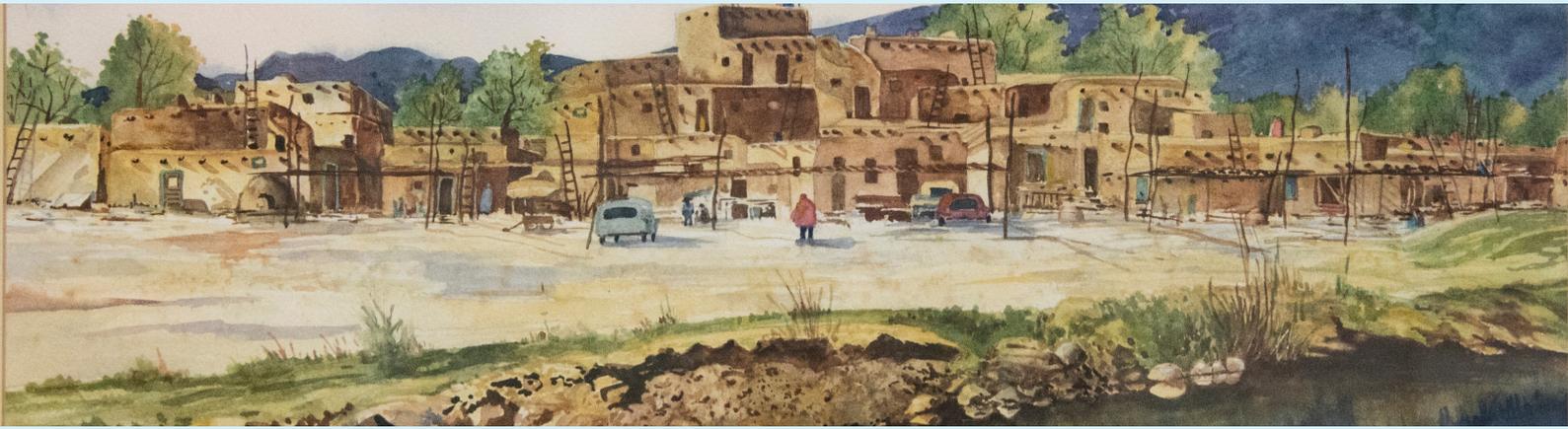


HOLLA AT YA, SANTANA

We've done it again! We found ANOTHER incredible individual to add to our Native American Institute (NAI) team. Santana Milligan will be heading up a new initiative for the NAI as the Coordinator of Academic and Career Services for SE@CNO, that's Southeastern at the Choctaw Nation and Casino. Whew! What is it with these long titles?!

Santana will essentially be SE's representative and all around go-to-gal for the lovely folks out at Choctaw looking to go to school while keeping their day job. She'll also collaborate with SE's [Career Management Center](#) to funnel Choctaw job and career info back to SE students.

An SE alumna herself, and former Choctaw director/manager/head honcho, Santana's experience with leading teams and bringing people together for a unified goal makes her the ideal bridge between SE and Choctaw associates. She truly knows both sides of the coin and will be an invaluable asset in helping our students and Choctaw associates navigate work and school life. Santana, we are so glad you're here!



LANGUAGE ON LANDSCAPE

Have you ever looked outside and just marveled at the scenery? So did past peoples of Native North America. For decades, archaeologists have studied the intensive use and reuse of landscapes.

From the construction of monuments of earth to the creation of communal housing, past peoples frequently utilized the terrain in their environment. Sometimes the use of their landscape signified social and cosmological events, and others used it as a way to communicate belief systems through the very act of constructing. It became a sort of language or vernacular represented along the topography.

A great example of this can be seen at the Semple Family Museum in Helen Hooser's painting *Untitled, Landscape of Water and Rock* pictured above. This piece captures the essence of connectedness between people and their landscape. Can you find this painting at the [Semple Family Museum](#)? Be on the lookout during your next visit!



UTLVYIDEDI:LUCKY

"UTLVYIDEDI" MEANS "LUCKY" IN THE CHEROKEE LANGUAGE

GOT SUMMER PLANS?



Is your resume a little too brief? Are you still an undecided major? Do you know where you're headed after graduation? You're in luck! Summer is just around the corner and the absolute perfect time to log experiences away that provide insights to these types of questions. With opportunities for internships, job-shadowing, part-time or full-time jobs, projects, research, etc., summer is the opportune time to dabble in what interests you.

Taking summer classes? [Apply for a job on campus](#). Chickasaw? Check out the [School to Work Program](#). Live local? Volunteer with [Imagine Durant](#). Know the ideal place you'd like to work? Call them up and request a summer job or attend the [All Majors Career Fair](#) on March 2 for more job opps. Choctaw? Check out the job listings for [summer internships](#).

Who knows what these short-term experiences could morph into or how your professional network will grow? To find out about opportunities available to you or to just brainstorm, contact the [Career Management Center](#) or [Native American Institute](#). Summer will be here before you know it! The time to make your summer plans is right now.



DESPERATELY SEEKING SEMPLE

If you're from around here, it's easy to think of Durant as just another quaint Oklahoma town. Sure, there's a university, some great places to eat and shop, but nothing too noteworthy, right? Well, we beg to differ, and so does [Discover Oklahoma!](#)

In truth, there are dozens of things that make Durant vibrant and unique. One of them just so happens to be a jewel on our humble campus, the [Semple Family Museum of Native American Art \(SFM\)](#). In February, *Discover Oklahoma* sent their crew to SE to film what's new and exciting at the SFM. They interviewed staff and patrons to get the scoop on events and the vast collection of Native American art.

Discover Oklahoma is a weekly online and television program about worth-while spots to seek out in Oklahoma, and, according to them, the SFM is a must see for Southern Oklahoma. *Discover Oklahoma's* episode featuring the SFM will air in April. And remember, "there's always something to discover in Oklahoma!"

INTRODUCING CARSON GRAY

We like to keep our ear to the ground when it comes to discovering new Native American art and the fabulous artists who create it. So you need to know about [Carsen Gray!](#)

Think back...did you ever see the 2003 live action *Peter Pan* film? Remember Indian princess and ally to Pan himself, Tiger Lily? You guessed it, she followed her north star from the silver screen and landed in the music studio! "Born of Haida Indigenous and mixed descent, the award-winning singer and songwriter commutes the peace of her surroundings into a soulful sound spiked with R&B energy, pop universality, and a twist of local spirit."

-Netzwerk Music Group

Although she won Best New Artist at SiriusXM's Indigenous Music Awards back in 2017, she officially introduced herself to the world on her 2022 debut EP "[Each Moment](#)". Give her a listen and let us know what you think on Facebook or Instagram.



MASTER YOUR DESTINY



Spring is right around the corner, and the time for new beginnings and personal growth is now! One excellent way to grow your career is pursuing a master's degree. SE offers six start dates and over [40 emphasis options](#) in fields like business, education, counselling, safety, and more. Looking to impact Native American communities? We're fond of the Master of Science in [Native American Leadership](#). Getting

started in a graduate program may be simpler than you think—fill out the online application and pay the \$25 application fee, send in your official college transcripts, and check your email for further instructions. There are a few odds and ends you may need to sure up depending on which program you're applying to, so read the specific requirements before you hit the ground running.