

NATIVE @ SE

Telling the Native story at Southeastern.



SEEING IS EXPERIENCING



You may have heard about the [Center for Instructional Development and Technology \(CIDT\)](#) but let us fill you in on what they've been up to.

CIDT is the technical support office you call when you're having trouble with Blackboard or other techy issues. Did you know their team is available as late as 1:00am most nights?! Whew! But that's not the only way they support online learning. CIDT spent the last year creating dozens of [virtual reality modules](#) to engage students. "The VR projects are our way of taking face-to-face classroom environments and putting them online. All of these projects allow us to better help students grow closer to their faculty, staff, and fellow students," says honors student, [Max Hamblin](#) (Choctaw), cocreator of these modules.

Natives @ SE are making quite the impact in CIDT with six Native American students working to grow their skills as well as better campus. Michaela Michalk (Choctaw) says, "This department has given me the opportunity to pursue my goals of working in tech." So don't forget about CIDT, whether you're in need technical support or interested in becoming the one who gives it!

ACKNOWLEDGE IN APRIL

- 1 [APPLY FOR GRADUATION DEADLINE](#)
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- 15 [CHAHTA ANUMPA SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE](#)
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[CHICKASAW SCHOOL-TO-WORK APPLICATION DEADLINE](#)



HALITO, CHANTELE

You know about our incredible [Choctaw language minor](#), but have you met some of the masterminds behind the program? Chantelle Standefer teaches Choctaw language courses at SE and has for six years. She's invested, too. Whether she's hosting a social dance or battling it out on the stickball field, you'll find she's completely sold out for our students and sharing Choctaw culture.

The Choctaw language minor is perfect for students who simply take a few of the language and culture classes. Chantelle says it's not only a great tool for connecting to Choctaw heritage, "It's helpful so you know how to consider other perspectives—so you know how to interact with things beyond mainstream culture."

Finally, it's last call for the [Chahta Anumpa Teacher Education Scholarship](#). If you're interested in learning the Choctaw language and passing that knowledge on, there's an amazing opportunity through this scholarship you should really check out! Deadline to apply is April 15!



ROTAKKVPE:REDBUD

**"ROTAKKVPE" MEANS "REDBUD" IN
THE MVSKOKE LANGUAGE**

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

In 2015 [Imagine Durant](#) was envisioned as an altruistic community initiative that sought a future for Durant involving bolder and interconnected dialogues about our culture, economy, and environment. Since its inception, this vision has become its signature.

Kara Byrd, Executive Director and Southeastern grad, brought a community-driven vision to help ensure Imagine Durant thrived. In 2021 alone, Imagine Durant soared to new heights by working to create more comprehensive infrastructure and a better-connected culture through institutional partnerships.

Imagine Durant has exciting opportunities monthly including their Picture This event and upcoming Texoma Garden Show, Easter egg hunts, and Earth Day Durant. For students looking to take aim and apply their skill set in our community, Imagine Durant is the picture-perfect place to be! Ready to [get plugged in](#)?





SCHOOL TO WORK, WORK TO SUCCEED

Looking to gain more experience in your field of study? Chickasaw Nation is here to help! Chickasaw Nation's [School-To-Work Program](#) offers eligible Chickasaw students the extraordinary opportunity to gain pertinent, real-world experience like no other.

Just ask Mercedes Byrd! When asked how the program aided her personal and professional development, Mercedes had this to say: "This program really helps you find out what you want to do with your future," and "it has pushed me to become a better person."

The benefits of this program are numerous. Participants receive full-time compensation, superior instruction in a variety of work settings, and real-world work experience preparing Chickasaw students to enter the corporate world after graduation. Can't beat that!

If you're even the slightest bit interested in learning more about this incredible opportunity, swing by the [Native American Institute](#) office for help sorting out all your questions. If you drop in on a Tuesday, you can chat with our in-house Chickasaw Nation representative, Chandler Arterberry. Don't dillydally, the deadline to apply is April 30.

EVERYTHING IS POLITICS

We know what you're thinking, "I hate politics," but don't worry, politics is actually a great way to support the discussion of current and past events while simultaneously creating professional networks that will aid you in your future endeavors.

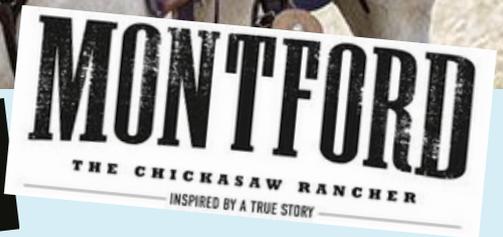
Did you know that Southeastern has not one but two student organizations that serve to aid in political discourse and sponsor open discussions and political forums on campus? These are [SE College Republicans](#) and [Young Democrats](#), of course! This semester alone, the College Republicans have sponsored talks from Oklahoma State Senators like Nathan Dahm and James Lankford on April 1 at the Fine Arts Auditorium.

If you want to expand your political thinking and challenge yourself, come give either the College Republicans or Young Democrats a chance!





LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!



It's about time for another movie review! Have you seen *Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher* yet? This exciting western comes to us from Chickasaw Nation Productions, a film company that utilizes film to preserve and share the stories of Chickasaw people while portraying them in an accurate light.

Set in our very own Oklahoma, *Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher* tells the incredible true story of Montford Johnson's perilous journey against bandits, military, settlers, and cowboys to build his ranching empire on the famous American cattle highway, the Chisolm Trail.

Yellowstone and *1883* may have wrapped their seasons, but you'll spot a few familiar faces in *Montford* like Martin Sensmeier (Martin, Sam) and Denim Richards (Colby). Catch this film on Netflix and let us know how you liked it on social media!



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, BUT HOW?

Ok, we're not the only ones who are a little unsure about the whole recycling situation on campus, right? Do we, don't we? Where does it go? Who takes it away? What even is "it" that counts as recyclable?

If these burning questions haunt you like they haunt us, look no further! Besides taxes (don't forget about that btw), April means Earth Day. In an effort to help SE go a little greener, the Native American Institute is teaming up with the rest of our environmentally conscious friends on campus to promote SE recycling all month long.

Follow us on Instagram or Facebook to learn where you can recycle on campus, what you can recycle, where it goes when it leaves your building, and more.

