



Summer enrollment increases 26%

The trend of enrollment growth at Southeastern Oklahoma State University continues.

This summer's enrollment of 2,478 students reflects an increase of 26 percent (513 students) over last summer.

Southeastern's Fall 2018 enrollment reached a 40-year high with 4,483 students, while the Spring 2019 numbers were the highest for a spring semester since 1983.

This continued growth is attributed, in large part, to increasing numbers in Southeastern's popular online graduate programs.

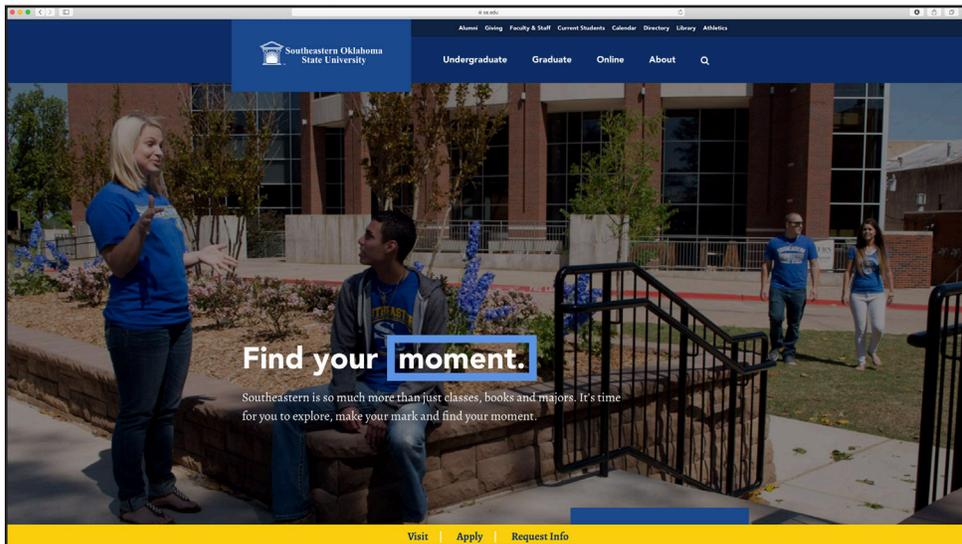
In addition, the University recently announced that for the second year in a row, students will not see an increase in

tuition rates.

Southeastern president Sean Burrage said the decision to hold the line on tuition costs sends a clear message to students and parents that the University is doing its best to ensure that a college education is both affordable and accessible.

Currently, 90 percent of Southeastern students receive some form of financial aid, and each year, about 50 percent of graduates are first-generation college graduates. At the same time, the University continues to expand its online course offerings as one effort to broaden the accessibility to a college degree.

University debuts new website



Here is a view of the homepage on the new Southeastern website.

In an effort to better serve and inform all audiences – both internally and externally -- Southeastern Oklahoma State University recently debuted a newly redesigned website (www.SE.edu).

The new look culminates nearly a year of planning and evaluation by the Office of University Marketing and manager Shelle Cassell, and included a web advisory committee, composed of faculty and staff, as well as the use of student and faculty focus groups in gathering input.

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Fall semester classes begin August 19

Students will begin fall classes at Southeastern Oklahoma State University on Monday, August 19.

Freshman Convocation is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, at 4:30 p.m. in Montgomery Auditorium. At this event, Southeastern president Sean Burrage and faculty members will formally welcome freshmen to campus. Immediately following Convocation, a cookout will be held on the front lawn of campus.

Faculty members will also be preparing for the new semester with a Faculty Symposium scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

The General Faculty-Staff meeting will be on Thursday, August 15, and New Faculty Orientation is set for Friday, August 16.

Institutional Research Office established; new Registrar named

Southeastern Oklahoma State University recently announced a number of personnel changes which are now in effect.

An Office of Institutional Research has been established at the University, with Kristie Luke serving as Associate Dean for Institutional Research and Records.



Luke

Luke previously was in the role of Associate Dean of Academic Records/Registrar.

Also serving in the Office of Institutional Research is Jennifer Swearengin.

In addition, Rachel Toews has been ap-



Toews

pointed Registrar. She previously served as Assistant Registrar.

Rachel Musgrove has now assumed the role of Assistant Registrar after having previously filled the position of Certification Specialist.



Musgrove

Finally, Austin Harman has been appointed Acting Chief Information Officer.



Harman

These new responsibilities are in addition to his duties as Director of Network Operations.

McCurtain County campus director to participate in Leadership Institute

Kendra Gross, director of the Southeastern Oklahoma State University McCurtain County campus, has been selected to participate in a regional leadership institute.

The inaugural Red River Leadership Institute (RRLI) is designed to provide participants from the public, private and non-profit sectors of the Red River Region the leadership skills to build a more livable regional community through the 3Ts: Talent, Technology, Tolerance.



Gross

The Red River Region includes 20 counties/parishes in four states -- Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Renowned presenters will offer seven sessions over nine months. Topics include Leadership & Regionalism, Economic Development, Workforce Development, and Community Development.

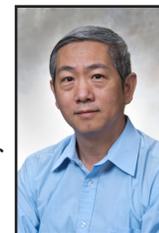
The Institute is dedicated to preparing leaders who will create real economic development opportunities for the Red River Region and beyond.

Off-site tours, subject-matter experts, and curriculum designed to explore the RRLI priority areas stress economic development and analysis, thinking regionally and leadership dilemmas. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to experience an area of the region not their own, as the schedule's locations are diversified among the four states. RRLI will integrate leadership and regional priority areas, i.e. education, transportation, technology, small business entrepreneurship, healthcare, and tourism to create projects the participants will work on between sessions that involve reflection, practice, synthesis, and the application of the concepts discussed.

Professor Ning Wu appointed to State Anatomical Board

Dr. Ning Wu, professor of biological sciences at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, was recently appointed to the State Anatomical Board in Oklahoma.

Created by the 1935 Oklahoma Legislature, the board is composed of deans, or their designees, of each accredited medical school and osteopathic medical school within the state; heads of the Department of Anatomy or comparable department, or their designees; two persons appointed jointly by the presidents of institutions of higher education with programs other than medical which require, on a regular basis, human and anatomical material, provided they have been approved by the State Regents for Higher Education; and one at-large member appointed by the Governor.



Wu

The board functions are to provide for the collection, preservation, storage, distribution, delivery, recovery for users, cremation, and final disposition of all dead human bodies used for health science education and research in the state.

Wu has been a member of the Southeastern faculty since 2014, where he teaches a cadaver-based human anatomy course.



Chickasaw Summer Leadership Academy

A number of activities were held earlier this summer as Southeastern hosted the Chickasaw Leadership Academy on campus. In the photo at left, Brenner Billy demonstrates the art of stick-making as the participants prepare to play stickball. Other activities included academic sessions, team building, cultural events, and a historical examination of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Academy is designed to provide Chickasaw high school students with real college experiences as they prepare for their academic futures.

Recent graduate receives scholarship to study in South Korea



Dunn

Kameron Dunn, a May 2019 graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, was awarded a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship to study Korean in Busan, South Korea, this summer.

A native of Calera, Oklahoma, Dunn was an Honors Program graduate at Southeastern, with a major in English and a minor in Spanish, and received the Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship. Following his summer in South Korea, he will be starting his Ph.D. in American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin this fall.

Dunn, who graduated from Durant High School in 2013, is spending two months in South Korea, rooming with a Korean student in a university residence hall.

The Critical Language Scholarship Program (CLS) program is part of a U.S. government effort to expand the

number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages. CLS scholars gain critical language and cultural skills that enable them to contribute to U.S. economic competitiveness and national security.

Dunn was one of approximately 550 competitively selected American students at U.S. colleges and universities who received a CLS award in 2019.

CLS provides scholarships to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to spend eight to ten weeks abroad studying one of 15 critical languages: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, or Urdu. The program includes intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to promote rapid language gains. CLS scholars are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship and apply their critical language skills in their future careers.

Faculty Symposium scheduled for Aug. 14

The Fall 2019 Faculty Symposium will be held on Wednesday, August 14, in the Fine Arts Little Theatre, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Southeastern president Sean Burrage will provide a campus update. Also on the agenda to provide updates in their areas are vice presidents Dennis Westman (budget), Dr. Kyle Stafford (enrollment and advancement), Liz McCraw (student affairs), and Dr. Bryon Clark (academic affairs).

Also offering information will be Dr. Tim Boatmun (update on graduate school and accelerated academic programming), and Dr. Teresa Golden (current hot topics with regional accreditation).

In addition, Southeastern police captain Jody Hall will provide CRASE safety training.



Southeastern president Sean Burrage offers remarks at last year's Symposium.

Update Calendar

August

- 1 Big Blue experience student orientation
- 2 Last day of four-day summer work week
- 14 Faculty Symposium
- 15 General Faculty-Staff meeting, luncheon, front lawn, 11 a.m.
- 17 Freshman Convocation, Montgomery Auditorium, 4:30 p.m.
- 19 First day of fall classes

September

- 2 Labor Day holiday

October

- 22 Women's Entrepreneur Seminar, Hallie McKinney Ballroom, 10 a.m.
- 25-26 Homecoming

November

- 1 Native American Symposium
- 25-29 Thanksgiving holidays

December

- 14 Commencement, Bloomer Sullivan Arena

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THURSDAY	SEPT. 5	SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE *	DURANT, OK	6:30 PM
SATURDAY	SEPT. 14	AT NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE *	ALVA, OK	6:00 PM
SATURDAY	SEPT. 21	OKLAHOMA BAPTIST *	DURANT, OK	6:00 PM
SATURDAY	SEPT. 28	AT SOUTHERN NAZARENE *	BETHANY, OK	1:00 PM
SATURDAY	OCT. 5	AT OUACHITA BAPTIST *	ARKADELPHIA, AR	NOON
SATURDAY	OCT. 12	ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO *	DURANT, OK	2:00 PM
SATURDAY	OCT. 19	AT SOUTHERN ARKANSAS *	MAGNOLIA, AR	2:30 PM
SATURDAY	OCT. 26	HENDERSON STATE * (HOMECOMING)	DURANT, OK	2:00 PM
SATURDAY	NOV. 2	AT ARKANSAS TECH *	RUSSELLVILLE, AR	2:00 PM
SATURDAY	NOV. 9	HARDING *	DURANT, OK	2:00 PM
SATURDAY	NOV. 16	EAST CENTRAL *	DURANT, OK	2:00 PM

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New Southeastern website now up and running

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Also involved in the project was consultant Knowble Media, a digital creative agency.

The University went "live" with the new website on July 10, and since that time, has been tweaking content.

The new and improved website is ADA-compliant and offers improved navigation, better organization, and is visually appealing. It is also responsive to all devices.

In designing the site, special attention was given to potential future students and their parents as studies indicate websites continue to be a major source of information for those groups.