



Summer Commencement scheduled for July 30-31

Southeastern Oklahoma State University will hold two summer commencement ceremonies on July 30-31.

The schedule is as follows:

- Friday, July 30 – 6 p.m., Bloomer Sullivan Arena – Graduate Students (Masters Candidates)
- Saturday, July 31 – 9 a.m., Bloomer Sullivan Arena – Undergraduate Students (Baccalaureate Candidates)

Summer Commencement is scheduled for July 30-31 in Bloomer Sullivan Arena.

Classic Celebration



Members of the winning team (Impact Realty) celebrate on the green at the Southeastern Golf Classic held June 11 at Chickasaw Pointe. For complete results, see page 3.





Area high school students attend summer medical camp

More than sixty high school students from Oklahoma and Texas participated in “Operation Orange” – a free, one-day mini medical camp – June 9 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Southeastern is one of six sites in the state hosting the event, which is presented by the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences.

Among the cities/schools represented from Oklahoma were Durant, Silo, Madill, Achille, McAlester, Hugo, Edmond, and Tushka. From Texas, students participated from such areas as Denison, Paris, Whites-

boro, and Wylie.

Operation Orange provides students (grades 9-12) interested in a career in medicine an opportunity to spend the day in the life of a medical student.

The hands-on camp allowed students to study the human anatomy; perform intubations by using a simulator; and learn more about career opportunities in the health care field.

Numerous recent Southeastern graduates have either completed or been accepted into various medical schools.



Athletic camps return

After the COVID-19 pandemic cancelled summer camps at Southeastern a year ago, the popular events are back in full force. Under the supervision of SE coaches and staff, area youngsters have the opportunity to sharpen their skills in baseball, left, volleyball, above, football, and basketball.

Golf Classic attracts 31 teams

A total of 175 golfers representing 31 teams competed in the Southeastern Golf Classic June 11 at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Club.

The Golf Classic is a combined fundraising effort to support the Southeastern Foundation, the Southeastern football program, and Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

The team results were as follows:

Morning Flight Winners:

- 1st Impact Realty (Spencer Barnett, Dallas Beeler, Darrell Beeler, Mikey Torrence, Dalton Nelson, Ben Beeler)
- 2nd OmniCare
- 3rd Active Real Estate

Afternoon Flight Winners:

- 1st Team McIlvoy (Greg McIlvoy, Hayden McIlvoy, Bo McIlvoy, Ryan McIlvoy, Robert Harvey, Scott Wright)
- 2nd Impact Realty (they played both morning and afternoon rounds)
- 3rd Dinsmore Electric

The overall champion and recipient of the President's Traveling Trophy was Impact Realty.

An awards reception was held that night in the Magnolia Ballroom at Choctaw Casino & Resort. Along with the casino, Cherokee Communications and The Southeastern Foundation were reception hosts. BSN Sports provided Under Armour prizes for the winners.



Southeastern president Thomas Newson presents the trophy to Mike Torrence, Dalton Nelson, and Spencer Barnett representing Impact Realty.

Riley Risso Coker named Director of Theatre at SE

Riley Risso Coker began her duties of Director of Theatre at Southeastern Oklahoma State University on June 7.

She is an Associate Professor of Theatre at Southeastern, where she teaches courses in acting, film, dance and theatre management. She also serves as the Director of the SPARKS Dance Team and is the faculty sponsor for Alpha Psi Omega -- a theatre fraternity.

"My mother (the late Dr. Molly Risso) was a master teacher with a unique vision for the theatre department at Southeastern," Coker said. "She trained hundreds of theatre artisans during her tenure as director of theatre who have gone on to have successful careers in the industry. One of those students was Dell



Coker

McLain (the late Director of Theatre). He picked up the reins after my mother's death, and successfully led Theatre at Southeastern for more than twenty years. His leadership and contribution to the art form cannot be understated. I am humbled and honored to be entrusted with the opportunity to serve in this lineage of inspired visionaries."

In addition to her duties at the University, Coker is the Producing Director of the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival, which is currently entering its 42nd season. The Festival produces eight shows each summer and hosts the Academy for the Performing Arts during the academic year.

Coker earned her Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre from California State University, Fullerton, and her Bachelor's in Communication and Theatre from Southeastern.

Calendar of Events

July

30 -- Summer Commencement, Graduate students, Bloomer Sullivan Arena, 6 p.m.

31 -- Summer Commencement, Undergraduate students, Bloomer Sullivan Arena, 9 a.m.

August

12 -- Faculty-Staff meeting

13-14-15 -- Camp SE new student orientation

13 -- Freshman Convocation, Montgomery Auditorium, 4 p.m.

16 -- First day of fall classes



The STEM camp is scheduled for July 19-23 on the Southeastern campus.

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STEM Camp offered this summer

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education provides funding for Oklahoma students to attend summer academies in such areas as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The regents have awarded a grant to Southeastern Oklahoma State University this summer for a free PI-STEM Academy.

Through water rocket and balloon launching, environmental modeling, and more, the PI-STEM Summer Academy will engage students who will be 8th or 9th grade students in the fall of 2021 in exploring, experimenting, and problem-solving related to environmental, physical, and life sciences, as well as mathematics traversing the secondary spectrum.

Accordingly, students will use a variety of technological and other tools to explore, experiment and communicate. This free day camp experience will be held from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. from July 19–23 on Southeastern's Durant campus, and will include a data collection field trip and pool party.

For more information visit the PI-STEM website: <https://www.se.edu/math/pi-stem-academy-2021/> or contact Michael Hardy (mhardy@se.edu), Kate Shannon (kshannon@se.edu) or Caleb Smith (csmith@se.edu).