



Fall semester classes begin August 16

Southeastern Oklahoma State University is looking forward to the beginning of fall classes on August 16.

Southeastern will offer a normal schedule of in-person classes in the fall. Also returning will be student activities and athletic events, which, for the most part, were cancelled or altered last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We will continue to monitor the ongoing situation very closely this fall,” Newsom said. “The safety and health of our campus community is always our top priority. With that being said, an important component of the college experience is the interaction students have not only in the classroom, but in activities and events. We look forward to returning to a full schedule of events this fall, with the understanding that if circum-

stances change, we can take appropriate measures.”

While Southeastern does not require masks, it is a mask-friendly campus for those persons who feel more comfortable wearing one.

In preparation for the beginning of classes, the following events are scheduled:

August

11 -- Faculty Symposium, Fine Arts Little Theatre, 8:30 a.m.

11 -- New Faculty Orientation, Russell 300, 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

12 -- Faculty-Staff meeting and luncheon, Bloomer Sullivan Arena, 10:30 a.m.

13-14-15 -- Camp SE New Student Orientation

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

Summer Commencement



Southeastern Oklahoma State University recently held its first summer commencement since 1997. A significant growth in the number of graduates prompted the University to hold two summer ceremonies – one on July 30 for master degree candidates and one on July 31 for bachelor degree candidates. Both ceremonies were held in Bloomer Sullivan Arena. In above photo, a couple of happy graduates take a selfie; at right, Southeastern president Thomas Newsom congratulates a graduate.



Work underway on Einstein's Bagels

Construction work is underway on the new Einstein Bros. Bagels Shop, which will be located next to the SE Barnes & Noble store on University Avenue.

Einstein's will be open for breakfast and lunch with a menu that includes bagels, salads, wraps, sandwiches, desserts, and a full-service coffee bar. It will also feature a drive-thru.

Einstein's will offer Southeastern Oklahoma State University students a third option to utilize their meal plans (others are the cafeteria and Magnolia Eatery), and will also be open to the public.

Southeastern is partnering with Einstein Bros. and Sodexo on the project, which is scheduled to be completed in late summer or early fall.



Construction work has begun on the Einstein Bros. Bagels shop on University Avenue.

Graduate business students earn high marks in competition

Graduate students in Dr. Luci Parmer's class this summer at Southeastern Oklahoma State University participated in a competitive global project to see how they stacked up with students around the world.

And the results were quite impressive as the students in Parmer's Competitive Advantage & Strategy course received a number of top global rankings and honors.

Some 782 teams and 71 colleges/universities competed weekly over the 6-week event.

The students competed in teams to complete "decision rounds." There were two decision rounds each week through Week 6. Each week, the best-performing GLO-BUS companies measured on 4 performance variables (Overall Score, EPS, ROE, and Stock Price) were honored.

In GLO-BUS, class members run companies as teams that compete for global market leadership in two product categories: (1) wearable video cameras that deliver stunning video quality and have powerful photo capture

capabilities (comparable to those designed and marketed by global industry leader GoPro) and (2) sophisticated camera-equipped copter drones that incorporate a company designed and assembled action-capture camera and that are sold to commercial enterprises for prices in the \$850 to \$2,000+ range.

The format for the competition was an online/digital strategy simulation.

Southeastern students who ranked globally with their teams were Brad Aday, Ashley Blevins, Nicole Brewer, Prasanna Byrappa, Joseph Cameron, Damian Diaz Carrion, John Chavers, Daniel Christensen, Kevin Drake, Yolanda Duffey, Chloe Duncan, Elhassan Elhassan, Joel Ford, Audri Gleason, Kaleigh Hinkle, Jonathan Hoag, Jami Hunt, Jaren Jackson, Jaye Jones, Jae Kwon, Son Lam, Nathalie Mbanya, Jaycee McLean, Laura McEwan, Autumn Murry, Haley Murray, Mackenzie Nickell, Francis Potter, Nathalie Mbanya, Jaycee McLean, Haley Murray, Heejin Oh, Jordan Regan, Denny Rindal, Zachary Roberts, Denise Roman, David Schelske, Nicolas Singpradith, Shaina Smith, Lucas Taylor, Trenton Ward, Beatrix Wiley, Jace Wilkins, Darrien Williams, and Jin Yu.



Parmer

SE, Arkansas Colleges of Health Education sign agreement

Thanks to a new agreement, Southeastern Oklahoma State University has created another direct path to medical school for its undergraduate students.

Officials from Southeastern and the Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (ACHE) recently signed an education affiliation agreement. ACHE, located in Fort Smith, Arkansas, is a private, graduate studies institution of higher education and is the parent institution to the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine, the School of Physical Therapy, the School of Occupational Therapy, and the Master of Science in Biomedicine program.

Under the agreement, Southeastern students who meet certain criteria will be guaranteed an admissions interview with the ACHE programs.

“This agreement will have a significant and positive impact on our students,” said Southeastern president Thomas Newsum. “It takes the worry out of getting a medical school interview, and increases the chances for acceptance into the programs. Our biological sciences and chemistry departments have a long history of producing top-line graduates which has been demonstrated by the many Southeastern alumni currently enjoying careers in the health sciences field. So this agreement is truly a win-win situation for Southeastern and the Arkansas Colleges of Health Education.”

“We are proud to partner with Southeastern Oklahoma State University,” stated ACHE CEO, Kyle D. Parker, JD. “ACHE is committed to educating exceptional students, especially those students located in our service area. We look forward to working with Southeastern and their outstanding students.”

In recent years, some six Southeastern students have been accepted into the ACHE programs.

Southeastern has similar agreements with the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences Center.

Over the past several years, a large number of Southeastern graduates have gone on to successfully complete medical school and enjoy careers in osteopathic medicine, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

Southeastern also offers a pre-nursing program with a history of very successful outcomes.

Southeastern hosts STEM Academy on Durant campus

A group of eighth-and-ninth-grade students participated in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Summer Academy July 20-23 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education provided funding for Oklahoma students to attend the academy free through a grant awarded to Southeastern.

Through water rocket and balloon launching, environmental modeling, and more, the STEM Academy engaged students in exploring, experimenting, and problem-solving related to environmental, physical, and life sciences, as well as mathematics traversing the secondary spectrum.

Students also utilized a variety of technological and other tools to explore, experiment and communicate. Also included was a data collection field trip and pool party.

Southeastern faculty members involved in the academy were Michael Hardy, associate professor of mathematics; Dr. Kate Shannon, assistant professor of educational leadership and instruction; and Caleb Smith, assistant professor of chemistry, computer, and physical science.



Among the activities at the STEM Summer Academy was a water rocket launching exercise.

Calendar of Events

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- 16 -- First day of fall classes

September

- 6 -- Labor Day holiday, no classes
- 16 -- Texoma College Fair
- 25 -- Presidential Partners dinner

October

- 6 -- SE Live recruiting event

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Dr. Tim Boatmun retires

Southeastern president Thomas Newsom congratulates Dr. Tim Boatmun June 30 during a retirement reception for Dr. Boatmun. He retired after 21 years at SE, most recently serving as Vice President for Enrollment Management.

Two science majors represent Southeastern at OU-Health Sciences research event

Two science majors from Southeastern Oklahoma State University represented the school recently at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Summer Undergraduate Research poster exhibition.

Mackenzie Powell (Chemistry-Medical Sciences track) from Bokchito and Cooper McKinney (Chemistry/Biology double major) from Calera were accepted into the Oklahoma IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (OK-INBRE) Summer 2021 Intern Program.

The students worked full time for more than eight weeks under the supervision of SE associate chemistry professor Dr. Nancy L. Paiva to carry out biochemical research in the Chemistry Department in Durant.

On July 20, all interns from OK-INBRE and three additional summer programs were required to present a research poster summarizing their work in Oklahoma City, and had the opportunity to be judged by graduate students from OU-Health Sciences Center. Powell and McKinney explained their work, and answered questions from the judges as well as other attendees.

In addition to valuable biomedical research experience which should help them get into Ph.D. or medical training programs after graduation, all OK-INBRE interns earn \$5,000 in wages, plus supply funds for the host lab. Any students interested in future summer internships, on or off campus, local or out-of-state, should begin looking for opportunities and applying in late Fall, since many application deadlines range from November to March.