



Three Distinguished Alumni to be honored at Homecoming

Southeastern Oklahoma State University will honor three Distinguished Alumni during homecoming festivities October 15-16.

This year's honorees are Bill Brock, Greg Duffy, and Mike Metheny.



Brock ('76,'81) is a legend in women's basketball coaching circles, having most recently been a part of three national championships as associate head coach/assistant coach at Baylor under Kim Mulkey. Prior to that, the Durant High School graduate enjoyed great success at Grayson College, compiling a record of 371-50 as head coach.

Duffy ('73) served as the director of the Oklaho-



ma Department of Wildlife Conservation for 16 years before retiring in 2009. During a 38-year career with the department, he combined his biological and management training with exceptional logistical and people skills to make a number of significant contributions to the conservation of Oklahoma's wildlife resources and environment.

Metheny ('69,'70), is a retired Southeastern baseball coach who is a member of three halls of fame, served the University for 40 years, and ended his career as the winningest coach in NCAA Division II baseball

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Back in class

Incoming freshmen pose with Southeastern president Thomas Newsom on the front steps of Morrison Hall prior to Freshman Convocation. Fall classes began on August 16.

State business partnership award recognizes Health Dept.

Some twenty-seven business and higher education partnerships across the state were recently recognized as innovative collaborations that further the education of Oklahoma's workforce.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Business Partnership Excellence Award is designed to highlight successful partnerships and to further cultivate the higher learning environment through State Regents' Economic Development Grants.

Among the award recipients was the Oklahoma State Department of Health (Region 9) and Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

"Southeastern has worked with the Health Department for many years in order to provide services to the campus community," said Southeastern president Thomas Newsom. "They are very deserving of this recognition, having been instrumental in vaccination efforts for influenza and other preventable diseases, by providing on-site outreach for men's health, and by collaborating on wellness initiatives. During the pandemic this year, Southeastern has relied a great deal on our partnership with the Health Department to assist in keeping employees at work and students in class by providing resources for free on-site testing capability."

Southeastern also partnered with the regional health departments to bring refrigeration facilities to the area to store



Southeastern Oklahoma State University president Thomas Newsom presents a plaque of appreciation to Juli Montgomery, regional director of the Oklahoma Department of Health (Region 9) and her staff.

vital vaccination resources for Bryan and the surrounding counties. During the set-up process of these facilities, they assisted financially in retrofitting the refrigeration unit to meet the storage requirements necessary to make this available to the community.

The Health Department also came to campus on two occasions to assist in ensuring that faculty, staff and students received on-site opportunities for vaccinations before they returned home for the summer. Plans are being made for additional vaccination opportunities on campus this fall.

Region 9 of the State Department of Health includes nine counties in southeastern Oklahoma -- Bryan, Atoka, Coal, Choctaw, Latimer, Le Flore, McCurtain, Pittsburg, and Pushmataha.



Faculty-Staff meeting

Southeastern president Thomas Newsom offers remarks at the Faculty-Staff general meeting on Aug. 12 in Bloomer Sullivan Arena.

Key named Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management

Since January of this year, **Shelly Key** has served as Executive Director of Admissions and Enrollment at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

That role will be expanded with the announcement of her appointment as Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management.

As chief enrollment officer, Key's areas of responsibilities include oversight of admission and recruitment, scholarships, and international student services.

Key previously served as Director of Admissions and Recruitment at Southeastern from 2013-2015.

A graduate of Southeastern and Texas Woman's University, Key also has served as Executive Director of Admissions and Recruitment at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.



Delta launches Propel career program to enhance SE aviation

Delta is pleased to announce a new Propel College Career Path university partner launching with Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

The Propel program is designed to supplement Delta's pilot hiring needs by offering an accelerated path to Delta's flight deck for selected students and Delta employees. After a rigorous interview and evaluation process, Delta will offer successful candidates a Qualified Job Offer, detailing a defined path and accelerated timeline to become a Delta pilot.

Eligible students at Southeastern have an opportunity to join the other hundreds of students already accepted into the Propel program. Students at Southeastern, in addition to the other 12 partner universities, can apply now through September 17.

"This is the beginning of a new partnership committed to ensuring the success of the students at an outstanding institution and providing Delta with quality candidates," said First Officer and Propel liaison Courtney Copping. "Seeing is believing, and the Propel program shows students a defined path of how to achieve their dreams of flying for Delta."

"The aviation program at Southeastern has been a symbol of success for more than fifty years, attracting students from across the country," said Southeastern president Thomas Newsom. "This partnership with the Delta Propel Pilot Career



Participating in the partnership announcement were, seated left to right, Delta representatives Alec Gentry, Will Weiss, Southeastern president Thomas Newsom, Kelvin Mason, Brian Cink, and Roy Evans. Standing are Aviation Sciences Institute director Mike Gaffney, chief flight instructor Kyle Thomas and other flight instructors.

Path Program is a great fit for our Aviation Sciences Institute (ASI) and will provide additional career opportunities for our aviation students."

Selected candidates will also accumulate flight hours by offering instruction at the university where they trained and then will have the option to fly for one of the Delta Connection Carriers or flying military aircraft for the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserves. Delta will offer selected candidates one-to-one mentoring with an experienced Delta pilot.

Rose State, Southeastern sign aviation agreement

Rose State College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University have developed a partnership to create a path for students to complete their two-year Enterprise Development Associate in Arts with an Aviation Emphasis at Rose State and continue on to Southeastern to complete a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management in the areas of Production & Operations, Safety or Business.

Alongside Gov. Kevin Stitt, the official signing of the agreement was held August 10 at the annual Tinker and the Primes event in Midwest City, hosted by Rose State in collaboration with the Midwest City Chamber of Commerce.

"This partnership presents ample opportunity for our



Gov. Kevin Stitt and Sen. Brenda Stanley joined Rose State president Jeanie Webb and Southeastern president Thomas Newsom for the partnership signing.

students to obtain degrees that support the needs of the growing aerospace industry in Oklahoma," stated Rose State President Dr. Jeanie Webb.

The agreement is effective starting in the 2021-2022 academic year. Both partners recognize the benefit to the student and institution to foster a meaningful academic experience that will contribute to workforce development in the state of Oklahoma.

"We've seen how quickly the aerospace industry has grown in our state, with new jobs being created at extremely fast rates over recent years," Southeastern Oklahoma State University President Dr. Thomas W. Newsom said. "The path we've created will enable students to work toward

the end goal of in-demand careers in this industry as they progress through Rose State and Southeastern programs."

Calendar of Events

September

- 2 -- Football at Arkansas Tech, 6 p.m.
- 6 -- Labor Day holiday
- 8 -- Free Vaccination, Campus Loop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 11 -- Football vs. Harding, here, 6 p.m.
- 16 -- Texoma College Fair, Bloomer Sullivan Arena
- 18 -- Football vs. Southwestern, here, 6 p.m.
- 22 -- Free Vaccination, Campus Loop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 25 -- Football at Southern Nazarene, 2 p.m.
- 25 -- Presidential Partners dinner

October

- 2 -- Football vs. Henderson State, here, 2 p.m.
- 6 -- SE Live recruiting event
- 9 -- Football at Southern Arkansas, 2:30 p.m.
- 15-16-- Homecoming
- 16 -- Football vs. Northwestern, here, 2 p.m.
- 23 -- Football at Oklahoma Baptist, 6 p.m.
- 30 -- Football vs. Arkansas-Monticello, here, 2 p.m.

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Homecoming scheduled for Oct. 15-16

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with 1,324 victories. He also guided SE to a national championship. In 2019, Southeastern's baseball field was named in his honor.

These three individuals will be honored at the Distinguished Awards Banquet on Friday, Oct. 15, and again the following day during pre-game of the Southeastern-Northwestern football game.

Below is the preliminary schedule of homecoming activities with events still to be added:

Friday, October 15

-- Whang Bang Golf Tournament, Chickasaw Pointe Golf Club, 9 a.m.

-- Distinguished Awards Dinner, Visual & Performing Arts Center, 6:30 p.m.

-- Homecoming Bonfire, Amphitheater, 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 16

-- Semple Family Museum of Native American Art grand opening, 10 a.m.

-- Taligate Alley (live band, reunions, food), 11 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.

-- Football: Southeastern vs. Northwestern State, Paul Laird Field, 2 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.se.edu/homecoming2021>

University offers vaccine incentive

In an effort to protect the campus community and to stress the importance of receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is providing a one-time incentive to those providing proof of their COVID-19 vaccination.

All currently enrolled part-time and full-time students are eligible for the \$100 vaccine incentive. All actively employed part-time and full-time staff, actively employed full-time, part-time and adjunct faculty are eligible for the \$125 vaccine incentive.

The COVID Vaccination is not required by Southeastern Oklahoma State University and participation in this incentive program is completely voluntary.

Southeastern is also partnering with the Oklahoma State Department of Health to provide free COVID-19 vaccinations to the campus and community. The OSDH Mobile Unit will be on campus to provide Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

Vaccinations will be available between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the loop in front of the Glen D. Johnson Student Union. A photo ID is required. For a second dose, an official vaccination card is required. The vaccinations will be offered on September 8 and September 22.