



In photo at left, the graduates were all smiles at Southeastern. At right, Chancellor Emeritus and former Southeastern president Glen D. Johnson receives a gift from Southeastern president Thomas Newsom. Johnson was the speaker at both ceremonies.



Chancellor Emeritus offers commencement remarks

Graduates, families, and friends celebrated Fall Commencement at Southeastern Oklahoma State University December 10-11 during two ceremonies.

On Friday night, commencement was held for master's degree candidates, while undergraduates received their degrees on Saturday morning.

This fall's graduating class included students from 43 states and seven countries. Forty-percent of the graduates were first-generation college graduates.

Chancellor Emeritus and Southeastern President Emeritus Glen D. Johnson was the commencement speaker at both ceremonies, held in Bloomer Sullivan Arena.

Johnson was chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education from 2007-21. He led a state system comprised of 25 state colleges and universities and 10 constituent agencies. Johnson provided leadership on matters relat-

ing to standards for Oklahoma higher education, courses and programs of study, budget allocations for institutions, fees and tuition, and strategic planning.

Johnson became the eighth chancellor of the Oklahoma State System in January 2007 after a national search. Before assuming the role of chancellor, he served as the 16th president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University for 10 years.

During his tenure at Southeastern, Johnson oversaw \$63 million in facility improvements (new or renovated).

Regent Connie Reilly, chair of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents, offered welcoming remarks during Friday's ceremonies.

Southeastern president Thomas Newsom delivered remarks at both ceremonies, while alumni association president Joe Hill offered the alumni charge.



Murray president Joy McDaniel and Southeastern president Thomas Newsom sign the agreement bringing the nursing program to Durant.

Murray at Southeastern nursing program established

Thanks to a new agreement, Southeastern Oklahoma State University will be able to offer students the ability to continue to pursue a career in nursing on the Durant campus.

Murray State College (MSC), a two-year community college in Tishomingo, and Southeastern have entered into an arrangement in which the "Murray at Southeastern Nursing Program" has been established.

On December 16, MSC president Joy McDaniel and Southeastern president Thomas Newsom signed a memorandum of understanding between the two schools.

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All roads lead to SE

In an ongoing effort to generate brand awareness, Southeastern recently leased a billboard in Calera, Oklahoma. Northbound drivers on Highway 75 will have an easy view of the sign, which features the tagline, “Textoma’s University.”

Schools collaborate

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“The MSC Nursing at SE program brings with it a new option for Durant-area students who are interested in pursuing a career in Nursing,” McDaniel said. “This partnership creates new opportunities for prospective students while filling a crucial need in southern Oklahoma.”

“Over the past few years, Murray State and Southeastern have collaborated on a number of projects,” said Southeastern president Thomas Newsom. “The common denominator is that students are the direct beneficiary. And in this case, the Murray at Southeastern Nursing Program will not only serve students, but address a critical need in the healthcare field. We appreciate President McDaniel’s vision and her staff at Murray for working with us to make this program a reality.”

Tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2023 pending accreditation approval, Murray students enrolled in the program will attend classes on the Southeastern-Durant campus. Southeastern will deliver general education courses required for nursing students enrolled or planning to apply to the Murray at Southeastern Programs.

The program will allow students the opportunity to obtain an Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing from MSC. In addition, the students will have pathways available to obtain their bachelor’s degree from Southeastern.

Southeastern is in the process of developing additional degrees to support the Murray at Southeastern Program that may include RN-BSN – Nursing, RN-BSN- Respiratory Therapy, MSN – Nursing Leadership, MSN – Nurse Educator, MS – Health Science, MS – Health Administration, and MS - Community Health.

In a separate agreement between the two schools, Murray will outsource certain Human Resource services to Southeastern, further strengthening their working relationship.



The Southeastern Aviation Sciences Institute will be utilizing a new Flightdeck Solutions 737 MAX Flight Training device.

Aviation adds new simulator

The storied aviation program at Southeastern Oklahoma State University is getting a significant technology boost thanks to the recent purchase of a new Flightdeck Solutions 737 MAX Flight Training device.

According to Southeastern Aviation Sciences Institute (ASI) Director/Assistant Professor Michael Gaffney, the 737 MAX Fixed Base Procedures Trainer by Flightdeck Solutions teaches students how to operate one of the most popular airliners in operation today, the Boeing 737 MAX.

Gaffney said students will be taught airliner-centric advanced system operations, advanced aerodynamics, flight management system programming, and to function as coordinated crew in a complex airline environment using the new trainer/simulator. The highly realistic cockpit features near perfect control and display screen realism and the high fidelity display screens creates a realistic simulation environment of any airport in North America and can simulate any kind of weather condition or equipment malfunction.

SE caps 9-3 season with bowl win over Emporia

The Southeastern Savage Storm capped its winningest football season in 33 years with a 37-34 victory over Emporia State (Kansas) December 4 in the Farmers Bank and Trust Live United Bowl.

Trey Keatts booted a game-winning 29-yard field goal with 10 seconds remaining as the Savage Storm (9-3) edged the Hornets (6-6) in a back-and-forth contest at Razorback Stadium in Texarkana, Arkansas.

Southeastern quarterback Daulton Hatley was named MVP, completing 23 of 38 passes for 336 yards and three scores. Keatts was also clutch, hitting three field goals on the day.

Emporia led 21-14 at the half, but Southeastern quickly tied the score on a 60-yard TD pass from Hatley to Marquis



Gray on the first play from scrimmage in the second half. The nine wins represents the highest win total by the



Running back Deundre Wheeler squeezes between the blocks of two offensive linemen.



Savage Storm head coach Tyler Fenwick, second from left, and players celebrate.

Savage Storm since joining NCAA Division II play in the mid-1990s. (It's also the most victories since the 1988 Southeastern squad went 10-1 and qualified for the NAIA playoffs).

In addition, the 2021 season was a remarkable bounce back from a 1-10 campaign in 2019. There were no official games played in 2020 due to COVID.

Third-year coach Tyler Fenwick earned Coach of the Year honors in the Great American Conference (GAC), while Storm linebacker Maalik Hall earned Defensive Player of the Year honors. Hall was joined by three other teammates as first team All-GAC selections.

A pre-season pick to finish 11th in the 12 team GAC, Southeastern placed fourth in the league standings, handing national playoff qualifier Harding its only regular season loss. Southeastern's three losses were by a combined 11 points.



Trey Keatts booted three field goals, including the 29-yard game-winner.

Calendar of Events

December

23-31 -- Winter holidays

January

10 -- First day of spring classes

17 -- MLK Day holiday

March

14-18 Spring Break

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The 101st edition of Candlelighting was held on December 6.

University celebrates season with traditions old and new

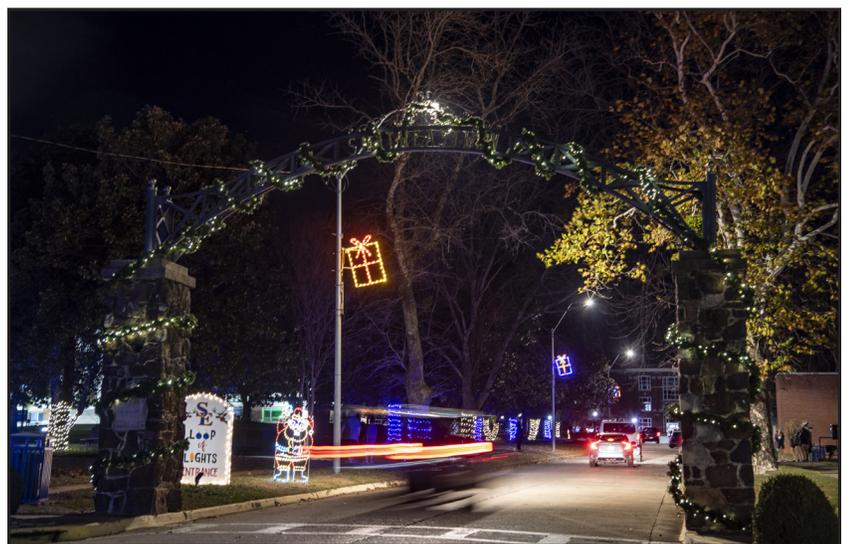
Southeastern Oklahoma State University celebrated the holiday season with traditions old and new.

The oldest event on campus -- Candlelighting – was held for the 101st time December 6 in Montgomery Auditorium.

Multiple ensembles performed, including the Symphonic Chorus, the Southeastern Chorale, the SE Wind Ensemble, the SHARE Children’s Chorus, and a faculty string quartet.

And for the second year in a row, Southeastern invited everyone to the Loop of Lights holiday tradition drive-thru event.

This “new” tradition was originated last year, with lights and decorations displayed around the campus loop for motorists to view. The event began December 1 and continued through December 31.



The Loop of Lights is the newest holiday tradition at Southeastern.