Southeastern Oklahoma State University

UPDATE
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Commencement features record number of graduates

A record number of graduates received degrees in two spring commencement ceremonies May 6-7 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Master's degrees were conferred during a ceremony on May 6, while bachelor's degrees were conferred on May 7.

Both ceremonies were held in Bloomer Sullivan Arena.

An all-time high of 746 graduates received their degrees.

Regent Ann Holloway, a Southeastern graduate, offered congratulations to the graduates on behalf of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Also in attendance was Chancellor Emeritus and Southeastern President Emeritus Glen D. Johnson.

Almost 50 percent were first-generation graduates, and the students represented 38 states and 16 countries.

In photo above, Southeastern president Thomas Newsom congratulates graduate Chandler Kemp of Gainesville, Texas. At right, Bloomer Sullivan Arena was the site of Southeastern's spring commencement.

Southeastern Golf Classic upcoming

The 2022 Southeastern Golf Classic has been scheduled for Friday, June 10, and Saturday June 11 at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Club in Kingston, Oklahoma. For more details, see page 4.

Summer camps listed

A number of summer camps for various ages and interests are being offered at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Below is a list with registration information.

SE Basketball Camps
June 13-16, Session 1
June 20-23, Session 2
https://www.sebasketballcamps.com/index.cfm

SE Volleyball Camp
June 4, Storm Skills Camp
June 9-11, Little Storm Camp
June 18, Storm Skills Camp
July 8 - 9, College Experience Camp
July 10, College ID Camp
https://www.southeasternstorm-volleyball.com/

STEM Camp
June 6-10
https://www.se.edu/math/pi-stem-academy-2022/

Summer IT Camp
June 20-23, Workshops 1&2
June 27-30, Workshops 3&4
https://www.se.edu/itcamp/

The STEM Camp is being offered for the second consecutive year on the Southeastern campus.

Aviation flight team competes in nationals

The Southeastern Oklahoma State University Competitive Flight Team recently placed 13th in a national competition of the 28 largest University flight programs in the United States.

This highly competitive annual National Intercollegiate Flying Association's (NIFA) 2022 SAFECON featured competitive events such as precision navigation, aircraft recognition, accuracy landing, and simulation events with expert industry judges officiating the competition and scoring. The event, hosted by the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, featured more than 500 competitors.

Two students receive Gilman International Scholarships

Two students from Southeastern Oklahoma State University have been awarded the U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

Grubbs

Taylor Grubbs, a junior history major in the honors program, will receive $5,000 to attend the International Summer School at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, this summer, where she will take a 3-week course on the History of Christianity in Scotland. She is a graduate of Boswell High School.

And Rebecca Vinson, a sophomore psychology major in the honors program, has been awarded $4,000 to participate in Southeastern Honors' short-term study abroad program Intercultural Studies in Greece next spring. Vinson is a graduate of Marietta High School.

Earlier this year, SE accounting major Jordanna Morris received the Gilman Scholarship to study abroad in France.

Dr. Meg Cotter-Lynch is the Honors Program Director and Gilman Scholars Advisor.

The recipients of this prestigious scholarship are American undergraduate students attending 536 U.S. colleges and represent 49 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. These Gilman Scholars will study or intern in 91 countries through April 2023.

Vinson

Since the program's inception in 2001, more than 34,000 Gilman Scholars from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories have studied or interned in more than 155 countries around the globe.

The late Congressman Gilman, for whom the scholarship is named, served in the House of Representatives for 30 years and chaired the House Foreign Relations Committee.

SE hosts Prospective Teacher Academy and Career Fair

Teacher Education was one of the cornerstones in which Southeastern Oklahoma State University was founded on in 1909, and that tradition remains alive and well today.

On April 1, Southeastern hosted two events for current/future educators.

Southeastern's Department of Educational Instruction & Leadership presented a "Prospective Teacher Academy" on Friday morning. This event was designed for high school juniors and seniors interested in the teaching field, as well as current teachers and administrators.

Five former Oklahoma Teachers of the Year – including Jon Hazell of Durant –were guest speakers, and they also participated in a panel discussion. Rebecca Oglesby of Yukon, the 2019 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, was keynote speaker.

That afternoon, the SE Career Management Center hosted an Education Career Fair. The Fair provided an opportunity for SE students and alumni to network with representatives from almost 20 school districts in Oklahoma and Texas seeking candidates for teachers, counselors, coaches, and administrators.

Five Oklahoma Teachers of the Year participated in a panel discussion at the Prospective Teacher Academy. Left to right are, Jon Hazell of Durant (standing), Rebecca Oglesby of Yukon, Donna Gradel of Broken Arrow, Stephen Smallwood of Broken Bow, and Jena Nelson, Deer Creek.

Dan Boren offers welcoming remarks at the Tri-County Honors event.

Tri-County event honors students

First United Bank and Southeastern Oklahoma State University teamed up to recognize outstanding high school students April 26 at the Tri-County Honors event at the Visual & Performing Arts Center.

Bryan County Special Judge Abby Rogers was guest speaker. Dan Boren, President of Oklahoma First United Bank was the event's host, with Southeastern president Thomas Newsom offering welcoming remarks. Shelly Key, associate vice president for enrollment management, introduced educators and bank presidents for the award presentations.

Students received medals and certificates.

Aviation Alumni hold reunion

Networking, golf, awards and food were all on the menu April 8-9 at the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Aviation Alumni Reunion.

Activities kicked off April 8 with an aviation career fair and network event on the Southeastern-Durant campus. A crawfish broil/social gathering took place that night.

On the next day, an alumni golf outing was held, followed by reunion family fellowship activities that included bowling and arcade.

The reunion was capped Saturday night with the annual Fish Fry Reunion and awards banquet in the Aviation Sciences Institute (ASI) Hangar at Eaker Field. Approximately 175 people attended the event.

Speakers included Southeastern president Thomas Newsom, ASI director Mike Gaffney, ASI faculty member Dr. Stan Alluisi, and Aviation Alumni officers Chris Ferguson and Mitch Mills.

The Outstanding Professional Pilot Award (Durant campus) went to Spencer Jaye, while Russell Rogers received the Outstanding Aviation Management Award.

Student scholarships and awards were also presented at the event.

Calendar of Events

June

10-11 -- Presidential Golf Classic, Chickasaw Pointe
June 12-18 – Rodeo at College National Finals Rodeo, Casper, Wyoming

July

29 -- Summer Commencement (Master's degrees), Bloomer Sullivan Arena
30 -- Summer Commencement (Bachelor's degrees), Bloomer Sullivan Arena

(May 30 -- July 29 – Four-day work week)

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Back on campus

Former Southeastern basketball and WNBA great Crystal Robinson poses with fans at a Southeastern softball game this spring. Robinson, who is currently an assistant coach with the Phoenix Mercury in the WNBA, threw out the first pitch. During her visit, she also took time to speak to various student groups on leadership.

Presidential Golf Classic set for June 10-11

The 2022 Southeastern Golf Classic at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Club in Kingston, Oklahoma has been scheduled for Friday, June 10, and Saturday June 11 at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Club in Kingston, Oklahoma.

The six-person scramble will combine two of the best tournaments in the area. The Presidential Golf Classic and the Gridiron Golf Classic, both benefiting Southeastern Oklahoma State University, have been combined to create the premier charity golf tournament in the Texoma region. Because of the popularity of both tournaments, this year's combined event will feature two tee-time options: 9 a.m. on Friday, June 10, or 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 11.

Participants will enjoy a registration gift, food on the course, and prizes for Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive. A Flight Champion will be crowned each day, and then the traveling trophy will be awarded to the overall champion. New this year is a backyard bar-b-q at the Magnolia House on campus on Friday evening.

To register, go to https://www.se.edu/giving/southeastern-golf-classic-registration/