



## Fall Commencement set for December 16, 17

Southeastern Oklahoma State University will hold two fall commencement exercises in December.

On Friday, Dec. 16, master's degrees will be conferred at 6 p.m., while on Saturday, Dec. 17, baccalaureate degrees will be awarded at 9 a.m.

Both ceremonies will be held in Bloomer Sullivan Arena.

Fifty-percent of the graduates are first generation college graduates, and the class represents 40 states and 17 countries.

Spring classes will begin on January 9.

## Pamela Fahrendorf Endowed Professorships established

Southeastern Oklahoma State University is proud to announce the establishment of the Pamela Fahrendorf Endowed Professor in Computer Science and Technology, and the Pamela Fahrendorf Endowed Professor in Mathematics.

The announcement was made Nov. 10 in the Glen D. Johnson Student Union Auditorium, with Pamela and William Fahrendorf, faculty, alumni, and friends in attendance.

The fully endowed professorships are established through a gift to the Southeastern Foundation.

Dr. Charles Matthews, current chair of the SE Mathematics Department, will be the Pamela Fahrendorf Endowed Chair in Mathematics, with the other endowed professor to be determined at a later date. Dr. Matthews holds a Ph.D. and master's from Oklahoma State University and a bachelor's from Baylor University. He has taught at Southeastern since 1997.

"This is an incredibly generous gift by the Fahrendorfs and is a fitting tribute to Pamela Fahrendorf's teaching career," said Southeastern president Thomas Newsom. "The Fahrendorfs have tirelessly given back to the community and University through their time and resources, and they have both been actively involved in supporting education at all levels. We are very excited about the impact this gift will have on the academic programs at Southeastern for many, many years to come."

Pamela Fahrendorf taught for 19 years at Southeastern, retiring in 2006 as Assistant Professor and Program Director of Computer Science and Technology. She also served as Interim



*Gathering after the announcement of the endowed professorship were Southeastern president Thomas Newsom, Pamela Fahrendorf, and Dr. Charles Matthews, who was named the Pamela Fahrendorf Endowed Chair in Mathematics.*

Chair of the Department from 2001-2004, and was a Choctaw Mentor from 2006-2009.

She earned her master's in mathematics and computer science at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and her bachelor's in mathematics at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Ms. Fahrendorf was active on many higher education committees at both the University and state level.

Prior to joining the Southeastern faculty in 1997, Ms. Fahrendorf was Associate Professor of Computer Information systems/Mathematics at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

And from 1990-1997, she served as district director of the Oklahoma State School Board Association.

# Aviation adds two Piper Seminole Twin Engines aircraft to fleet

The Southeastern Oklahoma State University Aviation Sciences Institute (ASI) continues to enhance its program with the recent arrival of two PA44 Piper Seminole Twin Engine training aircraft.

According to ASI Director Michael Gaffney, the new aircraft will be utilized in the flight training program to train advanced students on how to operate in a complex aircraft with more than one engine in visual and a multitude of weather conditions and emergency conditions. The aircraft feature some of the most modern aircraft panel avionics available, and complement the Boeing 737 Max Simulator acquired by the ASI in July.

With the addition of these two planes, the Southeastern fleet now includes 20 aircraft. Gaffney said the Piper Aircraft PA44 Seminole was selected because it represents one of the most stable multiengine training platforms available and is commonly used by other accredited aviation universities across the country.

“The quality and affordability of our aviation program continues to attract students from all over the coun-



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try,” said Southeastern president Thomas Newsom. “This is critical as we work to meet the growing demands of the job market in the aviation industry.”

The ASI has a rich history of academic and professional pilot accomplishments dating back 56 years. Its mission is to provide its students with the highest quality aviation education and flight training possible. Southeastern’s airline partners in the Professional Pilot Program are Southwest Airlines, Envoy Airlines, and Delta Air Lines.



## Candlelighting

The 102nd version of Candlelighting will be held on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Montgomery Auditorium. Multiple musical ensembles will perform at this time-honored tradition, which is open to the public.



## Savage Storm returns to bowl game

For the second year in a row, the Southeastern Savage Storm will be traveling to Texarkana, Arkansas, to play in the Farmers Bank & Trust Live United Bowl.

And for the second year in a row, the Storm (6-5) will face Emporia State (8-3) of Kansas. Kickoff is at noon on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Razorback Stadium.

Last year, Southeastern capped a memorable 9-3 season with a thrilling last-second 37-34 victory over Emporia.

## *Presidential Partners scholarship recipients*

*In photo at right, Southeastern president Thomas Newsom congratulates the Presidential Partners scholarship recipients, who were recognized at a recent dinner. Left to right, Tatiana Beach (John Massey School of Business), Shaina Spears (School of Education and Behavioral Sciences), and Alaura Gilmore (School of Arts & Sciences).*



## **Two with SE ties inducted into Higher Ed Hall of Fame**

Southeastern Oklahoma State was well-represented Nov. 1 as the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society inducted 11 individuals into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame for 2022.

Among that group were Kate Galt Zaneis, late president of Southeastern State Teachers College, and Buddy Spencer, businessman and SE Distinguished Alumnus. Spencer received a special merit award.

The 28th annual induction ceremony was held at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

Current Southeastern president Thomas Newsom accepted the award for the late Zaneis and her family.

In 1935, Zaneis was appointed as the ninth president of Southeastern -- the first female to head a state college or university in the nation.

Although Zaneis only served as president from May 1935 to July 1937, she accomplished a great deal, including overseeing a 33 percent increase in enrollment, obtaining Public Works Administration funding for facilities, equipment, and athletic field improvements, increasing funding for student work programs, and in 1937, securing an appearance by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt for a speech on campus and overnight stay at the President's home.

Buddy Spencer graduated from Southeastern in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in Education. While attending Southeastern, he played basketball for the legendary coach Bloomer Sullivan for four years and served as the President of the Student Body.



*Among those attending the Hall of Fame event were, seated, honoree Buddy Spencer and Doris Spencer, and standing, Melinda Johnson, Southeastern president Thomas Newsom, Carl Albert State College president Jay Falkner, and Chancellor Emeritus Glen D. Johnson.*

Spencer returned from military service to enter the automobile business, first working for Chevrolet and then as an automobile dealer.

Spencer's wife Doris is also a Southeastern graduate. He was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus at Southeastern in 1982.

Among others attending the event was Chancellor Emeritus and former SE president Glen D. Johnson, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2016.

# Calendar of Events

## December

- 3 -- Southeastern football vs. Emporia State in Live United Bowl, Texarkana, Ark., noon
- 12 -- Candlelighting, Montgomery Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 -- Fall Commencement, Master's degrees, Bloomer Sullivan Arena, 6 p.m.
- 17 -- Fall Commencement, Bachelor's degrees, Bloomer Sullivan Arena, 9 a.m.

## January

- 9 -- First day of spring classes
- 16 -- MLK Holiday

## February

- 17 -- Aviation Day
- 18 -- Honors/PLC Day

## March

- 13-16 -- Spring Break
- 29 -- Curriculum Contest

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The Top 10 Freshmen were recognized recently in a ceremony. Front row, Addison McCortney, Sydney Williams, Katherine Hodge, and Bailee Speed. Back row, SE president Thomas Newsom, Joshua Bort, Logan Bryan, Alejandro Gonzalez, Jonathan Ritter, and Cordell Palmer. Not pictured, Ricardo Rojas, Jr.

## University recognizes Top 10 Freshmen in annual ceremony

Southeastern Oklahoma State University recognized the recipients of the Top 10 Freshman Award Nov. 4 during a reception and ceremony in the Glen D. Johnson Student Union auditorium.

The awards are based on academics, leadership, campus involvement, and letters of recommendation, and were presented to students who were freshmen in 2021.

The recipients are:

Joshua Bort, from Keller, Texas, who is pursuing a degree in aviation as a professional pilot  
Logan Bryan, of Red Oak, Oklahoma, who is also pursuing a degree in aviation as a professional pilot

Alejandro Gonzalez, Bogota, Colombia, who is majoring in finance

Katherine (Kat) Hodge, Denison, Texas, is studying math education

Addison McCortney, from Ada, Oklahoma, is majoring in mathematics

Cordell Palmer, Durant, is studying communications and marketing

Jonathan Ritter, of Atoka, Oklahoma, is pursuing a pre-med degree

Ricardo Rojas, Jr., from Oklahoma City, is an aviation major who seeks a career as professional pilot

Bailee Speed, Sherman, Texas, is majoring in Elementary Education

Sydney Elise Williams, from Durant, is working towards a degree in communications with an emphasis on Ad and Marketing Personal Relations