



Applications being accepted for McNair Scholars Program

Student applications are now being accepted at Southeastern Oklahoma State University for the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program grant through the U.S. Department of Education.



Ellett

Known as the McNair Scholars Program, this is a TRIO program that supports the development of research skills and expected graduate school enrollment of a group of select students.

Southeastern received the grant for the first time late last year.

The McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program is one of eight federally funded TRIO programs offered within universities and colleges throughout the nation. TRIO programs offer both outreach and academic support services to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who need assistance navigating the academic pipeline from high school to post-secondary education.

Students may apply online at

<https://se-mcnair-pub.studentaccess.com/appform/default.aspx?guid=67fcb036-9f5f-4660-91b3-e42531575574>

The Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program was created in his honor by the U.S. Depart-

ment of Education in 1989. Dr. McNair was one of seven crew members killed in the space shuttle Challenger explosion on January 28, 1986.

Darla Ellett, Director, Student Support Services/Project Teach, serves as Director of the McNair Program, and Sierra Downs is the program coordinator.

The McNair Scholars Program at Southeastern is designed to provide 25 underrepresented, low-income, and first-generation students with mentoring from staff and faculty, academic counseling, tutoring, and opportunities to conduct and present research.



Downs

Through seminars, lectures, and a summer research institute geared to providing information on applying to graduate school, teaching assistantships, and developing a research-based thesis, SE's McNair Scholars will be prepared to successfully complete graduate school studies. Scholars are encouraged to continue through the attainment of the Ph.D.

For more information about the program, contact Ellett at 580-745-3306 dellett@se.edu or Downs at 580-745-2394 sdowns@se.edu

SE student receives Gilman International Scholarship

Southeastern Oklahoma State University studio art major Hannah Peterson will have the opportunity to study abroad in the spring as a recipient of The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program.

Peterson, a freshman, will use her scholarship to participate in the spring short-term study abroad trip to Greece led by Dr. Kyle Lincoln, a SE history professor.

"I am very grateful for this opportunity, which would not have been possible without the support and guidance of Dr. Meg Cotter-Lynch (SE Honors Program Director and English Professor)," Peterson said.



Peterson

Peterson, a non-traditional student, has a daughter who is also a freshman studio art major at Southeastern. Nearly 1,500 U.S. undergraduate students have been selected for the Gilman Program. These Gilman Scholars will study or intern in 81 countries through October 2023, receive up to \$5,000, or up to \$8,000 if also a recipient of the Gilman Critical Need Language Award, to apply toward their study abroad or internship.



Unsung Hero

Southeastern president Thomas Newsom congratulates Sue Haywood as the first recipient of the "SE Unsung Hero" award. The newly-created award is presented by the Staff Senate to an SE staff member who goes above and beyond the call of duty and who may work behind the scenes, but still makes a huge impact within the campus community. As Special Events Coordinator, Sue meticulously works events for all departments on campus and external groups.

Buy the Books

SE professors offer recently published works

Trio of Education Profs collaborate on leadership guide

Three professors in the Department of Educational Instruction and Leadership (EIL) at Southeastern Oklahoma State University have collaborated to write book on an appropriate topic – leadership.

Scheduled to be released soon by Rowman & Littlefield is “Peopled Leadership – Growing People and Transforming Organizations” – by Dr. R. Stewart Mayers, Dr. Jennifer M. Anderson, and Dr. Todd Williams.

It is available for pre-order through Amazon.



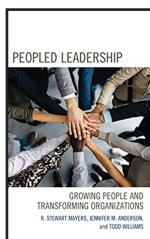
Anderson

The book is about a new model of leadership that is completely focused on the people being led. Using research on a wide variety of topics as well as practical experience, the authors make the case that the best leaders focus on each person as an individual, but also all facets of that individual (e.g., physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual). They make the case that leaders get the best work and the most work from those who feel valued and respected in the workplace. During the research, the authors found about 150 existing models of leadership and none of them include some of the key elements of their proposed model. One example is leading with an “attitude of gratitude.”



Williams

Mayers is professor/chair of EIL and Director of Teacher Education; Anderson is an assistant professor in EIL with more than 23 years of experience serving schools, institutions of higher education, and government agencies; and Williams is also an Assistant EIL Professor with 31 years in the field of education, including 16 years as a public school superintendent.



Mayers

New faculty member writes about religion, history

One of Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s newest professors has recently published a book titled, “A Constellation of Authority: Castilian Bishops and the Secular Church During the Reign of Alfonso VIII.”

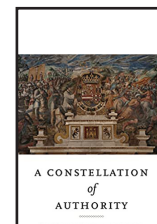
Dr. Kyle C. Lincoln, Assistant Professor of Pre-Modern European History and Interdisciplinary Humanities, joined the Southeastern faculty last fall.



Lincoln

His new book is published by Penn State University Press.

According to a release by the Penn State Press, “the book charts a history of the relationship between the church and the Castilian royal family in the time of Alfonso VIII (1155–1214). Drawing on diocesan archives, monastic collections, and chronicles, Professor Lincoln reconstructs the complex negotiations these bishops undertook to maintain the balance among the papal and royal agendas and their own interests. His study sheds new light on the bishops’ ties to crusades and political influence, the growth of canon and Roman law, religious and church reform, and the canonization of local leaders.”



Originally from rural Michigan, Dr. Lincoln is considered to be an authority on the medieval history of religions in Europe and the Mediterranean.

His 2021 co-authored textbook project, “Remaking the Medieval World: 1204, the Fourth Crusade,” won both the Lone Medievalist Prize for Teaching and the Reacting Consortium’s Brilliancy Prize. This monograph is part of his wider research program into Spanish religious official’s political activism in the central middle ages.



Among the projects students were involved with during MLK Week were cleanup around campus (above) and work at the Amphitheater (right).



Campus participates in MLK Week of Service projects

Southeastern students, faculty and staff participated in various community and campus projects as part of the SE Martin Luther King Jr. Week of Service (Jan. 16-20).

Representing multiple student clubs and organizations, the events featured 147 individual acts of service performed by 112 students. Among the projects were packing bags and stocking shelves at the Hands of Hope Food Bank, clean-up and beautification of downtown Durant and Bryan

County Fairgrounds, and various campus beautification projects, including the amphitheater, labyrinth, meditation garden, and the campus laundry facility.

The week also included a focus group participation on substance abuse on campus.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Life, this is the 28th year the University has participated in the MLK Day of Service which was extended to a week-long event this year.



Dr. Doug Wood, biological sciences - zoology professor at Southeastern, speaks at Career Day.

Southeastern hosts 9th annual Career Day for area eighth grade students

“It Starts Now” was the theme of the ninth annual 8th Grade Career Discovery Day at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Some 600 area students attended the event on Jan. 5, which was sponsored by Southeastern Oklahoma State University and the Southern Workforce Board.

Eighth grade students had the chance to explore career fields and other opportunities for their futures. Each student participated in breakout sessions that explored the specifics, work responsibilities, and requirements/qualifications for different occupations from 21 various career fields.

Among the fields represented were the arts, oil/gas, healthcare, architect-engineering, law enforcement, Fire-EMT, military, science, aviation, manufacturing, education, and legal.

Calendar of Events

February

- 17 -- Aviation Day, 9:30 a.m. -- 3 p.m.
- 18 -- President's Leadership Class & Honors Program Scholars Day
- 25 -- John Massey Leadership Scholars Day

March

- 13-19 -- Spring Break
- 29 -- Curriculum Contest
- 29 -- McCurtain County Prospective Teacher Academy

April

- 5 -- Prospective Teacher Academy
- 7 -- Holiday

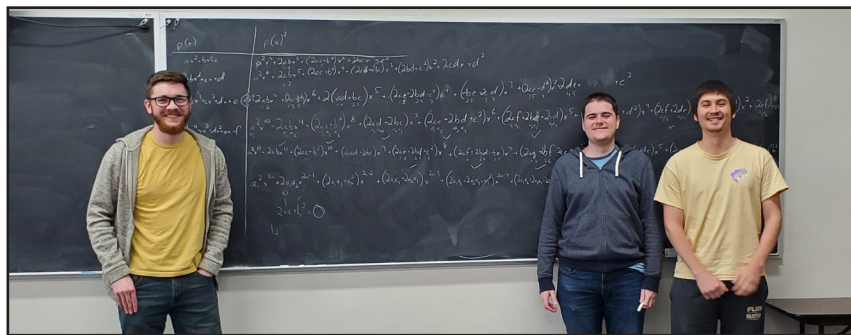
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Participating in the math competition from Southeastern were Caleb Luna, Joash Patton, and James Dry.

Three SE students participate in William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition

Three students from Southeastern Oklahoma State University competed in the 83rd annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition in December.

Representing SE were Caleb Luna, a computer science and mathematics major from Valliant; Joash Patton, a mathematics major from Calera; and James Dry, a mathematics major from Calera.

The Putnam Mathematical Competition is the preeminent event of its kind for undergraduate college students in the United States and Canada. The competition is divided into two three-hour sessions, with participants working on six challenging mathematical problems over the course of each session. Each problem is worth 10 points, for a maximum score of 120 points.

Each fall, Southeastern mathematics professor Dr. Karl Frinkle leads interested students through problems from past competitions, along with other similarly challenging problems. Students are exposed to new concepts, clever tricks, interesting formulas, problem-solving techniques, along with various topics not normally covered in the standard curriculum.

The Putnam began in 1938 as a competition between mathematics departments at colleges and universities. The competition has now grown to be the leading university-level mathematics examination in the world. Although participants work independently on the problems, there is a team aspect to the competition as well. Prizes are awarded to the participants with the highest scores and to the departments of mathematics of the five institutions, the sum of whose top three scores is the greatest.

Results from the competition will be announced in February.