HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

DISTRICT 16

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE · NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY · OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES · OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY - TULSA · OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY · UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA - TULSA

HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma’s public colleges and universities remain one of the most significant positive impacts on the state’s economy, communities and citizens.
  - More than 210,000 students enrolled annually.
  - Nearly 37,000 degrees and certificates awarded in the last academic year.
- U.S. News and World Report ranks Oklahoma tuition and fees as 12th-lowest in the nation and student debt at graduation as 13th-lowest in the nation.
- STEM degrees and certificates conferred at state system institutions increased 53% over the last eight years.
- State appropriations to public higher education were cut $274 million (26%) from FY08 through FY18.
- The average faculty salary at Oklahoma’s public colleges and universities is more than 15% below peers in other states.
- For every $1 of state appropriations invested, the state system of higher education generates $9.40 in economic return.

BY THE NUMBERS

Economic Impact

- Every dollar invested in Connors State College generates $7.50 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Northeastern State University generates $6.10 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences generates $29.70 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Oklahoma State University - Tulsa generates $4.20 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology generates $7.00 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in University of Oklahoma - Tulsa generates $4.00 in economic output.

Enrollment

- During the 2018-19 academic year, 21,515 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 16.

Graduation

- During the 2018-19 academic year, 3,176 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 16.*

Oklahoma’s Promise

- In District 16, 267 students from the 2019 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 779 high school students in District 16 are enrolled in Oklahoma’s Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 3,769 high school students from District 16 have received the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 3,094 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 16 received approximately $6.3 million in scholarships from Oklahoma’s Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment

- During the 2018-19 academic year, 836 students enrolled in 7,766 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 16.

*Figure does not include students at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa and University of Oklahoma-Tulsa.