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.
- To fully fund the concurrent enrollment program for high school juniors will require an additional investment of $7 million.
- 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 Cameron University generates $6.40 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma generates $5.10 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Western Oklahoma State College generates $5.20 in economic output.

Enrollment

- During the 2018-19 academic year, 7,797 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 65.

Graduation

- During the 2018-19 academic year, 1,171 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 65.

Oklahoma’s Promise

- In District 65, 343 students from the 2019 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 1,374 high school students in District 65 are enrolled in Oklahoma’s Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 6,709 high school students from District 65 have received the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 1,340 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 65 received approximately $2.7 million in scholarships from Oklahoma’s Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment

- During the 2018-19 academic year, 692 students enrolled in 6,267 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 65.