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 University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma generates $5.10 in economic output.

Enrollment
• During the 2018-19 academic year, 952 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 56.

Graduation
• During the 2018-19 academic year, 152 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 56.

Oklahoma’s Promise
• In District 56, 155 students from the 2019 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
• Currently, 578 high school students in District 56 are enrolled in Oklahoma’s Promise.
• Since inception in 1992, 3,116 high school students from District 56 have received the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
• During the 2018-19 academic year, 304 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 56 received approximately $1 million in scholarships from Oklahoma’s Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment
• During the 2018-19 academic year, 14 students enrolled in 68 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 56.