Higher Education in Oklahoma:

- More than 200,000 students enrolled annually.
- More than 37,000 degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year.

Associate and bachelor's degree holders earn a median income **25% and 75% higher**, respectively, than those with only a high school diploma.

U.S. News and World Report 2021 rankings place Oklahoma tuition and fees as **11th-lowest in the nation**.

STEM degrees and certificates conferred at state system institutions increased **43%** over the last decade. More than **7,450 STEM** and **6,220 healthcare** degrees and certificates were awarded at all levels in the last academic year.

Nearly **90%** of Oklahoma residents who earn an undergraduate degree remain and are employed in the state one year after graduation.

For every $1 of state appropriations invested, the state system of higher education generates **$9.40** in economic return.

Of the top 100 critical occupations in Oklahoma (2018-2028), **66** require an associate degree or higher.

Only **26.2%** of Oklahoma citizens hold a bachelor's degree or higher. The national average is more than 33%, and of our surrounding states—including Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, Texas, Kansas, and Colorado—only Arkansas has fewer citizens with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Oklahoma ranks **50th in the nation** in the percent change in state fiscal support for higher education from 2010-2020, with a **37.2% decline** in public higher education appropriations per FTE.
**By the Numbers**

**Enrollment**
- During the 2020-21 academic year, 35,505 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 42.

**Graduation**
- During the 2020-21 academic year, 7,708 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 42.

**Oklahoma's Promise**
- In District 42, 127 students from the 2021 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 386 high school students in District 42 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 2,108 high school students from District 42 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- During the 2020-21 academic year, over 2,600 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 42 received approximately $12.5 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

**Concurrent Enrollment**
- During the 2020-21 academic year, 475 students enrolled in 4,252 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 42.

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**FY 2023 Budget Need**

**FY 2022 Appropriation** ........................................ $812,819,822

**FY 2023 Budget Need:**

1. **Critical Workforce Development Initiatives** .................................. $40,014,000
   - A. STEM Workforce Development: $33,200,000
     - i. Engineering/STEM Workforce Needs (Phase II) $12,900,000
     - ii. Nursing Workforce Needs $10,000,000
     - iii. Physician Residency Capacity Expansion $10,000,000
     - iv. Pre-Collegiate STEM Summer Academies $300,000
   - B. Initiatives to Address the Teacher Education Shortage $4,514,000
   - C. Adult Degree Completion (Reach Higher) & Workforce Re-entry $2,300,000

2. **System Operations** ......................................................... $34,300,000
   - A. Campus Operational Support Needs $30,000,000
   - B. Deferred Maintenance for Campus Infrastructure (Section 13 Offset) $3,000,000
   - C. State System Shared Services, Innovations, & Online Education Resources $800,000
   - D. System Innovation, Collaboration, & Efficiency Incentive Grants $500,000

3. **Student Success and College Degree Completion Initiatives** ...$10,850,000
   - A. Concurrent Enrollment Program $4,000,000
   - B. Student Enrollment, Retention, & Graduation Assistance $6,850,000
     - i. Need-Based Financial Aid Programs $4,900,000
     - ii. Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship Program $250,000
     - iii. Academic Scholars Program $1,700,000

**FY 2023 Total Budget Need** ......................................... $897,983,822

- $ Difference from FY 2022 State Appropriations $85,164,000
- % Difference from FY 2022 State Appropriations 10.5%

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