**HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT**

**DISTRICT 18**

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE · NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY · OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES · OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY · OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY - TULSA · ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY · 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.
- 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 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 Institute of Technology generates $7.00 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Oklahoma State University - Tulsa generates $4.20 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Rogers State University generates $7.60 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in University of Oklahoma - Tulsa generates $4.00 in economic output.

**Enrollment**

- During the 2018-19 academic year, 25,902 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 18.

**Graduation**

- During the 2018-19 academic year, 3,749 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 18.

**Oklahoma's Promise**

- In District 18, 212 students from the 2019 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 714 high school students in District 18 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 2,944 high school students from District 18 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 3,887 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 18 received approximately $7.8 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

**Concurrent Enrollment**

- During the 2018-19 academic year, 1,343 students enrolled in 11,651 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 18.

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