



2025

# HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

## DISTRICT 4



**Rep. Bob Culver**  
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### INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

- ▶ Connors State College
- ▶ Northeastern State University

### COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- ▶ Cherokee
- ▶ Wagoner

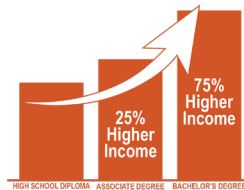
## HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA



Nearly **200,000** students enrolled annually



Over **38,000** degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year, and an increase of **more than 6%** over the last decade



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



Data from the National Center for Education Statistics show the cost of attendance at Oklahoma universities is **among the lowest in the nation**.



Over the last decade, STEM degrees **increased 22%** at all levels.



Our students learn here, earn here — **over 93%** of Oklahomans who graduate from a state system college or university remain and work in the state one year after graduation.



Only **28.5%** of Oklahoma citizens hold a bachelor's degree or higher. The national average is nearly 36%, and of our surrounding states — including Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, Texas, Kansas and Colorado — only Arkansas has a lower percentage of citizens with a bachelor's degree or higher.



Of Oklahoma's 100 critical occupations, the **top 22** highest-paying jobs require an associate degree or higher, and eight of the **top 10** fastest-growing jobs require a college degree.



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## BY THE NUMBERS

### Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2023-24 academic year, 10,621 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 4.

### Graduation

- ▶ During the 2023-24 academic year, 2,194 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 4.

### Oklahoma's Promise

- ▶ In District 4, 134 students from the 2024 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ Currently, 317 high school students in District 4 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- ▶ Since inception in 1992, 2,064 high school students from District 4 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ During the 2023-24 academic year, over 800 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 4 received approximately \$4.1 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

### Concurrent Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2023-24 academic year, 793 students enrolled in 7,954 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 4.