

2021 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT



OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS
FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Improving our future by degrees

DISTRICT 18

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE · EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY · EASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE

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 206,000 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 54% over the last nine years.
- Workforce initiatives focus on continued growth in engineering, nursing, medicine and teacher education.
- Strategic innovations include development of microcredentials, which provide alternative learning pathways directly aligned with high-demand skills requested by employers.
- To fully fund the concurrent enrollment program for high school seniors and juniors will require an additional investment of \$4 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 East Central University generates \$9.80 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Eastern Oklahoma State College generates \$8.30 in economic output.

Enrollment

- During the 2019-20 academic year, 8,969 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 18.

Graduation

- During the 2019-20 academic year, 1,427 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 18.

Oklahoma's Promise

- In District 18, 165 students from the 2020 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 471 high school students in District 18 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 2,915 high school students from District 18 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- During the 2019-20 academic year, over 800 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 18 received approximately \$3.4 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment

- During the 2019-20 academic year, 982 students enrolled in 9,453 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 18.



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