

# 2021 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT



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*Improving our future by degrees*

## DISTRICT 44

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>-lowest in the nation and student debt at graduation as 13<sup>th</sup>-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 University of Oklahoma generates \$14.70 in economic output.

#### Enrollment

- During the 2019-20 academic year, 29,903 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 44.

#### Graduation

- During the 2019-20 academic year, 6,781 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 44.

#### Oklahoma's Promise

- In District 44, 88 students from the 2020 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 363 high school students in District 44 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 1,555 high school students from District 44 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- During the 2019-20 academic year, over 2,000 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 44 received approximately \$9.5 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

#### Concurrent Enrollment

- During the 2019-20 academic year, 298 students enrolled in 2,284 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 44.



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