

# 2023 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

## DISTRICT 37

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE • UNIVERSITY CENTER AT PONCA CITY

### HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

More than 196,000 students enrolled annually



Nearly 37,000 degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year, and an increase of more than 8% 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.



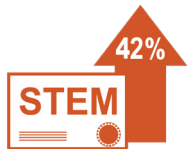
Data from the National Center for Education Statistics show Oklahoma universities have the **eighth-lowest cost of attendance in the nation**.



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### COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- Kay
- Osage



The number of STEM bachelor's degrees conferred by state system institutions **increased 42.4%** over the last decade, and **increased 24%** at all degree levels.



**Nearly 90%** of Oklahomans — and almost two-thirds of non-resident students — who graduate from a state system college or university remain and work in the state.



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



The majority of Oklahoma's 100 critical occupations require an associate's degree or higher. The **top 29** highest-paying jobs require an associate's degree or higher, and all of the **top 10** require a bachelor's degree or higher.



Only **27.9%** of Oklahoma citizens hold a bachelor's degree or higher. The national average is nearly 38%.



Oklahoma has the **third-lowest** public higher education appropriations per FTE in the nation.



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## BY THE NUMBERS

### Enrollment

- During the 2021-22 academic year, 4,343 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 37.

### Graduation

- During the 2021-22 academic year, 606 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 37.

### Oklahoma's Promise

- In District 37, 83 students from the 2022 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 261 high school students in District 37 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 1,918 high school students from District 37 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- During the 2021-22 academic year, over 200 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 37 received approximately \$679,087 in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

### Concurrent Enrollment

- During the 2021-22 academic year, 450 students enrolled in 3,879 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 37.

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