

### **DISTRICT 4**

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE • NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

### HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

Nearly 196,000 students enrolled annually



Over 37,000 degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year, and an increase of nearly 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 Oklahoma universities have the 8th-lowest cost of attendance in the nation.





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**COUNTIES REPRESENTED** 

Cherokee

Wagoner



The number of engineering degrees and certificates conferred by state system institutions increased 43.1% over the last decade, and STEM degrees increased 19.2% at all levels.



Our students learn here, earn here — 96% 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 29 highest-paying jobs require an associate's degree or higher, and all of the top 10 require a bachelor's degree or higher.

# **2024 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT**



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### **BY THE NUMBERS**

#### **Enrollment**

During the 2022-23 academic year, 10,415 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 4.

#### Graduation

During the 2022-23 academic year, 2,228 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 4.

### **Oklahoma's Promise**

- ▶ In District 4, 113 students from the 2023 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 310 high school students in District 4 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- ▶ Since inception in 1992, 1,961 high school students from District 4 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- During the 2022-23 academic year, nearly 800 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 4 received approximately \$3.9 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

#### **Concurrent Enrollment**

▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, 679 students enrolled in 6,656 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 4.

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