

### **DISTRICT 55**

REDLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE • SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA 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



75% Higher Income

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 8<sup>th</sup>-lowest cost of attendance in the nation.



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.



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### **COUNTIES REPRESENTED**

- Beckham
- Blaine
- Caddo
- Canadian
- Washita

# **2024 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT**



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### **BY THE NUMBERS**

#### **Enrollment**

During the 2022-23 academic year, 8,062 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 55.

#### Graduation

▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, 1,473 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 55.

#### **Oklahoma's Promise**

- ▶ In District 55, 403 students from the 2023 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ► Currently, 1,134 high school students in District 55 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 6,603 high school students from District 55 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, over 600 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 55 received approximately \$3.7 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

#### **Concurrent Enrollment**

▶ During the 2022-23 academic year, 1,569 students enrolled in 13,500 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 55.

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