

# 2026 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

## DISTRICT 38



**Sen. Brent Howard**

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### INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

- ▶ Cameron University
- ▶ Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- ▶ Western Oklahoma State College

### COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- ▶ Beckham
- ▶ Greer
- ▶ Harmon
- ▶ Jackson
- ▶ Kiowa
- ▶ Tillman
- ▶ Washita

### HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA



**Over 200,000** students enrolled annually



**Over 41,000** degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year, and an increase of **more than 15%** over the last decade



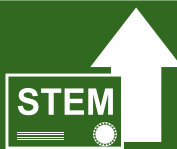
For every \$1 of state appropriations invested, the state system of higher education **yields \$17.48 in economic output.**



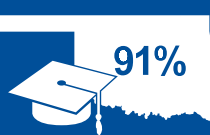
Associate and bachelor's degree holders **earn a median income 25% and 75% higher**, respectively, than those with only a high school diploma.



Data from the National Center for Education Statistics show the **cost of attendance** at Oklahoma universities is **among the lowest in the nation.**



Over the last decade, STEM degrees **increased nearly 29%** at all levels.



Our students learn here, earn here — **91%** of Oklahomans who graduate from a state system college or university remain and work in the state one year after graduation.



Of Oklahoma's 100 critical occupations, the **top 22** highest-paying jobs require an associate degree or higher, and **eight of the top 10** fastest-growing jobs require a college degree.

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### BY THE NUMBERS

#### Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 12,215 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 38.

#### Graduation

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 2,220 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 38.

#### Oklahoma's Promise

- ▶ In District 38, 241 students from the 2025 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ Currently, 430 high school students in District 38 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- ▶ Since inception in 1992, 4,089 high school students from District 38 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, nearly 1,000 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 38 received approximately \$5.4 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

#### Concurrent Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 2,325 students enrolled in 21,057 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 38.