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Mission Statement and Commitments

Who We Are
Rogers State University is a regional university, located in northeastern Oklahoma, governed by the Board of Regents of The University of Oklahoma within a state system coordinat-ed by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. As a university, we are committed to the preservation, transmis-sion, and advancement of knowledge.

Our Mission
Our mission is to ensure students develop the skills and knowledge required to achieve professional and personal goals in dynamic local and global communities.

Our commitments, which support the RSU mission, are as follows:

1. To provide quality associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree opportunities and educational experiences which foster student excellence in oral and written communications, scientific reasoning, and critical and creative thinking.
2. To promote an atmosphere of academic and intellectual freedom and respect for diverse expression in an environment of physical safety that is supportive of teaching and learning.
3. To provide a general liberal arts education that supports specialized academic programs and prepares students for lifelong learning and service in a diverse society.
4. To provide students with a diverse, innovative faculty dedicated to excellence in teaching, scholarly pursuits, and continuous improvement of programs.
5. To provide University-wide student services, activities, and resources that complement academic programs.
6. To support and strengthen student, faculty, and administrative structures that promote shared governance of the institution.
7. To promote and encourage student, faculty, staff, and community interaction in a positive academic climate that creates opportunities for cultural, intellectual, and personal enrichment for the University and the communities it serves.

History of Rogers State University
Rogers State University (RSU) has a long and proud history as a high-quality institution of higher learning serving the educational and professional needs of residents of the Claremore area, northeastern Oklahoma, and, via its distance learning programs, the nation and the world.

For more than 100 years, the institution on College Hill, which overlooks the city of Claremore, has symbolized quality education and service to area residents.

RSU was founded in 1909—just two years after Oklahoma was granted statehood. The University was officially estab-lished as Eastern University Preparatory School in Claremore by the Oklahoma Legislature during its second session. The mission of the Eastern University Preparatory School was to prepare the sons and daughters of Native Americans, farmers, and ranchers for entry into the colleges and universities of Oklahoma.

As a condition established by the Oklahoma Legislature, the citizens of Claremore—led by A. L. Kates, editor of the Claremore Progress—raised $3,000 to purchase land for the new institution. A group of citizens known as the “Hill-top-pers” located 40 acres of land on College Hill, one mile west of Claremore. With an appropriation of $50,000 by the Oklahoma Legislature, construction began on a building for the new institution, Preparatory Hall. Today, Preparatory Hall, which features a stately gold dome and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, remains the focal point of the University.

During the construction of Preparatory Hall from 1909 to 1911, Eastern University Preparatory School classes were held in the old Claremont Building in Claremore. Five stu-dents graduated at the end of the institution’s first academic year. During its second academic year (1910-11), 375 stu-dents were enrolled. The institution continued to grow rapidly, adding a library in 1914 and receiving accreditation as a secondary school by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1916. Preparatory Hall housed the entire operation of Eastern University Preparatory School until the institution was closed in 1917 due to the changing educational needs of area residents.

Oklahoma Military Academy
Two years later, the institution was resurrected as the Oklahoma Military Academy in response to the needs of area residents and the United States Armed Forces. By 1923, the Oklahoma Military Academy offered secondary education and two years of college to young men from Oklahoma and across the nation.

The Oklahoma Military Academy has an extensive register of graduates who became great leaders, both in military and civilian life. More than 2,500 Oklahoma Military Academy graduates served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.
More than 100 graduates of the Oklahoma Military Academy gave their lives in service to their country. The Oklahoma Military Academy quickly gained recognition as one of the top military schools in the United States. Among the graduates of the academy is retired Lt. Gen. William E. Potts, the most decorated soldier in the U.S. Army. A bust of Lt. Gen. Potts is located in the OMA Museum, located on the second floor of Meyer Hall.

Several historic buildings were constructed on College Hill during the days of the Oklahoma Military Academy. Meyer Hall was constructed to serve as the first barracks for the cadets of the academy. The building was named in honor of Maurice Meyer, who was killed in action during World War I. Meyer Hall also appears on the National Register of Historic Places. To find out more about the buildings on campus, see University Facilities on the Claremore Campus, page 4.

**Becoming a College**

In 1971, in response to the growing educational needs of a rapidly developing technological and industrial economy in the Claremore area, the Oklahoma Legislature replaced the Oklahoma Military Academy with the new Claremore Junior College. The mission of the institution was expanded to provide a variety of high-quality associate degree programs for area residents.

Claremore Junior College quickly grew from 477 students in 1971 to more than 3,000 in 1982, when the institution was renamed Rogers State College to better represent the areas it served—Rogers County and the surrounding communities. As Rogers State College, the institution prospered, adding a variety of academic programs, the state’s only full-power public television station located on a university campus, and a library. The institution was a pioneer in establishing education outreach centers in Northeast Oklahoma. Rogers State College also became a national pioneer in distance education, offering telecourses and independent study options for students.

In 1986, the institution opened a campus in Pryor, on the grounds of the former Whitaker State Orphanage. A new Pryor campus building opened at 421 S. Elliott in 1998. The building was expanded in 2008. In 2014 the RSU Pryor campus was relocated to 2155 Highway 69A in the MidAmerica Industrial Park.

The college began offering classes at high schools in the Bartlesville area in 1985 and opened a branch campus in a leased facility shortly thereafter. In 2005, the University acquired a historic, nine-story building in downtown Bartlesville to serve as a new location for the campus.

In 1996, the Oklahoma Legislature approved the merger of Rogers State College and the University at Tulsa (UCAT), a consortium of four Oklahoma universities: the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Northeastern State University, and Langston University. The new institution was named Rogers University and continued operation for two years.

**A New University Is Born**

In 1998, the Oklahoma Legislature separated the institutions, creating a branch of Oklahoma State University in Tulsa and Rogers State University, a new regional university with a main campus in Claremore. The Oklahoma Legislature granted permission for Rogers State University to create and seek accreditation for its own baccalaureate degrees, while continuing to offer high-quality associate degrees.

In April 2000, a team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) announced it would unanimously recommend that the NCA Commission on Institutions of Higher Education grant RSU accreditation as a four-year baccalaureate degree-granting institution.

In August 2000, the NCA Commission on Institutions of Higher Education formally granted RSU accreditation as a four-year university.

**Today and into the Future**

Today, Rogers State University is a dynamic, progressive university widely recognized for its high-quality academic programs, distance learning options, and high-technology learning environment. In fall 2014, a total of 4,031 students were enrolled at RSU’s campuses in Claremore, Bartlesville, and Pryor.

RSU is the only public four-year, residential university in the Tulsa metropolitan area. It is located near several major Tulsa high-technology employers and Tulsa International Airport.

RSU offers a wide variety of unique and valuable baccalaureate degrees in areas such as business, science, communications, social sciences, and technology. This wide variety of degree programs will suit almost any interest while preparing students for a successful career. RSU also offers high-quality associate degrees in a wide variety of disciplines to serve the educational needs of area residents. RSU is a national pioneer and leader in distance education, offering courses via the Internet, television, and compressed video to students across the state of Oklahoma, the nation, and the world. In 2014, RSU was approved to offer their first Master’s degree, the Master of Business Administration.

RSU was the first public university in Oklahoma to offer baccalaureate degrees entirely via the Internet. Students can earn bachelor’s degrees in applied technology, business administration, business information technology, liberal arts, and organizational leadership through the innovative RSU Online program. RSU offers four associate degrees entirely via the Internet, including applied technology, business administration, computer science, and liberal arts.

RSU operates a main campus in Claremore and two growing, full-service campuses in Bartlesville and Pryor – the only public four-year institutions to serve those communities.

RSU is growing by leaps and bounds. A student apartment complex opened on RSU’s campus in Claremore in fall 2001,
featuring high-speed Internet connections in every room, private bedrooms, computer laboratories, fully equipped kitchens, a swimming pool, an outdoor sand volleyball court, and meeting facilities. A second residential facility opened in fall 2011, doubling the number of students living on the Claremore campus. Opening fall 2015, a third residential facility will open. The new facility features similar amenities for students who seek an on-campus residential experience.

The Stratton Taylor Library opened in 2004 replacing the Thunderbird Library. The 45,000-square-foot facility features increased shelving areas, reading rooms, meeting rooms, and classrooms.

The Centennial Center on the Claremore campus combines a variety of student programs under one roof, serves as a central location for students to study and socialize, and provides a focal point for the main campus. The 55,000-square-foot Center was dedicated during the University's Centennial Celebration on March 25, 2009. The Center features the RSU Barnes and Noble Bookstore, food services, student recreation area, computer lab, and the OMA Student Lounge. The facility also features the largest ballroom in Rogers County, an executive board room, and a variety of conference rooms and meeting spaces for the community.

RSU also recently renovated several historic buildings on its campus in Claremore, including Markham Hall, Preparatory Hall, Bushyhead Fieldhouse, and Baird Hall.

Students can easily transfer to and from RSU. The University has articulation agreements with several two-year institutions, including Tulsa Community College, Northeast Oklahoma A&M College, and Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology. The University has transfer agreements with Coffeyville (Kansas) Community College and Independence (Kansas) Community College.

RSU is the only university in Oklahoma to operate its own full-power public television station. RSU Public Television broadcasts a variety of telecourses and educational, informational, and entertaining programming that reaches more than 1.3 million residents across Oklahoma and surrounding states. RSU also operates its own radio station, RSU Radio (KRSC) FM 91.3, which can be heard in Claremore, Tulsa, and across northeast Oklahoma. RSU Radio is the only alternative college radio station on a campus in Oklahoma.

**University Facilities on the Claremore Campus**

**Baird Hall**—Named for Ralph N. Baird, longtime mathematician professor, this building houses classrooms for English, arts, and humanities. The Foundations Gallery, located in the art department on the first floor, regularly displays student, faculty, and guest exhibits. The building was reopened in fall 2010 after being expanded and renovated. The new 52,000-square-foot facility features an entry hall, commons area, eight additional classrooms of various sizes, four seminar rooms, a research classroom, several learning laboratories, and faculty offices. Special features of the building include a digital/high-definition performance studio equipped with cameras, a control room, studio lighting and stage designed in an amphitheater style. In addition, the building includes an art gallery and a special classroom and lounge for the University’s Honors Program.

**Bushyhead Field House**—Named for Dr. Jesse Bushyhead, Claremore physician, the field house contains an athletic training facility, basketball court, an academic center for student athletes, and offices for the University’s athletic department.

**Campus Police Station**—This structure was originally constructed to provide a residence for the family of an Oklahoma Military Academy Officer. The approximately 1,500-square-foot home currently houses the Campus Police offices.

**Centennial Center**—This 55,000-square-foot facility is the centerpiece of the main campus in Claremore, featuring a variety of student amenities, including food services, bookstore, OMA Student Lounge, recreation area, computer lab, and more. The facility also features the largest ballroom in Rogers County, an executive board room, and a variety of conference rooms and meeting spaces for the community. This facility also houses the Office of Student Affairs. The Centennial Center was dedicated during the University’s Centennial Celebration on March 25, 2009.

**Chapman Dining Hall**—Named to honor H.A. and Mary K. Chapman, the dining hall opened in August 2014. The 17,300-square-foot, two-story facility features an open dining space that can serve up to 1,000 students per meal. In addition to food services capabilities, the building includes a basement/storm shelter that can provide protection for all campus residents during inclement weather. A natural gas generator, funded by ONEOK Inc., provides electrical service to the building during power outages in order to maintain uninterrupted service to students. It has quickly turned into a popular venue for students, faculty and staff to enjoy meals and informally interact. Completion of the Chapman Dining Center marked the first time in recent years that the university offered a comprehensive campus dining facility.

**Conservation Education Reserve**—A 100-acre outdoor education facility adjoining the RSU campus, the RSU Conservation Education Reserve is a joint effort by the University and the Rogers County Conservation District, in cooperation with the Department of Wildlife and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. The Texaco Foundation, founding benefactor of the reserve, provided funds that developed key components of the facility, including a wetlands walkway, view tower, amphitheater, dock, Challenge Course, water study labs, backyard habitat and butterfly garden, and various trails with more than 130 educational stations and exhibits.
Downs Hall—Named for Captain Walter E. Downs, Jr., son of former OMA President Col. Walter E. Downs. Captain Downs was a former cadet and a casualty of World War II. The RSU Student Health Center is located in the northeast corner of Downs Hall. Downs Hall features 10 units and two study rooms for participants in the Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) program.

Fine Arts Annex—The Fine Arts Annex is located at the northeast corner of Baird Hall. It houses the RSU Music Program, Sculpture Lab and the Theatre Program’s Scene Shop. The music area has program offices, rehearsal spaces and a classroom. The sculpture area and scene shop have a classroom, metal working equipment and a full wood-shop.

Foundation Alumni Center—Dedicated in 1983, this 2,700-square-foot building is headquarters for the Development Office, the Rogers State University Foundation, and the Rogers State University Alumni Association. Private funds were raised to construct the building.

Health Sciences Building—This facility houses the Department of Health Sciences, laboratories, and classrooms for the health sciences programs. It also contains several academic support programs. The building features two auditoriums, six laboratories, and a student commons area.

Herrington Hall—Named for the Herrington family including Mr. Carl G. Herrington, who served on the RSU Foundation Board of Directors. This facility houses the University’s School of Business and Technology and includes a variety of classrooms and computer labs.

Hilltop Challenge—The Hilltop Challenge is a challenge course under the direction of the Department of Sport Management. Located in the Conservation Education Reserve on campus, the challenge course is an exhilarating maze of cables, ropes, trees, logs, platforms, and games on both low and high elements. Each of these activities sharpens physical and mental skills in a cooperative environment. RSU Hilltop Challenge helps to develop commitment, self-confidence, and teamwork among its participants as well as strengthen teams and individuals using a combination of games, obstacle courses, and initiative/problem-solving activities. For more information, contact the Department of Sport Management at 918-343-6802.

Ledbetter Hall—Named for Col. Homer M. Ledbetter, a former president of OMA, this building is a duplicate of Downs Hall. This facility serves as housing for RSU students, their spouses, and their families.

Loshbaugh Hall—This structure houses biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics, and physics classrooms and laboratories. It is named for Alva N. Loshbaugh, former professor of chemistry.

Markham Hall—This facility houses the high-definition studio and control room for RSU Public Television and the full-service, 24-hour student-driven RSU Radio. In addition, the business offices and the students’ one-stop center for admission, advisement, enrollment, financial aid, and other student services are located in this building. This building was named for Major General Baird H. Markham, commanding general of the 45th Division and a former member of the Board of Regents of the University. The building was completely renovated in 2002.

Meyer Hall—Named in honor of Maurice Meyer, the first Oklahoma soldier to fall in World War I, this building has been remodeled to house the Oklahoma Military Academy Museum, the Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Association, and offices for the president and other members of the administrative staff. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Pershing Hall—Named for the famous World War I General of the Armies, this building was originally constructed as an indoor rifle range and now houses the campus print shop, mail room, and University archives.

Preparatory Hall—This structure, featuring a gold dome, was built in 1910 and is the oldest building on campus. This building contains the office of Academic Computing Services, the School of Liberal Arts, the Educational Opportunity Center and Educational Talent Search.

RSU Public Television (KRSC-TV)—Located in Markham Hall, RSU Public TV is a public educational television station licensed to Rogers State University. It is the only public full-power, over-the-air broadcast television station licensed to a college or university in Oklahoma. RSU Public TV began operation in 1987 as a 300,000-watt station. In 1992, a new 850-foot tower/transmitter was constructed, which allowed for an increase in effective radiated power and an increased viewing area. RSU Public TV made its digital conversion in 2007 and ended analog transmission on February 17, 2009. The station recently purchased high-definition (HD) production and broadcasting equipment and is now broadcasting in HD.

RSU Public Television broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and reaches an audience of 1.3 million viewers in northeast Oklahoma and southern Kansas via digital channels 35.1 and 35.2, satellite systems channel 35, and approximately 70 cable systems. The station produces and broadcasts local public affairs, documentaries, minority affairs, dramas, and crafts, arts, and culinary programming. In addition, the station also presents live distance learning courses each semester. The station’s production department has produced many award-winning documentaries as well as specials and community interest features. The station is managed and operated by a professional broadcast team where students have opportunities to gain hands-on experience while attending RSU.
RSU Radio - 91.3 FM—This student-driven station, also known as “Real College Radio,” is on the air 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and reaches a potential audience of 1.2 million people in northeast Oklahoma. RSU Radio also plays host to a global audience through live Internet streaming. Listeners enjoy a collection of alternative music ranging from acoustic to rock, jazz to bluegrass, hip hop to dance, and more. KRSC also airs a variety of local sports broadcasts. This “hands-on” facility is part of the RSU Communications Department, allowing students the opportunity to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it in a real-world environment.

RSU Residence Halls - Claremore campus housing is comprised of five different facilities to meet the needs of students. University Village A opened in 2001 and houses 248 residents in four-bedroom suites. University Village B opened in 2011 and houses 251 students in four, two, and one-bedroom units. Opening fall 2015, University Village C will house 302 residents and feature clusters of semi-private rooms with shared bathrooms/showers as well as lounge spaces, study rooms, community kitchen, outdoor fire pit and game room. Connected to the Health Science building, Downs Hall features 10 units and two study rooms for participants in the GOLD program. Family Housing, which is connected to Herrington Hall, affords 18 units. All residential units offer on-site laundry facilities.

Sculpture Lab—Constructed in 2004, the Sculpture Lab provides equipment and facilities to support students and faculty working with ceramics and pottery.

Soldiers Field—Ideally situated in a natural depression, this facility has a 1,500-seat stadium and press box. The field was renovated to accommodate the University's men's and women's soccer program in 2007, with a playing field and lights. Renovations in 2012 added artificial turf and facilities to serve both intercollegiate and intramural athletics.

Stratton Taylor Library—The Stratton Taylor Library, located in the heart of RSU’s Claremore campus, houses the University’s expanding library holdings and services. The library collection is located on the second and third floors, along with computer use areas, study spaces, reading rooms, meeting rooms, and a classroom. The first floor of the building contains classrooms and offices. The facility is a focal point of the Claremore campus and a center for learning and research for students and faculty alike. Completed in 2004, the library is named for Sen. Stratton Taylor, President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the Oklahoma Senate and Distinguished Alumnus of RSU.

Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium—This 580-seat facility equipped for all types of productions is available to the public for a minimal charge. Please contact the Department of Communications at 918-343-6825 for more information.

Community and Location

Claremore Campus

Rogers State University is located on the western heights of the city of Claremore, Oklahoma, the heart of the Cherokee Nation and the home of the memorial of the great humanitarian-humorist Will Rogers. The world famous J. M. Davis Gun Museum, the Lynn Riggs Memorial, the Oklahoma Military Academy Museum, and the hospital for the Indian Nation reflect the history and culture of the community. The University is located only 25 miles from Tulsa International Airport and 12 miles from the Port of Catoosa, the head of navigation for river barges to and from the Gulf of Mexico.

Bartlesville Campus

The Bartlesville campus of Rogers State University was established in 1985 in cooperation with the Bartlesville Public School District. The present campus is in a historic, nine-story building located at Fourth Street (University Avenue) and Dewey Avenue. The Bartlesville campus offers both day and evening general education courses as well as selected courses in specialized areas such as accounting, business management, computer science, and nursing. Students also are able to enroll in distance learning courses including live interactive televised courses, compressed video courses, and online courses through the Bartlesville campus.

The enrollment center is located on the first floor of the Bartlesville campus. Students may apply for admission and receive assistance with financial aid, receive academic advising, and enroll in classes, all at this convenient “one-stop” location. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information about the courses and services offered in Bartlesville, call 918-338-8000.

Pryor Campus

The Pryor campus of Rogers State University was established in 1986 on the grounds of the former Whitaker State Orphanage. A new Pryor campus building opened at 421 S. Elliott in 1998. The building was expanded in 2008 to accommodate the growth of enrollment. In 2014, the RSU Pryor campus was relocated to a new 38,000 square foot facility at 2155 Highway 69A in the MidAmerica Industrial Park. Amenities available to students at the new Pryor campus of Rogers State University include a library, auditorium, dining facility, bookstore and labs for computing and tutoring. The Pryor campus offers a wide variety of general education, computer, business, and pre-nursing courses for day and evening students. Distance learning students may attend compressed video courses and complete online testing at the Pryor campus test center.

Services provided for students by the Enrollment Center include university admissions, enrollment, advisement, transfer information, testing, and assistance with financial aid. The Pryor campus Administrative and Enrollment Center office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For further information about the courses and services offered in Pryor, call 918-825-6117.

Equal Opportunity

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, genetic information, sex, age, religion, disability, political beliefs, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. This includes but is not limited to admissions, employment, housing, financial aid, and educational services.
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (commonly known as the Buckley Amendment), Rogers State University identifies the following items as directory information:

- Academic classification
- Student’s current name
- Campus or local address
- Campus or local telephone number
- Academic major
- Student’s permanent address
- Current enrollment (verify or deny only)
- Dates of attendance at RSU
- Degree(s) conferred and date(s) of graduation
- Student’s email address

Upon a written request (by the student only) to the Office of the Registrar, this information will be treated as confidential and released only with the student’s consent. Policies regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 are published in RSU’s Student Code.

Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations Act of 1988

The Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations Act of 1988 requires an institution of higher education to certify it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees. Rogers State University is committed to the prevention of alcohol and drug usage and has adopted policies for employees and students. Further information for employees about RSU's alcohol and drug policy may be found at http://www.rsu.edu/comptroller/personnel/federal-compliance.asp#drug. Students should refer to the Student Code of Conduct at http://www.rsu.edu/student-conduct/code.asp for further information. For a list of the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs, please contact the Student Health Center at 918-343-7614. Prevention activities are scheduled throughout the year. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs for a list of those activities.

In accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, information regarding the annual security report and crime statistics related to Rogers State University may be found at www.rsu.edu/rsupd.

Accountability and Academics

The Accountability and Academics Office provides statistical analysis support from an institutional perspective and generates planning, research, and assessment reports to numerous stakeholders such as faculty, administration, the Higher Learning Commission, specialty accrediting agencies, The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the U.S. Department of Education. In addition to advising faculty and administrators on assessment methods and practices, the office serves as a central repository for institutional data, ensuring that University representatives speak with a common voice in RSU reports. For more information, contact the Accountability and Academics office at 918-343-6866.

Alumni Association

Every graduate is a member of the RSU Alumni Association.

The RSU Alumni Association serves as a connection to the university and to alumni across the nation. A terrific student base at RSU creates an active and integral alumni association that serves and supports our fine institution.

In July of 2011, the RSU Alumni Association switched to a charitably based structure after nine years of a dues-based model. This change allows the association to include all living RSU graduates as members.

A board of directors oversees the association, which consists of alumni from Rogers State University and its predecessor institutions since 1972, including Claremore Junior College, Rogers State College, and Rogers University.

Active members in the RSU Alumni Association will re-affirm their link with their alma mater, get back in touch with old friends, and meet new ones. Attending social functions and spending time with fellow alumni is only one part of the Alumni Association’s benefits. Other benefits include networking, career growth, alumni travel and exclusive discounts and services.

Contact the Alumni office at 918-343-6816 for more information.

Guard Officer Leadership Development Program

In 2014, Rogers State University welcomed the Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) program onto campus. The program was initiated in the belief that the National Guard’s officer corps would benefit from a college education, and these programs were designed to supplement a college curriculum. The Oklahoma Army Reserve National Guard (OKARNG) is one of the leaders in developing GOLD programs, and currently have programs situated at four Oklahoma regional universities: East Central University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and most recently, Rogers State University.

GOLD programs are generally patterned after the Reserve Officer’s Training Corps (ROTC) curriculum, and focus on leadership skills. Cadets will also be enrolled each semester in a zero-credit military leadership lab, which enables them to muster for Guard service at the campus rather than their Guard Unit Post, and emphasizes daily physical fitness.