

# RSU CELEBRATES 20 YEARS AS REGIONAL UNIVERSITY

Tracing its roots back to 1909, Rogers State University celebrates 20 years as an accredited institution awarding bachelor degrees this year. Six years ago the university introduced its first graduate degree, the Master of Business Administration. Looking through the archives, RSU's pillars of tradition, innovation and excellence are evident. Throughout this academic year, we will mark the moment with fun facts, throwback photos and stories of our successful programs and graduates.



#### RSUTV DEBUTS DISTANCE LEARNING CHANNEL

RSU Public TV and Rogers State University are launching the Distance Learning Channel airing college level concurrent enrollment classes for high school students. The programming is designed to bring courses to students who otherwise wouldn't be able to access teaching via the internet. A recent State Department of Education survey found that almost 70,000 students in northeast Oklahoma would need mobile hotspots to access the web at home.



### LOUIS ROSS NAMED CHIEF OF CAMPUS POLICE

Rogers State University has named Louis Ross as Chief of Campus Police to oversee and direct all campus policing and security at its campuses in Claremore, Bartlesville and Pryor. He joins RSU having most recently served as Chief of Police for Seminole State College in Seminole, OK. Ross has served in the United States Army Reserve, the 95th Division Military Police and has nearly 30 years as a law enforcement professional. The Rogers State University Police Department is a division of the Office of Student Affairs. RSUPD is a full-time, state certified police department with officers on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



### TRIO'S STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES RETURNS TO CAMPUS

Rogers State University was awarded a five-year, federally funded grant by the United States Department of Education to support and serve first-generation, financially disadvantaged students. The Student Support Services grant will increase retention and graduation rates by providing supporting services to meet individual student needs throughout their college career. The grant expects to serve more than 140 students annually. The supportive education program provides academic advising, counseling, financial and economic literacy, tutoring and coaching for students whose parents did not earn a four-year degree.



## RSU JOINS THE SMITHSONIAN IN COMMEMORATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF 19TH AMENDMENT

Rogers State University joins the Smithsonian Institution in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment with *Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence.* The poster exhibition featured in the Gary Moeller Art Gallery in Baird Hall explores the complexity of the women's suffrage movement and the relevance of this history to Americans' lives today. The display is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the National Portrait Gallery. The project received support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.