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STUDENT SHOWCASE: SARA DAILEY SMITH

RSU student Sara Dailey Smith was recognized at First Lady Peggy Rice's Ladies Luncheon earlier this month. Smith is scheduled to graduate in the spring with a B.S. in Justice Administration. She hopes to attend OU College of Law seeking a juris doctorate and masters degree in Native American Studies. Recommended by faculty member Dr. Diana Clayton, Smith has received two scholarships from the RSU Foundation. She has persisted in her education despite great challenges since first enrolling at RSU in 2006. A native of Chouteau, Smith is a member of the Chickasaw Nation.



RSU FOUNDATION BEGINS EFFORT TO IMPROVE NURSING CLASSROOM FACILITIES

The Rogers State University nursing program has experienced significant growth with the transition to a bachelor's degree program. Sixty-four seniors will graduate in spring 2021, and 80 juniors were admitted from a pool of more than 180 applicants eager to join the innovative and rigorous RSU nursing program. To meet the demands of the growing program, the RSU Foundation has begun to raise \$135,000 to renovate the lecture hall located in Health Sciences Building. The renovation would include new in-floor electrical wiring, replacement floor coverings, movable classroom tables with electrical and USB data ports, and new chairs. The Cherokee Nation, with the support of tribal Councilor Janees Taylor, has provided an initial gift of \$20,000 to support the effort.



CHRISTI MACKEY APPOINTED AS PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE OKLAHOMA SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Christi Mackey, assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and Sociology, has been appointed as president elect of the Oklahoma Sociological Association. The OSA provides a network for exchanging ideas with other researchers, students, teachers, practitioners and public citizens. “I am honored to represent Oklahoma’s network of sociologists. Through academic research and community engagement, sociologists make a positive impact on our state and local communities,” Mackey said.



RSU PARTNERS WITH MIDAMERICA TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rogers State University is partnering with MidAmerica Industrial Park to provide a series of training and certifications to meet the needs of industries in Northeastern Oklahoma. The training will be facilitated by Arrowhead consulting on the RSU Pryor campus. The educational series Journey to Success provides Mayes County residents and industry workers the educational opportunity to participate in professional development. The courses serve the mission of the partnership between RSU and MidAmerica to provide a more highly educated workforce and enhance the economic development of the region.



RSU’S SMILE PROGRAM RECEIVES CONTINUED GRANT FUNDING

The Single Mothers Inspiring Lifelong Education program at Rogers State University received another year of grant funding from the Women’s Foundation of Oklahoma to provide resources and support for single mothers furthering their education. The SMILE program began in 2017 and has served more than 300 single mothers. Services provided have included paid internship opportunities, support gatherings, supplying highchairs and booster seats in campus eating areas, finals study session with provided childcare, and back to school and holiday gift drives.