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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ken Colley '69

To my OMA Brothers:

It is an exciting time for the Oklahoma Military Academy Museum. As this Guidon is sent out, the OMA Museum will be undergoing a temporary closure in preparation for "A New Beginning" restoration and renovation. The unique history of the OMA and its loyal former cadets will be reintroduced through this fantastic opportunity. The grand opening of "A New Beginning" OMA museum is September 23, 2022. It will contain a newly designed, state-of-the-art museum, a high-tech conference room and dining area, and interactive exhibits that will continue the legacy of the Oklahoma Military Academy. This rebirth of OMA history inspires me, and I cannot wait to share this experience with my fellow cadets.

Alongside the grand opening of the renovated museum is our annual OMA Alumni Reunion. It is set for September 23-24, 2022, so mark your calendars for this exciting weekend. It is one of the great honors of the OMA Alumni Association to host this event. We look forward to seeing friends and family traveling from near and far. This will be a remarkable year for the OMA Alumni Reunion!

It is an honor to prepare for this fantastic opportunity when gathering and honoring the past has been exceptionally difficult due to unfortunate global conditions. The Oklahoma Military Academy once marked the home for over 10,000 cadets. It is a proud achievement to reintroduce the glory and honor of the OMA to new generations. I look forward to the upcoming reunion and the grand opening of "A New Beginning" museum with my fellow cadets.

With courage, loyalty, and honor,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Colley". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ken Colley '69

OMA Alumni Association President



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dr. Danette Boyle

Dear OMA Alumni,

I want to begin with a tremendous thank you to the OMA alumni for your continued support for the restoration and renovation of the museum. This project will be a huge success because of the OMA Alumni’s dedication to the legacy of OMA.

The fundraising for “A New Beginning” is going exceptionally well. Our financial goal was to reach \$500,000; however, with the very high-cost increases, we are raising another \$50,000 for the contingency fund. Every pledge and gift has made a massive impact on this project. The restoration and renovation of the OMA is an opportunity for the present to meet the past; it is so much more than a new beginning; it is a continued legacy. The Oklahoma Military Academy has touched the lives of thousands of individuals and their families. Now is the opportunity to introduce the history and traditions of the OMA to current and future generations!

Under the supervision of Dr. Bob Blackburn, the restoration and renovation project is going exceptionally well. Through Dr. Blackburn’s expertise, a specialized plan for the renovated museum will be soon underway. He has combined his exceptional knowledge of Oklahoma history with his, and many others, personalized connection to the OMA to create a renovation plan that will honor and uplift the OMA legacy. A special thanks to Phil Goldfarb, Bill Ramsey, Philip Alexander, Dewey Wilson, Barry Grabel, Steve Smith, Carlos Galvez, and Ron Boyle for their efforts in inventorying the museum before its temporary closure! We are incredibly grateful for your help and commitment to this historic project. The continued efforts of all involved in this exciting process will be immortalized in “A New Beginning” restoration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danette Boyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Danette Boyle
Executive Director OMA Alumni Association

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Pictured: Honorary Cadet Ron Boyle, Dewey Wilson '66, Carlos Galvez '60, Philip Alexander '67, Bill Ramsay '61, Honorary Cadet Deann Ramsay

MAJOR OMA MUSEUM RESTORATION ON ITS WAY TO COMPLETION

With the extensive renovation and restoration of the OMA Museum now well underway, plans call for the grand re-opening to take place during the next OMA Alumni Reunion, scheduled for September 23 and 24, 2022. That's according to OMA Alumni Association executive director Dr. Danette Boyle, who adds, "This is going to be an extraordinary museum. It really is. It's fulfilling the dream that a lot of us have had about a first-class museum that's both marketable and sustainable, one that will present and preserve the unique legacy of OMA for new generations."

Although that dream has been around for quite a while, steps toward turning it into a reality began in earnest only a few years ago, when General Michael Kuehr,

the youngest of the 10 OMA alumni who went on to become general officers, made what Boyle calls "a strong suggestion that we give consideration to the status of the museum, what it was then and what it was going to be. He recommended that it needed to be updated and remodeled, and he began beating the drum for that idea."

As the months went on, several other alumni got on board, which led to research about what a project like that might need and how it could be done. After a couple of years, OMA board members met with Rogers State University president Larry Rice, who let them know that they could count on Rogers State for support.

Then came the time to look for a top museum professional, a special consultant to guide the museum's new beginning all the way from beginning to end.

"We needed someone who was very knowledgeable about history, but also a person who was sensitive and supportive about the Oklahoma Military Academy and what it had done and been for its many, many years on the Hill," she says. "We were very lucky to get Dr. Bob Blackburn, who had recently retired as the executive director of the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City. He was known by some of our alumni, because his father had not only gone to school at OMA; he'd also taught there. And Bob Blackburn had grown up in Claremore. It was very obvious

once we talked to Bob that he was the right person for the job.”

Joining Blackburn on the extensive project were Cameron Eagle, a nationally known artist and museum-exhibit specialist, and John Wooley, author of the books *Voices from the Hill* and *100 Years on the Hill* and scriptwriter for the OMA documentary *The West Point of the Southwest*. They complemented several volunteers, headed by Bill Ramsay, who have been busy cataloging every item in the current museum’s inventory.

All of this is, as Boyle points out, makes for a costly undertaking.

“In the last third of 2021, we began a fundraising plan, for a budget of \$500,000, and we’re well on our way to having that,” she notes. “Since then, we’ve had to reassess our budget because of increasing costs for materials, so we’re wanting to raise another \$50,000 as well, for a contingency fund.

“I started working on the museum in 2015 under Gene Little and I became the museum curator in 2017 when Gene Little decided to step down. I genuinely enjoy this kind of work and I have set up various OMA displays in different venues, outside of the museum, across the state. I am looking forward to seeing the completed project of the Museum. Hopefully we will be able to showcase this museum to the public and attract more people to the museum.” – Dewey Wilson ‘66

“Of course, this museum will focus on the complete history of OMA, from 1919 to 1971. But it’s going to include personal stories of lessons learned on the campus that have forever guided the lives of our former cadets. And we’re very conscious about its sustainability. It’s going to include high-technology dining rooms and conference rooms, where we can have meetings and lectures and video conferencing – in addition to a large area for artifacts. Our fundraising campaign has exclusive recognition opportunities for sites in the museum; some people have already taken advantage of that.

“The thing I’d really like to get across about this museum is that it’s an extraordinary investment,” she concludes. “This is not only going to be a top tourist destination, but also a place where people from all over the area can take advantage of state-of-the-art meeting areas and other facilities. It really is a new beginning, the start of another great chapter in the history of OMA.”

For information on contributions to the OMA Museum’s restoration and renovation, contact Dr. Boyle at dboyle@rsu.edu or by telephone at 918-343-6888 or 918-381-8764.

“This project of restoration and renewal began several years ago and I’m so excited now that the new museum will be coming to life this year. We are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Bob Blackburn and his team leading this project, and our team of alumni volunteers on the Museum Committee has done a great job on the inventory. Also, the support of RSU and Dr. Larry Rice has been critical in this endeavor. Thanks to all who have given their time and money to preserve our legacy. I am looking forward to seeing it completed and it being enjoyed for years to come.” – Bill Ramsay ‘61



Bill Ramsay '61



RSU TV Producer/Director Daniel Murphree and RSU TV General Manager Royal Aills

OMA MUSEUM RESTORATION INVENTORY

In order for Dr. Bob Blackburn and our group to decide what OMA artifacts are going to be included in the renovation of the new OMA Museum, a committee was formed to do a complete inventory of the current Museum. Over the past several months, each of the over one thousand objects and pictures in the Museum has been inventoried by a dedicated group of alumni and honorary cadets. Led by Co-chairs

Bill Ramsay '61 and Phil Goldfarb '69, the committee included Barry Grabel '64, Carlos Galvez '60, Phil Alexander '67, Museum Curator Dewey Wilson '66, Joe Daniel '69 and Honorary Cadets, Deann Ramsay and Ron Boyle. In addition, we also had several of the GOLD students help with the heavy lifting, along with GOLD student David Ponce who has developed an inventory spreadsheet to track all the items in the collection.

The Museum was divided into four location areas and was further divided into story names such as Band, Saber Society, Chevron Society, Sports, Rifle Team, Drill Team, Polo, Generals, etc. In addition, the inventory also was divided by a few individual stories such as Col. Ed Ramsey, LTG William Potts, Dr William Daugherty, Col Lee Gilstrap, Col John Horn, etc.

Each object was carefully labeled, photographed, and individually inventoried, then removed from their cases and temporarily stored in shelving acquired for this purpose. Congratulations to the volunteers for a job well done!

"Working on the OMA museum has been quite the experience because of being able to look at artifacts up close and personal. It gave me an insight into the effort in keeping the OMA Legacy and memorabilia alive. I am looking forward to seeing Dr. Blackburn's ideas come to fruition. I look forward to RSU students being able to take in the history of their institution."

– Carlos Galvez '60

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear OMA Alumni,

It has been a great pleasure to work for such a historic and honorable association. Rogers State University has been my home for the past two years. I am a sophomore currently studying for a Bachelor's of Science in Medical Molecular Biology with a minor in Honors studies. I am a proud recipient of the RSU Honors Scholarship and the Regents Baccalaureate Scholarship and am a current member of the Honors Program and the President's Leadership Class. I work to stay active within the RSU community and am the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority President. Working in Meyer Hall and the OMA Alumni Office has contributed to my involvement at Rogers State University. It was a pleasant and exciting surprise to see the OMA Alumni Association's impact on my collegiate journey thus far.



Pictured: Carleigh Stallcup and Bailey Thompson.

I worked in Meyer Hall as a receptionist for the university when I first heard of the Oklahoma Military Museum. After months of getting to work closely with the executive director of the OMA Alumni Association, Dr. Boyle, I applied for a position. I began my role in the OMA Alumni Association in January of 2022. It has been an incredible journey of interacting with dedicated alumni and aiding in A New Beginning for the OMA Museum for renovation and restoration! I cannot wait to see the growth of the OMA Museum first-hand. It has been a delight to assist the OMA Alumni in any way possible!

Sincerely,

Carleigh Stallcup

Dear OMA Alumni,

I am Dr. Boyle's new administrative assistant, starting in March 2022. I have lived in Claremore my entire life, except for the four years at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. While there, I got my Bachelor of Arts in Communication. I graduated from OU in May of 2020 and moved back home because of the pandemic. During my time between graduating and getting the job, I was a nanny for multiple families in the Tulsa Metro and, more recently, have interned with the Claremore Industrial and Economic Development Authority. I am excited to be able to give back to my hometown and the institutions that support the community!

I am lucky to have joined OMA Alumni Association when I did so that I could witness the era of A New Beginning for the OMA Museum. I come from long lines of Military service on all sides of my family, so I am excited to see the finished product of the Museum and be able to interact with some of the Alumni. It is my complete honor to serve at the Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Office and Museum.

Sincerely,

Bailey Thompson



REPORT TO THE HILL

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2022

CLAREMORE HOTEL INFORMATION

Please make your reservations early to ensure availability. OMA Alumni discounts may apply.

Hampton Inn & Suites

Special OMA rate - \$89.00+tax
1811 S. Scissortail Ave. Claremore,
OK
918-965-1360
www.hamptoninn.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Special OMA rate - \$79.00+tax
1400 W. Country Club
Claremore, OK
918-283-4877
www.holidayinnexpress.com

La Quinta Inn & Suites

Special OMA rate - \$85.00+tax
774 S. Lynn Riggs Blvd.
Claremore, OK
918-965-1877
*Rate can only be honored
through phone call.*
www.LQ.com

OMA ALUMNI REUNION SCHEDULE

September 23-24, 2022

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 a.m.

REUNION REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

Meyer Hall, OMA Alumni Office

9:00 a.m.

ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC

Heritage Hills Golf Course 18 Hole Tournament

Shotgun Start Begins

11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Golf Lunch

Lunch is also available for alumni and guests not participating in golf.

11:30 a.m.

LADIES' LUNCHEON

Hosted by RSU First Lady Peggy Rice

President's Residence, RSU Campus

Reservation required with maximum 40

5:00 p.m.

A New Beginning for the Oklahoma Military Academy Museum

DEDICATION

Meyer Hall

6:00 p.m.

REUNION RECEPTION AND BUFFET

Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center Ballroom

Golf carts available to assist Alumni

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 a.m.

REUNION REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

Meyer Hall, OMA Alumni Office and OMA Museum

Coffee and pastries

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

TOURS OF THE NEW OMA MUSEUM

10:00 a.m.

ALUMNI CEREMONIES

Will Rogers Auditorium

- Honoring OMA's Recently Deceased Alumni
- Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame Awards
- Lt. General William E. Potts Award of Excellence
- Color Guard presented by the RSU Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program Military Students

11:30 a.m.

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center Ballroom

- Comments from Dr. Larry Rice
- OMA Perseverance Awards
- OMA Honorary Cadets and Presidents Awards
- Remarks & Comments by Ken Colley, Dr. Bob Blackburn and Randy Vierling

TOURS OF THE NEW OMA MUSEUM

Available between the Alumni Luncheon and Dinner

5:30 p.m.

RECEPTION, DINNER, GRAND MARCH AND DANCE

Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center Ballroom

To Register, contact Danette Boyle at 918-343-6888 or dboyle@rsu.edu



2022 OMA ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

**LT. GENERAL
WILLIAM E. POTTS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**
Randy Vierling '63

OMA PERSEVERANCE AWARD
Willis Hardwick '56
Hugh Miller '53

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI
J. Jay Hines '58
Jim Tanner '67
Richard Dixon '68

OMA HALL OF FAME
Angel Beltran '66

PRESIDENT'S AWARD
Bonnie Gooch
Mickey Mills '61

OMA HONORARY CADETS
Alyssa Cravens
Sandy McMenemy
Rosalia Beltran



**OMA ALUMNI
REUNION ADJUTANT**
James Tanner '67

OKLAHOMA MILITARY ACADEMY

Museum

DEDICATION

Friday, September 23

Meyer Hall | 5 p.m.

OMA ALUMNI SALUTE TO LT. GEN. WILLIAM E. POTTS



Lt. Gen. William E. Potts, OMA class of 1941, is the highest-ranking graduate of the Oklahoma Military Academy. He served in 15 campaigns, including World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War. Lt. Gen. Potts was born in Heavener, Oklahoma, and attended the OMA during his last two years of high school and his first two years of college, from 1937 to 1941. He was named distinguished honor graduate by the OMA and the outstanding ROTC graduate in Oklahoma by the U.S. Reserve Officer's Association. Potts earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and international

affairs from the University of Maryland. He attended George Washington University and received two master's degrees in international affairs and management public administration. Lt. Gen. Potts studied at Oxford University in England and Harvard University. He graduated from nine military service schools, including the National War College and the Armed Forces Staff College, and worked for a doctorate in philosophy from American University in Washington, D.C.

In 1941, Lt. Gen. Potts finished his military training at the OMA. He was commissioned as a U.S. Army second lieutenant within six weeks of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was promoted by Gen. George Patton and became the youngest field grade officer to lead a battalion in Europe. He commanded an armed cavalry unit responsible for the East-West German Border, the Fulda Gap, and the Frankfurt-Berlin autobahn. Additionally, he served on the Army General Staff, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the office of the Secretary of Defense in joint, combined, and Allied staff positions,

and as the Army representative in the U.S. National Intelligence Community. Lt. Gen. William E. Potts had been honored by seven countries, including France, the Republic of China, and the United States. These honors resulted in 51 military decorations for the OMA alumnus.

Lt. Gen. William E. Potts first returned to 'The Hill' after his graduation in 1941 in 1983. He was the first inductee into the OMA Hall of Fame on the second floor of Meyer Hall in 1984 at the annual reunion. Lt. Gen. Potts established a computer and business technology scholarship with an initial endowment of \$25,000 that continues to grow and support students today. He also had a hand in creating RSU-TV.

In the early 1990s, the Lt. General William E. Potts Award of Excellence was established to honor his status as OMA's highest ranking alumnus. The Potts Award has been presented to those whose extraordinary service has advanced the OMA Alumni Association.

"Working on the OMA Museum inventory has brought back tremendous memories and emotions. I am looking forward to seeing what my fellow Alumni's response is to the museum. Dr. Blackburn has done a terrific job and I cannot wait to see the finished product. I expect to be as impressed with the OMA Museum as I was when I saw the Oklahoma History Center."
– Philip Alexander '67



GOLD PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT | LIEUTENANT LOGAN GEAR



Lieutenant Logan Gear serves as the director of the Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program. 1LT Logan Gear was a member of the Rogers State University GOLD Program. He was enlisted from 2014 to 2016. During his time at RSU, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Public

Administrations and a minor in Military History and Spanish. Gear took his training and teachings to heart when he attended Officer Candidate School in 2016. He remains one of the four GOLD Program alumni to attend OCS. In the summer of 2018, Gear began working on his Master's in Public Administration. He also began working for the RSU GOLD Program, where he has continued to work until the present.

Logan Gear was a member of the first GOLD Program class. In 2014, eight cadets were in the program. Rogers State University was one of the first universities that offered a GOLD Program in Oklahoma. However, in 2016 this program faced a potential shut down, as three other programs throughout the state had been discontinued. 1LT Gear commented that "the

RSU GOLD Program remained active due to the OMA Alumni. It was through their support that we have been able to continue to grow as a program." As of the spring of 2022, there are 23 cadets within the GOLD Program.

When asked about his favorite memories from the GOLD Program, 1LT Gear reminisced upon his close friends, many of whom were met through the program. From typical college antics to early morning drills, Logan Gear remained fond of his time with the GOLD program. Gear stated that the "GOLD program students deeply appreciate the support provided by the OMA alumni." Getting an education through the guard and the OMA has allowed 1LT Gear to give back to the program in new and exciting ways!





ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY GOLD PROGRAM STUDENTS | SPRING 2022

Taiwo Ayodele

Owasso, OK

Martin Babbitt

Broken Arrow, OK

Elizabeth Carlson

Tulsa, OK

Dylan Davis

Skiatook, OK

Braydon Fields

Tahlequah, OK

Chelsea Fivekiller

Bartlesville, OK

Elijah Goswick

Tulsa, OK

Dylan Huffman

Broken Arrow, OK

Kyle Jackson

Collinsville, OK

Logan Jones

Tulsa, OK

Dilan Kay

Owasso, OK

Janny Leyva

Tulsa, OK

Ruben Morales

Coweta, OK

Garren Patrick

Owasso, OK

Defranc Ponce

Elk City, OK

Henasie Roberts

Stroud, OK

Pau Sang

Jenks, OK

Jack Shultz

Muskogee, OK

Ian Stinnet

Bluejacket, OK

Scott Tairent

Collinsville, OK

Tanner Tariant

Collinsville, OK

Tobias Tibbles

Owasso, OK

Alex Tuttle

Bixby, OK

OMA ALUMNUS FOUND IN SOUTH KOREA



During the last year, the OMA Alumni Office found OMA lost Cadet # 2051, Dana E. Thomas. Dana was originally from Bartlesville, Oklahoma and attended his freshman and sophomore years of high school at OMA from fall semester 1969 through spring semester 1971. He then returned to Bartlesville and graduated from high school there in 1973.

Dana has been living and working in South Korea for the last 30 years. In exchanging emails, OMA Alumnus shared with Danette Boyle how pleased he is to be found and now a part of the OMA Alumni

Association. He can receive snail mail but prefers email.

If you know Dana and want to contact him, please call or email Danette at 918-343-6888 or dboyle@rsu.edu.

Dana's bio below lists many areas of study and work he has had over the years:

1969-1971	OMA Cadet #2051
1973	Graduate; HS, Bartlesville, OK
1973-1983	US Army Signal Corps
1982	Georgia Military College, AAS Electronics Technology
1983-1999	GTE Government Systems, Sr. Network Engineer (USA, Europe, Middle East, Asia)
1999	University of Wyoming - BSET - Electronics Technology
1999-2014	General Dynamics C4 Systems, Sr. Network Analyst/Manager (Asia, Retired October 2014)
2015-2021	Northrop Grumman Systems, Sr. Network Engineer (Asia, Started January 2015)
January 2022-Present	Peraton Corporation, Cyber Security Systems Engineer

Retirement, "uhh yeah, some day when I'm no longer having fun here."

CORRECTIONS TO THE WINTER 2021 GUIDON

We found out that we had some missing and incorrect information in our previous Guidon regarding the "In Memory of OMA Cadets" section. The corrections are as follows:

- Lynn Lee '41: Date of death is January 21, 2012 – Previous date of death was listed as Unknown.
- Spelling correction for Homer Zachariae '46. Date of death is May 24, 1998 – Previous date of death was listed as Unknown.
- James Lewman '71 was mistakenly listed under 1950's listing and should be listed under the 1970's
- John Brooke date of death is February 17, 2016 – Previous date of death was listed as Unknown.
- Ronald McMillian did not attend Oklahoma Military Academy



AVIATION SCHOOL AT OMA

AVIATION – In 1934, the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa joined with OMA in establishing an aviation flight and ground school at Will Rogers Airport, which was still under construction just outside of Claremore at the time. It wasn't the first collaboration for the two institutions; some years earlier, with the participation of Spartan, OMA had become the first junior college in the country to offer flight instruction to students.

Working to get the flight and ground school ready for the fall 1935 semester, the school suffered a setback when the Department of Commerce refused to authorize

lighting for the airfield, explaining it could not be designated as an "emergency field" because of its proximity to the Tulsa airport. OMA, Spartan, and Claremore city officials insisted that it had to be lit for safety reasons. The Department of commerce, however, didn't budge – until the president of American Airlines stepped in, following the forced landing and subsequent repair of one of the company's passenger planes at Will Rogers Airport.

Throughout the 1930s and into the '40s, the aviation department produced a number of pilots and technicians who would serve in

those capacities during World War II. Among their ranks was Marine lieutenant A. Blaine Imel, Jr., who went from OMA to the skies over Japan, where he was one of the first fighter pilots to attack Tokyo. He'd end up flying some 65 combat missions before war's end.

In the 1930s, OMA attempted to get a ROTC aviation unit, which would have replaced its disbanded infantry unit – but the effort died in the U.S. House of Representatives. Eventually, OMA took over the management and administration of the flight school, ending its partnership with Spartan School of Aeronautics.



INTERVIEW WITH RSU FACULTY LIEUTENANT COLONEL DR. DAVID BATH, USAF, RET.



Dr. David Bath is an active faculty member in the History department at Rogers State University. He has taught as a professor since 2018 and has gotten to see the effects of the OMA firsthand. Dr. Bath noted that the "OMA alumni are

responsible for many student scholarships and constantly work to get students engaged through their various events. Their history of service to this nation is reflected in the museum, creating a special opportunity for student outreach and encouraging our current students to serve as well." Dr. Bath has also been able to teach several GOLD program students. He stated that these individuals are hard-working students. "The GOLD program allows for students to achieve an education while moving forward in their military careers."

A fun project initiated by Dr. Bath that will be coming to the RSU campus was started in the summer of 2021 in a public history class. Students were tasked with learning the history of all landmarks at the

Rogers State University campus. The students created paragraphs on each landmark and are hoping to create historic plaques that can be placed around campus to share with future generations the honors and hardships of the foundation of Rogers State University! Dr. Bath also started working with Dewey Wilson to place OMA uniforms around campus, throughout all buildings and departments, to remind current students of the historic OMA. Now, Trent Siever, a graduating senior is continuing the process. Dr. Bath stated that "as a veteran, I am excited to work at a university that has our military heritage!" It is essential to remind ourselves of the historic achievements that have cumulated into the institution on the hill today!



Photo Courtesy of Amazon

RSU JOINS AMAZON CAREER CHOICE PARTNER NETWORK

Rogers State University has partnered with Amazon's Career Choice program to advance the workforce of northeast Oklahoma.

"We are pleased to partner with Amazon and we welcome Amazon employees to the RSU community," said RSU President Dr. Larry Rice. "This program is one of the many ways we align with industry partners to advance our region. Workforce is the transformative power of a region and education is the transformative power of a

workforce. We are committed to providing excellent educational opportunities that advance the lives of our graduates and the talent of northeast Oklahoma."

Amazon's Career Choice is an education benefit that empowers Amazon employees to learn new skills for career success at Amazon or elsewhere. Some of these opportunities are full college tuition, industry certifications designed to lead to in-demand jobs and foundational skills such as English-

language proficiency. Company-wide, Amazon is investing \$1.2 billion to upskill more than 300,000 Amazon employees by 2025 to help move them into higher-paying, in-demand jobs.

Career Choice is available to hourly full-time and part-time employees who have worked at Amazon for at least 90 continuous days. Participants from within Oklahoma and are welcome to pursue their studies at Rogers State University.



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