217TH GRADUATING CLASS

Commencement

FALL 2020
BEGINNINGS

From a humble two-story Creek Nation orphanage in 1892 to a World War II military hospital and finally to an advanced technological university, OSU Institute of Technology has risen from rows of wartime wooden barracks to a beautiful, modern campus. Significant among the newer structures are the Noble Center for Advancing Technology, Phase I dedicated in 1986 and Phase II in 1995, thanks to the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc. that made a $1 million challenge grant to the university for Phase I.

An $800,000 pledge-a-thon by the citizens of the Okmulgee area resulted in a new Student Union dedicated in 1990. The Union houses a bookstore, cafeteria, copy center, meeting and dining rooms, veterans resource center and an art gallery. In 1998, the Donald W. Reynolds Technology Center was completed, becoming the flagship building on campus, largely underwritten by an $8.1 million grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

Soon after entering the 21st century, the university dedicated additional on-campus housing units, providing family apartments and single student suites. The Grady W. Clack Center opened in fall of 2007 and ensures that OSUIT is always focused on the student, beginning with the student’s first contact with the university through graduation and beyond. The $6 million Nursing & Health Sciences Center opened in fall of 2009 and has increased the university’s capacity to educate nurses. In 2013, the $4.7 million Chesapeake Energy Natural Gas Compression Training Center was added to our campus collection of outstanding instructional facilities. Thanks to these improvements and quality programs 70 years after its founding, OSUIT continues to hold its premier status in advanced technological education.

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GRADUATION CEREMONY
2:00 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions
Dr. Bill R. Path — President

Graduation Address
Ms. Tara Cole — Communications Faculty
School of Arts, Sciences & Health

Student Response
Jyson Bryson
School of Creative & Information Technologies

Presentation of Candidates for Graduation
Dr. Scott Newman — Vice President
Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees & Presentation of Diplomas
President Path assisted by Dr. Newman

Graduation Announcer
Dr. Ina Agnew — Vice President
Student Services
Ms. Tara Cole | KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Communications Faculty, School of Arts, Sciences & Health

Tara Cole has taught communications and writing courses since 2007 at various universities in Oklahoma. She began working at OSUIT in the School of Arts, Sciences and Health in 2016. She is a member of the General Education Curriculum Committee and serves on various other committees across campus. She is a recipient of the NISOD Award for Teaching Excellence in 2019 and the Regents Distinguished Teaching Award in 2020. Along with her teaching experience, she has published several books for a general audience. In 2019 she published a book, “Abide: 40 Ways to Focus on Jesus Daily,” that included a cover design by one of OSUIT’s Graphic Design Technology students.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Freed-Hardeman University and a Master of Arts in Composition and Rhetoric from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Jyson Bryson | STUDENT RESPONDENT
School of Creative & Information Technologies

Jyson Jeri (Jay) Bryson is receiving a Bachelor of Technology in Information Technologies with a discipline in Cybersecurity Digital Forensics and Network Infrastructure from the School of Creative & Information Technologies. While attending OSUIT, Jay was a member of the Student Government Organization (SGA), Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP), Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), and Student Transitional Development Xtreme (STDX).

Jay currently works for NTech Collaborative, a local IT company that provides direct services for the Tulsa Area United Way. There, he assists multiple agencies with IT solutions so that they can help support individuals who are less fortunate.

Jay said he chose to attend OSUIT for the small classroom structure, one-on-one time with faculty experts and the overall positive energy he experiences every time he is on campus.

Jay plans to continue his educational pathway and seek a Master’s in Management and Information Systems at OSU Stillwater.
School of Arts, Sciences & Health

DR. LISA WEIS, DEAN

Associate in Science

ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES
Valeria Avila **
Riley A Davis
Savannah Katelyn Dry **
Haleigh J Frith *
Katie R Marchand

BUSINESS
Stephanie L Davis *
Lauryn Macaulie McCracken
Lisa McElroy
John Dale Ramirez *
Kylie Smith
Barry Weaver *
Zipporah Yahola

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT
Bonita K Baker
Sarah Gallagher ***

PRE-EDUCATION
Heather Ann Baldwin **
Jada Hill **
Emma Howard
Elizabeth Anne Ramos **
Hadyn Ross Smith
Alexis Dawn Whorton

PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Courtney Breann Allen
Yassmen M Ashkarkhirani
Skylar Lynn Clarence Beesley **
Audrie Lynn Billie
Emonni T Blockton *
Charmaine L Bolden *
Chelina Kay Charles
Amanda Beard Chorette ***
Erica Lee Cornwell
Jentry E Cruce *
Ariel Rumfelt Dawson **
Emilee Evans-Guest
Hannah C Feddersen
Karlee E Frascini
Courtney Mechell Griffin **
Daniel W Hesselberth *
Jada Hill **
Josie Kanmore *
Casey BreAnna Knox
Natasha Nicole Lorenzo **
Audra Dawn Martin **
Octavia McCargo
Paige Nicole Moore *
Luke Aaron Joel Page **
Edmond Quillin Jr.
Brooklynn Selby *
Johnathon Shores
Olivia Stephens
Jaclyn R Thompson **
Zachary J Weaver
Ryan Weis
Ruston P Williams **
**Associate in Applied Science**

**CULINARY ARTS**
Piper Cook **
Hailey Kathleen Eatherly
Johnny Clarence Irons-LaGrone
Caleb James
Jacob D Martin *
Honore Lumbwa Ngoyi
Eponine Cossette Thompson ***
Toni Elisha Trevier

**NURSING**
Yassmen M Ashkarkhirani
Christine Marie Baker
Emmonni T Blockton *
Charmaine L Bolden *
Rhonda Lynn Boone *
Kennady Brumlow **
Chelina Kay Charles
Megan Cooksey *
Erica Lee Cornwell
Kylee Gail Cramer **
Jentry E Cruce *
Cheyanne Dill *
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Amanda Sue Gormley ***
Courtney Mechell Griffin **=
Daniel W Hesselberth *
Viviani Marie Jefferson-Reyes **=
Edzai Kambiri *
Crystal Brooke Ledbetter ***
Melissa R Lillie
Madison Lynch
Alberto F Martinez
Nicole E McCollum *
Clint T Middleton
Paige Nicole Moore *
Paiten Parry *
Stephanie Renee Pitts *
Emma T Richardson
Kristian D Scott *
Olivia Stephens
Joyce L Taylor
Jaclyn R Thompson **
Elizaveta Alexandrovna Vargas**
Summer Grace Vargas *
Madison D Veronesi
Jessica Walker
Summer Kylie Webb
Tou Xiong

**ORTHOTIC & PROSTHETIC TECHNOLOGIES**
Todd Folmer

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**School of Creative & Information Technologies**
CHRISTIAN BRADLEY, DEAN

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**Bachelor of Technology**

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES**
— CYBERSECURITY & DIGITAL FORENSICS
Ryan Dowdy *
James Houston Herndon ***
Kade Addison Hill *
Matthew Dean Ivie **=
Cameron Tyler LaBounty **=
Jose Javier Medina ***
Levi Scott Whisenhunt ***
Seth Michael Williams
Casey N Wilmot
Michael Brandon Williams

* Cum Laude  |  ** Magna Cum Laude  |  *** Summa Cum Laude  |  = Phi Theta Kappa
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
— NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
Rawley Forrest Anderson *
Theo Michael Bolton **
Kade Addison Hill *
Karen M Padilla *
Cody Allen Shobe ***

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
— SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
Zebulon E Burroughs **
Patrick Henson ***
Samuel Ohrenberg **

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
— CYBERSECURITY & DIGITAL FORENSICS
AND NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
Corbin T Allen ***
Jyson Bryson **=
Allen George

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
— CYBERSECURITY & DIGITAL FORENSICS AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
Hunter K Bertoson

3-D MODELING & ANIMATION
Mark A Majors ***
Brandon Reed *

GRAPHIC DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
Kobe Grant McGuire Anderson
Jeremy Grimes ***=
Sela Kay Krafzig ***=
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
— NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
Joseph L Perry *
Vivian C Prescott ***=
Nicholas J Rudick
Abigail Lauren Scott *
Ashlie Brooke Sisson **
Ashley L Willson ***
Samuel Lian En Wong

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
— SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
Deaven M Ashworth
Dustin Heath Cannon *
Isaac M Carter *
Jacob B Church ***
Ashley Compton **=
Joshua Nathaniel Crow
Grant Mitchell Chouteau Foster
Zachary Daniel Gaskins ***
Justin Ivie
Alec Jones
James Brian Kelly **
Jeff Kent ***
Christian A Knight *=
Heath Isaac Mosco
Cameron Michael Parker ***
Cameron David Poole
Gerson Rigoberto Rivas
Zachary Saenz
Hayden P Schultze
Katelyn Trantham
Kalvin Tye Vila *
Roy B Whiteman **

Associate in Science

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
Jyson Bryson **=}
School of Engineering &
Construction Technologies
STEVE OLMSTEAD, DEAN

Bachelor of Technology

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES
— INSTRUMENTATION TECHNOLOGY
Devin Graham *
Spencer Lawson
Cyrus O Rickman
Cody Alan Winland

Associate in Applied Science

AIR CONDITIONING &
REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY
Zachary Buesing-Bittman
Samuel David Buttle ****
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Taylor Hall *
Brady Owen Morrison
Alex Rosson *
Martin Lienier Sheared Sr *

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY
— CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
Seth T Franzen *
Derrick L Heineman
Jesus Rios Jr.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY
— ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION
Robert Coughlin
Ryan Cole Highfield *

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY
— HIGH VOLTAGE LINEMAN
Jonathan Barrera **
Tanner Blanchard *
Trajan A Boulware *
Haden Cameren Casey *
Jose Javier Castro
Dylan Clayton
Malachi E Crone
Sean Daniel Fleming *
Adam Jay Garza *
William B Grimes **=
Quinton John Menchinella *
Damien Alexander Ramsey ***
Billy Levi Russell ***
Alfredo Sanchez
Colten Lee Sharp ***
Lathan Edward Treadwell **
Weston A Ward
Kaleb Wilson *
Joel Sanchez

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES
— INSTRUMENTATION TECHNOLOGY
Lane W Slone

INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE
TECHNOLOGIES
— NATURAL GAS COMPRESSION
Drew Patterson *

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Jamie Diggins holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from East Central University and a Master of Science in Nursing Education from Southern Nazarene University. Diggins has 25 years of nursing experience and 19 years of teaching experience. Prior to her teaching career at OSUIT beginning in 2014, she worked in a variety of health care settings and provided care to various populations. She has nursing experience in acute care including medical/surgical, emergency department, and surgery; community health care including home health and school nursing; and ambulatory care including diabetes case management. She obtained a National Board Teaching Certification in Adolescence and Young Adulthood Science, taught courses in a licensed practical nursing program and secondary sciences. Diggins’s professional objective is to make a positive impact in the lives of others through educating and mentoring nursing students to become professionals who will provide safe, compassionate, and patient-centered care.

Russell Alsover has been employed with OSUIT for eight years. He is one of two electricians on the campus and works on all things electrical from the inside out and data and phone lines. He also assists in repairing equipment and assisting other trades within Physical Plant. Alsover works behind the scenes and has a willingness to always help others. He enjoys the community feel about OSUIT and compares it to a small town you grew up in where you know most all of the people. Alsover’s favorite place on campus is the front of the pond with the spirit riders as the sun rises in the morning. Outside of work he enjoys being outdoors fishing and kayaking. He also is musically talented and plays the guitar and drums.
Instructional Design Specialist Ron Miller earned his Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Education in Educational Technology from Northern Arizona University. Education and technology have long been important in Miller’s life. His father was an educator for 38 years. Both shared a love of new technologies from cameras and amateur radios to computers. His first computer was a Commodore 64, with an amazing 5.25-inch floppy disk drive. He also helped his father learn to use his classroom’s new Apple IIe computer to engage his middle school science students. After earning his teaching degree, Miller spent 14 years as a classroom teacher. He began using technology to “flip” his science classes over a decade ago. After seeing his students become successfully engaged in what is often considered a boring subject, he was inspired to go back to school for his M.Ed. in Educational Technology. With his focus on classroom teaching and distance learning, Miller accepted the position with OSUIT in 2013.