218TH GRADUATING CLASS

COMMENCEMENT

SPRING 2021
Alma Mater

This OSU hymn is played at twenty past the hour by the Library Carillon on the OSU-Stillwater campus. Whenever OSU faithful gather, alums use their arms to spell the letters O-S-U on the final three notes of the song. And all Cowboys know the left arm is up on the “S”!

“Proud and Immortal
Bright Shines Your Name
Oklahoma State
We Herald Your Fame
Ever You’ll Find Us
Loyal and True
To Our Alma Mater
O-S-U!

“
With just one dollar, the campus now known as Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology was purchased 75 years ago.

During World War II, the United States Army operated Glennan Hospital on the property, which treated wounded U.S. soldiers as well as German prisoners of war. As the war came to an end, the need for quality higher education was in serious demand for returning soldiers. Oklahoma A&M College President H.G. Bennett purchased the property from the Army Surplus to help meet that need.
It was Bennett’s vision to provide WWII veterans with vocational and technical training, and thus Oklahoma A&M College School of Technical Training was born in 1946. Its roots of serving and prioritizing veterans remains as essential to the institution’s foundation today as OSUIT is consistently named a military-friendly™ school.

Bennett named L. Keith Covelle as the school’s first president – then called a director. And in 1949, the Oklahoma A&M College School of Technical Training held its first graduation with a small number of students.

Covelle had a deep ingrained philosophy of learning-by-doing, and he said he saw a great need to increase the benefits of society by preparing young people for the work-a-day world as skilled technicians. In 1958, the campus unofficially became known as Oklahoma State TECH. Covelle served as director until 1963. Upon his retirement, he said, “I built the foundation, it’s up to you to continue to build this great school.”

His next three successors did just that. Director Wayne Miller oversaw the construction of nine new educational facilities and renovation of several more. And he added millions of dollars’ worth of equipment for student use. Student enrollment tripled during Miller’s 20-year tenure.
The longest-serving president, Robert Klabenes, replaced outdated wooden barracks with state-of-the-art classrooms and residence halls totaling more than $150 million in new construction and remodeling projects. He also facilitated the establishment of Green Country Technology Center and the College of the Muscogee Nation in Okmulgee. In 2007, the campus officially changed its name to Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, or OSUIT.

Today, and since 2011, Dr. Bill R. Path leads OSUIT as its fourth president with an ambitious strategic plan to provide advanced technical education to enhance OSUIT’s position in meeting global workforce demands.

Dr. Path’s initiatives include a comprehensive long-range forecast focused on the development of OSUIT’s instructional spaces to meet increasing industry demand. He also has been instrumental in a revitalization project with the city of Okmulgee and led the effort to purchase and restore downtown buildings for the purpose of future student housing.

While expansions and improvements cost a little more than $1 now, the education given and the experiences gained during the last 75 years are priceless.
**Landmarks**

**CAMPUS BELL TOWER**
The prism-shaped tower, positioned where four sidewalks merge on the north side of the Student Union, is inscribed with OSUIT’s four core values: people, technology, jobs and learning. OSUIT’s value statement, “We value excellence and integrity in people, technology, jobs and learning,” explains what OSUIT promotes and where it makes investments.

**PISTOL PETE PLAZA**
Dedicated in 2015, the 12-foot-tall bronze statue of Oklahoma State University’s iconic mascot Frank “Pistol Pete” Eaton sits on a six-foot-tall stone base at the south entrance to campus. The statue was sculpted by Oklahoma artist Wayne Cooper who specializes in Western art on large canvases and larger-than-life sculptures.

**PETE’S POSSE RIDERS**
Along the east perimeter of the campus near the pond and walking trail, you will find Pete’s Posse Riders, who welcome guests approaching from Loop 56. The laser-cut steel artwork was designed and crafted by OSUIT grounds staff in 2014.

**VICA SCULPTURE**
The V-shaped aluminum sculpture located on the north lawn of the Visual Communications building stands for Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) and was originally installed in 1974 to recognize OSUIT’s student clubs and organizations. It was designed and fabricated by Forrest L. Johns, Drafting Technology department head, and will be dedicated in 2021 as part of OSUIT’s anniversary celebration.
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS GRADUATION REGALIA

The NSLS items are Red Black and Grey. The NSLS Medallion is black and red with a black and red ribbon, the stole is silver and the cords are black and silver.

*Some students may have additional school or program specific medallions, tribal affiliation stoles or other special recognition regalia.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The current OSUIT president wears the Presidential Medallion, which displays OSUIT’s three-fold mission: instruction, research and extension. The handcrafted medallion’s center displays a lamp, signifying knowledge. And a 16-point starburst extends from the triangle to indicate the diverse directions graduates will go and the far-reaching impact of OSUIT.

CEREMONIAL MACE

The Ceremonial Mace represents the authority vested in the president of OSU Institute of Technology by the OSU/A&M Board of Regents to confer upon graduates their academic degrees with all of the rights and privileges pertaining thereto. The mace leads the academic procession and conveys the gravity of the ceremony as officially sanctioned.

OSUIT Physical Plant employees handcrafted both the Ceremonial Mace and the Presidential Medallion using materials of historical significance to OSUIT and its heritage. They were presented to President Path in 2012 during his investiture ceremony.

REGALIA

GRADUATION MEDALLION

Every OSUIT graduate wears a bronze medallion, which mimics the larger Presidential Medallion, with an orange and black ribbon to commemorate his or her degree accomplishment.

HONOR ROLL MEDALLIONS RECOGNITION

Students wear one of three medallions to represent their GPA at the completion of the degree.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE - 3.8 or Higher GPA
Gold medallion with orange ribbon

MAGNA CUM LAUDE - 3.5-3.79 GPA
Silver medallion with black ribbon

CUM LAUDE - 3.0-3.49 GPA
Bronze medallion with white ribbon

VETERANS CORD

Graduating veterans wear a red, white and blue cord to recognize their service.

PHI THETA KAPPA STOLE

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members note their membership with a yellow stole and/or tassel.
Burns Hargis was named the 18th President of Oklahoma State University and the OSU System in December 2007 and took office March 10, 2008.

As president, Hargis has enthusiastically united the broad OSU community of students, employees, alumni and donors behind his bold vision of a modern land-grant university that cuts across disciplines to better prepare students for success.

He has guided OSU to record enrollment and record fundraising, with pledges and cash surpassing the $1 billion Branding Success campaign goal nearly two years ahead of schedule. In total, OSU has raised more than $2.2 billion in private support and added more than 81,000 new donors during Hargis’s tenure.

Under his leadership, a construction boom is transforming the OSU campus to be more competitive in academics and athletics. Most recently, the crescent-shaped business building and spectacular McKnight Center for the Performing Arts are new campus icons.

Before being named OSU President, Hargis had a long and distinguished legal and business career, with active civic and philanthropic leadership across many fronts.

Hargis and his wife, First Cowgirl Ann, are active across campus, interacting regularly with OSU’s diverse student body. He is set to retire July 1, 2021.

Dr. Robert E. Klabenes is president emeritus of Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology. He became the institution’s third president in 1983 and served in that capacity for 28 years before retiring in January 2011.

During Klabenes’s tenure, he created a unique niche for OSUIT in Oklahoma’s system of public higher education. That niche was an advanced technological education that culminated in Associate in Applied Science and Bachelor of Technology degrees that prepare graduates to enter the workforce as technical professionals immediately upon graduation. He also generated active involvement of more than 600 people from business and industry to work with the institution’s faculty on a continual basis to assure that student outcome competencies align with the needs of employers. These standards represent OSUIT’s business model to this day.

Several buildings and programs were added to the campus under his leadership, including the Noble Center for Advancing Technology, Donald W. Reynolds Center and the Nursing & Health Sciences Center. He was instrumental in developing the College of the Muscogee Nation and Green Country Technology Center.

Upon retiring, he served as the director of the Okmulgee Area Development Corporation until 2017 and remains active in the Okmulgee community, occasionally providing consulting services.
Julie Esther Orellana-Muy is receiving an Associate in Applied Science in Information Technologies from the School of Creative & Information Technologies. From Mounds, Oklahoma, Julie was a member of the All-Oklahoma/All-USA Academic Team, Phi Theta Kappa, Jenks Swim Club, President’s Honor Roll and is graduating Summa Cum Laude. She was also a two-time recipient of the $5,000 Milliman Scholarship and received the President’s Tuition Waiver.

She believes her experience at OSUIT has been a positive and growing experience. She appreciates the staff who gave her guidance and resources while attending classes and thanks her faculty members for giving her support to self-succeed. Having been home schooled, she had no issue transitioning to OSUIT and believes it was an incredible experience.

Julie is very active in her church and extracurricular activities. She is the food and beverage coordinator for Generation Youth Christ Youth Event, livestream and production coordinator for Restoration Internationals National Family Retreat, advisory board member for Tulsa Technology Center and Catoosa HS mobile app development class. She is currently an IT intern at Cypress Environmental Partners in Tulsa.

Julie is currently training to compete in her first triathlon this summer and later plans to return to OSUIT in the fall and pursue a bachelor’s degree in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics.
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AAS IN GRAPHIC DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
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. 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.

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.

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.
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