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The longest-serving president, Robert Klabenes, replaced outdated wooden barracks with state-of-the-art classrooms and residence halls totaling more than $150 million in new construction and remodeling projects.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.
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Wesley Grizzle, from Pocola, OK, graduates with an Associate in Applied Science in MOPAR CAP from the School of Transportation and Heavy Equipment. A trailblazer in his family, he becomes the first to attain a college degree, having begun his higher education journey with concurrent college courses during high school. Grizzle is not just academically focused, he also dedicates his time to his community and currently serves as a youth pastor in Spiro, OK. After obtaining his associate degree, Grizzle plans to further his education at OSUIT, where he will pursue a Bachelor of Technology in Applied Technical Leadership.
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Student Respondent

JOSEPH FRIESEN
School of Engineering & Construction Technologies

Joseph Friesen of Locust Grove, Oklahoma, will graduate from OSUIT’s School of Engineering & Construction Technologies with a Bachelor of Technology in Instrumentation Engineering Technology. Demonstrating academic excellence, he consistently landed on the President’s Honor Roll. Friesen achieved first place in the high school division of SkillsUSA’s Industrial Motor Controls contest and nabbed the Rising Star award with the ECHO Knights basketball squad. With five years in electrical trades, he’s interning at Kimberly-Clark in electrical maintenance. An enthusiast of classic literature and music, and a weightlifting aficionado, Friesen’s post-graduation plans focus on electrical instrumentation design, with hopes of settling near Tulsa in the upcoming years.
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GRADUATION MEDALLION
Every OSUIT graduate wears a bronze medallion, which mimics the larger Presidential Medallion, with an orange and black ribbon to commemorate their 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.

*May change upon the final or graduation semester GPA calculations.

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.
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!”

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