Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges

All-Oklahoma Academic Team &

OACC President's Tuition Waiver Award Ceremony

> Oklahoma State Capitol Tuesday March 26, 2024 2:00pm-3:30pm



March 26, 2024

#### Dear Honorees and Guests,

On behalf of Phi Theta Kappa's Board of Directors, Headquarters Staff, International Officers and Phi Theta Kappa members around the world, I extend greetings to all attendees of the All-Oklahoma Community College Academic Team Recognition Ceremony.

The 2024 All- Oklahoma Academic Team members are being recognized for their distinguished academic achievements and leadership accomplishments. This award is special in many ways. Team members represent the very best in leadership, scholarship, and service. More than that, they are selected by their institutions to receive this honor and are known by their college administrators and faculty to be the very best examples of student success. They serve as important role models in our colleges and our communities and are worthy of our respect and emulation. Through determination and discipline, they have reached levels of success they probably thought not possible for themselves. We applaud their success and hold them up in their educational journeys.

We commend the college presidents of Oklahoma's community colleges and state officials for supporting and coordinating this important recognition event. This program recognizes not only accomplishments of students, but also recognizes the quality of instruction and extraordinary learning opportunities provided by the state's colleges.

We applaud the good work of Oklahoma's colleges and the opportunities afforded to students to become all they dream to be. We wish all continued success.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Tincher-Ladner, Ph.D. President & CEO

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### All-Oklahoma Team & OACC President's Tuition Waiver Award Student Recognition Ceremony Tuesday March 26, 2024 2:00-3:30pm Oklahoma State Capitol

Welcome	Representative Charles McCall, Speaker of the House
Congratulations	Chancellor Allison Garrett, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Awards Presentation	Steve Carano, Rose State College
	Josh Hutton, Seminole State College
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Janet Wansick, President Eastern Oklahoma State College

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# Phi Theta Kappa National Awards

# 2024 All-USA Academic Team

### Kinley Bratcher, Eastern Oklahoma State College

Kinley Bratcher, a student at Eastern Oklahoma State College is one of 20 college students named to the prestigious All-USA Academic Team and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. More than 2,400 students were nominated for this award. Bratcher will be recognized during the American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) convention in April. In addition to the scholarship funds, recipients will be presented with commemorative medallions, and their college presidents will receive commemorative obelisks.

Team members were selected for their outstanding intellectual achievement, leadership, community, and campus engagement. The All-USA Academic Team is sponsored by Cengage, with additional support provided by Phi Theta Kappa and AACC. Cengage's industry-leading subscription for textbooks and materials, Cengage Unlimited, has helped over 4.8M students save over \$580M on the cost of course materials since August 2018.

# 2024 Coca-Cola Academic Team

The Coca-Cola Academic Team recognizes high achieving college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. Fifty students will be named Gold Scholars, fifty students will be named Silver Scholars, and fifty students will be named Bronze Scholars. A state may have multiple Gold, Silver, or Bronze Scholars. The Coca-Cola Academic Team is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

### Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar

Brandi Woods, Carl Albert State College

### Coca-Cola Academic Team Bronze Scholars

Madison Wright, Eastern Oklahoma State College

#### Reagan Thompson, Tulsa Community College Northeast Campus

# 2024 New Century Scholars

The students receiving the highest All-USA Academic Team application score in each state is named a New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar or a New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar. Students nominated for the Workforce Pathway should be planning to enter the workforce after completing a certificate or associate degree, and students nominated for the Transfer Pathway should be planning to transfer to the four-year college after graduation. The New Century Workforce Scholar is awarded a \$1,250 scholarship and the New Century Transfer Scholar is awarded a \$2,250 scholarship.

The program annually recognizes 104 Scholars. Each New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar receives special recognition at the Association of Community College Trustees Congress. Each New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar receives special recognition at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention. To be eligible for this program, students must apply for the All-USA Academic Team and be selected as a nominee by their college. The New Century Pathway Scholarship program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, the American Association of Community Colleges, and Phi Theta Kappa.

# New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar

Sage Wilcox, Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Campus

# New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar

Kinley Bratcher, Eastern Oklahoma State College

# All-Oklahoma Academic Team

The All-Oklahoma Academic Team provides statewide recognition to outstanding two-year college students. Students from the 39 participating states nominated to the All-USA Academic Team are named to the All-State Academic Teams. Ranking on the All-State Academic Teams is generally determined by the student's score in the national competition. To be eligible, students must be nominated by their college to the All-USA Academic Team. Nominees must be eligible to graduate during the 2024 academic year and hold a minimum of a 3.50 cumulative grade point average out of a possible 4.0 on all college-level coursework completed in the past five years. The State Academic Teams were introduced in 1994 to provide scholastic recognition to community college students, while promoting excellence at two-year colleges. Congratulations to our 2024 All-Oklahoma Academic Team!

#### **Carl Albert State College**

### **Brady Allen, Luther**

**Clubs/Organization:** Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Cross Country Team, Film and Media Club and Phi Theta Kappa Officer

#### Brandi Woods, Bartlesville

Career Goal: Chemical Engineer

Clubs/Organization: Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, Viking Ambassadors Event Chair

Awards/ Honors: Scholars Program

#### Brandy Wilson (BIO unavailable)

#### <u>Connors State College</u> Riley Mertz, Barberton, Ohio

Career Goal: Agronomist and serve the farmers.

Clubs/Organization: Aggie Club President, President's Leadership Class, Student Government Association, Livestock Judging Team

Awards/Honors: 2024 Aggie Homecoming Queen, 2023 Division of Agriculture Horizon Award, Phi Theta Kappa, American FFA Degree

#### **Blakelee Pugh, Warner**

Career Goal: Graduate Veterinary School and work for the State of Oklahoma

**Clubs/Organization:** President's Leadership Class Vice President, Gore 4-H Club Volunteer, Student Government Association Treasurer, Agriculture Ambassador

Awards/ Honors: Nigh Scholar Recipient, President's Leadership Class Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa, Nominated for Student of the Year Award 2023

#### <u>Eastern Oklahoma State College- Wilburton Campus</u> Kinley Bratcher, Rush Springs

Career Goal: Agriculture Industry

**Clubs/Organization:** Chief's College Advisory Council Member, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Student Government Association Treasurer, Aggie Club Vice-President

Awards/Honors: George and Donna Nigh Leadership Academy, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Vice President, President's Honor Roll/4.0 GPA 2022-2024, Eastern Food Pantry Student Sponsor

#### Eastern Oklahoma State College- Wilburton Campus

Madison Wright, Eagletown

Career Goal: Timber Assessment and Contract Negotiations

**Clubs/Organization:** Agriculture Ambassador Group, Phi Theta Kappa, Biannual Campus Wide Clean Up Volunteer, Collegiate Ministries activities

Awards/ Honors: Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Scholarship, Student Government Reporter, Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Scholarship, Foundational Scholarships based on GPA

#### **Murray State College**

**Gavin Crouch Pauls Valley** 

Career Goal: Finance/Banking/Business

**Clubs/Organization:** Student Government Vice President, Phi Theta Kappa Vice President, Future Business Leaders of America Vice President, President's Scholars

**Awards/ Honors:** Speaker at the New Student Union Groundbreaking Ceremony, recognized for cleanup event, President's Honor Roll, Vice President's Honor Roll.

#### Jazmyn Ragle, Ardmore

Career Goal: Criminal Psychology

Clubs/Organization: Phi Theta Kappa Officer, Creative Writing Club, QSA (Queer Straight Alliance)

Awards/ Honors: Excellence in Theater Freshman Year, Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Scholarships Sophomore Year

#### Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

Aijie Manalansan, Miami

Career Goal: Archaeology

Clubs/Organization: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Awards/ Honors: Dean's Honor Roll

Jordan Six, Purcell

Career Goal: Biomedical Engineer

**Clubs/Organization:** NEO Band, Student Body Government, Chemistry Lab Assistant, Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Awards/ Honors: NEO Top Ten Freshman, President/Dean's Honor Roll, NEO Honors Program

Northern Oklahoma College Enid Campus Grant Biggers, Enid

Career Goal: Join the Department of Defense Industry

**Clubs/Organizations:** President's Leadership Council, High-Powered Rocketry Team, Baptist College Ministries, Developed a Makerspace on the Enid Campus

Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll, Enid Rotary Student of the Month, awarded a trip to a NASA facility for an exclusive workshop

#### Northern Oklahoma College Enid Campus

**Danielle Buttrum, Garber** 

Career Goal: Physician Assistant

Clubs/Organization: President's Leadership Council Secretary

Awards/ Honors: President's Leadership Council Member, President's Honor Roll, Oklahoma State Regent Academic Scholar

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Campus Allison Green, Kingfisher

Career Goal: Bachelors in Nursing

Clubs/Organizations: Presidential Leadership Council, Women's Basketball Team, Phi Theta Kappa, FCA

Awards/ Honors: Leo Canaday Award, President's Honor Roll, Women's Basketball Team Captain, Vice President's Honor Roll

#### Autumn Leist, Ponca City

Career Goal: Licensed Professional Counselor

**Clubs/Organization:** President Leadership Council President, Phi Theta Kappa Vice President, Student Senate, Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Awards/ Honors: Vice President's Honor Roll

Sage Wilcox, Dover

Career Goal: Digital Media and Animation

Clubs/Organization: Digital Media Institute Club President, Universal Blood Donor, Phi Theta Kappa

Awards/ Honors: Outstanding DMI Student, Workforce Foundation Scholarship

Oklahoma City Community College Dominion Etsegbe, Yukon (BIO Unavailable)

Bradlee Sanchez, Oklahoma City

Career Goal: Associates of Science in Engineering

**Clubs/Organization:** Engineering Club, TRIO Student Support, Students Connecting with Mentor for Success, African Student Association

Awards/Honors: Sumo Bot Competition, Engineering Club Competition

#### **Redlands Community College**

Carlie Golden, Calumet

Career Goal: Forensic Scientist

Clubs/Organization: Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Officer, Resident Assistant, Soccer Team, Peer Tutor

Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll, Foundation Scholarships

#### **Redlands Community College**

McKenzie Simon, Elk City

Career Goal: Business Administration

**Clubs/Organization:** Phi Theta Kappa Regional Officer and Chapter President, Soccer, Campus Ambassador, Peer Tutor

Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll, Nigh Leadership Academy, Outstanding PTK Officer

# Rose State College

Shay Craft, Oklahoma City

Career Goal: Develop a Mentorship Academy

**Clubs/Organization:** Phi Theta Kappa President, Oklahoma Regional Food Bank Volunteer, developed concept and treatment for PTK's "Greater to be a Raider" College Project campus video, Collaborated with Mid-Del organizations for PTK Honors in Action project (creating STEM-based resource brochures)

Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll, Nominated for BIT Student of the Year, OACC Student Award Nominee, Business Division Scholarship Recipient

#### Gezelle Vilog, Oklahoma City

Career Goal: Dental Hygiene

**Clubs/Organization:** Asian Student Association President September 2023-Present, Phi Theta Kappa Public Relations Representative April 2023-Present, President's Leadership Class Member August 2022-Present

Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll three semesters

#### Seminole State College

**Ryan Carlisle, Foss** 

Career Goal: Coach and Teacher with intentions to become an Administrator.

Clubs/Organization: PLC, Phi Theta Kappa Member, Golf Team

Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll, Honor Society, All-Oklahoma Academic Team

#### **Benjamin Parker, Shawnee**

Career Goal: Public Defender

**Clubs/Organization:** Student Government Association President, David Grann Event Moderator, Community Volunteer

Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll

<u>Tulsa Community College Metro Campus</u> Shelly Barton, Chelsea

Career Goal: SANE Nurse

**Clubs/Organization:** TRIO Student Association President, NASA Vice President, NSLS Society Events Chair, Motivated Scholars Treasurer

**Awards/ Honors:** Nigh Scholar 2023, Executive Women's International x2, Claremore Chamber Leadership Award, Tulsa Community Foundation: Empowering You

#### **Tulsa Community College Metro Campus**

Aramaea Sewell, Sand Springs

Career Goal: Software Developer/Game Developer

Clubs/Organization: Baptist Collegiate Ministry Member and Leader

Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll 3 Semesters

**Tulsa Community College Northeast Campus Reagan Thompson, Glenpool** 

Career Goal: Physicist

Clubs/Organization: Research Assistant for two professors, TCC Engineering Club, Phi Theta Kappa

Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll

**Tulsa Community College Southeast Campus** Rachel Graves, Tulsa

Career Goal: Licensed Clinical Social Worker

**Clubs/Organization:** Psi Beta Vice President, Psychology Club Vice President, True Blue Leader, American Sign Language Officer

**Awards/ Honors:** Psi Beta National Honor Society Member, Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship, TCC's True Blue Scholarship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place TCC's 2023 Power of Poetry Contest

Moriah Jestus, Glenpool

Career Goal: Scenic Designer

Clubs/Organization: Delta Psi Omega, Student Designer, Scene Shop Assistant, Theatre

**Awards/ Honors:** KCATF Merit Award: Excellence in Set and Props Design and Excellence in Full Student-Led Production, Outstanding Theatre Freshman Award, Best Assistant Stage Manager

Western Oklahoma State College

Keegan Kyser, Altus

Career Goal: Parks and Recreation Director

Clubs/Organizations: Western Ambassadors, Student Senate President, Science Club, Phi Theta Kappa

Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll, George and Donna Nigh Leadership Academy

Mallory Orick, Blair

Career Goal: Dental Hygiene

Clubs/Organization: Western Ambassador, Student Senate, Phi Theta Kappa, Science Club President

Awards/ Honors: Ambassador Scholarship, Western's General Scholarship, President's Excellence Award Committee, President's Honor Roll

# OACC President's Tuition Waiver Award

Each year Presidents of Oklahoma Community Colleges select deserving students from across the State of Oklahoma to receive a \$1,000 tuition waiver, which may be applied to tuition for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic school year at \$500 per semester. The President's nominees are selected for their outstanding academic achievement and their leadership ability. Nominees must be a graduating high school senior or attend a community college. Certificates will be presented to all the tuition waiver students. The Oklahoma Council of Two-Year College Presidents takes great pride in celebrating the achievement of these outstanding students and wishes them well in their career aspirations as they create a better life for themselves and their families.

#### **Carl Albert State College**

#### Sadie Bridges, Spiro

Career Goal: Graduate CASC's Registered Nursing Program and continue my education.

Clubs/Organization: Scholars Program, Student Government Association, Viking Ambassador, Native American Club

Awards/ Honors: Vice President's Honor Roll, Nigh Leadership Scholar, Oklahoma Area Health Education Center Scholar

#### <u>Connors State College</u> Lynn Hubler III, Warner

Career Goal: RN/ Nurse Practitioner

#### Eastern Oklahoma State College

Hunter Fry, Hartshorne

Career Goal: Computer Information Security field and Leadership possibilities

**Clubs/Organization:** Senior Class President for Student Council, Hartshorne Miner Marching Band, Powerlifting Program

Awards/ Honors: Excellent and Superior Class Awards in the Solo Trumpet competitions, Gold Star Ambassador at Kiamichi Technology, XVI Cyber Patriot Silver Tier Award

#### Lacie Lott, McAlester

Career Goal: Registered Nurse

**Clubs/Organization:** Health Occupations Students of America Vice President, Gifted and Talented Program, Community Service Projects Volunteer

Awards/ Honors: Valedictorian, National and Oklahoma Honor Society, Student of the Month at Kiamichi Tech in McAlester

# Murray State College

Mackenzie Mathis, Lebanon

Career Goal: Education or Business Degree

Clubs/Organization: FCA Leader, Varsity Basketball, Track and Field

Awards/ Honors: National Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, Top 10% of Senior Class, Phi Theta Kappa Member

#### Murray State College

#### Matthew Patton, Tishomingo

Career Goal: Receive my Associate's Degree at Murray State College and then further my education.

**Clubs/Organization:** FFA: involved in showing livestock, electrical contest and utilizing tools, High School Baseball and Basketball, Connerville First Baptist Church Member

Awards/ Honors: FFA Scholastic Awards, Academic Athlete Awards

#### Codi Rodriguez, Alex

Career Goal: Professional Photographer

Clubs/Organization: Livestock Judging Team, Show Team, BC, Collegiate FFA

#### Mallory Sager, Pauls Valley

Career Goal: Agricultural Education Instructor

**Clubs/Organization:** Phi Theta Kappa, Collegiate FFA, Livestock Show Team, Helped Collegiate FFA win homecoming queen and king by donating 40,000 servings to our local food bank.

Awards/ Honors: Collegiate FFA President, President's Scholars Program, Oklahoma FFA State Goat Proficiency Finalist, Oklahoma FFA Central Area Star Farmer

#### Andrew Wollenberg, Marlow

Career Goal: Dentistry

Clubs/Organization: Student Council, National Honor Society, FFA and 4-H

Awards/ Honors: Class Marshall, Lion's Club Student of the Week, Student Council Secretary, National Honor Society Chairman

#### Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College Kayleigh Hart, Miami

Career Goal: Doctor of Physical Therapy

**Clubs/Organization:** National Technical Honors Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Native American Club, Students Against Drunk Driving

Awards/ Honors: 2023 Class 3A Regional Cheer Champion, 2023 Oklahoma Girls State Attendee, 2023 Oklahoma House of Representative Page, 2021 Distinguished Academic Game Day State

#### Northern Oklahoma College Alejandra Pena, Enid

Career Goal: Hygienist

Clubs/Organization: Oklahoma Blood Institute Donor and Volunteer, Community Volunteer

Awards/ Honors: Honor Society, Honor Student, Oklahoma Blood Institute Green Cord, Vocational School and College Scholarships

#### Oklahoma City Community College

Julianna Delgado, Oklahoma City

Career Goal: Customs Agent (BA, International Business)

Clubs/Organization: Latina Sisters, TRIO, Oklahoma Blood Institute Donor, Volunteer

Awards/ Honors: President's Leadership Class of 2023, Civic Honors Program, Latina Sisters Secretary

#### **Redlands Community College**

Madison Adams, Mustang Career Goal: Psychology Clubs/Organization: ESport, TRIO Awards/ Honors: President's Honor Roll, Academic Scholarship

#### Zoe Bonilla, Texhoma

Career Goal: Athletic Trainor/ Personal Trainor Clubs/Organization: Basketball, FCA Awards/ Honors: All Area Athlete, Class President, Salutatorian of High School Class

#### Maria Espinoza, El Reno

Career Goal: Marketing/Business Administration Clubs/Organization: Soccer, Leadership Class, OSU-OKC Talent Search, National Honor Society Awards/ Honors: Honor Roll

Hope Failing, El Reno Career Goal: Radiology Clubs/Organization: Women's basketball, TRIO Awards/ Honors: Jessica Mack Scholarship, Mo Anderson Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship

#### Rose State College

Karlie Robertson, Oklahoma City Career Goal: Attorney Clubs/Organization: Whiz Kids Tutor, Rose State Chi Alpha Campus Awards/ Honors: President's Leadership Class, Rose State Student Senator

#### Seminole State College Ethan Rich, Earlsboro

Career Goal: Cattle Operation Owner

**Clubs/Organization:** Baseball, FFA Chapter Vice President, National Honor Society, Building a new sign for Prague's Senior Citizen Building

Awards/ Honors: Top Freshman FFA Member, HOBY Leadership Camp Delegate, Oklahoma Boys State Delegate, BancFirst Student Board member

#### **Dillon Sullivan, Shawnee**

Career Goal: Teacher/Coach Clubs/Organization: Drama, Athletics Awards/ Honors: All-State, Salutatorian, All-Conference MVP

#### Seminole State College Hannah Upchurch, Seminole

Hannan Openuren, Semin

Career Goal: Teacher

**Clubs/Organization:** Tennis, Marketing, Middle School Tennis Internship, Goddard Youth Camp Counselor 4 years

Awards/ Honors: Tennis Team Captain, Student of the Month, Principal's Honor Roll

Tulsa Community College Shelly Barton, Chelsea

Career Goal: SANE Nurse

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**Awards/ Honors:** Nigh Scholar 2023, Executive Women's International x2, Claremore Chamber Leadership Award, Tulsa Community Foundation: Empowering You

#### Western Oklahoma State College

Esperanza Cruz, Duke

Career Goal: Graphic Designer

**Clubs/Organization:** Skills USA, Ambassador, Student Council, Graphic Designer Community Project **Awards/ Honors:** NTHS, Student of the Quarter 2023/2024, Principal's Honor Roll, Yearbook

#### Alejandro Resendiz, Altus

Career Goal: Family, Nutrition and Sports Medicine

Clubs/Organization: Altus Band 5 Years, Altus Powerlifting Team, National Technical Honor Society

Awards/ Honors: Superintendent's Honor Roll Sophomore Year, Principal's Honor Roll Junior Year

# Thank You to our Two-Year College Presidents!

Jay Falkner, Carl Albert State College Ron Ramming, Connors State College Janet Wansick, Eastern Oklahoma State College Tim Faltyn, Murray State College Kyle Stafford, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College Diana Watkins, Northern Oklahoma College Mautra Jones, Oklahoma City Community College Jena Marr, Redlands Community College Jeanie Webb, Rose State College Lana Reynolds, Seminole State College Leigh Goodson, Tulsa Community College Chad Wiginton, Western Oklahoma State College

