

# Student Services



## Career Services

Pamela Ehlers, EdD - *Director*

Career Services offers extensive job search assistance to OSU students and alumni, including individual and collective services regarding career development, experiential education, student employment, volunteerism, service learning, and internship education as well as other topics.

Staff members assist students in learning how to obtain part-time jobs through résumé assistance, part-time online job listings, and specialized annual career fairs, including the Work & Service Fair and the Summer Camp Fair. Additionally, students are assisted with other options, including service learning, job shadowing, leadership, and volunteer experiences to build the skills necessary for future employment.

Internships, full-time employment, and graduate education experiences are also facilitated by Career Services through career consulting available in each academic college as well as in the Student Union. Career consultants assist students and alumni by offering individual consultations, job search exploration assistance, career development workshops, mock-interviews, and specialized programming.

Electronic job search assistance is also available through the departmental Web site [HireOSUgrads.com](http://HireOSUgrads.com). This site allows students and alumni to access the HIRE system, an online job search engine for full-time jobs, internships, federal work-study positions, part-time jobs and co-ops. On-campus interviews and employer information session details are also available on the HIRE system. Additionally, job search tools such as Interview Stream, Going Global, and job search podcasts are available on our Web site.

Details on every step of your decision-making process, from beginning the search through graduate school selection or salary negotiation is available on the Web site.

Additionally, campus wide career fairs are held at least once each semester for students and alumni. These events are excellent opportunities to network with potential employers and learn about specific career options regarding full-time positions, internships, co-ops, and graduate schools. To prepare for the career fairs, please stop by a Career Services office, visit with a career consultant and pick up your free résumé paper and thank you notes. Portfolios and business cards are also available for purchase for student use at the Career Services office located at 360 Student Union.

## Information Technology

Darlene Hightower - *Chief Information Officer*

The Information Technology Department provides innovative, reliable, and integrated technology solutions for Oklahoma State University students and staff. IT provides administrative and academic computing services and support as well as telecommunications services for OSU. Services include network and communications infrastructure, software development, enterprise application systems management, security services, high performance computing, computer training, publications, desktop computing support, and a comprehensive HelpDesk.

—IT Helpdesk. The IT HelpDesk provides diagnostic support and assistance by phone, by e-mail, or in person. The HelpDesk office is located in 113 Math Sciences and can be reached at (405) 744-HELP or [helpdesk@okstate.edu](mailto:helpdesk@okstate.edu).

HelpDesk hours are:

Weekday hours (fall/spring semester): M-F 7:00 am-1:00 am

Weekday hours (summer semester): M-F 7:00 am-10:00 pm

Weekend hours (all semesters): Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm;

Sunday 2:00pm-11:00pm

More HelpDesk information can be found by visiting

<http://help.okstate.edu/>.

—Getting Access to IT Services. Students applying to Oklahoma State University are granted an Orange Key (O-Key) username and password that allows them access to an okstate.edu e-mail account and other IT services. For information on how to activate your O-Key account, visit <http://it.okstate.edu/services/okey/>. After enrolling, students are issued an OSU ID card that includes their photo and campus-wide ID (CWID) number. Students can obtain an ID card at the ID Services office in 432 Student Union Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

—Student Technology Resources. After enrolling at OSU, students receive access to network and computer labs, print services, 250Mb network data storage, software downloads, and electronic mail from any web browser by using Outlook Web Access (OWA) at <http://mail.okstate.edu>.

An extensive data communications network provides interfaces to OneNet, the Internet, Internet 2, and the National LambdaRail (NLR). OSU uses a campus wide Ethernet-based network to provide technology services to students. The campus has more than 35,000 10/100 megabits per second network drops and is continually expanding its WIFI coverage. Both the wired and wireless networks provide fast connectivity to university services and the Internet. For more information about WIFI coverage, visit [www.it.okstate.edu/students/wireless](http://www.it.okstate.edu/students/wireless).

—Campus Computer Labs. The OSU campus has five IT-managed computer labs located in Classroom Building 4th Floor, Bennett Hall B19, Kerr-Drummond Mezzanine, Student Union 065, and Math Sciences 108. Campus labs provide Microsoft Office Suite, SAS, SPSS, and Adobe Acrobat reader, as well as Internet access. Other college-specific software also can be found in these labs. For a complete listing of available software in the campus computer labs, please visit the "Campus Computer Labs" section of the IT Resource Center, <http://it.okstate.edu/rc>. While the majority of the computers in these labs are Intel, each lab includes Macintosh computers as well as numerous scanners available for student use. The Macintosh computers are fully functional, fully integrated into the OSU network, and are capable of accessing Online Classroom and other educational Web sites. In addition, there is at least one scanner available for students in each computer lab. All labs have wheelchair access and feature adaptive technology software.

Students also have access to three virtual computer labs created for students to access while off campus or in their dorm rooms. Students can login to these virtual labs from any computer with an Internet connection using their O-Key username and password. For instructions on how to login to the virtual labs using Windows, Mac, or Linux operating systems, please visit the "virtual computer labs" section of the IT Resource Center, <http://it.okstate.edu/rc>.

—High Performance Computing. The High Performance Computing Center (HPCC) provides super-computing services to faculty, staff, and students. The HPCC also provides consulting services to researchers with their experimental software and hardware needs and training in parallel computing concepts and operations. For access to this service, please e-mail [helpdesk@okstate.edu](mailto:helpdesk@okstate.edu) and place your request. The Web site for this service is <http://it.okstate.edu/depart/hpcc/>.

—Student Technology Products. Students are eligible for discounts on Microsoft, Dell, Apple, and Cingular products and services through OSU. For information on how to obtain the OSU discount on Dell or Apple products, as well as information on Cingular cellular plans for students, please visit <http://it.okstate.edu/students/>. Virus protection software and Microsoft products, including Windows and Mac versions, are available to download through OSU's Microsoft Campus Agreement at the software distribution center Web site at <https://app.it.okstate.edu/sdc/login.php>. Directions for software pick-up or delivery also are available on the software distribution center Web site.

—Additional Information. For a complete listing of IT resources, please visit <http://it.okstate.edu/rc>. For additional information about the Information Technology department, please visit <http://it.okstate.edu>.

### Parking and Transit Services

Steve Spradling - *Director of Parking and Transit Services*

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### Vehicle Registration and Parking Regulations

Any motor vehicle parked on University property between the hours of 5:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, must display a valid OSU paid parking permit or pass. The color and type of permit indicates the area where the vehicle may be parked. Use of a motor vehicle on University property is a privilege, not a right, and is made available only under the policies established in the University Parking and Traffic Regulations manual currently in effect. Any vehicle driven or parked on the campus of the University by an OSU student or employee should be registered with the OSU Parking Services.

Free bicycle registration with the OSU Department of Parking and Transit Services is advantageous in the event the bicycle is stolen or lost. When bicycles are recovered by the department they are checked against bicycle serial numbers maintained in the registration files for return of the bicycle to the rightful owner.

The purpose of these regulations is to expedite the safe and orderly conduct of University business and to provide parking facilities in support of that function within the limits of available spaces. Purchase your permit online at [www.parking.okstate.edu](http://www.parking.okstate.edu); new faculty or staff, vendor, handicapped, university vehicle, carpooling, emeriti, construction, registration or special permits must be purchased in person at the parking and transit services department office. A copy of the *OSU Parking Rules and Regulations* booklet is available from the Parking and Transit Services office, 1006 West Hall of Fame on the corner of Monroe and Hall of Fame; or view online at [www.parking.okstate.edu/](http://www.parking.okstate.edu/).

—Transit Services. The BUS is the campus and community transit service operated by the Department of Parking and Transit Services. The BUS offers fixed route transit and on-demand paratransit service year-round. Bus transportation is available from 6:30 am until 10:30 pm Monday through Friday during the school year and 6:30 am until 7:00 pm during the summer. Route and time information are available at the Parking and Transit Services office or online at [www.transit.okstate.edu](http://www.transit.okstate.edu).

—Tulsa Shuttle. BOB, OSU's Big Orange Bus, is a shuttle service between the Stillwater and Tulsa campuses. There are nine trips daily from each campus Monday - Thursday; seven trips on Friday. It is open to current

students, staff and faculty. The cost is \$7 one way for students; and \$13 one way for faculty/staff. Reservations can be made in Stillwater at the Shuttle office in 1006 West Hall of Fame, at the corner of Hall of Fame and Monroe, Monday - Friday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, or in Tulsa at the North Hall Information Center, Monday - Thursday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. In Stillwater, call (405) 744-7100 and in Tulsa call (918) 594-8332 or visit the Web site at [www.osu-tulsa.okstate.edu/services/shuttle.asp](http://www.osu-tulsa.okstate.edu/services/shuttle.asp).

### Housing and Residential Life

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The Department of Housing and Residential Life offers 25 residence halls, seven family-first neighborhoods, 21 special interest housing options, over 30 dining options, and countless leadership activities for students. Students who live on campus graduate sooner and maintain higher grades than their off-campus counterparts. More than 500 students are involved in planning and leading educational, recreational, and social activities within the halls.

Freshmen are required to live on campus. Exceptions are: if they are married, are 21 years of age or older, are living with their parents in Stillwater or the surrounding area, are veterans, or are living in a fraternity or sorority house (sorority pledges generally live in residence halls due to limited sorority house space), or have completed 27 credit hours. Exceptions must be requested in writing, and approved by the Department of Housing and Residential Life.

All accommodations are rented on a contract date priority basis. While there is no deadline to apply for housing, prospective students are encouraged to return their applications and contracts at least nine months before the desired occupancy. This will improve the chances of receiving the preferred on-campus housing location.

### Traditional Halls, Suites and Apartments

OSU offers three living styles to choose from when picking a place to live: traditional halls, suites, and apartments offer a variety of living accommodations. Traditional residence halls include Kerr-Drummond, Parker, Stout, and Wentz. Six suite buildings make up the area referred to as the Village. Suite units are also offered in Bennett Hall, Allen, Booker, Jones, Patchin, Stinchcomb, and Zink Halls. Apartments can be found in Bost, Davis, Kamm, Morsani-Smith, Peterson-Friend, Sitlington, and Young Halls.

All halls are open continuously throughout the academic year. Year round housing (12-month contract) is available in each type of housing offered. Some halls house only non-freshman students, but freshmen may be assigned by exception. Further information may be found on the Internet at [www.reslife.okstate.edu](http://www.reslife.okstate.edu).

Studies show that living on campus can be more affordable than living off campus. Some students save as much as \$500 per academic year by living on campus. Just one bill pays for a student's rent, meal plan, and all utilities including cable TV and Internet connection. Rates rarely increase during the academic year, even when roommate(s) move out.

Students are offered several lifestyle options. Kerr Hall houses men only, while Drummond Hall houses women only. All other halls are co-ed. Residential Life offers numerous learning communities for students to consider when choosing their housing options. The first three floors of Stout Hall are open to students who are active participants in the

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Honors Program. Zink Hall is home to the Ketchum house Native American house, as well as housing students interested in engineering. Engineering Houses can also be found in Kerr, Drummond and Bost Halls. Maude's Quad, Women in Engineering house, is located in Allen Hall, and the HOMES Multicultural Engineering house is also in Allen Hall. Men that are computer science majors may choose to live on the special interest house in Kerr Hall. Jones Hall is home to the Uhuru house, the African centered cultural house. Students interested in developing leadership skills may be interested in the Kamm Hall leadership house. Spanish majors or Spanish speaking students may be interested in living on the Spanish house located in Wentz Hall. The wellness house, located in Stinchcomb Hall, is open to residents who wish to adopt a total wellness lifestyle. The study abroad house is located on the fourth floor of Village Hall D. The third and fourth floors of Village CASNR houses participants in the FIT (freshmen in transition) program through the College of Agriculture. The first and second floors of Village CASNR are dedicated to the CASNR community. The College of Human Environmental Sciences is offering HES majors a living learning environment in Village Hall HES. Village Hall C is the location of three communities from the College of Arts and Sciences: the career exploration house on the second floor, the journalism and broadcasting house on the third floor, and the health sciences house on the fourth floor. The Spears School of Business community is located on the fourth floors of Village Halls E and F and the athletic training house is located on the third floor. The third floor of Village Hall F is home to the history floor. The recovery house provides support for students recovering from drug and/or alcohol dependence. Participating students will be housed in four bedroom apartments.

In every residence hall there is a well-trained, professional staff member to coordinate the day-to-day operations of the building, as well as student staff whose primary function is to see that students benefit educationally from their residential living experience. Each floor or wing has a live-in student staff member (resident assistants, community facilitators or community mentors) responsible for assisting and guiding the residents. Student staff members are undergraduate students specially trained in all aspects of residential area living with the experience and knowledge to answer questions and act as an advisor for student governments and programs.

### University Dining Services

University Dining Services offers more than 30 dining options to choose from on the Oklahoma State University campus. UDS makes every effort to provide options to satisfy the hungriest student, the most selective eater, those who prefer vegan options or have limited diets. The choices are endless, with something available from early morning to late night. From cafeteria dining to national franchises/brands and specialty restaurants, OSU provides you with the very best offerings. As a UDS meal plan holder, you can use your meal plan in any of these 30 locations. Of course, other methods of payment can be used as well including bursar charge, cash, credit card, etc.

UDS also realizes how important it is to provide healthy options for its customers. We are proud to be a partner with the Seretean Wellness Center in the Choose Orange program. Be sure to look for the Choose Orange logo on the items that qualify for the U.S. Dietary Guidelines.

All freshmen living on campus are required to have a meal plan. To learn more about everything UDS has to offer, please visit <http://dining.okstate.edu>.

### Mobility Impaired Student Housing

All residence halls and many Family and Graduate Student apartments offer some housing for students who have impaired mobility. Upon notification, the Department of Residential Life routinely modifies rooms

and apartments to meet an individual's special needs. This modification may take several months, so advance notification is critical.

### Family and Graduate Student Housing

More than 700 apartments are available to serve students in the following priority: families, single graduate students, and single, upper class, undergraduate students. Priority for single students is given to those who have lived in the residence halls.

Most apartments are two-bedroom units with optional furnishings. The Morrison Neighborhood features some three-bedroom units. The apartments have sidewalks, off-street parking, play areas, and two laundry facilities. Residents of the Morrison Neighborhood have full-size washers and dryers in their apartment units.

School bus transportation is provided to the Stillwater High, Junior High, and Middle schools, and to Westwood and Will Rogers elementary schools.

The Family Resource Center, located in the Family and Graduate Student Housing area, offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of the residents. These programs vary depending upon the needs of the clientele. Typical programs include: English as a Language class (ESL), after-school programs, children's programs, and pot luck dinners. The Laundry Mart convenience store is located inside of the University Laundry.

Family and Graduate Student Housing provides an on-site staff member, an apartment assistant, who is readily available to the residents. Each apartment assistant has responsibility for about 90 apartments. The assistant's duties include helping residents resolve inter-apartment conflicts, meet neighbors and find appropriate community services. They also provide information about the facilities and the University, and provide referrals to appropriate University offices for residents' needs. The apartment assistant can be a very helpful person for all residents.

For more information contact the Family and Graduate Student Housing Office, 120 Brumley, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078, (405) 744-5353, or [www.reslife.okstate.edu](http://www.reslife.okstate.edu).

### Residence Hall Student Organizations

Residence halls are popular places to live on the OSU campus. The housing and food service programs have a proud tradition of excellence recognized nationwide. Much of the success of the residence halls is the strong and vital student government system consisting of floor governments, councils for each hall or complex and the Residence Halls Association, which represents all halls on campus.

All residence halls on campus combine to form the Residence Halls Association (RHA). The Residence Halls Association acts as the voice of residential area students to the University administration concerning policies and regulations, and coordinates campus-wide activities for the enrichment of residential area living. Each hall has its own elected officers and constitution, and is a part of the RHA system of representative government. There are numerous opportunities for involvement in the halls, such as floor officer, social committees, food committees, and sports and athletic activities.

### Students with Children

Information on child care in the Stillwater community is available at the following locations on campus:

Family Resource Center - 719 N. Walnut, (405) 744-6539

Nontraditional Student Services - 060 SU, (405) 744-5488, Marie Basler, coordinator

Non-Traditional Student Organization, 045 SU, (405) 744-7508

## University Counseling Services

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 Alicia Severe - *Career and Outreach Specialist*  
 Cindy Washington - *Clinical Counselor*  
 Jason White - *Coordinator of Counseling*

The University Counseling Services provides confidential professional, personal and career counseling for OSU students. Both individual and group counseling is available. Assistance is offered for emotional problems as they affect personal and academic goals, intellectual functioning or relationships with others. Among the variety of concerns dealt with in counseling are stress, anxiety, depression, eating disorders, substance use/abuse, interpersonal relationships, and career indecision. Psychiatric consultation is available as needed.

University Counseling Services also assists students with problems, concerns, and experiences relating to educational difficulties; i.e., study habits, test-taking stress, lack of motivation, or attitudes related to school. All information regarding appointments and content of counseling is strictly confidential.

University Counseling Services operates the Career Resource Center. The Center provides walk-in assistance for OSU students. It contains books, handouts and computerized resources on careers, study strategies, scholarship and graduate school searches.

A broad range of developmental and proactive programming is offered through University Counseling Services in outreach and service to living groups, organizations and academic classes.

Minimal fees are assessed for individual and group counseling, for certain tests, for specific programs or workshops and for some career assessments. Depending upon the need, tests and other University services may be used in conjunction with counseling.

The University Counseling Services is an accredited member of the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc.

## Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Program

Mike Shuttic - *Director*

Considerable progress has been made to enhance ADA access to OSU programs, services, facilities and grounds. Students with disabilities are encouraged to help with such efforts through the ADA Advisory Council for Individuals with Disabilities. In addition, students may exercise certain ADA appeal "rights" if dissatisfied with student services, accommodations or access. OSU is committed to improving the full and nondiscriminatory participation in all aspects of campus life for individuals with disabilities. For more information, contact the Office of ADA Compliance, 315 Student Union, (405) 744-7116, fax (405) 744-8380.

## Student Disability Services

Mike Shuttic - *Coordinator*

Student Disability Services (SDS) at Oklahoma State University offers academic support to students with disabilities attending the Stillwater campus. Student Disability Services is committed to providing a community that ensures full participation for students. Additionally, Student Disability Services is a resource for faculty and staff members.

Appropriate services are determined on an individualized basis and may include academic advisement, specialized testing, accessible textbooks, classroom access, assistive technology, and other services based on disability-related need. Students must initiate a request for services by contacting Student Disability Services at 315 Student Union, (405) 744-7116, fax (405) 744-8380.

## University Health Services

Steve Rogers, CHE, MBA - *Director*  
 Kenneth B. Smith, DO - *Medical Director*

Oklahoma State University is as interested in the student's physical and emotional well-being as it is in his or her intellectual and cultural development. Good health will not guarantee academic success, but it will help; while poor health, either physical or emotional, can impair both the academic and the extracurricular career.

University Health Services maintains a staff of full-time physicians, nurses, laboratory technologists, pharmacists, x-ray technicians, and other necessary support personnel who make a specialty of providing the best possible care at the least possible expense for the student.

University Health Services is an ambulatory primary care facility, designed to provide cost-effective, physician-directed health care to students. Laboratory, x-ray, pharmacy and elective services are provided on a fee for service basis. In the event a medical condition exists that is beyond the scope of the services offered, referrals can be made to a family physician or a local physician in Stillwater. Emergency services are offered by Stillwater Medical Center 24 hours a day. University Health Services is fully accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

—Health Requirements.

1. All new students are required to complete the OSU Health History and Immunization form. Oklahoma law requires that students report their compliance with certain required immunizations; specifically measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, and meningitis. Information about the requirements for compliance are explained in detail on the OSU Health History form that is mailed to all new students and is available for download from the Internet at [www.okstate.edu/UHS/](http://www.okstate.edu/UHS/). Failure to comply with these guidelines will prevent future enrollment.

2. Students meeting the following criteria must provide a record of having a negative tuberculosis skin test (PPD) within six months of arrival at OSU, or, if the TB skin test is positive, must provide a negative chest x-ray; students who:

- are visa holders,
- are U.S. citizens, who previously resided outside the U.S.,
- have a medical condition that suppresses the immune system,
- are known to have been exposed to tuberculosis.

Refer to the Immunization and Health History form for specific guidelines and information. Failure to comply with these guidelines may affect future enrollment.

For more information contact the University Health Services, 1202 West Farm Road, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 74078, or download the form from the Internet at [www.okstate.edu/UHS/](http://www.okstate.edu/UHS/).

### Campus Life

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Marie Basler - *Coordinator, Nontraditional Student Services*  
Kathleen Kennedy - *Coordinator, Student Union Activities Board*  
Joyce Montgomery - *Coordinator, Service-Learning Volunteer Center*  
Ival Gregory - *Manager, Fraternity & Sorority Affairs*  
Elizabeth Osborne - *Coordinator, Fraternity & Sorority Affairs*  
Tim Huff - *Manager, International Students & Scholars (ISS)*  
Regina Henry - *Coordinator of Immigration, ISS*  
Linda Dunbar - *Coordinator, International Tax, ISS*  
Karen Sebring - *Coordinator, Sponsored Students, ISS*  
Elizabeth Scott - *International Student Specialist, ISS*  
Fran Gragg - *Coordinator, Cowboy Parents, OSU's Parents Association*

The Department of Campus Life is in the forefront of co-curricular activities on campus. Enhancing a sense of "campus community" is a key thrust of this department. It is responsible for the facilitation and implementation of programming for students and student organizations at the University. Campus Life's commitment is to provide an environment that encourages interaction among students, faculty, staff and the community at large through organizations to provide the best quality of services with integrity and respect for a diverse population.

Services provided by the Campus Life Center, 060 Student Union, include Student Union display case scheduling, insurance for OSU sponsored trips, a calendar of events, scheduling of Bennett Chapel, notary public, registering posters, fliers and signs, scheduling use of campus grounds, student organization records in liaison with the Student Government Association, Motor Pool requests, campus work orders for student groups, scholarship and membership applications, and a resource center that offers a wide variety of brochures on various subjects.

Campus Life at OSU encompasses the following administrative and programming areas:

#### Allied Arts

Allied Arts is the oldest university performing arts series in Oklahoma. The program has brought thousands of outstanding performances to Stillwater, as part of its mission to enrich university life and provide the university community with a broad range of professional-level musical, dance and theatrical events. Allied Arts performers are selected by a committee composed of students, faculty and staff, and each year six or seven performances are scheduled for the series. Students, faculty and staff can purchase a subscription for all events, or individual tickets to specific shows. For ticket information and schedule, visit the Allied Arts Web site at <http://alliedarts.okstate.edu>.

#### Fraternity and Sorority Affairs

Oklahoma State University benefits from the presence of 20 North American Interfraternity Conference fraternities, 11 National Pan-Hellenic Conference sororities, five National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities and three Multicultural Greek Council organizations, two fraternities and one sorority. The Greek experience stresses academic excellence, leadership growth, community involvement, professional development and athletic competition. Greek life has been a part of OSU since 1908. The system provides student leaders with the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities, including numerous philanthropies that Greek members support. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, located in 050 Student Union, provides guidance and resources to all Greek organizations. The full-time staff consists of Greek alumni who have extensive background and knowledge of the Greek system.

### Honor and Service Organizations

OSU offers opportunities for personal and professional development through many nationally-affiliated honor and service organizations. These organizations provide opportunities for leadership and program development, new friendships and recognition of achievement. University-wide organizations include:

Blue Key (junior and senior honor society)  
Golden Key (junior and senior honor society)  
Mortar Board (junior and senior honor society)  
National Society of Collegiate Scholars  
Order of Omega (honor society for sorority and fraternity members)  
Phi Eta Sigma (freshman and sophomore honor society)  
Phi Kappa Phi (national honor society for seniors and graduate students)  
(See college sections for organizations within each college.)

### International Students and Scholars

The Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) provides assistance to more than 1500 nonimmigrant students and scholars from 120 countries around the world. The goals of ISS are to assist international students and scholars with education on U.S. immigration regulations, orientation to the OSU environment and the American culture, exposure to the University resources available, and familiarization with the campus and community.

ISS is responsible for advisement and support to students, faculty and staff on matters specifically related to international students and scholars. Additional international related services include employment and tax assistance, immigration consultation, liaison with embassies, consulates and sponsoring agencies, legal referrals, academic referrals, orientation programs, community involvement and logistical support for special and nonacademic short term programs.

ISS provides numerous services to newly admitted international students prior to and after their arrival in the U.S. Some of the services include pre-arrival information, ground transportation from the Oklahoma City airport to OSU, temporary housing, banking, orientation, enrollment assistance, employment clearances, and support as needed. ISS informs continuing students on events and immigration issues through its weekly ISS listserv and web page. ISS also provides various public presentations on internationally-related issues as needed.

ISS supports numerous events and activities that encourage American and international students, faculty and staff participation. ISS is located at 076 Student Union within the Department of Campus Life.

### Lectures

Oklahoma State University, through its academic organizations and student groups, has a significant number of speakers each year, enriching the intellectual life on campus. Individuals, from both off-campus and on-campus, share their expertise with faculty, students, staff, and town's people on a wide variety of topics.

Many of the academic units, as well as student groups, invite speakers to their meetings in order to enhance the educational component of the University. These lectures are generally of interest to specific academic areas, rather than to the general campus.

The Student Government Association, through its Speaker's Board, brings major figures in politics, entertainment, and business to the campus. The Student Union Activities Board also has a speaker's program related to topics of general student interest. Other student organizations conduct active lecture programs concerning their interest areas.

Allied Arts conducts lecture demonstrations in conjunction with its performing arts presentations. In this manner, students can gain additional knowledge of the performing arts and its artists.

#### Non-Traditional Student Services

The primary goal is to assist non-traditional students, anyone with at least a two-year break in education, by providing support, information and referrals. The coordinator serves as a resource person for the entire campus community and seeks to raise the awareness of faculty, administrators and students with regard to the needs of this special group. All nontraditional students are encouraged to stop by the Campus Life Center, 060 Student Union to discuss their concerns or questions. The coordinator also advises students who have rent-related difficulties, such as landlord disputes, or who are looking for housing off-campus.

#### Office of Leadership Development

—Leadership Minor. The leadership minor is an 18 hour academic and experiential opportunity for all students to develop and enhance their abilities to lead. Each student must also complete at least 40 hours of documented service learning experience or specific community service related to the student's stated goals for admission. Upon completion of the academic and experiential requirements, students will be required to meet with their student affairs mentor to prepare, publish and discuss a reflective analysis of their experience. Admission into the program will be based on an overall assessment of an applicant's educational, career and social goals. Applicants must complete a written application and be interviewed prior to acceptance into the program.

—President's Leadership Council. A scholarship and leadership program for outstanding incoming freshmen that teaches the importance of leadership and service throughout life. Freshmen chosen to be in PLC complete a year-long class that consists of leadership seminars, volunteer service, and a creative component.

—Leadership Issues Forum. Effective management of important issues is a key component of good leadership ability. Join the Leadership Issues Forum to learn how to deliberate as well as work effectively in groups to reach common ground on highly critical and relevant issues.

—LEAD Program. In recognition of the importance of acknowledging the achievements of student leaders and to encourage emerging leaders at OSU, this program is open to all OSU students and consists of the following components in two levels.

##### Level One: L.E.A.D. Participation Certificate

- To complete this level you must attend and participate in each of six leadership series seminars.

##### Level Two: L.E.A.D. Program

Participation Recognition Medal and Certificate

- Attend each of the seminars mentioned earlier
- Become active in at least two campus organizations
- Complete a Student Development Transcript
- Implement a leadership project
- Record program experiences in a leadership journal
- Maintain an acceptable GPA

—Society for Leadership and Success. The National Society of Leadership and Success, or Sigma Alpha Pi, was created by a nationwide effort of professional motivation speakers who wanted to truly impact student's lives on a long-term continuous basis, rather than a one-time motivational speech. The mission is to help individuals create the lives they desire by helping them discover what they truly want to do and giving them the support, motivation, and tools to achieve their goals.

—Leadership Study Abroad. The Leadership Study Abroad Program is an opportunity for students to learn and experience Leadership in different cultural settings receiving academic credit at the same time. The Office of Leadership Development, in partnership with The College of Education, has developed this program to provide academic international experiences that enhance the students personal and professional leadership development. Trips vary each year with places such as New York City, Paris, Geneva, The British Isles, Rome, and Greece which have been undertaken and planned for future offerings.

#### Cowboy Parents, OSU's Parents Association

Cowboy Parents consists of OSU parents and family members whose goal is to support their students and the University by sponsoring events, activities and scholarships both on campus and in their home communities. Cowboy Parents sponsors scholarships for students, safety programs for students and the Parents' Handbook that is distributed during new student orientation. The Association sponsors an annual family weekend and dad's day during the fall of each year and mom's day during the spring. Members receive free publications, a membership card that entitles them to discounts at select Stillwater area merchants, a vehicle decal to display and electronic newsletters that remind them of campus events, important dates, and deadlines on campus.

The purpose of the Cowboy Parents is to:

- enhance communication between the University and the parents of Oklahoma State students.
- provide parents with a supporting role in the education of their students, while providing a forum for networking with other parents.
- take an active role in promoting the excellence of the University.

The objective of the Cowboy Parents is:

- encourage parents to support the programs and activities of the University.
- help parents and students in the transitional time when the student begins college.
- support the academic community at Oklahoma State University.
- cultivate and recruit new students and families to the University.
- support student affairs and student services that enhances the students out-of-class experience.

Membership dues are \$35.00 annually or a onetime payment of \$105.00 for lifetime membership. To join, visit the group's Web site at <http://parents.okstate.edu>.

#### Religious Life

Campus religious centers, supported by state and national church bodies specifically to serve the University community, provide opportunity for worship in both traditional and contemporary services; religious education commensurate with higher learning for the development of the whole person; counseling that maintains a spiritual basis for the cohesion and meaning of life; and social activities which allow relationships and life views to deepen. The 18 religious centers have strategic locations close to campus and, in addition to their own ministry, coordinate many of their efforts with each other, other campus religious organizations and the University administration through the Interfaith Council.

## STUDENT SERVICES

### Service-Learning Volunteer Center

The focus of the Service-Learning Volunteer Center is to provide OSU students with opportunities that reflect academic needs and personal interests. Working with local, state and national non-profit agencies, students at Oklahoma State University are provided with opportunities to grow and excel through meaningful hands-on involvement in service, research and academic activities. The Center assists students with the desire to become leaders in culturally diverse and challenging societal settings. Through recruitment, interviewing and training, the SLVC staff identifies and places students in engaging and meaningful civic service while promoting academic and learning outcomes. Students are exposed to various issue ideas and community needs on a first-come, first serve basis through interviews with the SLVC staff.

Civic engagement is broadly defined as activities which reinvigorate the public purposes and civic mission of higher education. Civic engagement activities within higher education include objectives such as developing civic skills, inspiring engaged citizenship, promoting civil society and building the commonwealth.

Since 1984 countless numbers of OSU students have served hundreds of non-profit agencies through dedicated and thorough service activities, building a reputation of civic responsibility within higher education and other communities in Oklahoma. Working together toward a common goal, these diverse students, by sharing their cultures, ideas and talents, have influenced communities worldwide.

Through information sessions and an annual service-learning fair, a traditional fall event, the Service Learning Volunteer Center keeps students informed about upcoming events and needs in the local community.

With multiple service sites, located on and off the OSU campus, students learn more about themselves, their new community and other communities as they become a valued force for change. OSU's SLVC partnerships include a variety of programs that teach students, faculty and staff the importance of civic engagement. Those programs include:

—Campus Compact. A national coalition of 850 college and university presidents committed to the civic purposes of higher education. To support this civic mission, Campus Compact promotes community service that develops students' citizenship skills and values, encourages partnerships between campuses and communities, and assists faculty who seek to integrate public and community engagement into their teaching and research.

—Oklahoma Money Matters. An AmeriCorps initiative to identify, recruit, train and provide mentors in financial literacy to Oklahoma children, youth and adults in existing school and community programs. The programs aim is to reduce the lack of knowledge of personal financial skills and increase chances of success.

—Service-Learning. OSU offers a number of courses that enrich students' lives through service-learning. Through service-learning, students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service experiences that meet actual community needs. Often the service learning is integrated into the students' academic curriculum and enhances what is taught in school by extending student learning beyond the classroom and into the community.

Further information is available on the Internet at <http://union.okstate.edu/Volunteer/index.htm>.

### Student Development Transcript

The Student Development Transcript (SDT) gives OSU students the opportunity to record their co-curricular activities in a format similar to an academic transcript. Involvement in all campus organizations and volunteer service may be included. The transcript can be used

with applications for scholarships, honorary organizations and with resumes for job applications. Contact the Campus Life office at 060 Student Union for more information on this valuable tool.

### Student Union Activities Board

Through the Student Union Activities Board (SUAB), OSU is enriched by cultural and recreational activities. Students coordinate events that are as diverse in nature as the students at OSU, such as FallFest, Bedlam Bonfire Bash, SpringFest, administrative discussion panels, live entertainment, Freshman Follies, Cowboy Showcase, internationally recognized speakers, weekend movies, independent movies, Bingo, TK's Casino, student art exhibits and slam poetry.

SUAB has six programming committees, a special promotions committee, and four executive chairs. It is one of the most active campus organizations at OSU. SUAB also hosts Union After Dark weekend line-up that is sure to entertain and provide great fun for all Cowboys.