Pride. It’s the feeling you have when something positive occurs and you had something to do with it.

Right now, some incredibly exciting things are happening on our campus and within our community that, when added together, have reignited a flame—an orange glow that gets brighter by the day. As you review the successes of the last year, you will find so much to be proud of. This report is tangible proof that OSUIT does what many higher education institutions promise but rarely deliver. We transform lives by educating and preparing our students to join an increasingly technological and globally competitive workforce. Our academic programs are second to none.

Sure, there’s a level of school spirit that is undeniable, but this energy extends far beyond the borders of OSUIT. You see, OSU Institute of Technology is leading the way in a series of transformations, and each of you plays a significant role in advancing us toward the goal. Whether you are an employee, a patron, a citizen of Okmulgee, a parent, an industry supporter, an alumnus, or a friend to the university, you can be a change agent that will make the difference in the lives of our students which cascades throughout our community.

By now, you may know that we’ve purchased buildings in Okmulgee’s historic downtown as future housing for OSUIT students. It is an important investment in what has been called “Okmulgee Rising.” Think of this as Okmulgee reimagined. Our purchase is significant in and of itself; yet this watershed moment should not be perceived purely in the context of location. And our commitment goes beyond restoring concrete or infrastructure. We’re restoring the pride in our community, pride in our academic programs, pride in our workplace, pride in being part of something so transformative that it builds a future and leaves a legacy.

So no matter what your connection is to OSU Institute of Technology, we hope you share our cowboy spirit as you reflect on the accomplishments of our students, alumni, faculty and staff over the last year. Please consider supporting OSUIT’s commitment to downtown Okmulgee and the campus master plan through a gift to the OSU Foundation. Through our combined efforts, we can extend this sense of pride into real and lasting transformation.

Dr. Bill R. Path
In December 2014, the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment awarded a federal grant of nearly $875,000 to Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology in partnership with the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission. The one-year grant, entitled “Oklahoma and the Department of Defense: Impacts on the State’s Economy and Workforce,” allows for OSUIT’s Economic Development and Training Center to map the supply chain of industries affected by Defense Department spending in Oklahoma with the total project budget of $995,000.

Mike Cooper, chairman of the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission, facilitated OSUIT’s involvement in the project.

“This grant allows us to gather critical information as the state prepares for budgetary and mission changes in the Department of Defense,” Cooper said. “It will look at the industries in Oklahoma that rely, all or in part, on Defense Department spending as part of their business.”

OSUIT will share this information through a publicly accessible, Web-based portal that maps out the impact of sales and employment related to military spending in Oklahoma. The real-time economic data and forecasting tools can then be used to maximize and align growth strategies for the state’s defense and aerospace supply chain industries.

OSUIT was also ranked fourth in the West’s top public regional colleges listing and ninth in the Best Colleges for Veterans ranking, as well as making the list of regional colleges with best ethnic diversity and graduates with the least amount of debt.

OSUIT’s average in-state tuition is $3,315 with 52 percent of students receiving financial aid through scholarships or work-study opportunities.

“The award highlights OSUIT’s position as Oklahoma’s only university of applied technology and makes OSUIT an influential stakeholder in the global economic conversation. The work that OSUIT is doing, and will do under this grant, will help make our state’s workforce competitively engaged in the global economy. I congratulate the university on a job well done, and look forward to seeing how OSUIT’s hard work will contribute to our nation.”

- Sen. Jim Inhofe

U.S. News rankings take into consideration several factors such as freshman retention rates, graduation rates, student to teacher ratios, acceptance rates, ACT/SAT test scores and percentage of classes with 20 or fewer students.

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OSUIT is unique in that its technical programs also require paid internships as part of the curriculum so students are earning money while also applying the
knowledge they learned on campus to their future career.

AffordableColleges.com developed its rankings using statistics and databases maintained by the National Center for Education Statistics, an entity of the U.S. Department of Education. Average in-state tuition and the institution's financial aid rate were each given equal weight when determining the list.

| ABET Accreditation Awarded to Civil Engineering Technology |

OSU Institute of Technology’s Civil Engineering Technology program was granted accreditation for its Bachelor of Technology program from ABET, the recognized accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology.

Dr. Abul Hasan, dean of the School of Engineering Technologies, said after a lengthy and thorough evaluation, the program’s curriculum and learning spaces met ABET’s standards.

“Receiving the accreditation is a testament to the excellence of our instructors, the quality of the curriculum they are teaching and the caliber of our facilities and labs,” Hasan said. “It benefits our students, our program, and our university.”

With the accreditation, students in the Bachelor of Technology program are eligible for the Fundamentals of Engineering exam, the first step toward becoming a licensed professional engineer. Students can also now be considered for certain local, state and federal jobs that require or prefer a degree from an ABET-accredited program.

Jennifer Butler, instructor of Civil Engineering Technology, said aside from the recognition that OSUIT has an outstanding academic program, accreditation also means graduates may have more employment opportunities.

“Accreditation is a seal of approval that our degree is of the highest quality and recognized by a nationally known board,” Butler said. “We stand next to any other civil engineering technology program in the country knowing that we have a quality program.”

| School of Energy Technologies Established |

The School of Energy Technologies officially began operating on the OSU Institute of Technology campus in July 2015. Three existing programs already thriving at the university—Power Plant Technologies, Pipeline Integrity Technology and Natural Gas Compression—are now part of the School of Energy Technologies.

Roy Achemire, School of Energy Technologies dean, said he’s worked with other universities and colleges and it’s common to have an energy or petroleum division.

“Energy is such a big part of Oklahoma’s economy, but it’s also integral to the region in states such as Texas, New Mexico and Arkansas,” Achemire said. “Having these programs under one umbrella gives our advisors and industry partners one place they can go to meet their needs.”

Establishing a School of Energy Technologies increases recognition among both employers and prospective students. OSUIT has a distinguished track record of success in working collaboratively with industry partners in the development of programs directed to critical workforce needs, said Dr. Scott Newman, vice president of Academic Affairs.

“We’ll strengthen our existing programs and build on our partnerships to see...
where growth can occur,” Newman said. “This could lead to the formation of new programs and degree opportunities as these current programs come under one umbrella.”

| OSUIT a Certified Healthy Campus |
OSU Institute of Technology was recognized for its continuing commitment to health and wellness when it was named an Excellence Level Certified Healthy Campus, Healthy Business and Healthy Early Childhood Center in 2015.

The Certified Healthy Oklahoma Program is a statewide certification from the Oklahoma Department of Health that recognizes organizations and communities that foster environments that support healthy choices.

To qualify, the organization must challenge people to eat better, move more and be tobacco free, as well as implement policies to create healthy environments. OSUIT has participated in the Certified Healthy Oklahoma program since 2009. This was the first year the Okmulgee campus was ranked in the Excellence Level as both a Healthy Campus and a Healthy Business.

This was the first year early childhood centers could earn healthy certifications, and OSUIT’s Child Care Center was one of four centers recognized this inaugural year.

The OSU system received 35 healthy certifications across its five campuses.

| STEM Jobs Approved Colleges Recognizes OSUIT |

Over 1,600 schools participated in the inaugural STEM Jobs survey process. Universities were scored on STEM job alignment, job placement and diversity in the school’s STEM programs.

| Greenovation Program Lauded |
Oklahoma Greenovation, a job-training program headed up by OSU Institute of Technology, was recognized in July 2014 as a national model in Vice President Joe Biden’s “Ready to Work” report.

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce received a $5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor in 2011 to implement the program for the state’s construction and energy efficiency services. OSUIT is the lead institution in the consortium that also includes Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City and Tulsa Community College.

The Greenovation program, run through the Economic Development and Training Center at OSUIT, offers on-the-job training as well as LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and other green-energy training through partnerships with employers in the construction industry.

Oklahoma Greenovation was named one of 35 workforce programs featured in the White House’s “What’s Working” report and is the only program from the state to receive this recognition.

The report, released by the Vice President’s office in conjunction with the President’s signing of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act, highlighted successful job-driven strategies and programs that are working and making a difference in the country’s workforce development.

OSU Institute of Technology was recognized for providing training and job opportunities to students seeking careers in STEM areas — science, technology, engineering and math.

OSUIT has been designated a 2015 STEM Jobs Approved College by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business that works to connect individuals in transition with education, business, and career opportunities. The company conducted a survey that measures how effectively schools align their programs to high demand, high paying STEM jobs, and how well they assist students seeking jobs in STEM fields.

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OSUIT Institute of Technology announced in October 2014 that it was joining the Jed and Clinton Health Matters Campus Program in support of student well-being and mental health.

The program was developed to help schools prevent the two leading causes of death in young adults according to the Center for Disease Control—unintentional injuries, including those caused by prescription drug overdoses or alcohol poisoning, and suicide.

OSUIT is among the first 55 schools to join the program, which is designed to help colleges and universities assess and enhance mental health, substance abuse and suicide prevention programming.

Participating schools make a four-year commitment to work with the Campus Program to evaluate and identify opportunities to augment these activities on campus.

The program provides schools with a framework for supporting student mental health, as well as assessment tools, feedback reports, and ongoing technical assistance from the Campus Program team.

Membership in the Campus Program demonstrates OSUIT’s commitment to promoting emotional well-being and improving substance abuse and suicide prevention programming for all students.
MICHAEL LARSON joined 4-H when he was 9 years old so he could show cattle. One of the organization’s tenets is also community service, and that’s how Larson learned about the Ronald McDonald House.

Larson’s work in raising money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities while also excelling as an Air Conditioning & Refrigeration student at OSU Institute of Technology is why he was named a Newman Civic Fellow in May 2015.

The Newman Civic Fellow Award, sponsored by the KMPG Foundation, honors college students who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country.

Larson said he learned of the ACR program in the School of Construction Technologies after his cousin graduated from the program. He originally wanted to work on cars, but a shoulder injury meant he had to find smaller machines to work on.

“I didn’t want to sit behind a desk. I wanted to be out doing something, I wanted to do something with my hands,” he said. “I love the program. The instructors see so much potential; they want to help us.”

The same can be said of his work raising money for Ronald McDonald House Charities and Change for Change as well as volunteering with 4-H and FFA.

“Even if it’s something small you can do, it really can help,” Larson said.

His community service went from a requirement to a true calling when he learned a fellow 4-H member was also a patient at a Ronald McDonald House.

“Every time she came back she told us how much the building had changed, how it was growing,” Larson said, and he knows he was part of that growth and change, even if it was a small part. “To actually hear from someone who needs that place, to help someone else, it gives you a feeling of satisfaction and joy.”

Larson said he was proud to learn he had been chosen to receive the Newman Civic Fellow scholarship, which will help him continue his second year at OSUIT.

Roger Shepherd is the ACR program chair and one of Larson’s instructors.

“Michael Larson is an above average student with a wonderful positive attitude and great work ethic. Although he’s not outspoken in words, he’s rather quiet actually, he speaks volumes with his actions, which are very positive,” Shepherd said.

“I am excited for Michael, and believe he will represent the Newman Civic Fellow Award and what it stands for very well, not only as a student, but also as an active member of society for years to come.”

Larson said serving his community has become a very important part of his life. “Choosing to help someone definitely makes you a better person,” he said.

“Somebody you walk past, you have no idea what they’re going through, so even just smiling and saying hello can help them.”

NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOW

MICHAEL LARSON
BREAKING THE MOLD
Women Challenging the Status Quo

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“I can’t imagine being in the program without these two,” Vincent said. “We have three very strong, independent women. I think together we’ve made a bigger impact. Every time we go out on internship, that’s three shops that are affected, that’s three shops that are changed.”

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“I like to work with my hands and I knew the programs here at OSUIT were more hands-on. You can go anywhere in the world. There are jobs everywhere.”

“I was born into a family of pipelines starting with my great-great-grandfather. It’s a family business passed down from generation to generation. My father and uncle both work in the industry.”

“I’m a woman going into the construction business so I’ll have more opportunities to advance than in other fields. I like seeing dirt turn into a building.”

“It’s 98 percent hands-on and it’s great. It’s satisfying to be able to say ‘I fixed that.’ People have a preconceived notion of what you can and can’t do. It’s an adjustment. They’re bewildered I can do this, but they also think it’s great.”

“At first I was intimidated; now we’re all talking and communicating, and I’m more comfortable. The guys don’t make us feel like ‘You’re girls, you can’t do this.'”

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| Culinary Students Volunteer at Sugar Art Show |
Every year, artists from all over the country take part in the Oklahoma State Sugar Art Show, a competition that showcases some of the best sugar and cake artistry in the world.

The three-day Sugar Art Show takes place every fall during the Tulsa State Fair.

This year, about 50 School of Culinary Arts students from OSU Institute of Technology volunteered their time to work during the sugar art show loading and unloading cakes and supplies, assisting show organizers, manning the cookie decorating station, and monitoring and protecting the cakes as hundreds of people walked around the displays during the three-day show.

OSUIT culinary instructor Chef Grady Perryman participated in the show and entered a raptor skull molded from chocolate.

Perryman won first place professional division in the chocolate category, as well as $300 in the overall draw.
Natural Gas Students Attend Conference

Ronnie Cheshier, Jonah Hulbutta and T.J. Potter had the opportunity to learn more about the energy industry at a gas compressor conference in September 2014 thanks to scholarships from the Engineering and Geosciences program at the University of Oklahoma.

The three each received a $1,000 scholarship to cover registration, lodging, and travel expenses to the Gas Compressor Short Course Conference. The conference offered seven courses to choose from, each lasting two and a half days, and all three said it was tough deciding which course to take.

In addition to what the three learned in their courses, the conference also gave them a chance to network with leaders and companies in the natural gas compression industry.

Two Named to All Oklahoma/USA Academic Team

Two OSU Institute of Technology students were selected to the 2015 All Oklahoma/All USA Academic Team and were recognized at a ceremony at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City in March 2015.

Martin McCurdy is working on his Bachelor of Technology in Information Assurance & Forensics, and Park Davis will graduate with an Associate in Applied Science in Construction Management.

McCurdy and Davis were selected because of their grade point averages of at least 3.5 and provided examples on how they demonstrated their leadership skills in the classroom, on campus, and in the community.

IT Internship Leads to Scholarship

Martin McCurdy also turned his recent internship into a winning research project and a $2,000 scholarship.

McCurdy, who interned at Tulsa-based True Digital Security, is now working there full time and finished his degree by taking courses online. He graduated in August 2015.

While on his internship, McCurdy was encouraged by his supervisors at True Digital Security to apply for the Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science and Technology intern scholarship program.

McCurdy did his research project on a specific compliance in the payment card industry and the different methods of compliance.

More than 30 people gathered in a room at Choctaw Defense in McAlester to recognize two new members of the manufacturing company’s workforce and OSU Institute of Technology’s newest students at a signing event in May 2015.

Tanner Williams and Colby Crosby signed sponsorship agreements along with Choctaw Defense President Stephen Benefield at a ceremony similar to those held for student athletes about to enter college.

The Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition, hosted by OSUIT, has 10 two-person teams of high-school aged technical center students from across the state compete to diagnose and fix as many bugs as possible in 10 identical Ford vehicles in an hour and a half.

CAT Students Earn mikeroweWORKS Scholarships

Adam Bell and Ryan White each wanted a better career and life for their families so they enrolled in OSU Institute of Technology’s CAT Dealer Prep program two years ago.

Their hard work in the classroom and in the shop has paid off with each receiving a mikeroweWORKS Foundation tool scholarship for $1,000 in May 2015.

The mikeroweWORKS Foundation supports and promotes skilled trades and grants scholarships to men and women who have an interest and aptitude in mastering a specific trade.

Fifty-one students from across the country were awarded mWf tool scholarships this year, and OSUIT is the only school in the state that had scholarship winners.
From a young age, Jennifer Hill Booker knew what she wanted to do when she grew up—she wanted to cook.

Now the OSU Institute of Technology alumna wants to inspire others to do what she loves and has written a cookbook of her own, “Field Peas to Foie Gras: Southern Recipes with a French Accent.”

Booker graduated from Tulsa’s Booker T. Washington High School, then attended the University of Tulsa at her parents’ urging, despite wanting to go straight to culinary school.

“During that time I always wanted to be a chef,” she said, so after she earned her bachelor’s degree in communications, she enrolled at OSUIT and graduated from the School of Culinary Arts in 1995.

She worked in Tulsa primarily as a pastry chef before moving to Germany with her husband, an officer in the U.S. Army. She started her own personal chef service, Your Resident Gourmet, for military families living on the base.

Booker also took advantage of her European residence and attended the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Paris.

When she returned to the United States, her personal chef business continued to grow and she became an instructor teaching at the Le Cordon Bleu campus in Atlanta as well as starting the culinary program at Grayson Technical Education Program in Georgia.

The next step for Booker was to take all her experiences and the recipes she developed over the years and put them together in a cookbook combining the cooking styles she loves.

In February 2015, Booker held book signings on the OSUIT campus as well as Barnes & Noble in Tulsa. A portion of the proceeds from the cookbook sales during the Barnes & Noble signing went into a scholarship fund for OSUIT culinary students.

“It’s my family recipes from the Mississippi Delta and incorporating some French techniques and flavors. Lightening it up a bit,” she said.
CONSTRUCTION ALUMS, ADVISOR RECOGNIZED BY AGC OF OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma chapter of the Association of General Contractors recognized several of their members during an awards banquet in February 2015, including two OSU Institute of Technology alumni and a longtime Construction Management advisory committee member.

Danny Hancock, who graduated from OSUIT in 1993, is now serving his one-year term as president of AGC of Oklahoma. The organization has about 220 business members representing 2,500 to 3,000 employees in the construction industry.

Brett Venable, Construction Management class of 1998, was named Project Manager of the Year, and Larry Creekmore, who has been on the Construction Management Advisory Committee for 23 years, was honored as Builder of the Year.

Both Hancock and Venable, who attended vocational technology programs while in high school, said scholarships led them to OSUIT’s School of Construction Technologies.

Venable, now senior project manager at Flintco LLC, and Hancock, who is now construction manager at Cowen Construction, both said going through the Construction Management program was instrumental to their career trajectories.

Creekmore’s association with OSUIT came about after he was approached in 1992 by Dean Steve Olmstead to join Construction Management’s advisory committee comprised of professionals from the industry that advise administrators and instructors on curriculum and equipment needs so students are better trained and prepared for the workforce. ■
“The Discovery”  
Larry Latham  
OSUIT Faculty - Passed in 2014

“Zeppelins”  
Shanna Teague-Bishop  
Class of 2001

“View from the Top”  
Nathan Harmon - Class of 1997  
OSUIT Faculty
For the second year, OSU Institute of Technology’s School of Visual Communications hosted Art Plus, an art show and auction featuring work done by alumni that benefits current students.

Proceeds from the silent auction event, held in April 2015 in downtown Tulsa, went to the School of Visual Communications Student Scholarship Fund.

James McCullough, dean of the School of Visual Communications, said last year about 17 Visual Communications alumni participated in the inaugural event, but this year the number has grown to 25 artists, including photographers, donating pieces for Art Plus. The first Art Plus raised a little more than $10,000 for the scholarship fund and this year’s event exceeded that total and raised about $13,000.

In fact, $4,000 of the funds raised last year have already been awarded as scholarships to four Visual Communications students.
ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

There were lots of smiles and even a few tears at the annual OSU Institute of Technology Alumni Homecoming Reception and Hall of Fame induction held in April 2015 on the university campus.

Ten people were honored in the second Hall of Fame ceremony. Five were inducted as Distinguished Alumni, those who are established in their professions and whose career accomplishments have been outstanding, and five were named Rising Stars, those alumni who have demonstrated significant or outstanding accomplishments within their first 10 years of graduation.

One of those who expressed heartfelt thanks for the recognition was Laurie Mertes, Art Director with Saatchi & Saatchi and founder of Laurie Lunow Design.

“To me, OSUIT was home. The faculty was family, the staff was family and it’s a relationship that continues today,” Mertes said. “It’s amazing the opportunities this school gives you. It’s amazing the skills you gain here.”

Kirk D. Hurst, senior vice president of manufacturing and special projects for National Oilwell Varco, said the training and skills students learn at OSUIT are needed in industries around the world.

“I don’t know where I’d be if it hadn’t been for this school,” said Hurst. “One thing I can say for certain, without my education I would not have been able to accomplish the things I have accomplished. This award, it means a whole lot to me.”

President of Tulsa Gas Technologies Tom Sewell came to OSUIT just to become an electrician, but an instructor saw his potential for more.

“The instructor changed my whole focus. These guys took just an electrician and woke me up and taught me how to learn,” Sewell said. “This place changed my life.”

Jerry Bisbee, ’70
School of Diesel & Heavy Equipment
Freightliner Dealer Trainer & Troubleshooter for ATC Freightliner Group, LLC.

Nanette Robertson, ’83
School of Arts & Sciences
Executive Director of the Eastern Workforce Investment Board in Muskogee

Kirk D. Hurst, ’76
School of Engineering Technologies
Senior Vice President of Manufacturing & Special Projects for National Oilwell Varco in Houston

Jim Swank, ’58
School of Construction Technologies
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
Retired founder & President of RAE Corporation

Tom Sewell, ’81
School of Engineering Technologies
President of Tulsa Gas Technologies & founder of Blue Energy Fuels
Danilo Barros, '07
School of Diesel & Heavy Equipment
Director of Latin America for SST Software

Monty Dyer, '04
School of Diesel & Heavy Equipment
Dealer Trainer at ATC Freightliner

Jack Herron, '06
School of Culinary Arts
Executive Chef of catering operations at the Jimtown Store in Healdsburg, California

Laurie Mertes, '11
School of Visual Communications
Art Director with Saatchi & Saatchi and founder of Laurie Lunow Design

Stephen Silva, '11
School of Nursing & Health Sciences
Certified prosthetic technician & certified fitter of orthotics at Hanger Clinic in Tulsa
The Library at OSU Institute of Technology was awarded a grant of $30,000 from the Roy and Mariana Holleman Foundation, which distributes funds to academic library science programs.

The grant will be used to create and furnish a media:scape room, a private and collaborative space away from the main library area that will accommodate a larger group of students or staff, said Library Director Jenny Duncan.

The grant provides the funding for two 32-inch monitors, desk and chairs, six laptops, personal marker boards, components for high-definition videoconferencing and six media connector Pucks, which allow patrons to share content more easily via laptops.
After four months of being closed for renovations, the Student Union Cafeteria and its adjoining dining area reopened in April 2014 to rave reviews.

The serving area features new equipment including an extended salad bar, a dessert case and a new grill area.

The new equipment also allows more food to be kept in the serving area so food service staff don’t have to replenish as often.

“The students are really, really happy,” said Hayley Holmes, Campus Food Services manager. “The entire food services staff is excited about the physical changes as well as the additional services we’re able to offer our students, faculty, and staff.”

In addition to the equipment, the serving area has new lighting, ceiling, and tile floors and walls, including tiles etched with Pistol Pete and the OSUIT logo.

The much-needed Servery renovation project stayed within the $640,000 budget and was in the planning stages for two years, said James Byrd, director of Student Union and Auxiliary Services.

“The Student Union was built in 1989. Most of that equipment was original to the building,” he said, and this new serving equipment is safer and much more energy efficient. “I think it enables Hayley and her crew to do more, be more creative and offer more to the students.”
Representatives from the Gas Processors Association and Gas Processors Suppliers Association were on the OSU Institute of Technology campus in September 2014 for a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony of the newly renovated GPA/GPSA Midcontinent Chapter Classroom in the school’s Pipeline Integrity Technology program.

The need for skilled engineering technologists that install, operate, maintain, repair and manage the integrity and security of pipelines is on the rise, and the OSUIT program enables students to develop the skills necessary to be successful in the pipeline industry. The Midcontinent chapter of GPA and GPSA, incorporated nonprofit trade associations, donated $25,000 toward classroom improvements for the program.

The renovated classroom includes new teaching tools, technology and equipment, as well as classroom supplies and furniture.

This most recent contribution, combined with other scholarship and excellence funds donated to the school, brings a total of $100,000 donated by the GPA/GPSA Midcontinent Chapter to OSUIT since last summer.

“The millions of Americans who rely on natural gas to heat their homes or cook their meals may not realize it, but they depend heavily upon the skilled and knowledgeable pipeline technicians every day,” said GPA/GPSA Midcontinent Chapter President Brian Leedy. “We are proud to help support this vital mission to train and teach our future pipeline integrity technicians who are in such demand across the country.”

The Pipeline Integrity program began at OSUIT in 2013 after industry leaders came to the university asking for a training program to help meet the need of skilled technicians in the pipeline field.

With more than 2.5 million miles of pipelines in the U.S., transporting 65 percent of the country’s oil and nearly all of its natural gas, having skilled workers to maintain that complex network of pipelines is a top concern for the energy industry.

“The growth potential in the pipeline integrity field is unbelievable as we continue to see not only interest from students, but interest from industry professionals who want to be part of this program,” said OSUIT President Bill R. Path. “We are so thankful to the GPA/GPSA Midcontinent Chapter for recognizing our program and what it’s doing for the industry, and choosing to support the education of the next generation of pipeline technicians.”
Over the last year, a number of OSU Institute of Technology programs received donations of equipment, machinery and materials from industry partners and companies.

Donations included a natural gas compressor skid, 225 feet of pipeline, about a dozen engines, a tractor, several automobiles, an excavator, generators, control systems and network servers.

Equipment donations can include highly valuable new, slightly used or loaned items that are exchanged when machinery is updated.

The new excavator donated from Komatsu is valued at $250,000 alone. The natural gas compressor skid from Devon Energy is worth $225,000, the new John Deere tractor on loan is worth about $80,000 and Koch Industries’ donations and delivery of pipe was worth about $15,000.

All the recent donations combined have a total value of more than $1 million.

By having equipment donated, students are given an opportunity to train on the same machines and technology that is utilized in the field, said Roy Achemire, dean of the School of Energy Technologies.

The companies and industry partners benefit from the equipment donations as well when new employees from OSUIT are already trained on the equipment.

“It gives the students a real leg-up when they go out to the dealerships or out in the field. They aren’t afraid of these new systems, they are ready to go,” Achemire said.

The recent donations are a combination of requests from programs as well as companies offering equipment, and industry partners are always generous when a need arises.

If it weren’t for donations of new and updated equipment and technology, many programs couldn’t function at the high level they are now.

OSUIT has a strong network of friends and alumni who support OSUIT students every day. These are just a few of the great supporters with a passion for OSUIT who have made a difference this past year:

Mary Roomsburg, as executor of the Dora Rose Roberts Trust, increased the endowment of the JD Roberts Scholarship to over $100,000 to support OSUIT students from Okmulgee.

Susan and Roger Bey made a generous gift of $25,000 with an additional estate pledge of $100,000 to establish the Michael F. Bey Endowed Scholarship in honor of their son who graduated from OSUIT in 2006 in the Automotive Technologies Pro-Tech program.

Wanda and Thomas Payne established the Wanda S. Payne Endowed Scholarship and the Thomas H. Payne Endowed Scholarship with a combined gift of $50,000. This is the second year for the Payne’s to establish new scholarships at OSUIT. In 2013, they created the Senator Tom Payne Memorial Endowed Scholarship Honoring Edgar Vassaur and the Senator Tom and Maxine Payne Memorial Endowed Scholarship, in memory of Thomas Payne’s mother and father.

Kendall Adams established the Keeling Adams Memorial Scholarship in memory of his son, an OSUIT Construction Management student. This scholarship will support current students in the Construction Management program.

Jennifer Hill Booker, OSUIT’95 donated a portion of the proceeds from her new book, Field Peas to Foie Gras, to establish the Jennifer Hill Booker OSUIT Culinary Scholarship to support students in the OSUIT Culinary Program.

To make a gift to OSUIT, or for more information, please contact Director of Development Glenn Zannotti at 918.606.8313 or gzannotti@osugiving.com.
In 2014, OSU Institute of Technology began studying a unique opportunity to show its commitment to the Okmulgee community while simultaneously increasing housing options for students.

In January 2015, The OSU/A&M Board of Regents approved the purchase of two properties in downtown Okmulgee that will be renovated into residence halls for OSUIT students.

OSUIT purchased the property on the northeast corner of Grand Avenue and Fifth Street consisting of two connecting buildings, Okmulgee’s original post office built in 1918 and the Barksdale Apartment Building completed in 1919.

The university bought the half-block of buildings for $280,000 plus closing costs with renovations estimated to cost $3 to $4 million.

“It’s a beautiful building with a grand entrance. It has a lot of character, and it has such good bones,” said OSUIT President Bill R. Path. “It really met our criteria for student residential needs.”

The second property purchased was the Bell Block Building, built in 1900, on the northeast corner of Morton Avenue and Sixth Street for $95,000 plus closing costs. The estimated renovation costs are still pending.

After the former post office is renovated, work will begin on the Bell building turning the second floor into loft-style spaces. Administrators are going over options for the first floor, which faces downtown’s commercial stretch along Sixth Street.

“This gorgeous building has been remodeled many times over the years and housed several different retail interests, but originally served as Okmulgee’s first opera house,” Path said. “We love the prominent location and wanted to secure the building before someone else buys it.”

In June, OSUIT hired KSQ Architects and Oakridge Builders, both Tulsa-based firms, to oversee the design and renovation of both downtown properties.

Path said renovating the historic downtown spaces is comparable to constructing new buildings on campus.

“We could have spent a lot of money building a brand new residence hall on campus, but we can accommodate students and help out the community at the same time by renovating these historic buildings,” he said.

The recent boon of other downtown Okmulgee buildings being bought and converted into commercial lofts means OSUIT can leverage its investment with the owners of these new living spaces, Path said.

“This falls squarely within the university’s land grant mission,” he said. “It is tangible community engagement for the greater good of Okmulgee and OSUIT.”

Since the project began, a key component has been student input and involvement.

Staff surveyed students in August 2014 and found that 86% of the respondents felt the projects were a good idea and 92% believed that students would want to live in these properties.

“Students want to live downtown,” Path said.
The Bell Building as it originally stood in 1905 complete with turret.

DESIGN STUDENTS DEVELOP OKMULGEE RISING BRAND

Okmulgee Rising, the downtown revitalization movement that has gained momentum over the last year, now has its own brand thanks to OSU Institute of Technology graphic design students.

School of Visual Communications instructor Mary Miller had students in her Identity and Branding class each come up with a logo and campaign for Okmulgee Rising. The students spent six weeks during the spring 2015 trimester developing an identity package that included a logo design, brochure, motion graphic, web design, and social media meme. Faculty then narrowed the field to their top three finalists: Jennifer Jackson, Becca Patton, and Abbey Robnett.

Members of the Okmulgee Main Street Board and Main Street Director Heather Sumner attended a presentation by all three finalists and chose Jennifer Jackson’s logo as the winner.

OSUIT’s purchase of the two properties is part of a larger revitalization effort in the downtown district called Okmulgee Rising.

“OSUIT students are considered a key constituent group in the Okmulgee Rising effort,” Path said. “Much of the success of this project will depend on their willingness to reside in downtown Okmulgee while they are pursuing their college education.”

For Adrienne Luster, a student veteran who is working toward a Bachelor of Technology from the School of Information Technologies, said she likes the idea of renovating downtown lofts much better than constructing new dorms.

“Being a smaller, more nontraditional campus, we have students with families, and we have student veterans. They will want to live someplace where they can live their life,” she said. “Having different housing options will open the university up to so many more students.”

Getting student buy-in has been vital to the revitalization efforts through different avenues, not just the focus group.

Graphic Design students from the School of Visual Communications developed the Okmulgee Rising logo as part of a class project with Okmulgee Main Street selecting Jennifer Jackson’s design as the winning logo.

Students in the 3D Modeling & Animation program also had the chance to contribute to the Okmulgee Rising efforts by creating 3D fly-throughs of two downtown properties that have recently been renovated as apartments.

Mary Miller, Visual Communications instructor, said getting students involved in different aspects of the student housing renovations and the Okmulgee Rising effort means students are more invested in their school and the community.
In April 2015, OrangeFest expanded into a two-day event that highlighted the exciting changes happening in downtown Okmulgee as well as the hands-on programs and campus culture of OSU Institute of Technology.

OrangeFest kicked off Friday, April 10, in downtown Okmulgee with a Chalk Walk, 5K Glo Run, music by Voices of Okmulgee winners, and artwork by Wayne Cooper on display inside the Creek Council House as well as a two-story mural completed by American Indian artist Yatika Starr Fields.

Okmulgee Main Street Director Heather Sumner said it was a great success for a first-time event.

On Saturday, April 11, OrangeFest activities moved to the OSUIT campus headlined by “The Voice” winner Craig Wayne Boyd.

Visitors also got a taste of OSUIT’s wide variety of academic programs through hands-on activities and lots of fun for families including the Kids Zone, Kite Fest, and the Culinary Tailgate Zone.

“The outpouring of support from the community brought the event to a new level that we have been working toward for the last three years,” said Executive Vice President Anita Gordy-Watkins. “To have OSUIT’s orange explosion encompassing the greater community was fantastic.”

— Heather Sumner
Okmulgee Main Street Director

I couldn’t quit smiling. The support and sense of community pride that was felt in Okmulgee Friday night and Saturday at the OSUIT campus really validated our efforts. Partnering with OSUIT for an event such as OrangeFest was a giant step in the right direction. It will take all of us working together to improve Okmulgee and get us where we want and deserve to be.

— Heather Sumner
Okmulgee Main Street Director
They say you learn a lot about a place and its culture through its food. For the first two weeks of November 2014, four chefs from Israel spent time at OSUIT’s School of Culinary Arts to learn about the food and cooking techniques popular in the U.S. and Oklahoma, and in turn, to teach Oklahomans a little about Israeli cuisine.

The visit signifies an important next step in a long-standing partnership with Oklahoma’s Jewish community. Working with Oklahoma Israel Exchange and Partnership2Gether, the Jewish Federation of Tulsa has supported culinary exchanges between Oklahoma and the Sovev Kinneret region of Israel for more than seven years. Recently, the focus has evolved to culinary education and fostering cultural learning through culinary arts, and OSUIT’s School of Culinary Arts and Global Leadership & Faculty Development Academy have become the chosen partner to carry out such exchanges.

In February 2012, Chef Aaron Ware was hosted by Rimonim Culinary School in Tiberias, Israel, and last year, he and fellow culinary instructor Celia Melson returned for a second visit. The next step was to bring young chefs to Oklahoma for a similar experience.

About 30 recent graduates of Rimonim applied to take part in the exchange. After several rounds of interviews and tests, four young chefs were chosen: Chefs Moshico Atias, Maayan Glass, Aviv Golan, and Shlomi Marciano.

During the week, the chefs stayed on campus and attended hands-on lessons with instructors as well took part in culinary field trips throughout Oklahoma.

Glass said he hopes their food opens people’s minds to Israel.

“I think food opens a lot of doors,” he said. “It’s important to open your mind to new things, just to think outside of your box. The kitchen is an art studio and you can create new foods. You have all these ingredients and you can create new tastes.”
the trip to study the impact of global warming and climate change on the small farming community of El Castillo as well as conduct a service project in the village.

“It was definitely a trip where education was first,” Bridger said. “I was surprised how much of our time we spent learning. We did a lot of case studies, and we had to present on the causes and effects of global warming and climate change and then present possible solutions for the village.”

In total, 21 students and three faculty members from 11 colleges traveled to the Dominican Republic to participate in the first-ever OSAP trip.

Shatwell said she wishes more students would take advantage of international learning opportunities.

“It gives you insight about what’s out there, and it broadens your mind,” she said, and getting to share the experience with other college students was priceless.

“We all were from different parts of Oklahoma, we all came from different places. I think we were intrigued by each other. We all asked what our school was like, what our majors were like.”

She took a few classes over the summer and started in the Nursing program full time in the fall 2014 semester.

While looking online for available scholarships to help pay for her classes, she learned about OSU’s Ms. International competition for international students that awards the winner a $500 scholarship.

Typically the only contestants are enrolled on the main campus, but Chitseko made the trip to Stillwater to compete and was the only contestant from one of the branch campuses.

“All the participants were really nice. Just to be in a pageant with people like me was nice. We were all rushing after practice to do homework,” she said.

Chitseko wasn’t a pageant rookie. She was crowned Miss Zimbabwe-USA in 2011 and Miss Intercultural in 2012. With her experience in pageants, she thought she had a pretty good shot at placing at the Ms. International competition, until she met the other 13 contestants.

“Everyone was so talented and so confident. They were all such beautiful girls.”

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A search for scholarship opportunities led to OSU Institute of Technology student Elizabeth Chitseko being crowned Ms. International at Oklahoma State University’s Stillwater campus in November 2014.

Chitseko, a nursing student, grew up in Zimbabwe before moving to the United States seven years ago. She was attending Victory Bible College when she learned about OSUIT and its hands-on technical education.
Long before becoming a college campus, a rich military heritage was imbued upon the acreage in Okmulgee, Okla., where OSU Institute of Technology now stands.

A lot has changed in nearly 70 years since the university was founded; yet OSUIT’s commitment to assisting and training veterans for the civilian workforce has never wavered.

In November 2014, the campus and area veterans came together to dedicate the new Veterans Memorial monument on the OSUIT campus as part of the campus’ Veterans Day commemoration, which also included a parade and honor ceremony.
Anita Gordy-Watkins Named Executive Vice President

OSU Institute of Technology named Anita Gordy-Watkins to the role of executive vice president in August 2014. Gordy-Watkins most recently served as vice president of Institutional Advancement.

“With 25 years of service to the institution in a variety of leadership capacities, Anita brings exceptional depth of knowledge and experience to this new role,” said Dr. Bill R. Path, OSUIT president. “She is an innovative thinker and exceptional motivator, and the connections she has made on behalf of OSUIT are unparalleled.”

Gordy-Watkins holds a bachelor’s degree in Marketing Education and a master’s degree in Human Resource Development from Oklahoma State University. She is past-chair for the Oklahoma Governor’s International Team and a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Economic Development Council.

She has served on the OSU Alumni Leadership Council, was Chair of the American Association of Engineering Education’s Continuing Education Division, and also chaired the Green Country Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development.

Gordy-Watkins will continue oversight of Institutional Advancement, which includes the Office of Institutional Research, the Economic Development & Training Center, Workforce Development, Global Relations, Grants and Sponsored Programs, the Advanced Training Center at MidAmerica Industrial Park, and the Office of Marketing & Communications.

“I’m honored to have this opportunity to further serve the university I’ve come to love,” Gordy-Watkins said. “There is a growing excitement in the air at OSUIT, and I take great pleasure in building awareness about our programs and services for students that will ultimately translate into the development of a stronger, highly-educated workforce in Oklahoma.”

Dr. Scott Newman Selected Vice President of Academic Affairs

In June 2015, the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents approved the appointment of Dr. Scott Newman to the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs at OSU Institute of Technology.

Newman had been filling the position on an interim basis since December 2014.

Newman has been a fixture at OSUIT for nearly 15 years first coming to the Okmulgee campus as a faculty member then taking on leadership roles in administrative positions.

He opened up more opportunities for students and the university when he became the founding dean of what is now the School of Information Technologies in 2001, a position he held until he was named interim vice president of academic affairs in late 2014.

He holds graduate degrees from the University of Oklahoma, The University of Oxford, and Oklahoma State University, and is an alumnus of Leadership Oklahoma.

Newman is also a peer reviewer for The Higher Learning Commission, has served as an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Fellow and an American Council on Education Fellow, and been recognized as one of the nation’s top technology leaders by Computerworld.

His role as vice president of academic affairs is to help the university serve its stakeholders in new and significant ways, he said.

“We need to engage our stakeholders to determine what the next five and 10 years will look like for OSUIT,” Newman said. “There’s no question the university, like virtually all other higher education institutions, will face significant challenges in the future. However, if we work closely with our constituencies and develop a shared vision that others can get behind, our opportunities are even greater.”
“Your students will rise to it,” he said, but that doesn’t mean he’s a taskmaster in class. “You have to make it fun for the students. You have to approach it in a different way. You have to make it relevant to them.”

Singleton said she’s humbled to now join the list of past award winners. “My predecessors have been people I have looked up to and have had the privilege of working with over the past nine years,” she said. “I consider it an honor and requirement to live up to the standards of an Outstanding Staff winner — to serve as a role model for other staff members and be an ambassador for the university. To not only tell others, but show others what a great place OSUIT is for students and employees.”

Six Recognized as NISOD Winners

Four faculty and two staff members have been named winners of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Awards for 2015.

NISOD recipients back row: James Byrd and Chef Aaron Ware. Front row: Celia Melson, Dr. Regina Foster, and Dr. Maria Christian.

Banquet in June 2015.

Arts & Sciences instructor Thomas Holman was named Outstanding Faculty Member and Nate Todd, director of Prospective Student Services, and Pat Singleton, Student Life staff assistant, were named Outstanding Staff Members in the exempt and non-exempt categories.

Holman has taught social science courses such as government, history and geography at OSUIT for nearly 12 years. Singleton has worked at OSUIT since 2006 and Todd has been at the university for the past three years.

“You come in and do the best you can do in your position, but you’re not looking for any kind of recognition. It’s nice someone noticed that I’m trying to contribute,” Todd said. “This is a fantastic university. I’m glad I work in a place that values their staff and faculty.”

Holman, who is retired from the U.S. Air Force, said the award validates his priority of educating, not just passing, his students and holding them to a high standard.

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School of Arts & Sciences instructors

Retirements

27 Years of Service
Glenda (Chris) Ballard

26 Years of Service
Steven R. Kamm

23 Years of Service
Clay T. Parmley

13 Years of Service
Tommy Lawson

5 Years of Service
John F. Reed
Dr. Maria Christian and Dr. Regina Foster were recognized in the Innovative Practices category for their cross-disciplinary teaching project, A Tale of Two Disciplines: Lessons in Critical Thinking.

James Byrd, director of Student Union and Auxiliary Services, was recognized in the Service to OSUIT category for his work spearheading the Student Union Servery renovation project.

School of Culinary Arts instructors Chef Aaron Ware and Celia Melson and Andrea Gardner, former global relations coordinator, were recognized in the Collegiate Project category for their work coordinating the Rimonim Chef Exchange Program.

NISOD is a member organization that promotes and celebrates excellence in teaching, learning and leadership at two-year institutions and technical colleges. NISOD winners were honored at the Excellence Awards Dinner and Celebration held during the annual conference in Austin, Texas, in May 2015.

President Bill R. Path was recognized nationally for his opinion pieces and blog posts about issues facing higher education and the ever-widening skills gap in the U.S.

A study by Roland King of PhairAdvantage Communications, LLC, analyzed nearly 600 opinion pieces written by nonprofit college and university presidents and created a list of the most published administrators with Path making the list because of his 10 Huffington Post blogs that ran in 2014.

“I was truly surprised when the researcher informed me that I was being included in his list of the top 14 most prolific college presidents for 2014. I really had no idea that what I was doing was that meritorious or unusual,” Path said.

School of Culinary Arts Chef Bill Leib will soon do more for his students than just teach them.

The new Chef Bill Leib Scholarship is being established that will be awarded to a student or students seeking an Associate in Applied Science in Culinary Arts. The school hopes to award the first Chef Bill Leib Scholarship in the fall 2015 semester to one or two second year students to help with their continued education costs.

The scholarship came about after Leib was invited to participate in the John Hope Franklin Center Dinner of Reconciliation in 2012, and he’s volunteered his time and talents every year since.

Now a portion of the proceeds will go toward the Chef Bill Leib Scholarship fund.

With more than 20 years, experience in the health care field—17 years as a nurse and nine years as a nursing instructor—Jodi Campbell knows the importance of educating and preparing the future health care workforce.

Executives at First National Bank & Trust and Citizens Security Bank in Okmulgee understand that importance as well, which is why the banks created an endowed professorship for OSU Institute of Technology.

Campbell, who has been a nursing instructor at OSUIT for the last four years, was recently chosen as the recipient of the endowed professorship.

“It demonstrates the bank’s commitment to the university and the university’s commitment to the nursing program,” she said. “I’m very humbled to be recognized by my peers and the university with this distinction. I’m very proud to represent the program and the community.”

For the second consecutive year, OSUIT is the only university in Oklahoma to have John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award recipients. This year three employees were recognized for the honor.

Roueche Award Recipients from left to right: Sable Vasquez, Dr. Maria Christian, and Diana Sanders

Chef Bill Leib
“This isn’t just recognition from the university or the even the state. This is a national award,” said Sable Vasquez, special events coordinator in prospective student services who was recognized in the staff category.

Dr. Maria Christian, an instructor in the School of Arts & Sciences, was the recipient in the faculty category and Diana Sanders, director of financial aid and scholarships, took the top honor in the administration category.

The award recognizes faculty and staff from two-year colleges and universities across the country. OSUIT’s three honorees were the only recipients from Oklahoma.

| Path Appointed to Education Advisory Committee |

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin announced the formation of the Governor’s Education Advisory Committee in March 2015, naming several key leaders in public education to join, including OSU Institute of Technology President Bill R. Path.

Committee members are representatives of schools, career-technology centers and colleges and universities that will advise the governor on education policy and aid in the development and implementation of the governor’s “Oklahoma Works” initiative.

The new initiative, announced in Fallin’s State of the State address in early February 2015, seeks to develop local partnerships between the public and private sector to ensure that students have access to the education and training they need to find good-paying jobs after graduation.

“It’s an honor to be a part of this new education advisory committee and for OSU Institute of Technology’s mission to be recognized by Governor Fallin,” Path said. “The Oklahoma Works initiative seeks to build partnerships between public education institutions and private industry where our graduates will start their careers.”

| IN MEMORIAM |

| Laurel Behn |

OSUIT Library Technical Assistant

Most libraries are places of quiet in order to foster concentration and contemplation. The OSU Institute of Technology Library is no different, except when technical assistant Laurel Behn was working.

“Her laugh, you could hear it across the library,” said Beth Kieffer, the reference and instruction librarian and archivist. “There was no quiet when she was around. She was like an anti-librarian.”

Behn died unexpectedly Jan. 22, 2015. She had been with the OSUIT Library for 10 years, often the first friendly face visitors saw when they entered the library.

“Laurel was the heartbeat of the library. She loved the students, she loved her job,” said Library Director Jenny Duncan. “She would go out of her way to help anyone who came through the door.”

| Larry Latham |

School of Visual Communications Instructor, 3D Modeling & Animation

If you grew up watching cartoons in the 1980s and ’90s, then Larry Latham likely played an important part in your childhood.

Latham, an Oklahoma City native, was a producer, director and storyboard artist on a number of animated series and movies including “The Smurfs,” “DuckTales,” Emmy-nominated “The Tick,” and Emmy-winning “TailSpin.”

Latham, who lived in Broken Arrow, died Nov. 2, 2014 after battling a rare form of cancer.

After a successful career as an animator in California, he returned to Oklahoma in 2001 before coming to OSU Institute of Technology six years ago as an instructor in Visual Communication’s 3D Modeling & Animation program.

“The heart and soul of the 3D program was Larry. His wealth of knowledge was unparalleled. No one could ever replace him.”

— Michael Lister ’14
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  - Construction Management Technology
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