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# 2014 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

**DISTRICT 99**

Langston University • Oklahoma City Community College

Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City • Rose State College • University of Central Oklahoma

## HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

- Over the last several years, Oklahoma’s public colleges and universities have experienced record enrollments and produced increasing numbers of graduates, remaining one of the most significant positive impacts on the state’s economy, communities and citizens.
  - More than 190,000 students enrolled annually.
  - More than 30,000 degrees awarded annually.
- According to the FallinForBusiness.com survey report:
  - The quality of Oklahoma’s college and university system is ranked as the most important business climate strength.
  - Of the 5,400 Oklahoma business leaders surveyed, 87 percent indicated that the quality of Oklahoma’s higher education system is either excellent or good.

Oklahoma’s public higher education institutions are a critical asset to the state, delivering community services and benefits that go far beyond the students enrolled and the degrees earned each year. No entity in state government can help Oklahoma reach its stated goals of academic excellence and economic development faster or more comprehensively than public higher education.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### Enrollment

- During the 2012-13 academic year, more than 67,400 students enrolled at institutions in or near District 99.

### Graduation

- During the 2012-13 academic year, more than 7,200 students graduated from institutions in or near District 99.

### Oklahoma’s Promise

- In District 99, 87 students from the 2013 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 371 high school students in District 99 are enrolled in Oklahoma’s Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 730 students from District 99 have received the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- During the 2012-13 academic year, more than 3,800 students at higher education institutions in or near District 99 received approximately \$11.3 million in scholarships from Oklahoma’s Promise.

### Concurrent Enrollment

- During the 2012-13 academic year, more than 3,000 students earned more than 23,400 credit hours taking concurrent courses at institutions in or near District 99.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

A recent report, commissioned by the State Chamber of Commerce Research Foundation, reveals that Oklahoma’s public higher education system generates more than \$9.2 billion in economic impacts in the state and supports more than 85,000 jobs. **For every \$1 of state funding spent on public higher education in Oklahoma, an estimated \$4.72 is returned to the state’s economy.**

- In District 99, the estimated return on investment is \$5.19 for every \$1 of state funding.



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