

Letter from the Director

Dear Friends,

The celebration of our centennial year as a state institution is behind us, and now we look to a new century of education that shapes the future of this region. I write this letter today congratulating our NSU family on such a successful and fun-filled milestone, as well as the tremendous outpouring of support that lifts this university to greater heights.

I mention the all-time highs that Dr. Don Betz describes to in his welcome letter, and also thank Gregg Wadley and Dr. Betsy Brackett for their tremendous gift to NSU. But I would like to thank the many supporters who stepped up in so many ways to aid this university. Your gifts are making a difference each day.

In 2009, we established new scholarships that will benefit a number of students. The Nix Foundation and Patsi Ann Smith established an endowment to celebrate their family and land that part of the Tahlequah campus rests on. Their impact will leave a legacy and tie the Crafton and Leoser names to the university in perpetuity.

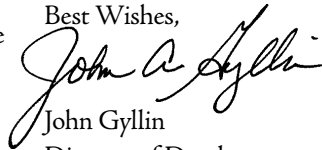
Dr. Steve Smith, president of Eastern Oklahoma State College, and his friend Ed Bell have each established scholarships to assist students in the College of Education. Our own Computing and Telecommunications department regularly commits funds through events and payroll deduction to award the Frank Haven Memorial Scholarship. These are just a few examples of how our alumni, friends and staff are sharing their gifts to help others.

The Northeastern family continues to be generous. If you look across campus at the different departments and colleges, you see signs of wonderful support. Donors support the arts through jazz studies and the Galaxy of Stars. The NSU Athletic Association brings in resources for our student athletes. Countless sponsorships take place to ensure events like Homecoming, Emerald Ball and the Miss NSU pageant are successful. All of this happens because our alumni and friends believe in the power of education – the power of NSU.

We recently lost two outstanding trustees to the NSU Foundation, Francis Wheeler and Bob Roady. Both men were wonderful supporters of the university and led by example. They are each remembered in this publication and will be missed, but their legacy through their contributions will have an impact for generations.

We are so appreciative of all the support that makes NSU the gathering place. We hope you will continue that support, and thank you for all you do for NSU.

Best Wishes,



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