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29th Annual ConferenceJune 5–8, 2019
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rectings everyone! The Society of American Indian Dentists is proud to welcome you to the great state of Oklahoma for our 29th Annual Conference. United We Heal: Advancing Interprofessional Health Care is our 2019 conference theme. The Board of Directors and Executive Committee are pleased to have coordinated a conference program in the spirit of collaboration to ultimately make a difference in the lives and wellbeing of the patients we serve.

We will unite for an exciting opening session with top leaders from the professions of oral health care and medicine joining us. Three Honorable leaders from the most progressive American Indian Nations in Oklahoma have been invited to address our gathering. Our political leadership and dedicated sheros, including The Honorable Senator Anastasia Pittman, will offer words of wisdom as will our newly elected congresswomen, The Honorable Sharice Davids, 3rd District Kansas and The Honorable Debra Haaland, 1st District New Mexico coming to us via video conferencing. Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter will bring greetings and provide a presentation on the Historic 2019 Settlement with Purdue Pharma, the \$200 Million to Establish Endowment for OSU Center for Wellness and the Role the Profession of Dental Medicine Can Take to Continue Supporting this Mammoth Success.

Continuing education courses will offer upwards of 20 credits to be earned from presentations united around the professions of oral health care and medicine. We welcome our future student dentists and physicians alike into our folds of collaboration. Our Course Series: *United We Heal: Advancing Interprofessional Health Care — Triage to Treatment* and *Dinner & Course: Healthy Meals to Healing Medicine: The Prescription is in the Food* are just two of the exciting available educational opportunities.

The Society of American Indian Dentists is proud to host as part of our 29th conference a united student track. Sponsorship is being provided by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). Predental students and student dentist leaders and representatives from the American Association of Women Dentists, the Hispanic Dental Association, and the National Dental Association will join student dentist members of the Society of American Dentists for two days of sessions.

Celebrate with us at our awards dinner and scholarship banquet at the stunningly beautiful Oklahoma History Center. Join hands with us as we take part in the Red Earth Parade. Pass out toothbrushes with us, along with our exclusively designed "See Yourself Becoming a Dentist" stickers. Experience what has been referred to as "America's Most Unique Parade" as hundreds of participants including the SAID, tribal leaders, princesses, floats, Veterans Groups, and drum groups circle the beautifullylandscaped Myriad Botanical Gardens to celebrate the opening of the Red Earth Festival in downtown Oklahoma City.

Sixty-seven Native American tribes are represented in Oklahoma, including 39 federally recognized tribes. Enjoy the all the wonders of the state whose name *Oklahoma* comes from the Choctaw phrase *okla humma*, literally meaning red people.

Many thanks to all of our generous sponsors and kind fellow organizations who continue to unite with us year after year. Your support has helped bring our future dentists closer to us and has endeared others to support us too. We look forward to many more years of working together because it is united that we heal.

29th Annual Conference Sponsors























General Information

Thank you for Uniting with the Society of American Indian Dentists to Heal

SAID Continuing Dental Education Courses (CEU)

The CEU courses will be delivered during the Annual SAID Conference, June 5–8, 2019 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Downtown Medical Center, 741 North Phillips Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

These courses are intended to be lectures with corresponding credits awarded by The Children's Oral Health Institute. To receive credit, participants must attend lectures to get the verification code announced at each lecture.

SAID Banquet & Awards Celebration

Conference registration includes one (1) banquet ticket. Guests not registered for the conference and who plan to attend the Dinner Course on Thursday, June 6th are required to pay \$25. The ticket cost for the SAID Dinner & Award Banquet on Friday, June 7th is \$100.



Enjoy the flute music of the Society of American Indian Dentists own Dr. Jessica Ann Rickert

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

Embassy Suites Oklahoma City

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm CLOSED BOARD MEETING

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm **MANAGER'S HAPPY HOUR**

Meet in the hotel lobby prior to departing for Meet & Greet

American Indian Cultural Center

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm **MEET & GREET**

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

Embassy Suites Oklahoma City

8:30 am - 10:00 am **OPENING SESSION**

PROCESSION

Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard

OPENING PRAYER

Dr. George Blue Spruce, Pueblo (Laguna/Ohkay-Owingeh)

Founder & President Emeritus, Society of American Indian Dentists

WELCOME REMARKS

Dr. Winifred J. Booker, Piscataway, President, Society of American Indian Dentists

Dr. Bob Smith, Dental Officer, Oklahoma City Area, Indian Health Service

The Honorable Congresswoman, Sharice Davids*, Ho-Chunk (Winnebago), 3rd District Kansas

The Honorable Congresswoman, Debra Haaland*, Laguna Pueblo, 1st District New Mexico

The Honorable Senator, Anastasia Pittman, Seminole Nation

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Mr. Ian Zaman, American Dental Education Association

Dr. Ricardo Y. Mendoza, President, Hispanic Dental Association

Dr. John T. Daniels, II, President, National Dental Association

PRESENTATION

Attorney General Mike Hunter

The Historic 2019 Settlement with Purdue Pharma, the \$200 Million to Establish Endowment for OSU Center for Wellness and the Role the Profession of Dental Medicine Can Take to Continue Supporting this Mammoth Success

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THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

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CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

ALL HEALERS — Dentists | Physicians | Student Dentists | Student Physicians | Pre-dental and Pre-med students

10:15 am - 12:00 pm Part 1: COURSE

Careers within the Career: The Profession of Dental Medicine (1.5 CEU)

All it Has to Offer for Dentists and Student Dentists Alike

FACILITATOR: Dr. Felicia Fontenot

PRESENTERS:

Indian Health Service: **Dr. Bob Smith** (30) Oklah<mark>oma University: **Dr. Kevin L. Haney** (30) Private Practice: **Dr. Jessica Rickert** (30) Corporation Dentistry: **Mr. Wayne Oplinger** (30)</mark>

CLOSER:

Science Related Careers: Dr. Kent Smith

Objectives:

- 1. Learn about dental careers beyond the "wet glove," clinical treatment environment.
- Learn about dental careers in the Indian Health Service, Public Health Service and Federally Qualified Health Centers.
- 3. Understand possible career option transitions from "practicing dentists," to "corporate owner dentist."
- 4. Learn about faculty positions, and science-related careers in oral health profession.

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

LECTURE WITH LUNCH

Part 2: COURSE

Careers within the Career: The Profession of Dental Medicine (1.5 CEU)

All it Has to Offer for Dentists and Student Dentists Alike

1:15 pm - 5:30 pm

COURSE SERIES

United We Heal: Advancing Interprofessional Health Care — Triage to Treatment (4.25 CEU)

FACILITATORS: Dr. Tim Fagan & Dr. Kay S. Beavers

FACULTY:

Pediatric Oral Health: Dr. Tim Fagan (30) Periodontics: Dr. Karen Luce (30)

Family Medicine: **Dr. David Kelley (30)**Adolescence Health: **Dr. Kelly A. Curran (30)**Gerontology: **Dr. Kay S. Beavers (30)**Renal Health & Diabetes: **Dr. Usman Bhutta (30)**

Heart Health: Dr. C.A. Sivaram (30)

Objectives:

- Understand the importance of oral and systemic health maintenance, disease diagnosis and treatment options, from children and youth, to pregnant women, to men, women and elderly adults.
- 2. Understand connections between systemic health conditions and oral health conditions and the importance of the dentist-physician referral network.
- 3. Appreciate the value of the *United We Heal* mentality that is expanding nationally to encourage systems wide interprofessional health care.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

6:00 pm - 9:15 pm

DINNER & COURSE: Healthy Meals to Healing Medicine: The is in the food! (3.0 CEU) SPONSORS: American Dental Association & Society of American Indian Dentists

GRACE & BLESSINGS

Dr. George Blue Spruce, Pueblo, Founder & President Emeritus, Society of American Indian Dentists

Faculty & Facilitators:

Lori Whelan, MD, Marianna Wetherill PhD, MPH, RDN-AP/LD, Chef Valarie Carter, CHE OU-TU School of Community Medicine, Culinary Medicine Program

6:15 pm - 6:30 pm

ATTENDEE DINNER

Chef Valarie Carter will collaborate with the hotel kitchen to design a plant-based menu that the hotel will prepare and serve to participants. Chef Carter will incorporate a culinary skills demonstration during her portion of the lecture (see below).

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

LECTURE: "Food as Medicine"

Dr. Lori Whelan, MD, will provide an overview of Lifestyle Medicine and will explain how Culinary Medicine can help practitioners and patients learn to use food as medicine.

Objectives:

- Describe the current health care crisis and the need for an innovative approach to treatment of chronic disease.
- 2. Describe the evidence-based literature supporting the use of food as medicine and how culinary medicine programs are used in an academic setting to teach food as medicine.
- 3. Describe the importance of health care provider healthy role modeling as a critical component of patient lifestyle behavior change counseling.

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

LECTURE: "Culinary Medicine to Promote Health Equity"

Dr. Marianna Wetherill, a PhD registered dietitian, will discuss the benefits of food as medicine in addressing American Indian health disparities and will provide an overview of nutrition prescriptions for common health conditions affecting American Indian communities.

Objectives:

- 1. Describe how food insecurity contributes to eating behaviors and poor nutrition, and the role of these factors in American Indian health disparities.
- 2. Identify the four pillars of food security and how healthy food preparation skills are an important component of the "utilization" pillar of food security.
- 3. Describe low cost, evidence-based nutrition prescriptions that providers can share with patients to address the leading causes of morbidity and mortality among American Indian communities.

7:30 pm - 7:45 pm

8:00 pm - 8:30 pm

BREAK

LECTURE: "The Healthy Kitchen: How to increase cooking and nutritious eating at home"

Chef Valarie Carter will discuss initial steps for stocking and organizing a family-friendly

kitchen including basic food preparation tools and low-cost pantry essentials.

Objectives:

- 1. Identify essential low-cost pantry items.
- 2. Describe how to engage children in the kitchen.
- 3. Name at least three strategies for incorporating family-friendly healthy meals as part of the weekly routine.

8:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Q & A: Dr. Whelan, Dr. Wetherill, and Chef Carter will answer questions from the audience.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019

PROFESSIONAL BREAKOUT TRACK

University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

9:00 am - 10:30 am

COURSE: CDHC — The Community Dental Health

Coordinator (1.5 CEU)
SPONSOR: ADA

PRESENTER: Ms. Lisa Flatt, CDHC

Objectives:

- Understand the tools needed to begin a CHDC Training Program.
- Learn about the training focuses of the CDHC on community outreach, coordination of care, educational and social interventions in the community, and prevention.
- 3. Learn about CDHC Curriculum Outline.
- 4. Learn the elements of the CDHC basic training model.

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

COURSE: There's a Reason for That Lesion! (1.5 CEU)

SPONSOR: Colgate Palmolive **PRESENTER: Dr. Tanya Gibson**

Objectives:

Dr. Gibson will present dental cases, some of them with a systemic connection.

- Participants will learn local and systemic etiologies for select oral lesions.
- 2. Participants will learn oral manifestations of select systemic conditions.
- 3. Participants will learn strategies on how to manage oral lesions.

STUDENT BREAKOUT TRACK -

University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

9:00 am - 10:30 am

SESSION: Part 1 — Opportunities, Resources and SHPEP

Dental and Pre-dental students

SPONSOR: ADEA

PRESENTERS: Mr. Ian Zaman, Mr. Keith Bohanan, Dr. Tamana (Bunny) Begay, Dr. Drew Preston

Objectives

- Learn about programs and opportunities that exist to support to pre-dental students and student dentists.
- 2. Learn about available scholarship resources from communities and corporations.
- 3. Hear from SHPEP graduates and other postbaccalaureate program graduates.

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

SESSION: Part 2 — Dental Student Leadership

SPONSOR: ADEA

PRESENTERS: Dr. George Blue Spruce, Dr. Dave Smith,

Dr. Tamana Begay

Objectives

Hear exciting trailblazing stories from leaders of the Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID) and the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP).

- Learn the how's, when's, where's and who's behind the establishment of the SAID and the AAIP.
- Understand the altruistic commitment required of the leader and of the lead for the sake of sustaining an organization.
- 3. Know that leadership sometimes includes the good, the bad, and the ugly.
- Know everyone must take a turn to lead less receivership comes to call.

University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm LUNCH COURSE: Cherokee Ethnobotany: Heirloom Crops, Native Plants, and their Cultural Uses (1.25 CEU)

PRESENTER: Mr. Pat Gwin

Objectives:

- 1. Learn about a range of Cherokee Plants and provide key information about them
- 2. Understand how to harvest Cherokee plants
- 3. Identify the most common and useful Cherokee cultural plants
- 4. Learn how Cherokee plants were used historically and of their continued use today

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019

PROFESSIONAL BREAKOUT TRACK

University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

COURSE: "Living the Preventistry Life" (2.0 CEU)

SPONSOR: DentaQuest

PRESENTER: Mr. Nick Barnette

Objectives:

1. Introduce the ideas of Preventistry and VPB.

2. Review of Preventistry and Value Based Purchasing (VBP).

STUDENT BREAKOUT TRACK

University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

SESSION: Tour & Talk
SPONSOR: ADEA

PRESENTERS: Dr. Kevin L. Haney, Ms. Marsha Beatty

Objectives:

Learn the history of the Oklahoma University Dental
 School

2. Meet matriculating student dentists.

3. Meet dental school administrators, faculty and staff.

 Learn about the admission requirements for the OU Dental School.

University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm **OPEN MEETING & ELECTIONS**

Oklahoma History Center

5:30 pm - 10:00 pm **SAID BANQUET**

Meet in EMBASSY SUITES OKLAHOMA CITY lobby at 5:30 pm to depart for the banquet.

BLACKBIRD DANCE TROOP OF SHAWNEE, OK



SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

Embassy Suites Oklahoma City

8:00 am - 9:00 am **STUDENTS VENT & VISIT**

Join Dr. George Blue Spruce

SPONSOR: SAID

9:15 gm - 10:30 gm SAID & RED EARTH PARADE

Embassy Suites Oklahoma City

8:00 am - 9:00 am **CLOSED BOARD MEETING**

Meet in EMBASSY SUITES OKLAHOMA CITY lobby at 9:00 am to depart for the Parade Route.

Experience what has been referred to as "America's Most Unique Parade" as hundreds of participants including the SAID, tribal leaders, princesses, floats, Veterans Groups, and drum groups gather to celebrate the opening of the Red Earth Festival in downtown Oklahoma City. The Red Earth Festival Parade is set for 10 am Saturday, June 8 and will travel south on Walker Avenue from NW 6th Street to Sheridan Avenue, just three blocks west of the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City.

10:30 am - 2:30 pm COLGATE BRIGHT SMILES BRIGHT FUTURE DENTAL VAN VOLUNTEERS (4.0 CEU)

SPONSOR: Colgate SAID Members

2:30 pm CONFERENCE ENDS



Mr. Nick Barnette serves as the Network Project & Communications Manager for the Network Solutions Team at DentaQuest. He has 14 years of experience in Medicaid and Medicare dental programs and has a vast knowledge about administration of government programs. His areas of expertise include network recruitment and retention, provider retentions, and program improvements.



Ms. Marsha Wilkes Beatty serves as Asst. Prof. of Research in the Oklahoma University College of Dentistry's (OUCOD) Community Dentistry Division. She developed and teaches courses in Community Dentistry and Evidence-Based Dentistry for first-year dental students, and also serves as Director of OUCOD's Senior Externship Program. Beatty also serves as a member of the College's Diversity Committee, as

a faculty resource for community-based outreach efforts, as advisor for the student-led Rural Dental Interest Group, and with the OU Health Science Center's Interprofessional Educators and Practitioners Association.

Prof. Beatty previously served OUCOD as Co-Director for the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) Pilot Training Program, funded by the American Dental Association (ADA) and focused on increasing access to dental care in underserved areas. She also has extensive experience providing marketing, public relations, community outreach, health services research and fundraising assistance to health facilities and non-profit organizations in both Oklahoma and Texas.

Prof. Beatty earned a BS in medical microbiology from Stanford University's School of Medicine and an MPH from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston School of Public Health. Her current professional and research interests include oral health disparities, oral health literacy, and oral health policy, programmatic and advocacy initiatives that address health equity and access to care issues for vulnerable and underserved populations.



Dr. Kay S. Beavers is a Professor with the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. She has been with the College of Dentistry for the past 20 years and works with both dental hygiene and dental students in both didactic and clinical courses. She is the Course Director for 5 courses, and an Assistant Group Practice Director with second, third, and fourth year dental students. She is a 1980 graduate of Del Mar

College with a degree in Dental Hygiene, and a 1990 graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas. She left private practice in 1991 to join the USPHS Indian Health Service, and served as a Lt. Commander for several years in IHS dental clinics in Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

Dr. Beavers has earned certificates in Geriatrics/Gerontology in 2008 from the University of Oklahoma College of Allied Health and the Legal Assistant Education (Paralegal) Program from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 2015. She is currently enrolled in a Masters in Legal Studies Health Care Law at OU College of Law.



Dr. Tamana (Bunny) Begay is of Navajo, Seneca, and Mohawk descent and was raised in Portland, Ore., with summers spent on the Northern Navajo reservation.

Dr. Begay began her college career at San Diego Mesa Community College and then transferred to the University of California, San Diego, Revelle College. She graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in

biology and minors in art history and psychology.

In 1999, Dr. Begay enrolled in the University of California, San Francisco School Of Dentistry's post-baccalaureate program. Following this program, she began her graduate studies at the University of the Pacific, Dugoni School of Dentistry, in San Francisco. After earning her D.D.S. in 2003, she began working with the Indian Health Service.

Dr. Begay currently works as a general dentist at the Native American Health Center in Oakland, CA. She is involved in several local and national organizations promoting American Indian/Alaska Native students into higher education and professional careers.



Dr. George Blue Spruce Jr., is President Emeritus of the Society of American Indian Dentists. He served as the president for 16 years. He is an enrolled member of the Pueblo Tribe (Laguna/Ohkay-Owingeh), and the first recognized American Indian dentist. Dr. Blue Spruce graduated from Creighton University in 1956 and in 1967 earned his Masters in Public Health from the University of California at Berkley.

He was the first American Indian dentist to be given the title of Assistant Surgeon General. George Blue Spruce served two years in the United State Navy and 20 years in the U.S. Public Health Service (21 years in the Indian Health Service). Although he officially retired in 1986, he has continued to work hard to enhance the health of American Indian people and to encourage Indian people to become dentists as well as leaders in the other health professions. In 1990 he was instrumental in founding the Society of American Indian Dentists. Today he is Assistant Dean for American Indian Affairs at the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health.



Mr. Keith Bohanan (Kiowa of Oklahoma, Choctaw of Oklahoma and Oneida Nation of Wisconsin), is the Indian Health Service Oklahoma Area Scholarship Coordinator, Student Extern Coordinator, Health Professions Recruiter and Loan Repayment contact. He has served in the Federal government for 7 years and 1 year as a contractor. In the past 8 years, the Oklahoma Area has awarded the most Health Profession

Scholarships to Native American students going into the Medical Field and other Health Professions. Mr. Bohanan's academic background includes a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Oklahoma City University.



Dr. Usman Bhutta is a nephrologist in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Presbyterian Hospital and Oklahoma City Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He received his medical degree from Allama Iqbal Medical College, University of the Punjab in 2005 and has been in practice nearly 15 years. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology.

He is an Assistant Professor of medicine at the Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center, in the section of Nephrology. In addition to clinical practice, he takes an active part in the residency and fellowship programs at the university. In his free time, he volunteers for the Oklahoma chapter of the National Kidney Foundation. His clinical interests include: acute kidney injury, chronic kidney disease, and renal transplantation.



An Oklahoma native, **Chef Valarie Carter** earned a B.A. in English from Oklahoma State University and an A.A. in Culinary Arts from the Art Institute of Atlanta. Last summer she completed the Plant Based Nutrition certificate program from Cornell University and is currently pursuing her MPH at the OU Hudson College of Public Health in Tulsa as well as certification as a Lifestyle Medicine Professional. Chef Carter

is the first chef hired by the University of Oklahoma and currently develops the culinary curriculum and co-facilitates all culinary medicine classes at the OU-TU School of Community Medicine.

Formerly, Chef Carter worked as a culinary instructor and consultant for Cooking for Kids, an organization tasked with improving the child nutrition programs in public schools across the state. She is former editor of Edible Tulsa magazine and former columnist for the Tulsa World, Green Country Living Magazine and Sheridan Living Magazine. Chef Carter has broad experience as a personal chef as well as in hotels and country clubs and her skills extend to streamlining food and beverage operations, consulting, food media, and catering. She worked as a special events coordinator in Oklahoma City, planning and organizing events for Bricktown Entertainment and was a culinary arts faculty instructor at OSUIT for 5 years.

Chef Carter serves as the Vice President of the Tulsa Farmers' Market, an organization that supports the local economy by connecting over 75 vendors with Oklahoma consumers through its Wednesday and Saturday farmers' markets, and that supports the healthy food access for low-income community members through the "Double Up Food Bucks" program. She lives in Bixby with her husband and 2 children.



Dr. Kelly Curran is an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Section of Adolescent Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, where she practices adolescent medicine. Dr. Curran attended Xavier University in Cincinnati as an undergraduate. She then earned a medical degree at Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, IL. While

in medical school, she also earned a Masters of Arts in Bioethics at Loyola University-Chicago. She then completed a combined Internal Medicine/Pediatrics residency, followed by an Adolescent Medicine fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, WI. She is board certified in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.

Dr. Curran is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Society for Adolescent Health & Medicine and the North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology. She is an editorial board member for the AAP's Adolescent Medicine PREP series and has recently been elected to the executive committee for the AAP's Section of Bioethics. She has presented research both nationally and internationally and published articles in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Curran has won teaching awards for her work teaching medical students and residents. Dr. Curran is a frequent invited speaker on many topics in adolescent health.



Dr. Tim Fagan holds the William E. Brown Chair in Dentistry at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in Oklahoma City where he is a Clinical Professor, Chairman of the Department of Developmental Sciences, and Head of the Pediatric Dentistry Division. He has maintained a private practice specializing in Pediatric Dentistry for 34 years in Enid, Oklahoma.

He has held multiple leadership roles in organized dentistry including serving as President of the Southwestern Society of Pediatric Dentistry, Oklahoma Dental Association, Oklahoma Association of Pediatric Dentists, Garfield County Dental Society, and Trustee on the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Board of Trustees. He is a past Chairman of the American Dental Association's Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention and has been a delegate or alternate delegate to the ADA's House of Delegates since 2012. He has served as an examiner and member of the examination committee for the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Fagan is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the American College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He received the OU College of Dentistry's Dental Alumnus of the Year Award in 2015, and was the recipient of the Oklahoma Dental Association's Dan E. Brannin Award for Professionalism and Ethics in 2017. His dental interests include eradicating early childhood caries, solving access to dental care issues, pediatric restorative techniques, and infant oral health care.



Dr. Felicia Fontenot (Mescalero Apache) vividly remembers her first trip to the dentist—a kindergarten field trip to the local office where she was fascinated with the instruments and the cherry red toothbrush she got to keep. A few years later, the Indian Health Service Community Health Representatives (CHRs) taught children in the neighborhood playgrounds during the free lunch program how to brush their teeth and

the importance of keeping the sugar bugs away. Those experi-

ences sprung a lifelong interest in teeth that she recognized as a calling after leaving the reservation to attend college at Stanford University, earning her bachelor's degree in Human Biology, and then her Masters in Health Science at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health where she learned the significance of oral health impacts on overall health and the great public health need for dental services in rural areas and small towns.

Dr. Fontenot attended the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco, CA. After graduation, she spent seven years on the Navajo Nation serving the community in Fort Defiance, AZ by providing a variety of dental procedures on patients of all ages. She is ecstatic to return home to work for Presbyterian in New Mexico to provide compassionate care with a focus on wellness for the community. She greatly enjoys the relationships she develops with her patients and witnessing the jump in confidence they experience with a new and healthy smile.

When not in the dental office, Dr. Fontenot and her husband Dave enjoy cooking together, hiking in Mescalero and Ruidoso, and downhill mountain biking at Ski Apache. They feel fortunate to raise their one-year old Cajun Apache son Freddie in their wonderful mountain community.



Ms. Lisa Flatt currently works as a full time CDHC within a tribal facility in Oklahoma. She has 24 years' experience in the dental fields as dental assistant, dental therapist 1 and 2, and CDHC. She worked in private practice for 12 years before moving to a tribal facility where she has currently working for the last 12 years. During her time with the tribal facility she has helped implement the dental outreach program

and mobile dental unit. Lisa strives to help Native American get access to dental care.



Dr. Tanya Marie Gibson, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, is an assistant professor at UMKC School of Dentistry. She graduated from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in 2001 and completed her residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in 2004. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral

and Maxillofacial Pathology.

Dr. Gibson is a member of many professional organizations including the American Association of Women Dentists, where she serves on the Board of Directors.

Her teaching responsibilities include providing the general, systemic, and oral pathology curriculum to pre-doctoral students, advanced education dental residents and allied dental health students. Dr. Gibson is an ad hoc reviewer for Head and Neck Pathology and has published a number of manuscripts in peer reviewed journals.

In addition to maintaining an active practice in diagnostic surgical and clinical oral pathology; she provides oral and maxillofacial pathology continuing education programs on a local, regional and national level. As an active member of the community, Dr. Gibson is a member of the Leadership Advisory Council for RUBIES Inc., a nonprofit organization, whose mission is to mentor 1st generation female college students. She is also a regular guest speaker at the UMKC Dental Explorer Post Program and the UMKC Admissions Enhancement Program; programs aimed at recruiting and enhancing the application of potential dental students.



Mr. Pat Gwin is the Cherokee Nation's Senior Director of Environmental Resources. "It is fundamental to keep our relationship to the land strong and preserve our history and heritage. Cherokees were the first Native American agriculturalists, so for us to lose that would be a travesty."

The Cherokee Nation's Secretary of Natural Resources departments work to manage the

Nation's land base and natural resources in a manner that respects tribal, community, environmental and cultural/traditional needs and values. The Secretary of Natural Resource's administrative offices are located at the W.W. Keeler Complex in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Program staff administers both trust programs and tribal projects in the fields of agriculture, ethnobiology, forestry, fish and wildlife, geographic information systems, wildfire and community service on Cherokee tribal lands consisting of some 60,000 acres.



Dr. Kevin L. Haney is a 1985 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and received his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1989 from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. In 1991, he received both his Master of Science degree and Certificate of Specialization in Pediatric Dentistry from Baylor College of Dentistry. Upon completing his training, Dr. Haney entered service as a Commissioned Officer with the United

States Public Health Service, assigned to the Navajo Area Indian Health Service and stationed at the Gallup Indian Medical Center. During this time his duties included serving as the Area Pediatric Dental Specialist, instructor in a 2-year Advanced General Practice Residency, developing courses and providing continuing education to other dental officers stationed throughout the United States and Alaska, as well as providing dental care to American Indian children of multiple southwestern United States tribes. In 1996, Dr. Haney returned to the OU College of Dentistry in the duel role of Fellow in the Native American Center of Excellence and Assistant Professor of Pediatric Dentistry.

Currently, Dr. Haney is the Assistant Dean of Student and Academic Administration, and Professor, Division of Pediatric Dentistry. He is active in service to the University, as well as in many local and national professional organizations. He is proud to call Oklahoma home, but is most proud that he is married to one of the greatest dentists in the world, Dr. Suzie Beavers. They reside in Norman along with 5 cats and a variety of 4-legged neighborhood visitors.



Mr. Mike Hunter was elected as Oklahoma's eighteenth attorney general on November 6, 2018. As attorney general, he has made the safety and security of all Oklahomans one of his top priorities.

Determined to end the state's opioid overdose and addiction epidemic, he formed the Oklahoma Commission on Opioid Abuse. The commission brought all stakeholders to the table

and saw seven pieces of legislation become law in 2018. The new laws give more tools to law enforcement personnel, prevents the diversion of opioid prescriptions from flooding the market and holds distributors, manufacturers and businesses accountable through proper oversight.

Hunter has also filed a lawsuit on the nation's leading opioid manufacturers for waging a more than decade-long fraudulent marketing campaign that has profited from the anguish of Oklahomans, who have become addicted or died because of the crisis. The trial date is set for May 2019 in Cleveland County in front of a jury of Oklahomans.

He is also prosecuting the minority within the minority of doctors who over prescribe, use their prescribing authority unlawfully or run pill mills.

Through the consumer protection unit, Hunter's office has successfully prosecuted scam artists, shutting down their illicit enterprises. During his time in office, the consumer protection unit has returned over half a million dollars to victims through refunds or restitution.

At the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Hunter's office represents rate payers and ensures Oklahomans aren't paying more than what is necessary for utility services.

Last summer, the attorney general and his team secured a historic \$64 million rate reduction settlement agreement for OG&E customers, resulting in lower utility bills. The settlement agreement represented the largest rate reduction ever for an Oklahoma energy utility.

Hunter received his law degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law and his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University, making him the state's first attorney general to receive an undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State.

He grew up on a family farm in Garfield County, south of Enid, where he graduated from Pioneer High School. He has been married to his wife Cheryl for 37 years. They have two adult sons and a daughter-in-law, Barrett, his wife Rachael and Brock.



Dr. David Kelley received his medical degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in 2008. He completed his residency in Family Medicine at La Grange Memorial Hospital in Chicago and completed an Emerging Leadership Fellowship through the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine.

Dr. Kelley started with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in the Department

of Family Medicine in 2014. He was appointed Family Medicine Clerkship Director at that time and still holds this position. In 2017

he was given the title of Director of Undergraduate Education.

Dr. Kelley has been nominated twice for the Aesculapian Award and recently learned that he is a recipient of the 2018 Dewayne Andrews MD Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Kelley enjoys spending time with his wife and their two young children.



Dr. Karen Luce obtained a D.D.S. degree in 2001, and completed a residency in Periodontics in 2005, both at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She practiced as a periodontist in private practice for 4 years, and for Cherokee Nation for 6 years, before entering academics at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in 2015. Currently, Dr. Luce is pursuing a Masters in

Public Health, and her primary scholarly focus is interprofessional education.



Mr. Wayne Oplinger started with Benco Dental as a local Territory Representative 9 years ago. After 3 years he successfully built his territory sales in excess of \$2.75 million dollars. Prior to joining Benco Dental, Wayne was a small business owner for over 15 years and went through 4 transitions ranging in size from \$50,000 to \$750,000. He can speak intelligently about the transition process and

what can make or break a successful transition as well as the key elements involved in the process. In addition to being a transitions resource for dentists throughout the country, Wayne is a well sought out speaker, speaking at major dental meetings, local study clubs, residency programs, podcasts and dental schools.



Dr. Drew Alan Preston grew up in Northern Arizona and is a member of the Navajo Nation. He moved to Santa Barbara to complete his B.S. in Cell and Developmental Biology degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Thereafter, he completed dental school training at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Dentistry. Following dental school, he was involved in the development of

the Oral Health Department at an Urban Indian Health Clinic in Santa Barbara where he practiced dentistry for several years. Dr. Preston resided in Los Angeles, CA and practiced as an Associate Dentist in the Los Angeles area prior to moving to New York to pursue a residency in General Anesthesia. He is on track to complete his final year at the Jacobi Medical Center in New York in 2020.



Dr. Jessica Ann Rickert is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She attended the University of Michigan. Currently, Dr. Rickert is a nationally recognized speaker, having been the keynote in many venues. Included in Dr. Rickert's many awards is the ADA's Access Award; she was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. Her book, Exploring Careers in Dentistry is popular with students of

all ages; many national journals, magazines and books have published her articles and reports. As adjunct faculty at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and the University Of Detroit, Mercy School of Dentistry where she instructs dental students in clinical dentistry. She has had the honor of serving on numerous Boards of Directors and is a member of many professional organizations. Dr. Rickert has served in many public health capacities, including FQHC, State, Foundation & Correctional clinics. She maintained her private dental practice for over 35 years.



Dr. C.A. Sivaram is a David Ross Professor at University of Oklahoma and he serves as the Vice Chief of the Cardiovascular Section in the Department of Medicine and Associate Dean for Continuing Professional Development. He joined OUHSC in 1993 after serving on the faculty of Texas Tech University at the Amarillo Campus for 9 years. He served as the Director of the Cardiology Fellowship Training Program

at OU from 1995 to 2018. He is very actively involved in student, resident and fellow education at OU and has mentored many trainees over the years. He was the recipient of the Stanton L. Young Master Teacher award in 1999 and ten Aesculapian teaching awards from graduating classes of OU medical students. He serves on the question writing group of American Board of Internal Medicine. He is very active in the American College of Cardiology (ACC) both nationally and at the state level, and received the Gifted Educator Award from ACC in 2015. He was also the recipient of the Laennec Master Clinician Award from American Heart Association in 2017. He maintains an active clinical practice at OU Physicians and is sought after for his expertise in the field of echocardiography.



Dr. Bob Smith is the Area Dental Officer for the Oklahoma City Area. He spent over 24 years in the USPHS and retired with the rank of O-6 CAPT in 2017. Dr. Smith attended the University of Central Oklahoma and graduated from the University Of Oklahoma College Of Dentistry. CAPT Smith spent almost 2 years in private practice before entering into service with the Indian Health Service (IHS) in 1992. Dr. Smith

has held every position in dental clinics from Staff Officer to Chief of the Clinic. He has been the Area Dental Officer in Oklahoma from 2010 until present. He has held numerous other positions from Clinical Director at both of the Federal Hospitals in Claremore and Lawton. He was also the CEO at the Lawton Hospital.

Dr. Smith is a member of the Choctaw Tribe of Oklahoma.



Dr. Dave L. Smith is a member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. He served as the second President of the Society of American Indian Dentists. Dr. Smith has owned an Orthodontic practice in Las Vegas for the past 18 years. He received a Bachelor's of Science degree from Brigham Young University and Doctor of Dental Surgery from the UCLA School of Dentistry. Dr. Smith received his and Orthodontic Specialty

certificate and Master of Science degree from Baylor College of Dentistry. He is the proud father of six boys.



Dr. Kent Smith is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation with Chickasaw descent. He earned his doctoral degree in Zoology from the University of Oklahoma. Kent is an Associate Dean in the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Professor of Anatomy at Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS) and is a Research Associate at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History.

He is a founding member of the Association of American Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine's Council on Diversity and Equity. At OSU-CHS, Kent serves as the course director of Clinical Anatomy, which is offered to first year medical students and graduate students in the biomedical sciences. Kent also directs courses in sports medicine, vertebrate paleontology, and clinical research rotations for third and fourth year medical students. He has won numerous teaching awards including the Regents' Distinguished Teaching Award for his role in mentoring medical students. As an American Indian researcher, Kent is a frequent invited speaker who coalesces traditional ways and culture with western science.

Kent is a well-recognized fossil mammal expert. He has authored papers published in international journals naming several new fossil mammals including a short-jawed mustelid that was named in honor of the Chickasaw people (*Brevimalictis chickasha*). In 2014, Kent founded the Office of American Indians in Medicine and Science with a vision to increase the number of American Indian physicians, scientists, and educators. Kent's passion to introduce science and medicine to American Indian youth inspired him to create the Native Explorers program and co-found the Chickasaw Nation's Junior Explorers program.



Dr. Marianna Wetherill is the George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair in Population Healthcare at OU-Tulsa and is an Assistant Professor with joint appointments in the Departments Health Promotion Sciences (Hudson College of Public Health) and Family and Community Medicine (OU-TU School of Community Medicine (DU-TU School of Community Medicine). Dr. Wetherill has additional adjunct appointments in the Department of Nutritional Sciences

and School of Social Work due to the interdisciplinary nature of her teaching interests and work. She is a native Oklahoman and previously worked in the community setting as an administrator, developer, and evaluator for nutrition-related programs for patients living with chronic disease. Her research focuses on building

healthy food access for people and communities affected by health disparities. Through her research projects, she has worked with various types of community partners, including food banks, social service organizations, medical clinics, and tribal communities, to identify feasible and sustainable strategies for improving the nutritional status of underserved populations.

Dr. Wetherill is a Registered and Licensed Dietitian who also holds an Advanced Practice Certification in Clinical Nutrition from the Commission on Dietetics Registration. She is board certified in lifestyle medicine by the American College of Lifestyle Medicine. She has also completed training on Nutrition-Focused Physical Exams from the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. With a decade of dietetics practice experience including HIV/ AIDS, cardiometabolic disease, and plant-based diets, Dr. Wetherill's nutrition philosophy incorporates a functional medicine approach to personal healing, with a passion for improving health outcomes among low-income populations. Dr. Wetherill regularly lectures for the OU-TU Tulsa School of Community Medicine medical and physician assistant programs on the integration of nutrition therapy into medical practice. At the OU-TU School of Community Medicine, Dr. Wetherill has led the evaluation of several nutritionfocused projects, such as the OU Bedlam Food Pharmacy, which provides medically-tailored foods to uninsured patients seeking treatment for hypertension, diabetes, and other chronic illnesses.

She is a member of the Institute for Functional Medicine, Dietitians in Integrative and Functional Medicine practice group, the American Society for Nutrition, and the American College of Lifestyle Medicine.



Dr. Lori Whelan is an Associate Professor, the George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair in Emergency Medicine #2 and the Vice Chair of Education for the Department of Emergency Medicine at the OU-TU School of Community Medicine. She is a practicing Emergency Physician at Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa and is a native Oklahoman. She has a B.S. in Zoology from the University of Oklahoma and received her medi-

cal degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

After completing residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, Dr. Whelan completed additional

training in physician-performed ultrasound, and has spent the past 10 years teaching this vital skill to medical residents and practicing physicians through Continuing Medical Education courses.

Most recently she worked to formally integrate physician-performed ultrasound and Lifestyle Medicine into the OU-TU School of Community Medicine medical school curriculum. Dr. Whelan has authored over 30 textbook chapters, publications and local and national presentations. She has received 11 teaching awards, including the prestigious Dewayne Andrews Award for Excellence in Teaching from the OU Academy of Teaching Scholars.

Over the course of her career as an emergency medicine physician, Dr. Whelan has grown to recognize the vital need for nutrition as a central component of medical care. For the past 8 years, Dr. Whelan has developed a personal passion for plant-based nutrition and is an advocate for using food as medicine to prevent and manage chronic disease. She is board certified in lifestyle medicine from the American College of Lifestyle Medicine and is committed to incorporating nutrition education into treatment plans for her own patients, as well as developing evidence-based nutrition curriculum for medical and physician assistant students.



Mr. Ian Zaman is the Senior Program Manager in the Office of Policy, Research and Diversity at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) in Washington, DC. Ian coordinates operations related to fellows, scholars-in-residence, student leadership, internship, and ADEA workshops, programs and other activities for ADEA members. Prior to his appointment at ADEA, he worked in student affairs at the University of

Michigan, Ann Arbor. Ian's experiences include facilitating courses and workshops on intergroup relations, diversity and inclusion, and bystander intervention; mentoring and coaching students through the college experience; and coordinating pipeline programs. Ian received a B.G.S. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and is currently pursuing an M.Ed., in Learning & Technology, from Western Governors University.



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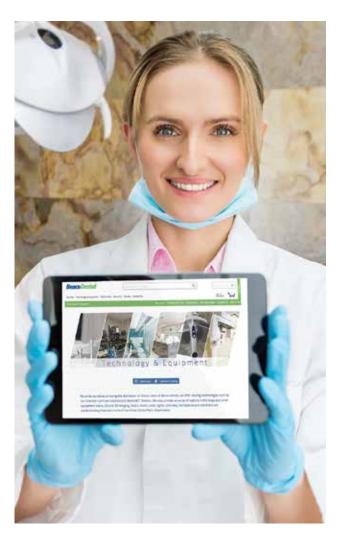
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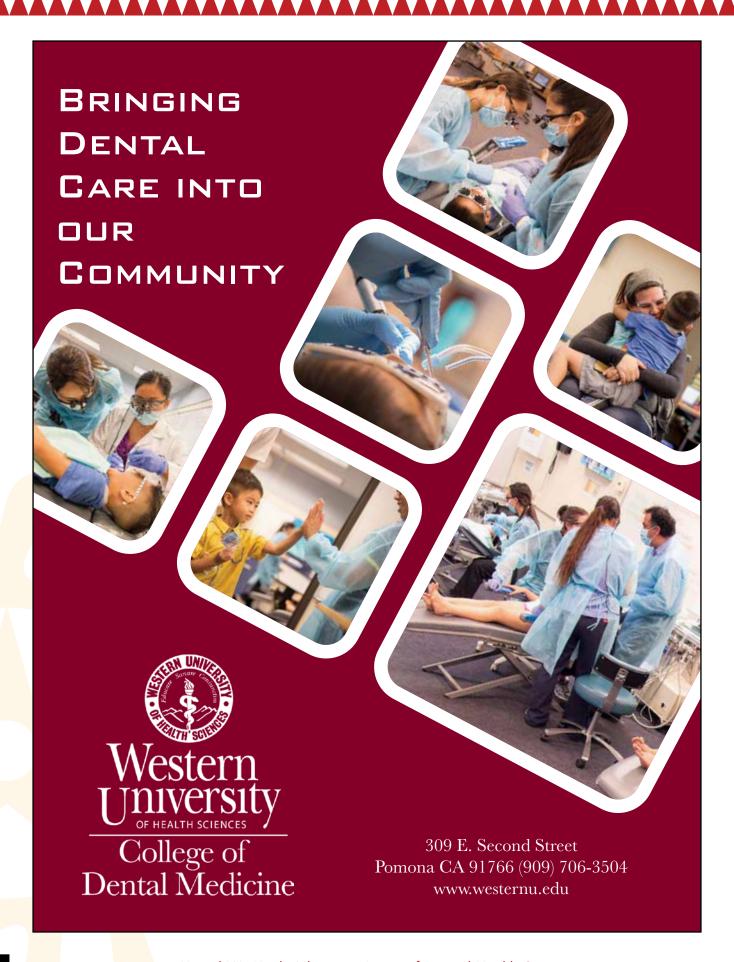
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The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located in Sulphur, Oklahoma near the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. Its 109-acre campus is home to historical museums with interactive exhibits on Chickasaw tribal history, traditional dancing, and Chickasaw language.

The Cherokee Heritage Center is a non-profit historical society and museum campus that seeks to preserve the historical and cultural artifacts, language, and traditional crafts

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"The Guardian" by Enoch Kelly Haney

seven-foot, bronze Enoch Kelly Haney sculpture stands on the peninsula of the campus pond near the Roesler Residential Learning Center and the Haney Center. Private funds for the purchase of this artwork were raised through the Seminole State College Educational Foundation.

The sculpture is the artist's proof of "The Guardian" which sits atop the dome on the Oklahoma State Capitol. The original sculpture was commissioned by the Capitol Preservation Commission in 2000. Haney's 17-foot tall, 6,000-pound statue of a Native American was placed on the dome in June, 2002.

A former Oklahoma State Senator from Seminole and member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Haney is an internationally recognized artist whose faithful representation of Native Americans and their culture has been exhibited throughout the world.

Not only is Haney a celebrated sculptor but a painter as well. Haney's paintings' depictions of Native Americans adorn the rotunda of the Oklahoma State Capitol as well as galleries across the country. The mystical paintings include a meditating Native American sitting among Oklahoma's state wildflower, the Indian blanket. The Native American's translucent physical being merges with the wonders of nature that surround him. The state bird of Oklahoma, a scissortail flycatcher, and the bald eagle, America's national emblem, hover above the native peacemaker as if guarding him. The Oklahoma natural splendor envelops the figure creating an atmosphere of calming peace.

The symbolism within this piece is a true testament to the artist's love for his native state. The crystal blue lake and the velvety green grass are common occurrences throughout this majestic state. The overall feel of the painting is that of Oklahomans' deep respect and admiration for the natural beauty that surrounds us.

Haney's colossal statue "The Guardian" stands prominently atop the Oklahoma State Capitol dome where it was lifted on June 7, 2002. The 17-foot-tall statue holds a staff that reaches 22 feet into the sky. This monumental project was completed in ten months and demanded 4,000 pounds of bronze, which was cast in 50 sections. Haney's own family served as models for this historic piece. Haney's son William and Haney's grandson, Enoch, inspired the guardian's eyes and cheeks respectively. Inside the rotunda, visitors can view a nine-foot replica of "The Guardian", which was donated by Nancy Payne Ellis and her children.

During the dedication, Senator Haney gave a voice to "The Guardian", revealing the representation of all Oklahomans through the statue. "The Guardian" embodies the diversity within the proud and strong population of Oklahoma while serving as a reminder of our tumultuous times. The sculpture signifies the thousands of Native Americans that were forced from their homes during the 1800s and the sons and daughters that survived the devastating Dust Bowl. The towering statue exemplifies the valor of Oklahomans and their ability to overcome the most horrific catastrophes such as the bombing at the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City. "The Guardian" is a reminder that just below him within the halls of our grand Capitol, the true guardians of Oklahoma, our legislators, are working everyday to improve this already magnificent state.

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