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## Clinton's REDS 365 After School & Summer Program to Return After Brief Funding Hold



Students in the "REDS 365" After School Program on their end-of-year field trip to the Oklahoma Science Museum.

**Alexander Shook**  
WOK Contributor

Clinton Public Schools have confirmed their REDS 365 after-school and summer program will be returning for the 2025-26 school year. This announcement was made two weeks after a federal funding delay put the program on hold. Assistant Superintendent Melissa Knabe revealed the district is ready to move forward with offering this vital service to students and families this school year.

"[The program offers] extended learning for our students," explained Knabe. "We have math and reading every day. Then, there are some enrichment activities, usually [either] STEM [related activities], outdoor activities, arts, and programming."

The REDS 365 after-school program will start Monday, August 25 for students in Pre-K through 5th grade. Sign-up forms will go home with students on Monday, August 11 and must be returned by Monday, August 18.

"[The REDS 365 program] provides a safe place for our students to be after school until between 5:30 and 5:45," said Knabe. "Our students get some things that they need, and some things that they enjoy with this program."

More information regarding the program can be found through their Facebook page by visiting [www.facebook.com/REDSthreesixtyfive](https://www.facebook.com/REDSthreesixtyfive) or by scanning the QR Code above.

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Jim Morrison

An old country song included the phrase, "I'm so lonesome I could die." One of the terrible results of losing a life-long partner is the awful sense of loneliness. But even in the depths of grief, for the believer, there is the rock-solid belief that God is there and he cares. Healing will come. Life will get better because God has

not abandoned him.

The Psalter says of those who do not seek Him, "in all his thoughts there is no room for God." (Psalm 10:4). Many religions see God as so high and transcendent that he could not care about their pain. To them, God is unapproachable.

I'm so grateful that God so loved us that he chose to dwell among us in the flesh, so that we could know that he understands our pain. The writer of Hebrews comforts us in this way. "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Heb. 4:15,16)

Taking a positive approach, we have a God who understands completely what we are going through because he has been there. He invites us to come, literally delights in our approaching him in our brokenness. It is there that we can find mercy and grace to help us in our time of need.

The mercy and grace of our Heavenly Father is different from that which we receive from our earthly friends. His mercy is pure and everlasting. Many times our earthly friends, while well-meaning, soon get busy with their own concerns and forget that our grief is still sharp and keen. His grace, the unmerited favor of God, continues the healing process when others forget.

The Apostle Paul follows a similar theme in Eph. 3:12. "In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." Note that it is through faith in Him that we have the freedom to approach with confidence. The unbeliever who has lived his life in reckless abandonment of God, has no such confidence. He has lived his life sowing wild oats and now hopes for a crop failure. His only hope is repentance and submission to the Lordship of Christ.

In both passages of Scripture there is the idea of coming to God with confidence. One translation even says to come with boldness. Later in chapter three of Ephesians, Paul speaks of God as one who is "able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

What a wonderful promise. What a wonderful God who sees us in all our sin and yet wants to spend time with us, hearing our complaints and cries for mercy. He welcomes us and invites us. To Him be the glory.

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## SWOSU Renews Mexican Consulate Partnership



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**SWOSU and the Consulate of Mexico in Oklahoma City formalized their 2025 IME Becas scholarship partnership with a check presentation during the signing ceremony. Pictured, from left: SWOSU Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Science Dr. Ed Klein; Consul Edurne Pineda; and SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell.**

The partnership between SWOSU and the Consulate of Mexico in Oklahoma City is providing \$8,000 in scholarship support for SWOSU students of Mexican origin. The funding comes through the Mexican government's Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME) Becas program, with \$4,000 awarded by the Consulate and matched by the SWOSU Foundation.

SWOSU was selected again this year to participate in the IME Becas program, which is designed to help students of Mexican heritage overcome financial barriers to higher education. The scholarship funds benefit current students working toward degrees in a wide range of academic areas. Dr. Veronica Aguiñaga, who authored this year's grant application, serves as the university's scholarship program advisor and helps coordinate student involvement with the program.

The partnership was formally renewed during a signing ceremony on July 16 at the Mexican Consulate in Oklahoma City. SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell and Consul Edurne Pineda signed the Memorandum of Understanding, joined by Dr. Ed Klein, SWOSU Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Science. A check presentation followed the signing, continuing a growing collaboration between the university and the Consulate. This year's IME Becas scholarship recipients are Rosa Maria Alanis, Sergio Gustavo Natera Ramirez, Hidekel Torres Solorio, Liliana Diaz, Aline Jordan Camarena, Alondra Itzel Alvarado, Amy Morales, Ameyali Garcia Solano, and Aquetzalli Yamileth Herrera.

Several students said the scholarship has provided meaningful encouragement and made it easier to stay focused on their academic goals. Herrera, who is pursuing a dual degree, said the funding removes a significant financial burden and allows her to concentrate on both her education and future career. "This scholarship will serve as both financial support and motivation to continue working hard and striving for excellence in school," she said.

Garcia Solano, a student in the university's Doctor of Pharmacy program, said the award acknowledges her efforts and strengthens her sense of purpose. "Personally, receiving this scholarship validates the dedication and effort I've invested in my journey, while also honoring my cultural identity," she said. "It inspires me to give back to my community and serve as a role model for other students from similar backgrounds."

Torres Solorio also emphasized the impact of the scholarship. "It will help me pursue a career that serves my community, especially in areas like technology, education and Spanish interpretation," she said. "It eases the financial stress and helps me stay focused on what I want to achieve."

The IME Becas program continues to be an important source of financial support for SWOSU students and reflects the university's broader efforts to expand access to higher education. Support like this strengthens SWOSU's ability to serve students from all backgrounds and ensure they have the tools to thrive. For more information on SWOSU's academic programs and student resources, visit [www.swosu.edu](http://www.swosu.edu).

**WEATHERFORD / ROUTE 66** - The Oklahoma Route 66 Association has announced a series of events to commemorate the highway's centennial next year. The association says the first event of the year will be the Route 66 Big Band Hangar Dance on April 25, 2026, at the Stafford Air & Space Museum in Weatherford.

**CLINTON / OPEN HOUSE** - The countdown is on for back to school. Clinton Public Schools has planned a district open house and "Meet the Teachers" night on August 1 from 5pm - 7pm. Students at Nance, Southwest, and Washington Elementary can meet teachers, drop off supplies, and explore classrooms. Middle school students along with high school sophomores, juniors and seniors can pick up schedules, meet teachers, and get a sneak peek at classroom locations. High school freshmen will meet in the Tornado Dome at 5:00 for freshman orientation, pick up schedules and take a tour of the high school. The first day of classes for Clinton Public Schools is August 5th.

**CLINTON / HOSPITAL ROOF REPAIRS** Despite having to seek bids for roof repair work on the Clinton Regional Hospital building, Mayor David Berrong stated these repairs should not interfere with the ongoing closure on the sale of the hospital for the first week of August.

**SWOSU / ROTARY** - SWOSU aerospace and defense programs were major topics during the Weatherford Rotary Club's most recent meeting. "We are working on becoming an innovation cell for the National Guard. We [will] serve as a problem-solving source for the National Guard," explained Chad Kinder, VP for Strategic Partnerships and Director of Graduate Programs. "If they have some sort of technological issue that they want help with, they'll be able to contact us and say, 'Hey, think about this and help us come up with solutions.'" Oklahoma General Colby Wyatt visited SWOSU approximately two months ago to set this development into motion. Kinder says some of those programs include chemistry & physics, engineering technology, applied engineering management, and computer science.

**PINNELL/AEROSPACE** - In a recent interview with Wright Media, Oklahoma's Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell outlined the success of Oklahoma's aerospace industry. "Aerospace is...a \$44 billion [industry] in our state today, [with] well over 220,000 jobs for our kids and grandkids," Pinnell outlined. "We have announced a couple of new aerospace businesses, [including] Dawn Aerospace that's going to be operating out at Burns Flat." Pinnell added that nearly every month or so, there's news of another aerospace company either looking to Oklahoma or choosing to set up operation here. He also commented that Oklahoma's oil and gas industry could use support from the aerospace industry.

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**Happy Birthday Wishes! July 30** - Tommy Holt, Ruth Mejia, Don Mullennix, Chester Walker; **July 31** - Carol Sue Almon, Billy Gentry, Robbie Gilbert, Jerry Hardin, Loyd Lasley, Russell Lee, Sherri Martin, Kassidi Rice, Rosa Sinclair, Eric Stoney, Ray Sutton, Daniel Tallbear, Barbie Trebay, Bryce Waldrop; **Aug. 1** - Todd Brunner, Jennifer DeGarmo, Ally Dobbs, McKenna Gentry, Joey Lacy, Beranna Leon, Jamie Moody, Larry Joe Scott, Christian Sharp, Randy Sloan; **Aug. 2** - Dena Bass, Cashlyn Hamons, Chance Hanson, Lana Kible, Winona Madison, Bobby Ringler, Darrell Stehr; **Aug. 3** - Judy Armstrong, Sammy Dudgeon, Mercedes Estes, Nicole Horn, Lorrie Howry, Koby King, Allen Lackey, David Lasley, Debrah Musick, Doris Payne, Deirik Riley; **August 4** - Dustin Devine, Shanda O'Neile, Kim Renison, Jacoby Smith; **August 5** - Jim Butcher, Adam Cowan, Lauren Klein, Elizabeth Kliever, Troy Moorhead, Austin Morrison, Shane Renna, Nicolette Strauch, Kody Marie Thompson, Ginger Sue Thompson, Jesse Wise







# An Update on Clinton’s Glancy Motor Hotel Sign Restoration Project



**Mike Smith**  
News Director

Plans are currently in the works to do something special with the neon sign from the historic Glancy Motor Hotel. The historic Glancy Sign is currently being refurbished in Oklahoma City.

“Our local Route 66 Committee in Clinton, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Historical Society, plan to take the Glancy on in the beginning of it, maybe by itself singularly at Neon Park there by the museum,” explained Clinton Mayor David Berrong.

As for the hotel itself, a groundbreaking ceremony is being planned for the new Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) headquarters next month in Clinton. The new headquarters will be located at the former Glancy Motor Hotel site.

“It’s going to be a great landmark in Clinton,” explained Berrong. “As we understand, they’re on a 300-day schedule, start to finish, and we should have a great new law enforcement center right there on Route 66.”

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Bulldogs Earn 2025 AVCA Team Academic Award & Honor Roll Status



**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Media Relations

The SWOSU volleyball team has earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA)

Team Academic Award for the second consecutive year, recently announced by the AVCA. In addition to the team academic award, the

Bulldogs also secured a spot on the AVCA Team Academic Honor Roll, ranking them among the top 20% of NCAA Division II teams in terms of GPA. The AVCA Team Academic Award recognizes collegiate and high school volleyball teams that maintain a year-long grade-point average of 3.30 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The SWOSU Volleyball team exceeded this standard with a 3.81 team GPA for the 2024-25 academic year, surpassing their 3.64 GPA from the previous year. "Earning both the team academic award and a spot on the honor roll list for a second consecutive year speaks volumes about this group's commitment to excellence both on the court and in the classroom," said head volleyball coach Josh Collins. The association's mission is to advance the sport of volleyball with AVCA coaches at the epicenter of leadership, advocacy, and professional development. The membership includes more than 9,500 collegiate, professional, high school, club, and youth volleyball coaches—primarily in the United States. The AVCA represents women's volleyball, men's volleyball, and beach volleyball coaches, and works to increase exposure and recognition for the sport of volleyball.

SWOSU Volleyball Earns Fifth Straight GAC Sportsmanship Award

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Volleyball has been awarded the Great American Conference Sportsmanship Award for a fifth consecutive season, announced this week by the league office. It's the program's sixth sportsmanship award since competing in the GAC. Winners for each sport are determined based on a points system following a vote from league head coaches. "These awards emphasize the NCAA Division II focus on sportsmanship and game environment," GAC Commissioner Will Prewitt said. "We could not be prouder of what these programs have put forth on the field and in ways that aren't necessarily reflected in the outcome." In 2012, The GAC's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee initiated a sportsmanship award to be presented for all team sports. The winning school will receive a banner similar to the one presented to GAC tournament championship winners. The goal of the program is for member institutions to promote good sportsmanship among its teams, fans, and all involved with the events.



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