

2024

REGENTS BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARDS AGENDA

Networking (2:30 - 3:00 p.m.)

Please join us for food and beverages

Welcome

Jordyn Frazier

Assistant Vice President of External Affairs, Murray State College
Executive Director, Murray State College Foundation
Chair, State Regents Economic Development Council

Jack Sherry

Chair, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Keynote

Matt Pinnell

Lieutenant Governor, State of Oklahoma

Adam Pugh

Senator, State of Oklahoma

Recognition of Honorees

Jarrett Jobe

Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Closing Remarks

Allison D. Garrett

Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

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Speaker Bios



Matt Pinnell was elected as the 17th Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma on November 6, 2018. Pinnell is President of the Oklahoma State Senate and serves on multiple constitutional boards and commissions. Pinnell is the chief marketer of Oklahoma and spends much of his time promoting tourism, Oklahoma's third largest industry. In partnership with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, he launched the Oklahoma Fishing Trail, Oklahoma Road Trip, and the pandemic driven "OK Here We Go" campaigns, which have generated more than \$91 million in revenue since 2019. He also spearheaded renovation projects within Oklahoma State Parks, providing necessary updates to bathrooms, lodges, and campgrounds. The total impact of state parks on local economies recently topped \$413 million. Pinnell is a recruiter for companies looking to move or expand to Oklahoma. Each year, he hosts the Lt. Governor's Turkey Hunt, a two-week event that showcases Oklahoma to prospective out-of-state companies and site selection representatives. He launched a statewide rebrand in 2020, a campaign that has streamlined state agency processes and saved taxpayer dollars. As an entrepreneur himself, Pinnell champions small business growth. He serves on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce committee focused on small business growth, entrepreneurship, and workforce development. In 2022, he launched 'A Look at Oklahoma CareerTech,' a video interview series that showcases the education and employment opportunities the state's CareerTech system provides. Matt has an advertising degree from Oral Roberts University. He lives in Tulsa with his wife of 20 years and their four children.



Adam Pugh was first elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in November 2016, representing Oklahoma County in District 41. Prior to his election, Senator Pugh served our nation as a member of the Air Force, serving as deputy Inspector General at Tinker Air Force Base and as an Air Battle Manager prior to leaving the military. Senator Pugh currently serves as chair of the Senate Education Committee and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the Business and Commerce Committee, the Rules Committee, and serves on the Select Committee on Business Retention and Economic Development. In addition to his legislative service, Senator Pugh currently serves as senior vice president for Gideon Services and heads business development efforts for the Oklahoma-based aerospace company Delaware Resource Group of Oklahoma. During his time in the Senate, Senator Pugh has been a strong leader for higher education, focusing on higher education's critical role in Oklahoma's workforce development efforts.



Jack Sherry, from Holdenville, Oklahoma, was appointed as a State Regent by Governor Kevin Stitt in May, 2020 for a nine-year term. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is the constitutional coordinating board for the Oklahoma colleges and universities responsible for allocating state funds, setting admission standards and academic policies. Sherry has served on a number of local boards within his community and across the state. He was also appointed by former Governor Mary Fallin to serve on the Oklahoma Lottery Commission Board. On the local level, Sherry has served on the Holdenville Public School Board of Education, the Holdenville Chamber of Commerce, Holdenville Lions Club, Oklahoma Southeast and Young Farmers of America, the FSA State Board, Hughes County Cattleman's Association, and the Hughes County Fair Board. He currently serves as an advisory director to the First National Bank in Holdenville, President of the Hughes County Farm Bureau, and Chairman of the Holdenville Hospital Board. He was recognized as Holdenville's 2015 Citizen of the Year. Sherry served as a Trustee to the Seminole State College Educational Foundation prior to his appointment as a State Regent. Sherry attended Oklahoma State University, Seminole State College, and obtained his bachelor's from Southern Nazarene University. He currently owns Jack Sherry Real Estate & Investments in Holdenville, and operates a cattle ranch in Hughes and Seminole Counties.



Chancellor Allison D. Garrett is the chief executive officer for the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. Garrett leads a state system comprised of 25 state colleges and universities, 11 constituent agencies, one university center, and independent colleges and universities coordinated with the state system. She reports to a constitutional board whose nine members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. Garrett provides leadership on matters relating to standards for Oklahoma higher education, courses and programs of study, budget allocations for institutions, fees and tuition, and strategic planning. She is responsible for an annual higher education budget in excess of \$2.8 billion as well as the state endowment fund, with a market value over \$931.5 million. As chancellor, she leads OneNet, which is Oklahoma's most advanced technology network designed to provide the infrastructure to support high-speed broadband services, as well as the Oklahoma College Assistance Program, which guaranteed since inception approximately \$8.1 billion in insured student loans and services the remaining outstanding student loan debt of \$887 million. Garrett directs 20 statewide scholarship programs, including the Oklahoma's Promise Scholarship program and statewide GEAR UP efforts. She was appointed by Gov. Kevin Stitt in November 2021 to serve a three-year term as an Oklahoma designee to the Southern Regional Education Board.



Jarrett Jobe serves as the Vice Chancellor for Government Relations for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. He received his doctoral degree in political science from the University of Oklahoma and his bachelor's degree in forensic science from the University of Central Oklahoma. Over the past 20 years in education he has worked as an administrator, adjunct faculty at both OU and UCO in leadership and international relations, and served as an advisor to numerous leadership scholarship programs. He has traveled to over 75 countries and taken approximately 500 students on international exchange and educational programs. He is also a certified SCUBA divemaster and served as an FBI Honors intern during his undergraduate program.



Jordyn Frazier is the Assistant Vice President of External Affairs at Murray State College and Executive Director of the Murray State College Foundation. Since joining the executive cabinet at Murray State in May 2022 she has aided in the procurement of over \$27 million in external funding, currently managing a \$25.5 million capital campaign. She is the former Executive Director of the Johnston County Chamber of Commerce and is currently serving in her first term as a Tishomingo city council member. Frazier is chair of the Economic Development Council, vice chair of Oklahoma Southeast and serves on various other boards and committees on a local, regional and state level. A native of Mill Creek, Oklahoma, she holds an associate's degree in history from Murray State, as well as bachelor's and master's degrees in business from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She calls Tishomingo home with husband, Nick and son, Elijah. They enjoy trips to the zoo, watching basketball and playing movie trivia games.