

PRESS RELEASE
Bacone College Board of Trustees

Bacone College, Oklahoma's oldest institution of higher learning, is not announcing closure. As with many other nonprofits and rural small liberal arts colleges, Bacone College, has experienced a decrease in donations and challenges with enrollment. This has resulted in an operating deficit in the current fiscal year. While the College has taken several positive steps to reduce operating expenses, unfortunately, Bacone had no choice but to lay off staff to further reduce expenses.

The Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation for the efforts of President Willis and the college faculty and staff, who have worked tirelessly to serve Bacone students. The College and its Board of Trustees continue to work to secure funding to reverse the operating deficit. The students of Bacone College are the college's highest priority. The Board of Trustees remains optimistic that the deficit will soon be reversed and the College will continue its operations. To this end, Bacone College is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ferlin Clark as President.

Dr. Clark is equally optimistic regarding the future of Bacone College and its ability to continue in its mission to serve American Indians by providing education in a nurturing Christian environment.

