



# *Sovereignty Speaks* ©

*Celebrating 7 Years | Serving 7 Generations*

*Vision: Students, Alumna, and Founder*



Hundreds gathered on the Life Sciences East Lawn to celebrate seven years of serving seven generations. OSU Administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends plus Lieutenant Governor Chris Anoatubby, Ambassador Neal McCaleb, Secretary Nathan Elliot, Executive Officer Chris Kates plus additional Chickasaw Nation friends joined the festivities. Choctaw Nation representatives included Amanda Johnson, Executive Director Education and Amanda Lee, Senior Manager, Higher Education Program. Pawnee Nation was represented by Dawna Riding In Hare, Business Council Member.

OSU Sr. Vice President of Executive Affairs, Kyle Wray opened the program. Presenters included alumna Arielle Farve Deer, students Miko Brandon and Kate Kouplén, and Founding Director, Elizabeth Payne. All presenters addressed Center impact and their vision for serving students. Elizabeth spoke about the importance of seeking tribal government input. Her vision for growing the Center in the future includes serving more students, acquiring more space, and Assistant Director Sky Rogers taking on additional leadership.

