

# FOUNDATION



## Governor Anoatubby Receives the Ittapila Scholarship Award

In early May, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Chickasaw Nation announced a scholarship challenge to all public colleges and universities in Oklahoma to raise \$50,000 in need-based scholarships. If done, the Chickasaw Nation scholars fund would match the donated gifts, providing \$100,000 in new scholarships for the institution.

At this year's commencement ceremony, we were proud to announce that Governor Anoatubby's alma mater, Murray State College, was the first institution to accept and meet the challenge with the help of 16 local donors.

The *Ittapila* Scholarship Endowment will be created to provide gifts to students who demonstrate financial need. *Ittapila* means partnership in Chickasaw, which is the perfect word to describe the bond held between the Chickasaw Nation and Murray State.



If you would like to contribute to this fund, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ittapila-schol> or the QR code.

# IN THE NEWS

## 114TH MURRAY STATE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Governor Anoatubby is a proud alumnus of Murray State. He began working at the Chickasaw Nation in 1975 serving as the health services director. Governor Anoatubby would go on to serve as the finance department director, and then special assistant to the governor and controller.

Since 1978, Governor Anoatubby has been a member of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, one of the most prestigious and influential Indian organizations in the United States. He has served as its president, vice president, and as chairman of the housing and legislative committees.



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Governor Anoatubby is also a member of the National Congress of American Indians. In 1979, he was elected as the Tribe's first lieutenant governor.

He was elected governor in 1987; he established goals of economic development and self-sufficiency for the Chickasaw Nation and its people.

Today, under his leadership, the Chickasaw Nation supports more than 34,000 jobs, and \$1.8 billion in wages and benefits as part of a \$5.5 billion annual economic contribution to the Oklahoma economy.



## MURRAY STATE SELECTS CHICKASAW NATION, REGENT BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Each year, institutions around the state choose a business partner of the year. Murray State chose the Chickasaw Nation as this year's Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award. From education to economic development, the goals of each intersect frequently.

"We have a long-held partnership with the Chickasaw Nation," said Dr. Tim Faltyn, Murray State College President. "It's an honor to name them this year's Regent Business Partner in Excellence."

In partnership with the Chickasaw Nation and the U.S. Economic Development Administration, Murray State College is in the process of renovating the Chickasaw Hall, located on Murray's campus in Tishomingo. Chickasaw Hall will become a 14-room hotel and site of the Chokka` Kilimpi` Recruitment and Retention program for Native American students. The \$5 million project has been funded by the Chickasaw Nation and Economic Development Administration. This facility will create 96 employment positions and serve as a living laboratory for the institution's hospitality management program.

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