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News



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Hibler Makes Gift to SWOSU Bulldog Angels Fund

Dr. Joe Anna Hibler of Weatherford has made a generous contribution to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Bulldog Angels Fund.

The Bulldog Angels Fund was established by 2014 SWOSU Distinguished Alumnus and Carnegie native Bill Howell to benefit SWOSU students in times of crisis.

Garrett King, executive director of the SWOSU Foundation, said the Bulldog Angels Fund is a vital resource when all other options for assistance are exhausted or unavailable. The Bulldog Angels Fund may mean the difference in a student being able to continue learning at SWOSU or having to leave the campus due to external financial pressures.

Hibler received a Bachelor's degree from SWOSU in 1960, a Master's degree from Oklahoma State University and her Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma—all in business education. In 1965, she began teaching in the SWOSU Department of Business. She later chaired the Office Administration/Business Education Department before becoming dean of the School of Business. In 1986, Hibler was named executive vice president for academic affairs. Four years later, the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges named Hibler the 15th president of SWOSU. When she assumed her duties, Hibler became the first woman in 55 years to serve as the president of a university in Oklahoma. She retired in June of 2001 after 36 years of service to SWOSU.

“SWOSU is a stronger institution because of Joe Anna Hibler’s leadership as president and her continued philanthropic investment in our mission” said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. “Our entire student body will benefit from her generosity and compassion.”

Since its founding, the Bulldog Angels Fund has steadily made grants enabling struggling SWOSU students to move forward. Student organizations and groups on the SWOSU campus have enthusiastically made the Bulldog Angels Fund a priority for fundraising and advocacy.

The Bulldog Angels Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$25 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For information on how to give to the Bulldog Angels Fund, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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