

# SWOSU Bestows Annual Emeriti Honors

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Dr. Dan Dill

Dr. Joe Anna Hibler

Mark Mouse Family

Four former Southwestern Oklahoma State University faculty were honored recently by the SWOSU Alumni Association during a reception held in the Skyview Suite of the Pioneer Cellular Events Center on the Weatherford campus.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors voted in 2015 to begin recognizing former SWOSU instructors annually and celebrating their contributions to SWOSU.

The 2016 SWOSU Alumni Association Emeritus Award honorees include:

**Dr. Dan Dill** – Dill graduated from SWOSU in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. Dill began teaching at SWOSU in 1968 in the chemistry department. He went on to become the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences before being named Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. He retired in 2005 after serving 42 years.

**Dr. Joe Anna Hibler** – Hibler received a bachelor's degree from SWOSU in 1960, a master's degree from Oklahoma State University and her doctorate from Oklahoma University—all in business education. In 1965, she began teaching in the Division of Business at SWOSU. She later chaired the Office Administration/Business Education Department before becoming the 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 appointed Dr. Hibler President of SWOSU. When she assumed her duties, Hibler became the first woman in 55 years to serve as president of a university in Oklahoma. She retired in June of 2001 after a 36-year career at SWOSU.

**Dr. Bill Seibert** – Dr. Seibert graduated from the University of Oklahoma and earned his Ph.D. in botany from North Carolina State University. In 1969, he began teaching in the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences. He chaired the department from 1989-1992 and was a long-time sponsor of the Biology Club. Seibert retired from SWOSU in 2010 after teaching 41 years in the Department of Biological Science. He is still teaching SWOSU students through his volunteer work in the greenhouse and tending the gardening that helps to make SWOSU such a beautiful campus year round.

**Mr. Mark Mouse (posthumous)** – Mouse attended SWOSU where he obtained his degree in English and biology in 1952. He received a Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1958. He began his career at SWOSU as the director of placement and high school/university relations in the summer of 1967, where he remained a loyal and devoted employee for 25 years, retiring in 1992. The thousands of SWOSU students he had recruited from high schools across the state knew him as “Mr. Southwestern.” He was also instrumental in placing many public school teachers in their positions through the state.

The SWOSU Alumni Association is a dynamic group of volunteers from all walks of life who are passionate about giving back to SWOSU. The association offers members a variety of benefits and event opportunities. For more information, contact SWOSU's Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3289 or visit [www.SWOSUAlumni.com](http://www.SWOSUAlumni.com).

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