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SWOSU Students Become Certified Associate in Project Management

Photo Caption: SWOSU students Catherine Driskill of Oklahoma City and Stephanie Guerrero of Weatherford recently became Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) certificate holders.

Two Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) students in Weatherford recently took advantage of an opportunity in a SWOSU class to become Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM).

Stephanie Guerrero, a Weatherford junior majoring in management, and Catherine Driskill, junior from Oklahoma City majoring in entrepreneurship, earned the CAPM, which is an entry-level certification for project practitioners offered by the Project Management Institute. Designed for those with less project experience, the CAPM is intended to demonstrate candidates' understanding of the fundamental knowledge, terminology and processes of effective project management.

Dr. Todd Wiggen, assistant professor in the Everett Dobson School of Business & Technology, offered the opportunity in his Project Management course. During the class, students acquire the requisite education to qualify to take the CAPM in lieu of a final exam. Guerrero and Driskill opted to sit and both passed and received their CAPM certification.

"Getting the CAPM will open up a lot of opportunities for employment after I graduate from SWOSU," Driskill said. "I live near Tinker Air Force Base and they often have a need for people to work in project management."

Students in the class were part of a project team that helped to create planning documents for a potential project of that organization's choice. Students have worked with the Weatherford Food and Resource Center, Infinite Grace Ministries, Friends for Life, YMCA, Integris Health, SWOSU Foundation, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Wiggen offers the course for both the Business and Allied Health Departments. Wiggen has several years of project management experience through the U.S. Coast Guard and with not-for-profit groups.

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