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Oklahoma Research Day

Sixty students and twenty faculty members from Southwestern Oklahoma State University participated in the 16th annual Oklahoma Research Day held at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) in Edmond, Oklahoma, on March 7, 2014.

Oklahoma Research Day provides an opportunity for all Oklahoma university students and faculty from all disciplines to showcase their research activities. SWOSU students and faculty presented more than 45 projects.

The event was sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE), the Oklahoma Experimental Program for Stimulating Competitive Research—National Science Foundation, the Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence—National Institutes of Health, and Oklahoma Regional Universities. It was organized by the Office of the Provost, Academic Affairs, of UCO in cooperation with the Council on Research for Regional Universities and the UCO Office of Research and Grants.

The 2014 Oklahoma Research Day also featured a number of prominent speakers including Dr. Glen D. Johnson, Chancellor for OSRHE; Dr. Don Betz, President of UCO; Dr. John Barthell, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for UCO; Dr. Gregory M. Wilson, Assistant Vice President, Office of Research and Grants at UCO; and keynote speaker Mr. James Milt Heflin, Jr., retired official from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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Each speaker provided his perspective on the importance of undergraduate research for success as an undergraduate and graduate student as well as the importance of technological advancement through research.

SWOSU faculty participating were Dr. Prince Amoyaw, Dr. Jimena Aracena, Ms. Sue Ball, Mr. Brad Bryant, Dr. Krista Brooks, Mr. Dan Brown, Dr. Stephen Burgess, Dr. Lisa Castle, Dr. Trevor Ellis, Dr. Victor Gonzalez, Dr. Peter Grant, Dr. Lori Gwyn, Dr. Andrea Holgado, Dr. Faruk Khan, Dr. Warren Moseley, Mr. Frederic Murray, Dr. Patsy Parker, Dr. Eric Paul, Dr. Dennis Thompson, and Dr. Muatasem Ubeidat.

SWOSU students participating were Alfa Abame, Matt Abbott, Hunter Bailey, Courtney Beattie, Mackenzie Bergagnini, Lauren Blatzheim, Tanner Boyd, Austin Bradshaw, Melissa Brewer, Jamin Brown, Michael Caniglia, Brooke Christensen, Zella Classen, Robert Cramer, Josiah Dittrich, John Eze, Marshall Flowers, Mandi Foutch, Jacob Fuller, Jessica Goetzinger, Hayden Harrington, Brandy Hollis, Mohammad Hossain, Mason Howe, Caleb Hubbard, Rachel Hurt, Elizabeth Jansing, Shasta Jones, Irene Lopez, Wil Markus, Ashley Mbaneme, Nile McCullough, Abby McKisson, Jeff Miller, Mike Morrison, Cody Moulton, Rosemary Omlin, Davi Peetoom, Mary Ann Phillips, Joseph Plummer, Ashley Rodriguez, Apoorva Rudraraju, Amber Rymer, Nick Rymer, Prabhjyot Saluja, William Seibold, Anjuli Shrestha, Anna Smith, Carey Smith, Otoniel Soza, Elizabeth St. John, Timothy Stein, Christopher Stevens, Jennifer Stout, Jordan Thompson, Coalter Thornton, Joshua VanTuyl, Ashlie Walker, Nick Whalen, and Ryan Wood.
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Elizabeth Jansing, Abby McKisson, and Dr. Andrea Holgado

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To see more photos from Oklahoma Research Day, please visit www.swosu.edu/administration/osp/news/research-day-14/index.aspx
The 5th Annual Promoting Undergraduate Research Conference will take place on April 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Health Foundation Conference Center in Oklahoma City.

To present an abstract, please go to http://bit.ly/1cX0iL4. The 2014 conference will revisit effective models of inquiry with a focus on community engagement, effective models of assessment of undergraduate research outcomes and student retention, and examine student research projects illustrating these models.

To attend the conference without presenting, please contact Dr. Linda Mason, Coordinator of Grant Writing for OSRHE, by phone at 405-225-9486 or by email at lmason@osrhe.edu. Contact OSP to receive more information about this event.

Come and join us at the 21st Annual Research and Scholarly Activity Fair on April 15th from noon to three in the Student Union Ballroom! This event is a chance for SWOSU faculty and students to share with the university and community their endeavors as well as provide a forum for students to investigate multiple disciplines in one place.

To find out more about the fair, or to submit an abstract, please visit www.swosu.edu/osp/fair. The last chance to submit an abstract is this Saturday, March 15th.

As in the past, we have arranged a scavenger hunt to get more students involved with the presentations. For those of you interested in contributing toward the scavenger hunt prize selection, please let OSP know before April 11th.

The Council for Undergraduate Research Proposal Writing Institute will take place from July 17th-21st at the University of Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. This four-day institute assists faculty and administrators interested in preparing proposals for external funding agencies. The application deadline for this event is May 22nd.

To apply for or find more information about the Proposal Writing Institute, please visit www.cur.org/conferences and events/institutes/proposal writing institute/. To receive updates directly from CUR, become a member for free at members.cur.org/members online/members/newmember.asp and select SWOSU as your institution.
The Office of Sponsored Programs was notified of the following awards to SWOSU faculty and staff since the last newsletter:


Congratulations to all from OSP!

OSP would like to give recognition to the following faculty and staff for their recent grant submissions:

- Trevor Ellis
- Jason Johnson
- Andrea Holgado
- Tim Hubin
- Faruk Khan
- Muatasem Ubeidat

Thank you for your hard work!

The Office of Sponsored Programs has been notified of the following Scholarly and Academic Activities since the last newsletter:

**Howard Kurtz**, Social Sciences, was interviewed by KOKH FOX25 about the subject, “Dangers of Social Media.”


Have a great Spring Break!