

SWOSU Advances to Finals of Mind Games

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's "Mind Games" team advanced to the championship match of the Oklahoma academic challenge competition with a 470-300 victory over Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

The semifinal match aired January 6 on KSBI-TV in Oklahoma City, and SWOSU won \$3,000 in scholarship money for the victory. SWOSU will now play Redlands Community College this Sunday, January 13, at 6 p.m. on KSBI-TV in the championship match.

SWOSU is the defending champion of Mind Games, a buzzer quiz game based on knowledge in all academic fields. Seventeen Oklahoma colleges and universities competed this fall including Cameron, East Central, Northwestern, Rogers State, SWOSU, Northeastern A & M, Southwestern Christian, Rose State, Carl Albert, Redlands, Oklahoma City Community College, Western Oklahoma State College, Connors, Seminole State and Northern. The University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University also competed but in a separate competition.

Dr. Fred Gates, who is associate professor of history in the Department of Social Sciences, is in his first year as coach. Members of the SWOSU team are: Zeke Mills, Springfield MO; Jim Ferguson, Elk City; Erika Christner, Enid; Tanner Fisher, Calumet; Josh Olivera, Cordell; and Connor Holland, Duncan.

SWOSU team won its opening contest, 690-130, over Oklahoma City Community College and defeated Rogers State University, 720-150, in a quarterfinal match. SWOSU followed up with the 470-300 semifinal victory over Northwestern.