

Holdge Wins First Time Award from Tau Kappa Epsilon

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University graduate student Dalton Shane Holdge of Yukon was recently selected as the first time award recipient of a Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity award.

Holdge received the Douglas Morlan Blubaugh Memorial Spirit Award during the TKE Founders Day 2012 celebration.

Holdge received the award for his hard work, dedication, perseverance and the ability to overcome adversity. He graduated from Fort Cobb-Broxton High School in 2009 and two years later he graduated Summa Cum Laude at SWOSU with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance degree. He is currently working on his Master of Education in Sports Management degree and will graduate this summer.

The late Doug Blubaugh is a fellow TKE fraternity member and was an Olympic gold medalist in wrestling. Blubaugh's family was able to extend the award to Holdge and allowed him to wear Blubaugh's Olympic Gold medal for pictures.

Holdge said his main support is his family, much like Blubaugh's. He wants to thank the fraternity for such an honor that he has received and that he is proud to represent Doug Blubaugh for TKE.

"I didn't know Doug Blubaugh personally, but to see the look in peoples' eyes when they talk about him, I know it is an honor, a privilege, and celebration," Holdge said.

Holdge is excited about the future in helping out his TKE chapter at SWOSU and continuing his education at SWOSU. He said he wants to thank the university for everything it has given him and hopes that one day he can give a fraction of it back.

Holdge is the son of Leanna Farmer and the late Steve Holdge of Fort Cobb and the grandson of Nelda and Bobby Kee of Carnegie.