

# Gary England to Receive Award of Merit from SWOSU

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Oklahoma weather icon Gary England will be honored with an Award of Merit at Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Saturday, January 25, as part of the opening activities of the Pioneer Cellular Event Center on the Weatherford campus.

SWOSU President Randy Beutler will present the award following the conclusion of the SWOSU women's basketball contest at approximately 7 p.m. England, who is vice president for corporate relations and weather development at Griffin Communications, is being honored for his years of service keeping Oklahomans weather-safe.

England, who did attend SWOSU at one time and the place he met his wife Mary, is a recipient of numerous awards and honors including three Emmys and the Silver Circle Award by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

He is an internationally recognized authority in severe weather and holds the distinction of being the person who implemented with Enterprise Electronics, the world's first commercial Doppler radar. In 1981, he became the first person in history to use Doppler radar for direct warnings to the public.

The author of four books and the subject of another, England has become a much sought after consultant for weather specials produced by international channels from all areas of the globe.

Admission is free for everyone to the SWOSU opening day activities on January 25.