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SWOSU Gift Honors Marjory Scouten Smith

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre has announced the establishment of the Marjory Scouten Smith Fund.

The endowed fund has been generously provided by Dr. David Hunter and Dianne (Smith) Hunter, M. Ed. (SWOSU Classes of 1986 and 1990) of Edmond.

Dianne is a past president of the SWOSU Alumni Association and currently serves as chair of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees—the first woman in the 40-year history of the Foundation to do so. David has received the SWOSU Alumni Association Service Award and is a devoted and valued SWOSU volunteer.

The Hunters are faithful, passionate benefactors of SWOSU. In late 2007, the Hunters established the Hunter Endowed Lectureship, which has brought excellent psychology programming to SWOSU. Now, the Marjory Scouten Smith Fund will direct invaluable support to SWOSU's efforts to build and enhance relationships with the university's alumni, emeriti, donors and friends.

"SWOSU is honored by this visionary investment on the part of the Hunters," said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. "The Marjory Scouten Smith Fund will assist our Office of Institutional Advancement in connecting to our graduates around the world and in forging future private-public partnerships that will enable our students and faculty to achieve higher levels of excellence."

The Hunters' latest investment in SWOSU's mission is named for the late Marjory Scouten Smith, Dianne Hunter's mother.

Marjory was born on April 5, 1919, in Sickles (OK) to Roy and Ida (Ralston) Scouten. She passed away on July 11, 2012, in Oklahoma City at the age of 93. Marjory graduated from Sickles High School in 1937. She married Scott Smith in 1937 in Anadarko. She moved to Weatherford in 1961 and relocated to Colorado in 1975 where she resided until 2005, moving back to Edmond. Marjory worked as a hairstylist and farm manager. She was an artist and loved to paint. Marjory also enjoyed traveling, reading and her "plant room." She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hinton.

"We are delighted to pay tribute to our beloved matriarch in this special way," said the Hunters. "SWOSU is blessed with a diverse and enthusiastic community of alumni, emeriti, donors and friends, and it is our hope that these resources will permit the university we all love to better engage with and strengthen that community."

The Marjory Scouten Smith Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$25 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For information on how to give to the Marjory Scouten Smith Fund, please contact the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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