

SWOSU Teacher Candidates Visit OKC Public Schools

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University teacher candidates recently completed a field experience in Oklahoma City and, as a thank you to participating schools, \$200 vouchers were presented for scholastic books and materials. Involved in the presentation at Heronville Elementary School are (back row from left) Bruce Belanger, DOE; Heronville principal Leon Hill; Heronville kindergarten teacher LaTori Carter and her students, and SWOSU teacher candidate Allyssa Knight, Mustang.

Involved in the presentation at Oklahoma Centennial Mid-High School are (left to right) Allen Boyd, DOE; Bianca Rose, OKCPS; SWOSU teacher candidates Ben Justus of Comanche, Sawyer Cooper of Haslet (TX), Cade McKee of Blair, Lorenzo Barnes of Burkburnett (TX), Casey Schneberger of Weatherford and Brandon Ruiz of Yukon; Principal Michelle Pontikos and Bruce Belanger, DOE.

Sixty teacher candidates from Southwestern Oklahoma State University recently completed their National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) requirement for “field experience in a diverse school setting” during a two-day training session.

Bianca Rose, secondary team leader for human resources, and Erica Alvarez and Jessica Russell, elementary team leaders, from Oklahoma City Public Schools began the training. They spoke to the teacher candidates at SWOSU in preparation for their field trip.

The teacher candidates then travelled to Oklahoma City to spend a day in one of 17 schools in the district. The candidates were accompanied by Bruce Belanger, coordinator of field experiences at SWOSU’s Department of Education (DOE), along with Allen Boyd and Ed Klein, DOE instructors.

As a thank you to the schools, the DOE presented two participating schools with \$200 vouchers for scholastic books and materials.