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SWOSU Announces 2021-22 Bill & Elois Muncy Memorial Scholars



Katie Baker



Jordan Valenzuela

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has announced that SWOSU students Katie Baker of Geary along with Corbin Parker and Jordan Valenzuela, both of Watonga, have been named the university's 2021-22 academic year Bill & Elois Muncy Scholars.

Baker is an undecided major. This is her second consecutive year to be named a Muncy Scholar. Parker is studying business, and Valenzuela is studying biochemistry.

The Bill and Elois Muncy Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 by their children—Mike Muncy (SWOSU Class of 1977) of Oklahoma City and Jayne Muncy Hackworth of Centennial (CO). The fund benefits SWOSU students from the Geary, Watonga, Calumet and Greenfield areas.

Bill and Elois Muncy were educated in Hinton. Bill was one year ahead of Elois in school, and together the two took every math class offered them. Bill wanted to go to college but could not afford it, so after graduation he went to work at his uncle's farm at Geary. They understood the value of education and were always reading and learning. They always said, "Once you learn it, it's yours for life."

The Muncys were proud to sponsor National Honor Society students at Geary High School, believing sincerely that induction into the National Honor Society was as important as making the football team. For many years, the Muncys delighted in regularly treating the honor society students to a steak dinner and a night of bowling in Weatherford. The Muncys were quiet benefactors of several students from the Geary area who could not have otherwise afforded college expenses.

The Bill and Elois Muncy Memorial Scholarship is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships, 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 nearly \$37 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.