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## **Dr. Brooke Gildon Wins Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award at SWOSU**



Dr. Brooke Gildon (left), professor in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), is the winner of the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2022 at SWOSU. Gildon was presented the prestigious award at the annual Bernhardt Award banquet held March 10 on the Weatherford campus. She received a \$5,000 cash award, clock, pen and medallion. With her is SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell, who made the presentation.

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SWOSU alumni Theta Juan Bernhardt and the late Dr. William Bernhardt of Midwest City are sponsors of the annual award that goes to an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

Gildon is a faculty member in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, specializing in clinical pediatrics and based at The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital in Bethany. She received her Pharm.D. from SWOSU in 2007 and later completed a residency in pediatrics with the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy in Oklahoma City.

Gildon, who joined the SWOSU College of Pharmacy faculty in 2016, is a certified asthma educator, board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist and board-certified pediatric pharmacy specialist. She is an active member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International and Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group.

Her practice areas include pediatric ambulatory care, general pediatrics, pediatric asthma and drug research of drug pediatric complex care.

Gildon has an impressive record of scholarship. She has inspired students to acquire the skills and confidence needed to ask questions, identify emerging issues in the area of pediatric health and then design studies to solve problems and improve outcomes.

Her community service reflects her devotion to improving the quality of life and health of others, especially children. She has helped with the vaccination clinics at the university's Pioneer Cellular Event Center and volunteers for community pregnancy and adoption programs. She contributes time and expertise as a speaker at birth mother retreats and conferences.

Previous winners of the Bernhardt Award are (in order by year): Dr. Vilas Prabhu, Dr.

Stuart Burchett, Dr. Gary Wolgamott, Dr. Terry Segress, Dr. James Hunsicker, Dr. Jill Jones, Dr. James Breckenridge, Dr. John Ludrick, Dr. W. Steven Pray, Dr. Les Crall, Dr. Peter Grant, Dr. John Hayden, Dr. Virgil Van Dusen, Steve Strickler, Dr. Mary Aspedon, Dr. John Woods, Dr. Scott Long, Dr. Charles Rogers, Dr. Tim Hubin, Dr. Brian Campbell, Dr. Patsy Parker, Dr. Tom Davis, Dr. Kevin Collins, Dr. Trisha Wald, Landry Brewer, Dr. Amanda Evert, Dr. Hardeep Singh Saluja and Dr. Howard Kurtz.