

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity Receives National Recognition

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The Southwestern Oklahoma State University men of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) have been recognized as one of the top TKE chapters in the nation.

SWOSU Dean of Students Cindy Dougherty was recently notified by the national TKE office and SWOSU alum Jim Johnston that the SWOSU chapter in Weatherford was reported as the #1 chapter in the area, #3 chapter in the province of 131 chapters and #5 in the nation of all 247 TKE chapters.

Josh Armstrong, president of the SWOSU's TKE, said he was extremely proud of the chapter.

"I serve an amazing group of young men that I am proud to call my brothers," Armstrong said. "It takes a lot of passion and dedication to be an active member of TKE, especially at a point in our lives when so many members are balancing school and work. Extracurricular time is an invaluable commodity, so it is such a privilege to see all the long hours and hard work these guys have been putting in is beginning to pay off."

SWOSU's TKE chapter is extremely busy on campus. Some of the activities include:

- Setting up for a pancake breakfast at Camp Blue in the summer
- Helping students move into residence halls at the beginning of the fall semester
- Setting up the huge bulldog at each home football game
- Attendance at many sporting events and creating themes for each game to promote school spirit and foster unity
- Supporting Relay for Life
- Supporting St. Jude's Children Hospital in various ways through fundraisers such as a Jump-a-thon and Sit-a-thon. This year the local TKE chapter raised \$1,800.

Armstrong said that he and the rest of the men of TKE were honoured by the recognition from the national office and that they have visions for the SWOSU chapter to rise even higher in the rankings.

"Right now we have two main goals," Armstrong said. "First, we want to be presented with 'The Top TKE' award at Conclave in August, and second, we are planning a big and exciting rush for the fall of 2017."

The chapter hopes to initiate at least 25 new members.

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