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Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Sayre Campus

Medical Laboratory Technician  
&  
Radiologic Technology

Higher Education  
in Sayre



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Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
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Technology programs began accepting students  
in August 1968.



Higher education was first established  
in Sayre when grades 13 and 14 were  
added to the high school.

## SWOSU-Sayre Celebrating 30/50/80

Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Sayre is celebrating three anniversaries and wants the public to join the fun.

SWOSU-Sayre is observing 30 years since Sayre Junior College (SJC) merged with Southwestern Oklahoma State University, 50 years since the Medical Laboratory Technician and Radiologic Technology programs began, and 80 years since higher education began in Sayre with the founding of SJC.

In honor of these momentous milestones, the public is invited to an informal come-and-go reception inside Patterson Field House on the SWOSU-Sayre campus on Saturday, March 31, from 9 to 11 a.m.

“Sayre Junior College and SWOSU-Sayre yearbooks, photos and student displays showcasing the history of higher education in Sayre over the last 80 years will be featured,” said Dean Sherron Manning.

Manning said that coffee and donuts will be provided, and the first 100 attendees will receive a free commemorative mug.

SWOSU-Sayre was founded as Sayre Junior College in 1938 under legislative authorization permitting public high schools to add a 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> year of study.

Sayre Junior College underwent a brief name change in 1940 but quickly reverted to the original name. The first degrees were awarded in 1940. As with other higher education institutions, SJC closed during World War II and reopened in 1946. In 1956, SJC moved from facilities occupied jointly with Sayre High School to its current location on Sayre's east side.

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The Oklahoma legislature merged SJC with Southwestern Oklahoma State University in July 1987.

"Everyone is invited to help us celebrate these anniversaries at the reception, and we would love to see as many current and former faculty and staff members, administrators and students as are able to attend," Manning said.

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