

SWOSU Students Selected for OL Program

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Thirty Southwestern Oklahoma State University students were recently selected to serve as orientation leaders (OLs) on the Weatherford campus.

Among the leaders are Shawn Dowdell, Altus; Rachel van der Hagen, Broken Arrow; Brittany McGinn, Canton; Karissa Riley, Carnegie; Emily Kelly, Corn; Christopher Wynn, Duncan; Meghan Haftman, Edmond (Memorial); Erin McCray, Edmond (Santa Fe); Jon Nightengale, Fairview; Courtney McElroy, Frederick; Allison Helm, Geary; Alaric Serjeant, Kingfisher; Lauren Gladden, Lawton; Jackie Johnson, Moore; Natalie Hopper, Mustang; Nichole Coffman, Paisley Ford, both of Oklahoma City (Putnam City); Steven "Kurt" West, Oklahoma City (Putnam City North); Maxine Quaye, Allie Shoemake and Jessica Speegle, all of Oklahoma City (Westmoore); Kyle Marks, Omega; Jessica Bullard, Paden; Caitlin Harwell, Sallisaw; Desirae Sarver, Sentinel; LaKesha Seals, Tulsa (Edison); Matt Williams, Walters; Tristan Todd, Woodward; James Libby, Poland ME; and Liz Austin, Borger TX.

As OLs, they will serve as mentors in this fall's eight-week freshman orientation courses taught by SWOSU faculty, administration and staff. Jena Skarda, staff member for the SWOSU New Student Orientation program, said the students are already involved and responsible for a large part of the orientation session for incoming freshmen. The students will also help facilitate Dawg Day activities held during the first few weeks of the fall semester.

The orientation leaders were selected through an application and interview process. The students are enrolled in a two-hour leadership course this spring taught by Rebecca Manney, recruiter for Admissions and Recruitment; Tiffany Hawkins, assistant director of Career Services; and Skarda.

The first New Student Orientation enrollment session for incoming freshmen is March 13. Additional NSO enrollment sessions are April 4 and 22, June 11, July 14 and August 15. Each of the enrollment sessions offers students the chance to meet current SWOSU students and new freshmen, visit and enroll with a faculty advisor within the major they have selected, and have all their questions answered.

For more information, visit <http://www.swosu.edu/admissions/nso/index.asp> or contact New Student Orientation at 580.774.3233 or orientation@swosu.edu.