

Oklahoma's Teacher of the Year to Speak Wednesday at SWOSU

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The Oklahoma Teacher of the Year—Jon Hazell of Durant High School—will speak at Southwestern Oklahoma State University this Wednesday, March 22, as part of the Teacher Candidate Professional Development Day on the Weatherford campus.

The public is invited to hear Hazell's presentation at 1:35 p.m. in the Skyview Suite of the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

Hazell is a secondary science teacher who was selected Oklahoma's Teacher of the Year among 12 finalists. A graduate of Durant High School, Hazell has taught anatomy, biology and environmental science for 33 years in the Durant Independent School District. In addition to teaching, he is the lead pastor at United Church of Tishomingo.

Hazell said he was inspired to teach by his father, Don Hazell, who taught biological sciences for 32 years.

Hazell helps inmates learn to read and complete their GEDs as part of his five-county prison ministry. Sponsor of the Student Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes at his school, he is also the ropes course lead facilitator at Crosspoint Camp on Lake Texoma. The course is designed to enhance student cooperation and teamwork.

Also going on throughout the day at SWOSU will be various professional development concurrent sessions as part of the SWOSU Education Career & Resources Fair.

The sessions run from 9-11 a.m. and feature the following topics: Technology Tools to Engage All Learners; New Teacher Finances/Incentives; Finding Grants to Fund Classroom Needs; and New Teachers Panel Questions/Answers.

The SWOSU Education Career and Technology Fair is a combined effort between the Department of Education and Career Services office. For more information, contact Bruce Belanger at bruce.belanger@swosu.edu or call 580.774.3146.