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Harold Jackson Family Supports Public School Teachers with Major Gift to SWOSU Foundation

Photo Caption: Harold W. Jackson of Chickasha and his family has made monumental investments in students studying to become public school teachers and their most recent contribution to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation in Weatherford will provide the SWOSU Department of Education with over \$250,000 in endowed support. Presenting the major gift were (from left): Brian Jackson, Frisco (TX); Craig Jackson and Alissa Jackson, both of Chickasha; and (second from right) Harold Jackson. Accepting for SWOSU were (fourth from left) President Randy Beutler and (far right) former SWOSU President John Hays.

Former Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) Regent and Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) emeritus faculty and staff member Harold W. Jackson (SWOSU Class of 1966) has made monumental investments in students studying to become public school teachers.

During a recent visit to the Weatherford campus, Jackson and three of his children presented SWOSU President Dr. Randy Beutler and former SWOSU President Dr. John Hays with a major gift to the Harold & Kay Jackson Scholarship Fund. The gift marks the culmination of over a decade of generous investment in SWOSU's mission of training the next generation of educators.

The Harold & Kay Jackson Scholarship Fund was established in 2003. It provides scholarship assistance to SWOSU students pursuing degrees in the SWOSU Department of Education with an emphasis on students who graduated from Marlow Public Schools in Marlow and who intend to specialize in elementary education, math education and special education.

Jackson is a graduate of Marlow Public Schools. In addition to graduating from SWOSU, he also holds degrees from Cameron University and the University of Central Oklahoma. He served as assistant registrar at SWOSU and as an instructor in the SWOSU Department of Education where he taught future special education teachers. Jackson served on the Chickasha City Council for two years and as mayor of Chickasha for six years.

The late Margaret “Kay” Boyd-Jackson (SWOSU Classes of 1965 & 1977) was a 1961 graduate of Capitol Hill School. She taught in the public schools of Yukon, Lawton and Midwest City and later worked as a school psychometrist for the Elk City and Anadarko Regional Education Services Center. Kay bravely lived with multiple sclerosis (MS) for over 25 years. She lost her battle with MS in 2010. The Jackson family owns restaurants in Chickasha, Duncan and Lindsay.

Harold and Kay were married for 44 years and raised four children: Darryl Todd (deceased), Brian, Craig and Alissa.

Jackson’s most recent contribution ensures that the Harold & Kay Jackson Scholarship Fund will provide the Department of Education with over \$250,000 in endowed support.

“SWOSU is a stronger institution because of thoughtful, visionary partners like Harold and Kay Jackson,” said President Beutler. “We are better able to fulfill our mission of providing a quality higher education for all because of the Jackson family’s philanthropic spirit and commitment to bettering society.”

The Harold & Kay Jackson Scholarship Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$24 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For information on how to make a charitable gift to SWOSU please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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