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## SWOSU & Delta Dental Oklahoma Establish Scholarship Endowment

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation have announced the establishment of the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Pre-Dentistry Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The endowed scholarship fund will provide ongoing support to SWOSU sophomores and/or juniors with demonstrated financial need who are preparing to pursue a career in dentistry. The scholarship will benefit SWOSU students who "shadow" dental health professionals; who perform dental health-related community service projects; and who participate in dental health organizations.

"SWOSU has a strong track record of producing dental health professionals who contribute positively to Oklahoma communities and to their professions," said Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation Director Terrisa Singleton. "Ensuring Oklahomans have access to quality dental providers in our state is crucial. We are delighted to partner with SWOSU to assist students with the costs of their higher education."

Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation and SWOSU each contributed \$25,000 in funds to establish the scholarship endowment.

"We are truly grateful to the Delta Dental of Oklahoma and its Foundation for this generous investment in our students," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell. "These resources will significantly enhance the experiential learning opportunities afforded to our students who have chosen to work in dental health."

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Pre-Dentistry Endowed 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 nearly \$37 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

## About Delta Dental of Oklahoma

Delta Dental of Oklahoma is the leading provider of dental benefits in the state. Delta Dental of Oklahoma (DDOK) serves more than one million eligible members and nearly 9,500 Oklahoma-headquartered companies. DDOK established its Foundation in 1998 to advance the company's not-for-profit mission to improve the oral health of all Oklahomans. For more information about Delta Dental of Oklahoma, please visit DeltaDentalOK.org.

## About Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation

Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation is the philanthropic affiliate of Delta Dental of Oklahoma and is the state's single largest contributor to dental health and education-related projects and initiatives. The Foundation is funded entirely by proceeds from Delta Dental of Oklahoma. For more information, visit DDOKFoundation.org.