

# SWOSU Grad to Represent Harvard at Nobel Laureate

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A Southwestern Oklahoma State University graduate has been selected to represent Harvard University at this summer's Nobel Laureate Conference in Germany.

Cammie Valdez, who graduated in 2008 from SWOSU with degrees in chemistry and mathematics, is the first PhD student in chemical biology from SWOSU to attend Harvard.

Valdez, originally from Enid, is one of only 77 graduate students from the United States to be invited to the conference. She is the only one from Harvard. The 60th meeting of Nobel Laureates will take place June 27-July 3 and is an interdisciplinary meeting dedicated to the Laureates in chemistry, physics and medicine/physiology.

Brian Campbell, professor of chemistry at SWOSU, said Valdez was one of his most productive and dynamic Louis Stokes Oklahoma Alliance for Minority Participation grant scholars. The Louis Stokes program is to find the best and brightest students to prepare them for graduate school.

"Cammie is a great representative of SWOSU," Campbell said. "This is an outstanding honor for Cammie and for our SWOSU Department of Chemistry and Physics."

Campbell said Harvard has taken notice of SWOSU students. He just found out another SWOSU student, Courtney Garcia, has been selected to attend Harvard this summer on a research program.