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SWOSU and Weatherford Regional Hospital Honored with Partnership Award



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) and Weatherford Regional Hospital (WRH) were among those recently recognized with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award. At the presentation were (from left) WRH CFO Georganna Buss; WRH Director of Nursing Monica Dew; WRH CEO Brian Denton; SWOSU Business Enterprise Center Director Doug Misak; and OSRHE Chancellor Allison D. Garrett.

Twenty-six business and higher education partnerships throughout the state were recently recognized as innovative collaborations that further the education of Oklahoma's workforce.

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WRH is an important partner and supporter of SWOSU, providing a training environment for nursing, pharmacy, radiology tech and medical lab tech students that includes clinical encounters for nursing students, imaging modalities for radiology tech students, rotation experiences from informatics to chemotherapy for pharmacy students, and laboratory procedures practice for medical lab tech students.

SWOSU assisted the hospital with its summer 2021 Affordable Care Act assessment, and WRH plans to work with the SWOSU Business Enterprise Center to offer courses to their employees with SWOSU instructors as subject matter experts.

The Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award is designed to highlight successful partnerships between higher education institutions and businesses and to further cultivate the higher learning environment through State Regents' Economic Development Grants. State Regent Michael C. Turpen served as master of ceremonies for the event held in Edmond.

"Our colleges and universities continue to collaborate successfully with public, private and nonprofit partners to strengthen economic and workforce development across our state," said OSRHE Chancellor Allison D. Garrett. "The State Regents and I are proud to celebrate the positive impact of these partnerships as we all work together to build the skilled workforce required to make Oklahoma competitive on a global stage."

Institutions involved in these partnerships provide \$500 for tuition waivers to employees of the partnering businesses; internships that enable current students to work at the partnering businesses; faculty externships with the partnering businesses; and/or enhancement of the partnerships with additional equipment, materials or supplies. The State Regents provide a \$500 match to the waivers.

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