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Five Being Inducted into SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

Five individuals are being inducted into Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame during 2018 graduation ceremonies on the Weatherford campus.

They are:

- Wendy Borlabi, Chicago (IL), Class of 1994
- C. B. Graft, Clinton, Class of 1963
- Chris McKeever, Edmond, Class of 1991
- Paul Moore, Acton (MA), Class of 1978
- Jane Sims, Key Largo (FL), Class of 1971

All five will be honored by SWOSU President Randy Beutler at the SWOSU undergraduate commencement ceremonies May 5 on the Weatherford campus.

Wendy Borlabi of Chicago (IL) studied psychology at SWOSU. Borlabi currently serves as High Performance Coach for the Chicago Bulls and as an independent consultant with the National Basketball Association (NBA). Previously, Borlabi served with the United States Olympic Committee at the Olympic Training Center in San Diego during two Winter Olympic Games and one Summer Olympic Games. Borlabi holds a Master's Degree in Kinesiology from Georgia Southern University and a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Argosy University. Born in Ghana and raised in Midwest City, Borlabi is mother to twin children.

C. B. Graft of Clinton holds a Bachelor of Arts from SWOSU and Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. Graft has practiced law in Custer County for over half a century. As trustee of the Davis-McElmurry Testamentary Trust, Graft has stewarded the estate of the late Bonnie and Wilma Davis-McElmurry, which has provided over \$680,000 in scholarships to SWOSU students. Graft is a principal owner and current chair of the Board of Directors of The Bank Of The West, with branches in Clinton, Thomas, Leedey and Gaillardia in Oklahoma City. Graft has served on the governing boards of the Oklahoma Baptist Foundation and the Clinton Regional Hospital. Graft and his wife of 41 years, Tricia, are proud parents of five and grandparents of 16.

Chris McKeever of Edmond studied management at SWOSU. McKeever has been employed at Sonic Industries since 2002, where he currently serves as Director of Operations Execution. Previously, he has served as Director of Finance and Director of Marketing. McKeever served as a city council member for the City of Moore and currently serves as an elder at Memorial Road Church of Christ in Edmond. McKeever is a triathlete and a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Psi. McKeever and his wife, Tammy (SWOSU Class of 1991), are parents of a daughter, Monique.

Paul Moore of Acton (MA) studied pharmacy at SWOSU. He currently serves as Executive Secretary of the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health & Human Services and as a Senior Health Policy Advisor with the Office of Rural Health Policy within the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Previously, Moore served as Chief Executive Officer of the Atoka County Healthcare Authority and as Administrator of the Atoka Memorial Hospital. Moore has served as President of the National Rural Health Association and has sat on the governing boards of the Baptist Village Retirement Communities. An aviation enthusiast, Moore is a certified commercial, SEL, MEL, and instrument pilot. Moore and his wife, Carolyn Gardner Moore (SWOSU Class of 1978) are the proud parents of two daughters, Natalie Moore Houck (SWOSU Class of 2004) and Emily Moore Jones.

Jane Sims of Key Largo (FL) studied education at SWOSU. A career educator, Sims taught English in public school districts throughout the United States between 1971 and 1987 including Perkins; Dodge City (KS); Collierville (TN); Bellevue (WA); Carmel (IN); and Weston (CT). Sims also served as an adjunct professor of English at Indiana University. Honored by multiple communities for her passionate commitment to her students, Sims currently devotes her time to volunteering and philanthropy. As Chair of the Grants Committee of the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, Sims has overseen the delivery of millions of dollars in support to hundreds of worthy causes in the Florida Keys that enrich the lives of students, teachers and at-risk populations. Sims holds a Master's Degree in Education from Indiana University. She and her husband, Nelson (SWOSU Class of 1971 and 1992 Distinguished Alumnus) have two children and four grandchildren.

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