

## News

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# SWOSU Bestows Linda Redinger Lifetime Achievement Award on Jim Waites



*Jim and Kathleen Waites are congratulated on Jim being named the first-ever recipient of the Linda Redinger Lifetime Achievement Award by current SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Executive Director Garrett King.*



*Jim and Kathleen Waites are congratulated on the occasion by family and friends.*

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) has announced Jim Waites (Classes of 1969 & 1971) of Weatherford is the first-ever recipient of the Linda Redinger Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Linda Redinger Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 2016 in honor of SWOSU alumnae Linda Redinger (Class of 1976). Redinger served nearly three decades as treasurer of the SWOSU Alumni Association. She passed away in 2020.

Waites served SWOSU from September 1990 to December 2010 as vice president for the Office of Institutional Advancement and executive director of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc.

"During his tenure as SWOSU's chief advancement officer, Jim Waites built a heritage of philanthropic excellence that we are honored to carry forth today," said SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Executive Director Garrett King. "Jim served loyally and selflessly under three SWOSU presidents, and we know that so many of the good things that we are able to achieve on the Hilltop today are thanks, in great measure, to Jim's innovation, hard work and vision."

King said the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees and the SWOSU Alumni Association and Athletic Association Boards of Directors are honored to pay tribute to Waites' legacy by naming him the first-ever recipient of the Linda Redinger Lifetime Achievement Award.

SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler and former SWOSU President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler gathered with Waites and his wife, Kathleen (Class of 1969), as well as members of the extended Waites family and a large number of SWOSU alumni, emeriti and friends for a recent reception generously hosted by longtime SWOSU benefactors First National Bank & Trust Company in Weatherford.

First National President & CEO Herschel Brewster joined Beutler and Hibler in reflecting on Waites's critical role in helping to build SWOSU's capacity for effective fundraising and alumni outreach, robust donor engagement and professional stewardship of endowed gifts.

King said Waites led SWOSU through its first and sequential formal fundraising campaigns and launched a wide array of new initiatives and activities that greatly strengthened the university's charitable partners at the Foundation as well as the Alumni and Athletic Associations.

For more information, please contact the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267.

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