

SWOSU Student Wins Top Award at Research Day

04.03.2015

Southwestern Oklahoma State University student Matthew Abbott of Anadarko won first place in the regional university/community college competition at the 20th annual Research Day held recently at the Oklahoma Capitol in Oklahoma City. Making the presentation is Glen D. Johnson, chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University student Matthew Abbott of Anadarko won first place in the regional university/community college competition at the 20th annual Research Day held recently at the Oklahoma Capitol in Oklahoma City.

Abbott was one of 24 undergraduate student researchers from 18 Oklahoma colleges at the event.

Abbott, who is a senior majoring in biology and chemistry, won for his research on neuronal development that was completed under the direction of Dr. Andrea Holgado in the SWOSU Neuroscience Research Lab. He won a \$500 cash prize.

Student participants were hand-selected by the 18 participating institutions to present scientific research posters during the prestigious event, which is designed to showcase the outstanding research being conducted by students enrolled at Oklahoma's colleges and universities.

Students shared their research findings, which addressed important topics including water quality, solar power and more with legislators and Capitol guests at the event.

Posters were competitively judged by an independent panel that selected the top seven research presentations in three categories.

Research Day at the Capitol is sponsored by the Oklahoma Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) through a National Science Foundation grant and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.