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President Randy L. Beutler Endowment Established at SWOSU



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre has announced the establishment of the President Randy L. Beutler Endowment.

The endowment will provide financial assistance in perpetuity to SWOSU students, faculty and programs in honor of outgoing SWOSU President Randy L. Beutler.

The SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees, along with a generous group of over 70 preliminary underwriters from throughout Oklahoma and the United States, have already contributed almost \$80,000 to the endowment.

The public is now invited to contribute to help the fund exceed \$100,000. Each contribution will be recognized personally by President Beutler. Contributions may be made by:

- Visiting www.GiveToSWOSU.com;
- Mailing a check payable to "SWOSU Foundation" with "Beutler Endowment" noted in the memorandum line to SWOSU Foundation, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096; or,
- Calling the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. offices at 580-774-3267 to make a gift using a credit/debit card.

"Randy Beutler has been an outstanding champion for SWOSU's alumni, emeriti and friends," said SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees Chair George Cohlma of Oklahoma City (Class of 1974). "We are honored to establish this endowment as a way of saying 'thank you' for his leadership in building new donor relationships, responsibly stewarding major gifts, and enhancing reunion activities like Homecoming and the Distinguished Alumni festivities."

Beutler was named the 17th president of SWOSU in February 2010. When he retires on July 1, 2021, he will be completing nearly 12 years leading the institution, becoming the fourth longest-serving president in institutional history.

Under his leadership, SWOSU has seen many projects and milestones accomplished. The largest building project in the history of the university was completed under his watch. The 93,000 square foot Pioneer Cellular Event Center was opened in January 2014. In addition, the ground-breaking partnership with Yukon Public Schools was conceived and implemented during Beutler's tenure. He has also worked closely with the President's Leadership Class, which he developed while working under former SWOSU President, the late John Hays.

Prior to being named president of SWOSU, Beutler taught history and government for several years at Weatherford High School. In 1992, he was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives for District 60. During his tenure there, Beutler rose to the position of Majority Whip. He currently is a partner in Beutler-Redd Ranches, Limited, a cow-calf ranch that operates north of Elk City.

The President Randy L. Beutler Endowment is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. An institutionally-related charitable entity, the Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$29 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

For more information on the Foundation or to donate to the President Randy L. Beutler Endowment, please visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com or call 580-774-3267.

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