

Reservations being taken for SWOSU Physics Banquet

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Reservations are now being taken for the annual SWOSU Division of Physics spring alumni/friends banquet on Saturday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the SWOSU Student Center Ballroom on the Weatherford campus.

Kenneth Elkins, director of the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division in McAlester, will be guest speaker. Elkins graduated from SWOSU in 1982 with a B.S. in Physics.

Tickets are \$20 and can be paid for at the door, but reservations must be made by April 3 by emailing physics@swosu.edu or calling 580.774.3109.

After graduation, Elkins joined the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) in Port Hueneme (CA), initially as an electronic engineer working on the Armored Box Launcher. Beginning in 1987, he was lead engineer for the Tomahawk AUR Team and served as the team leader for this group from 1998-2003. ‘

He received his M.S. in Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2003 and was then named branch manager for Missile Operations, Maintenance & Training. In 2006, he moved to McAlester to serve as the Engineering Management Division manager and became the director of the NSWC Indian Head Division (McAlister Detachment) in 2008.

Elkins has received many awards and recognition during his long career with the NSWC. He and his wife, Karma Ingraham Elkins (also a SWOSU alumnus), have two daughters—Heather and Michelle.

Prior to Elkins' address, the Physics Division will induct new members to Sigma Pi Sigma, the national physics honor society, and recognize students with honors and scholarships for academic achievement and contributions to the department.