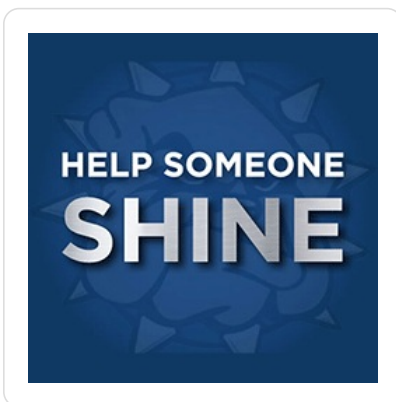




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## Brad Taylor Makes Major Gifts to SWOSU for Scholarship and Single Parents Programs



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre recently announced that Brad Taylor of Edmond has made philanthropic investments in the SWOSU SHINE Scholarship Fund and the SWOSU Single Parents Network (SPN).

“SWOSU is a stronger university because of thoughtful, generous donors like Brad Taylor,” said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. “These gifts to our SHINE Scholarship Fund and to our Single Parent Network will be immediately put into service to help educate and assist SWOSU’s students. We are truly grateful.”

Dr. Ruth Boyd, vice president of student affairs at SWOSU, said single mothers identify time management and organization as their greatest challenges. Organizations such as the SWOSU SPN provide a means for students to bridge student time, parenting time and work time. The U.S. Department of Education predicts that women's enrollment in college will rise 15 percent by 2024. Those with children ask universities to acknowledge their existence, financial constraints and their need for networking. Their goal of college completion is to provide a better, more stable post-graduation life for themselves and their children.

The SWOSU SPN promotes academic persistence among a vulnerable population by providing 1) direct information about university and community resources; 2) a sense of belonging on campus; and 3) a means for developing professional dispositions among participants.

Taylor has also been a benefactor to the SWOSU SHINE Scholarship Fund. This general scholarship fund provides much-needed financial assistance to SWOSU students across all the institution's colleges and departments.

"My family and I are delighted to provide SWOSU with these resources," Taylor said. "SWOSU's track record of responsible stewardship and focus on its mission make it an easy cause to support through charitable giving."

The SWOSU SHINE Scholarship Fund and the SWOSU SPN Fund are administered 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 nearly \$30 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information, please contact the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267 or visit [www.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com).

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