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Lorie Benson Fusco Named to SWOSU Planned Giving Society



Dr. Randy L. Beutler, president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre, is pleased to announce that Lorie Benson Fusco of Oklahoma City has been named to the SWOSU Tomorrows planned giving society.

Fusco has generously made provision for SWOSU in her estate planning. Her thoughtful investment in SWOSU will be used to provide substantial endowed facility and scholarship support to the SWOSU community and to pay tribute to her son, the late Andrew Jacob Fusco.

"My life has been defined by my personal faith and by my belief in the power of public education," Fusco said. "I consider it a privilege to assist SWOSU and facilitate the institution's mission to provide quality learning experiences and opportunities for all.

Fusco is a 1978 SWOSU alumnae and says that she has fond memories of SWOSU emeritus faculty member Marion Prichard. In 1979, she earned a Master of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma and in 1994 she was certified as a Registered Record Administrator by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

Fusco says that her personal motto is "Obey the Lord and leave the consequences to Him."

She is the daughter of the late Laryus L. "Larry" Benson and the late Waneta (Stermer) Benson.

“SWOSU stands firmly on the Hilltop today because of visionary private investors and partners like Lorie Benson Fusco,” Beutler said. “We are honored that Fusco chose to invest in SWOSU by including our institution in her estate planning. Her generosity will enable SWOSU students far into the future to pursue higher living and higher learning and to help make the world a better place.”

To better equip those who choose to remember SWOSU in their estate planning, the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. has launched www.SWOSUTomorrows.com, a comprehensive website with updated information about how planned gifts of any size and type can be made to SWOSU. Donors who choose to record their planned gifts to SWOSU will be named as part of the SWOSU Tomorrows giving society and recognized according to their wishes and preferences, joining a special place of honor amongst the university’s many benefactors. Former SWOSU Presidents Dr. Joe Anna Hibler and the late Dr. John Hays served as honorary co-chairs of the SWOSU Tomorrows effort under the guidance of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees.

The SWOSU Tomorrows planned giving program is coordinated by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy 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 information on how to make a planned gift to SWOSU or to notify SWOSU that a provision has been made for the university in estate planning, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267; e-mail to Executive Director Garrett King at garrett.king@swosu.edu; or by visiting www.SWOSUTomorrows.com.

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