

SWOSU Students Win Best Overall Game Award at Heartland Gaming Expo

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Nine Southwestern Oklahoma State University Computer Club students in Weatherford recently attended the Heartland Gaming Expo 2016 at the University of Tulsa, and four of the SWOSU students walked away with the “Best Overall Game” Award.

Ben Sanders, Chickasha, computer club president; Curtis Collins, Snyder, computer club treasurer; Noah Camp, Altus; and Isaiah Trujillo of Mt. View-Gotebo won the award in Code Jam, a 24-hour lockdown competition. All the competing students were given a theme and asked to create a game. The theme this year was ‘ice’.

Dr. Karen Sweeney, assistant professor in the SWOSU Department of Computer Science and sponsor of the SWOSU Computer Club, and Hayden Harrington, SWOSU web developer and club co-sponsor, accompanied the students. Sweeney said this is the fourth time club members have attended this event and their second big win. Nine universities along with two professional Indie game developers also competed in the Code Jam competition.

Other students who attended and competed in the Code Jam and/or the Showcase events were: Adriel Fillippini, Nicoma Park; Jack Guillory, Ft. Cobb; Ryan Henson, Weatherford; Dustin (Levi) Merrill, Woodward; and Prabhjot Saluja, Weatherford.