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SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Names Mapel and Mouse to Board of Trustees





Thomas Mapel of Tulsa and Melani Mouse of Oklahoma City have been named to the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Foundation, Inc.

Mapel is a regional vice president in the Independent Broker Dealer (IBD) channel at Prudential Annuities, covering Oklahoma, Arkansas, northern Louisiana and Texas territories. Prior to his current role, he was a regional vice president at Jackson National, where he wholesaled both internally and externally for 13 years.

Mapel graduated from SWOSU in 2002 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance. He also holds a Certified Fund Specialist (CFS™) designation. Mapel, his wife, Trisch, and their two daughters, Piper and Paige, hosted the first-ever “SWOSU Near You!” gathering in 2018 at their home in Tulsa.

Mouse serves Oklahoma City Public Schools as assistant superintendent for secondary schools. Mouse previously served over 21 years at Putnam City Public Schools as assistant superintendent.

Mouse holds undergraduate and master’s degrees from SWOSU and a doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. Mouse is a past president of the SWOSU Alumni Association. During her time as president, the association grew memberships and revenues and launched the “SWOSU Near You!” gatherings throughout Oklahoma and neighboring states.

“We are very pleased that Thomas Mapel and Melani Mouse will be joining the Foundation’s Board of Trustees,” said SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees Chair George Cohlma (SWOSU Class of 1974) of Edmond. “Their diverse experiences and expertise will help the Foundation to fulfill its purpose of advancing SWOSU during the university’s second century.”

Mapel has been assigned to the Foundation Investment Committee and Development Committee. Mouse has been assigned to the Foundation Development Committee and Property Committee.

The SWOSU Foundation was founded 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, visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com or call 580-774-3267.