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News

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Marci Grant Wins State Regents' Council for Online Learning Excellence Award



Marci

Grant, director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, was recently presented with the Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Individual Leadership at a meeting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Presenting her with the award were (left) Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and (right) State Regents' Chair Jay Helm.

Marci Grant, director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, was presented with the Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Individual Leadership.

Grant was honored on April 24 at the meeting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE).

The Council for Online Learning Excellence (COLE), an initiative of the OSRHE's Online Education Task Force, recognized two faculty members and a university team for their outstanding work during the meeting.

Grant was described in her nomination as a “treasure” of the university and state. Among her accomplishments, she led the implementation of a new learning management system on SWOSU’s campus, created a system of online instructor training and a course rubric development training for online courses, secured federal grant funding for the purchase of equipment for concurrent enrollment partners, and oversaw a 75 percent increase in online enrollment at SWOSU.

“Online education has become an integral part of higher education in our state,” said Chancellor Glen D. Johnson. “As a state system, we strive to provide Oklahoma students an innovative, coordinated and academically rigorous approach to online learning that reduces college access barriers.”

The State Regents created the Online Education Task Force in 2012 to review the delivery of online education throughout the state system and to determine the extent to which the delivery of online education was accessible, efficient and effective. COLE, formed by the task force in 2016, is comprised of faculty, staff and administrators representing each tier of Oklahoma’s public and private colleges and universities, as well as other entities connected to online learning technologies.

The 2019 Oklahoma Online Excellence Awards nominations were submitted by peers and judged by a committee of COLE members. Nominees were scored using a standard rubric based on the metrics of leadership, innovation, collaboration and results.

Other award winners were Dawn M. Pearce from the University of Central Oklahoma and the Institute for Learning Environment Design team at UCO.

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