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## News

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## SWOSU Welcomes Rick Shelby Back to Hilltop

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre recently welcomed back 1970 graduate and 1980 Distinguished Alumnus Richard "Rick" Shelby of McLean (VA) as a guest lecturer.

Shelby studied psychology and political science at SWOSU and served as student body president.

Shelby serves as Counsel to Capitol Hill Consulting Group. An experienced political veteran both on and off Capitol Hill, Shelby is active in state politics and maintains strong working relationships with governors, lieutenant governors, attorneys general and other state officials across America.

A native of Chickasha, Shelby served under former U. S. Senator Dewey Bartlett and was elected State Chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party in 1977. Shelby was Deputy Director of White House Personnel under President Ronald Reagan.

He has worked with elected officials including U.S. Senator Don Nickles, U.S. Senator Paul Coverdell, U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe, Congressman Jim McCrery, Congressman Ed Whitfield, Congressman Bob Barr, Congressman Bill Emerson, Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson and Congressman Jack Buechner.

During his visit to SWOSU, Shelby shared his real-world expertise and facilitated an informative exchange with students who are currently studying in the SWOSU Department of Social Sciences.

“What a joy to return to my alma mater and visit with the Bulldogs!” Shelby said. “I learned so much on this Hilltop. My years at SWOSU laid the foundation for my future success.”

Shelby and his wife, Penny, have three children and live in McLean. He was a captain in the United States Marine Corps and previously served on the Board of Directors of the Student Loan Marketing Association (SALLIE MAE), the Private Enterprise Foundation, and U.S. English. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of BIPAC, American Council for Capital Formation, Canadian American Business Council, GOPAC, and AgAMERICA.

“SWOSU is honored to welcome back Rick Shelby and to provide our students exposure to his tremendous wisdom honed by decades of public service at the highest levels of government and political activism,” said SWOSU President Dr. Randy Beutler. “We are so proud to claim Rick and all of our Distinguished Alumni as part of the SWOSU family.”

For more information on SWOSU’s Distinguished Alumni and their continued involvement with the university, contact the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267 or visit [www.swosu.edu](http://www.swosu.edu).

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