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Dr. Diane Lovell, president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), recently made the announcement.

The Wrights have generously made provision for SWOSU in their estate planning. Their thoughtful investment in SWOSU will be used to provide substantial endowed support to the SWOSU kinesiology, exercise science and physical education programs and to the SWOSU band program through the Wright Family Endowment at the SWOSU Foundation, Inc.

Harold Wright and his wife Carol (Roberson) Wright are both 1971 graduates of SWOSU. Harold and Carol met while SWOSU students both working part-time at a famous now-gone dining locale, The Spot. They are proud parents and grandparents and have been married for over 52 years.

Harold served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 2008 to 2020 and has been inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

Carol also earned her Master of Education degree from SWOSU in 1980.

“We appreciate all that SWOSU does for our regional economy and culture, and we are very pleased to be named to the SWOSU Tomorrows Planned Giving Society,” the Wrights said. “It is our hope that other SWOSU alumni and friends will contact SWOSU and learn how they can strengthen the university through planned giving.”

Harold’s father, the late Glenn Wright, was a 1949 SWOSU alumnus who led band programs in Erick and Anadarko. Harold’s mother, the late Ernestine (Holcomb) “Ernie” Wright, was a 1959 SWOSU alumnae who served as an instructor at SWOSU for many years.

The Harold and Carol Wright Family has many more ties to SWOSU:

- Glenn Wright’s father, Harry L. Wright, was an active member of the SWOSU band program in the 1920’s.
- Glenn Wright’s brother, Jake, was a 1951 alumnus.
- Harold’s sister, Suzan (Wright) Gates, and her husband, Winston Gates, are 1983 and 1994 SWOSU graduates, respectively.
- Harold and Carol’s daughter, District Attorney Angela Marsee, attended SWOSU, and their son, Heston, attended SWOSU and serves on the SWOSU Athletic Association Board of Directors.
- Harold and Carol’s daughter-in-law, Claudia (Burgess) Wright, is a 1998 SWOSU graduate.
- Harold’s grandmother, the late Miriam Holcomb, was assistant manager and dietician in the SWOSU cafeteria.
- Harold’s cousin, Dr. Robert “Bob” Wright, earned degrees from SWOSU in 1951 and 1961. Bob’s brothers, Don Wright and Leroy Wright, were both also SWOSU alumni and lifelong educators.
- Dozens of SWOSU students have been employed at Harold and Carol’s business Wright Wradio over the years.

“SWOSU stands firmly on the Hilltop today because of visionary private investors and partners like Harold and Carol Wright,” Lovell said. “We are honored that Harold and Carol chose to invest in SWOSU by including our institution in their estate planning. Their generosity will provide support to our students for decades to come.”

To better equip those who choose to remember SWOSU in their estate planning, the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. has launched [www.SWOSUTomorrows.com](http://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 the founding 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 \$37 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, Inc. by telephone at 580-774-3267; by e-mail to Executive Director Garrett King at [garrett.king@swosu.edu](mailto:garrett.king@swosu.edu); or by visiting [www.SWOSUTomorrows.com](http://www.SWOSUTomorrows.com).

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