

SWOSU's Carissa Fischer Wins Top Award at Tri Beta Convention

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University student Carissa Fischer (center) of Weatherford receives congratulations from Dr. Gary Wolgamott for winning the John C. Johnson Poster Award competition at the recent regional convention of Beta Beta Beta (Tri Beta), a national biological honor society. Also pictured is Dr. Andrea Holgado, faculty sponsor of Fischer's poster and presentation. Wolgamott, who is associate dean of the SWOSU School of Allied Health, is the immediate past national president of Tri Beta.

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Fischer, with research assistance by Melanie Graham and under the direction of Dr. Andrea Holgado, presented a research poster entitled, "VSM-1 is a v-SNARE master protein that limits exocytosis."

The poster and presentation was selected as the first place winner. By winning the award, Fischer qualifies for a travel grant to pay her registration and travel expenses to make her research presentation at the National Tri Beta Convention being held May 19-22 at Fort Lewis College in Durango (CO).

The recent regional convention was held at the University of Oklahoma Biological Field Station at Lake Texhoma. The Delta Sigma chapter of SWOSU was represented by Fischer, Holgado and Dr. Gary Wolgamott, immediate past national president of Tri Beta.

The regional convention is a showcase of undergraduate research presented by students from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.