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Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship Awarded to SWOSU Student Railey Rumohr



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) student Railey Rumohr of Rio Vista (TX) has been named the 2020-21 Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholar by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., in Weatherford.

Rumohr is studying environmental & organismal biology. In addition to her class schedule, Rumohr is active in the SWOSU Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club. She is a Weatherford Community Scholar.

“Congratulations to Railey Rumohr on being awarded the Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship,” said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. “The late Paula Horsburgh was a beloved graduate of our university and an active and generous part of the local community. SWOSU is humbled and honored that the Horsburgh and Bartmann families have generously continued to make possible this scholarship that provides much-needed assistance to students at Paula’s alma mater.”

Paula Jeanne (Meckel) Horsburgh was born on October 22, 1944, in Pittsburgh (PA); she passed away on December 31, 2014. She spent her first seven years in Oakmont (PA) and later moved to Parma (OH) where she graduated from high school and became an LPN, graduating from the Lakewood Hospital Department of Nursing.

She was united in marriage to James “Jim” H. Horsburgh on September 11, 1965, in Cleveland (OH). Jim and Paula later moved to Boulder (CO) where they worked and attended the University of Colorado. In 1973, they moved to Weatherford, where they made their home and raised their two children, Jimmy and Katie. Paula taught in the Weatherford Public Schools for a

decade. Paula was well known for her passionate commitment to assisting homeless and neglected animals and devoted many volunteer hours to that cause.

Paula had a rich history at SWOSU, earning both a B.A. in Sociology in 1979 and an M.A. in Education in 1992 from SWOSU; her husband, Jim, served as an instructor in the then-SWOSU School of Business Finance from 1973-1978. Paula was an active parishioner of St. Eugene’s Catholic Church in Weatherford and, in this capacity, she served on the College Students Luncheon Committee where she touched the lives of many different SWOSU students over the years.

Contributions may be made to the Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship Fund by visiting www.GivetoSWOSU.com and designating gifts to the “Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship” or via mail at SWOSU Foundation, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096 (please make check payable to “SWOSU Foundation” and designate “Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship” in the memo line).

The SWOSU Foundation was established 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 over \$26 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information about the Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship Fund or any SWOSU Foundation funds, please contact 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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