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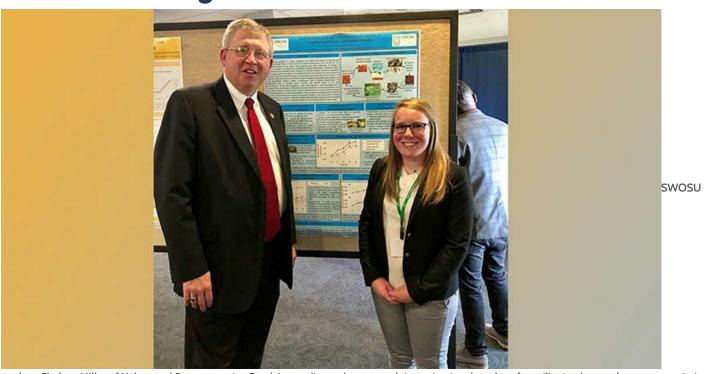
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student Chelsea Miller of Yukon and Representative Frank Lucas discuss her research investigating the roles of motility in plant pathogen transmission at Posters on the Hill in Washington, D.C.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University student Chelsea Miller of Yukon and mentor Dr. Regina McGrane recently met with policy makers this month in Washington, D.C., to discuss the importance of undergraduate research while Miller represented Oklahoma at Posters on the Hill, an annual event on Capitol Hill that showcases research performed by undergraduates from across the United States.

Miller, majoring in microbiology at SWOSU in Weatherford, and McGrane—assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences—also worked to educate about the need for continued federal funding of agencies that support undergraduate research opportunities.

Miller was selected by the National Council on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) to represent Oklahoma. She was among 60 students selected from over 300 applicants and was the only student from Oklahoma invited to attend.

At the poster symposium, Miller presented her work: "Looking beyond the leaf: understanding the impacts of motility on pathogen colonization of seeds" to an audience of policy makers including Representative Frank Lucas.

Additionally, Miller and McGrane attended meetings with staff members from the offices of Representative Lucas and Senator James Inhofe. In meetings with legislative assistants Jake Hinch and Dillon Johnson, Miller spoke about how her participation in undergraduate research has positively impacted her understanding of coursework and made her more marketable for a career as a microbiologist.

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