

# SWOSU Biology Honors Majors at Banquet

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Biological Sciences recently held its annual end-of-year banquet on the Weatherford campus.

Outstanding students majoring in biology and natural science education were honored with scholarships and awards.

SWOSU 1998 alumnus Dr. Adam Ryburn, a university professor at Oklahoma Christian University, gave the keynote speech. And, emeritus faculty Dr. Jody Maness was honored by the department, naming its seminar series "J.D.Maness Biology Seminar Series."

SWOSU students receiving awards were:

(From left): Elizabeth Hicks, Jenks, Authur L. Shuck Award Outstanding Freshmen Award; Abby McKisson, Edmond (Memorial), Beta Beta Beta Outstanding Senior Award; and Ashley Powers of Loco, Ashna Dhoonmoon of Mauritius, and Tyler Mitchum of Minco, all Beta Beta Beta Southcentral Regional awards.

Austin Cantrell, Blanchard, Audubon H. Neff Award for the outstanding pre professional student; and Julie Brown, Yukon (Southwest Covenant), Charles Torbeck Award for outstanding service to the department. Not pictured is Courtney Gunning, Lahoma (Cimarron), Hobart F. Landreth Award for outstanding undergraduate research.

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Mason Howe, Okeene, Beta Beta Beta Outstanding Senior Award. With Howe are faculty (left) Sue Ball and Dr. Lisa Boggs.

## OKLAHOMA

- **BLANCHARD**—Austin Cantrell, Audubon H. Neff Award for the outstanding pre professional student;
- **EL RENO**—Rebecca Shanklin, Dean Scholarship;
- **EDMOND** (Memorial)—Abby McKisson, Beta Beta Beta Outstanding Senior Award;
- **JENKS**—Elizabeth Hicks, Authur L. Shuck Award Outstanding Freshmen Award ;
- **LAHOMA** (Cimarron)—Courtney Gunning, Hobart F. Landreth Award for outstanding undergraduate research;

- **LOCO**—Ashley Powers, Beta Beta Beta Regional Award;
- **MINCO**—Tyler Mitchum, FK “Skeet” Carney and Henry Kirkland Jr. Scholarship;and Beta Beta Beta Regional Award;
- **OKEENE**—Mason Howe, Beta Beta Beta Outstanding Senior Award;
- **OKLAHOMA CITY** (Putnam City North)—Allison Statton, Mary Miller Scholarship;
- **PRAGUE**—Kaitlin Nootbaar, Dr. Harry Henson Memorial Scholarship;
- **WOODWARD**—Brendon Hines, Ryan Peters Scholarship;
- **YUKON** (Southwest Covenant)—Julie Brown, Charles Torbeck Award for outstanding service to the Department.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- **MAURITIUS**—Ashna Dhoonmoon, Beta Beta Beta Regional Award;
- **NIGERIA**—Rukayat Idris, International/Out of State Biologist Scholarship.