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## Johannes Becht is 2022-23 Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Scholar at SWOSU



Jack B. Shelton



Johannes Becht



Walter Crouch

Johannes Becht of Pforzheim, Germany, has been named Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 2022-2023 Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch scholarship award winner for the pursuit of authentic journalism.

Becht is a senior at SWOSU pursuing a degree in strategic communications and a minor in world languages. As a part of his scholarship application, Becht wrote an essay about Mstyslav Chernov, an award-winning Ukrainian photographer, filmmaker and war correspondent whom he admires.

The Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 to honor the life and accomplishments of the late Jack B. Shelton and the late Walter Crouch. The fund has been generously endowed by Shelton's widow, Margaret Shelton of Oakland (MD), and their children: daughter Becky West (SWOSU Class of 1976) and husband Bill of Lake Eufaula; daughter Susan Smith of Oakland (MD); and son Jack "Barney" Shelton (SWOSU Class of 1988) and his wife Wanda of Ham Lake (MN).

Together, Shelton and Crouch invested over four decades of service to SWOSU. The two men worked passionately and diligently to cultivate the university's distinctive and enduring brand and style. Shelton and Crouch mentored and inspired many students during their years at SWOSU.

The Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Memorial Scholarship Fund is stewarded 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 over \$37 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For information on how to make a charitable gift to SWOSU please contact the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. at 580-774-3267 or visit [www.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com).

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