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SWOSU Professor with Hearing Disability to be Honored in Nebraska

Photo Caption: Dr. Lisa Boggs, associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, is being recognized May 4-5 as Sutherland Public School Foundation's Distinguished Alumni of the Year in Sutherland, Nebraska. Boggs has overcome a hearing disability throughout her career.

While Southwestern Oklahoma State University will be celebrating graduation activities May 3-5, one of SWOSU's faculty—Dr. Lisa Boggs—will be honored a few states away in Nebraska.

Boggs, associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, is being recognized May 4-5 as Sutherland Public School Foundation's Distinguished Alumni of the Year in Sutherland, Nebraska. Boggs graduated from the Sutherland High School in 1985.

While attending Sutherland High School, Boggs was a very hard working, intelligent student, who had to overcome a hearing disability that would have caused many students to quit, according to SPSF representative Barbara J. Hoatson.

Through her hard work and dedication to education, Boggs was able to overcome difficulties, earning all her college degrees, including a doctorate degree in agronomy. She gives huge credit to her service dog, Duncan, who has been by her side for a number of years.

After graduating high school, she attended Chadron State College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1989 and her Master's degree in 1992. Boggs continued her studies at the University of Wyoming in Laramie and obtained her Doctor of Philosophy in 2003, majoring in agronomy.

At SWOSU, she instructs students in General Botany and laboratory, Principles of Biology laboratory, Biological Orientation, Senior Seminar, Freshman Orientation and prepares laboratory for Botany, Biology Concepts and Principles of Biology. She has received numerous honors and awards over the years including numerous recognitions in Who's Who Among America's College Teachers, as well as being recognized SWOSU Outstanding Biology Professor, Faculty Member of the Year, and Biology Department Professor of the Year.

Boggs has also been recipient of International Hearing Guide Dog three times with her dogs—Tricia, Dallas and Duncan. Throughout her career, she has been recognized in several professional publications. She continues her professional development by taking workshops as well as giving numerous professional presentations.

"We are very proud of Lisa and her accomplishments and very deserving of this award," Hoatson said. "She will be an inspiration to many of our students and graduates upon what can be accomplished with hard work and dedication."

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