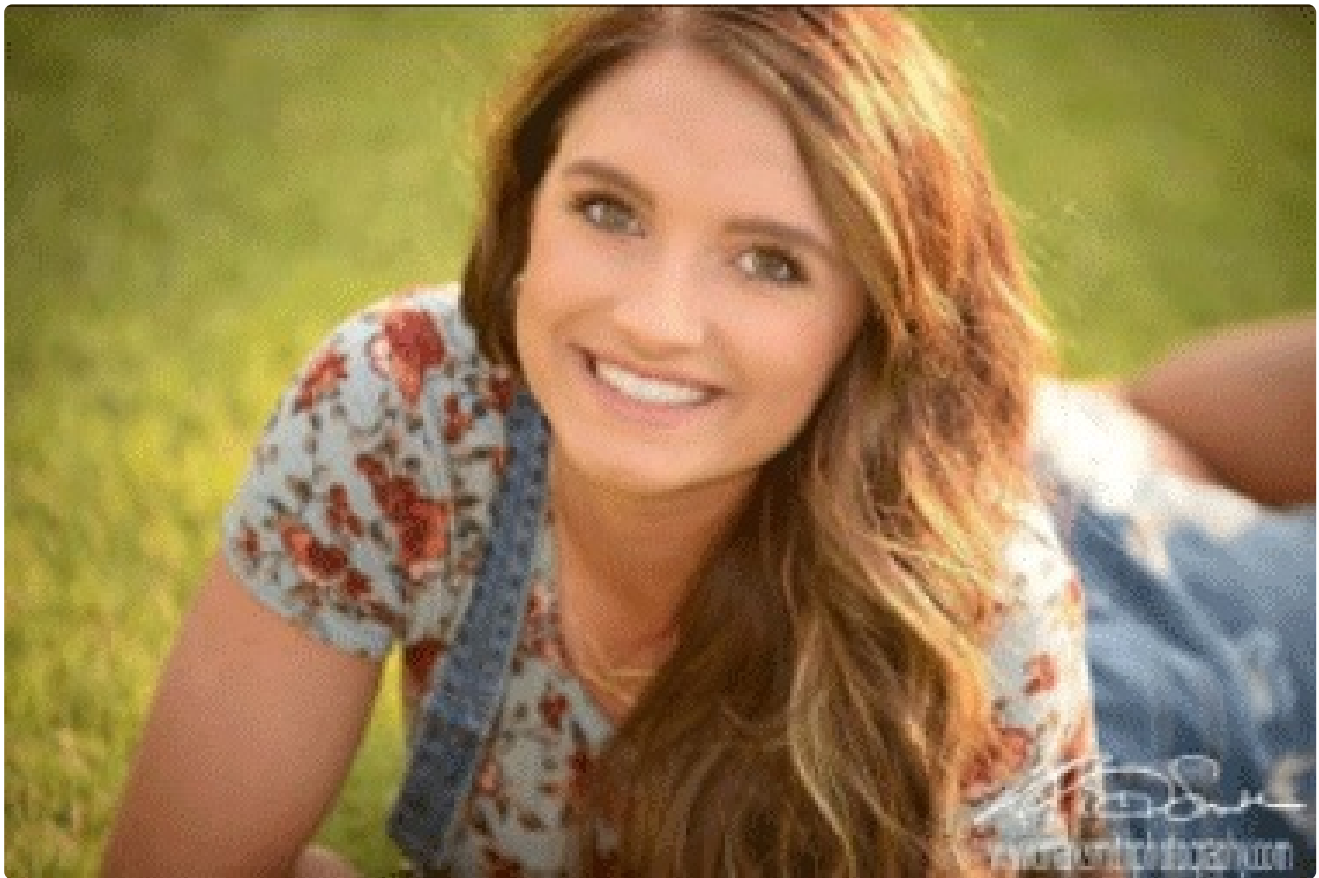




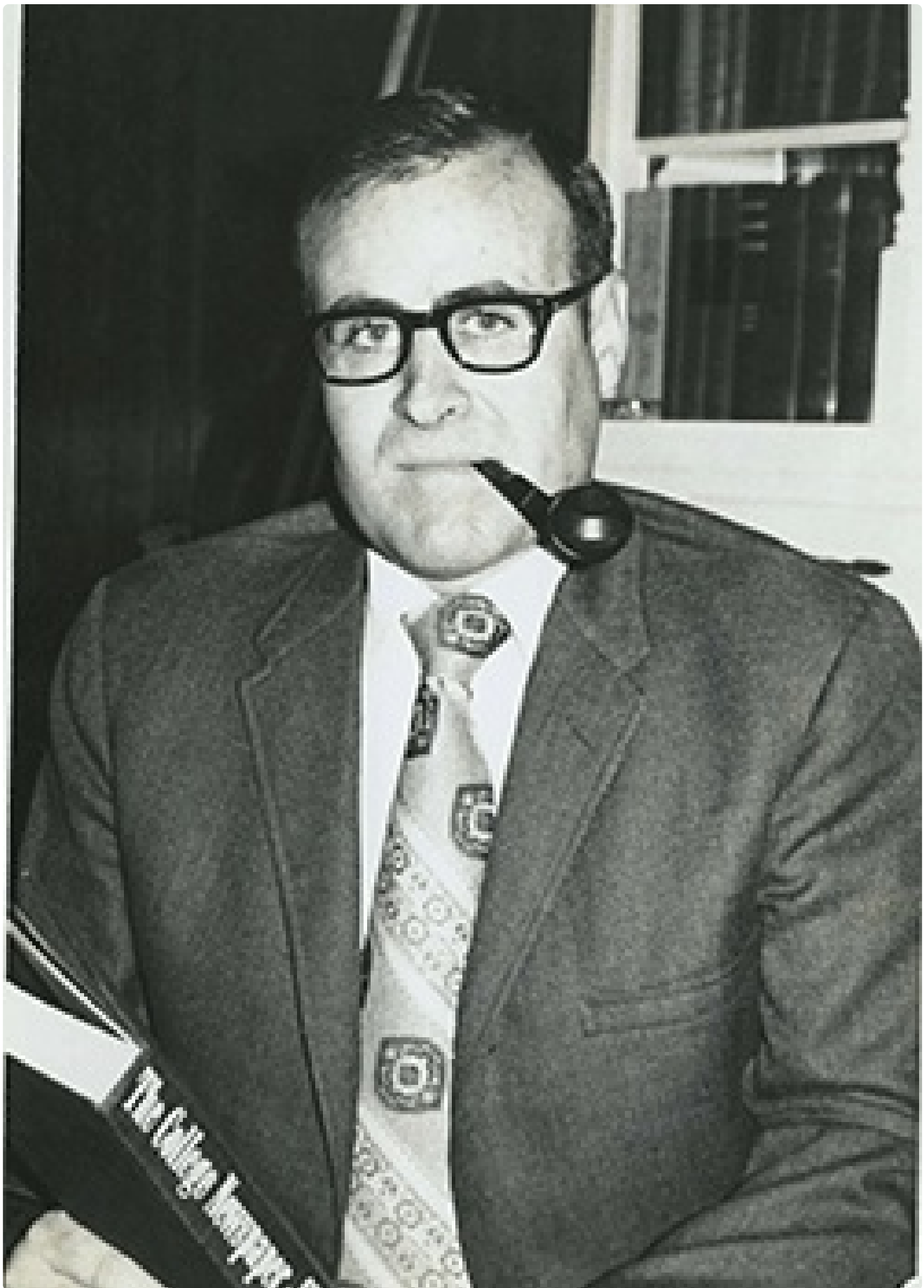
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SWOSU Awards 2021-22 Authentic Journalism Scholarship to Kenedie Walker

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Kenedie Walker



Jack B. Shelton



Walter Crouch

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) student Kenedie Walker of Hammon has been named SWOSU's Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Scholar for the 2021-22 academic year.

Walker was selected to receive the Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Memorial Scholarship for the Pursuit of Authentic Journalism by the SWOSU Department of Art, Communication & Theater Scholarships Selection Committee after submitting a competitive essay entitled *Journalism vs Editorial Opinion*.

Walker is a junior currently studying mass communication. She is a Madge Lenz Jordan Scholar and works for the SWOSU Athletic Department in sports information. Walker is active in Sigma Sigma Chi sorority.

"Congratulations to Kenedie Walker on being named SWOSU's 2021-22 Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Scholar! We appreciate very much the generous donors who have made this recognition possible," said SWOSU President Dr. Diane R. Lovell. "The names of these two men continue to live on our campus as exemplars of integrity and creativity, and I know they would be so proud to see our students excelling."

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).

Taken together, Shelton and Crouch invested over four decades in service to SWOSU. Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement Garrett King at SWOSU said 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 and left a lasting, positive impact on public perception of "the Hilltop."

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 nearly \$30 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For information on how to make a charitable gift to SWOSU, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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