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SWOSU Student Tasha Akers Named 2021-²² Bud & Wanda Smalley Scholar



Tasha Akers



The late Bud & Wanda Smalley

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) student Tasha Akers of Hinton has been named the 2021-22 Bud & Wanda Smalley Scholar at SWOSU with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon.

Akers is studying accounting in the Everett Dobson School of Business & Technology at SWOSU. She is consistently listed on the SWOSU President's Honor Roll each semester.

The Bud & Wanda Smalley Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Judy (Smalley) Wilkes (SWOSU Class of 1976 and current SWOSU Foundation, Inc. trustee) and her husband, Mike Wilkes (SWOSU Class of 1975 and past president of the SWOSU Alumni Association) of Oklahoma City in memory of the late Bud and Wanda Smalley of Eakly.

Earl Weaver "Bud" Smalley, Jr. was born November 19, 1932, north of Eakly. His parents—Earl and Mary (Woodward) Smalley—were life-long residents and farmers in Caddo County. Wanda Lou Seymour was born on October 5, 1932, in Alamosa (CO). Wanda grew up in Oklahoma City with parents William Randolph "Colonel" and Cora Adina Seymour. Cora was a resident of Eakly throughout the latter years of her life. Bud & Wanda were married on January 17, 1953, and their union of 63 years was a joyful one. The Smalleys raised a family of four daughters in Eakly where the family farmed wheat, peanuts and cotton and raised cattle. The Smalleys were also commercially involved in the Eakly Farmers Cooperative Gin, Eakly Propane Company, Southwestern State Bank, Bank of Hydro and Stanley-Lee Funeral Home. The Smalleys were devoted members of the Eakly United Methodist Church.

The fund provides scholarships to SWOSU students with a preference given to those students who graduated from schools in Caddo County, Oklahoma. The Smalleys were champions of higher education; all four of their daughters, all four of the Smalley sons-in-law, and seven of their ten grandchildren are SWOSU alumni.

The Bud & Wanda Smalley Memorial Scholarship Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which 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 more information, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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