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SWOSU Student Involves Five Generations in Class Presentation

Photo Caption: Five generations of Ashlyn Whitten's family were recently involved in a class presentation at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Joining Ashlyn (fourth from left) were great-grandmother Thelma Chand, grandmother Liz Witherspoon, mother Kendra Carpenter and daughter Paizlee Whitten.

Ashlyn Whitten, an elementary education student from Clinton at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, recently involved five generations of her family at a presentation on the Weatherford campus.

Whitten was assigned a presentation in Dana Oliver's Children's Literature course. The first generation college student went above and beyond for the generation's award presentation and was very passionate about the project.

She read three Caldecott Award books and three Newberry Award books, which were from 1936, 1954, 1973, 1999 and 2009 in honor of the five generations of women in her family. Each book Whitten read was from the birth year of her great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, her and her daughter.

For the presentation, Whitten even decided to design shirts as a way to show off the award winning books. She brought her great-grandmother, grandmother, mother and her daughter to represent the various books that the presentation was based on for the class. Family members wore the shirt of the book corresponding to their birth year.

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