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SWOSU & DRG Launch Aerospace & Defense Workforce Development Initiative

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) has launched its aerospace and defense workforce initiative, the university announced today. The initiative will promote current students and degrees as well as the university's rich aerospace & defense heritage.

The initiative is a partnership between SWOSU and Oklahoma City-based Delaware Resource Group (DRG) with a mission to place a greater emphasis on the impressive accomplishments of SWOSU's degree programs, which include accredited programs in Applied Engineering Management (ATMAE) and Manufacturing Engineering Technology (ABET). Degrees in Engineering Technology, Engineering Physics and Computer Science set students on the best possible career path to explore their passion for aerospace and defense, Oklahoma's second largest industry.

"We're thrilled to launch this initiative alongside our esteemed partners and longtime benefactors at Delaware Resource Group," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell. "We know just how beneficial our degrees are to students striving to excel in aerospace and defense, and we want to ensure that prospective students and employers from around the world are just as aware."

SWOSU, with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon, has produced numerous graduates who have achieved an extraordinary level of success in aerospace and defense. SWOSU alumni have excelled and continue to serve at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the U.S. Armed Forces, government institutions such as the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and leading aerospace and defense corporations such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman.

Distinguished alumni, faculty and partners include Brian Busey and Philip Busey, John Aaron, Herbert Fix, Benny Hill, Gina Ligon, Harry C. McCool, J.R. Pratt, General Thomas Stafford, and Tom Weichel, all of whom have made pivotal contributions to the history and development of global aerospace and defense.

For more information on SWOSU and DRG's joint Aerospace & Defense Workforce Development Initiative, please visit [swosu.edu/aerospace-defense](https://www.swosu.edu/aerospace-defense) or contact SWOSU Chief of Staff [Garrett King](#), 580.774.3706.

About Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Established in 1901, SWOSU offers affordable and reputable graduate and undergraduate degree programs online and on-campus with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon.

Today, SWOSU educates more than 5,000 students each semester and employs more than 200 dedicated faculty and staff. SWOSU holds more than 1,000 classes a semester, has 14 nationally accredited programs and is nationally recognized for its online programs.

About Delaware Resources Group

Established in 2002, Delaware Resources Group (DRG) is a Native American-owned leading global aerospace defense contractor based in Oklahoma City. The company is a total training systems integrator providing services and support all over the world. Thousands of service men and women around the world count on DRG to provide critical training and logistics services for many of today's modern military programs and aircraft. DRG is a certified Minority Owned Business (MBE) and a recognized Indian Economic Enterprise (IEE).

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