

SWOSU Business Students Win Impressively at State Conference

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These Southwestern Oklahoma State University Phi Beta Lambda members on the Weatherford campus won first place awards at the recent PBL state leadership conference in Tulsa. All students are eligible to compete at the national conference later this summer. Winning top awards were (front from left): Katie Nguyen, Sayre; and Kelsey Zybach, Briscoe TX. Middle row from left-Betsy Johnson, Kremlin; faculty advisor Nancy Penner who was named PBL outstanding advisor in Oklahoma; and David Kliever, Weatherford. Back from left-Garrett Stevenson, Elk City; Alicia Patterson, Hinton; and Josh Ziegler, Swisher IA. Not pictured is Candice Cotton, Weatherford. PBL is a professional organization for business students.

Eight Southwestern Oklahoma State University students at Weatherford won first place honors at the recent state conference of Phi Beta Lambda in Tulsa and will now represent Oklahoma at this summer's national conference.

SWOSU students who finished first were:

- Candice Cotton, Weatherford, Computer Applications and Information Management
- Betsy Johnson, Kremlin, Client Service
- David Kliever, Weatherford, Financial Concepts and Contemporary Sports Issues
- Katie Nguyen, Sayre, Business Law and Accounting Analysis and Decision Making
- Alicia Patterson, Hinton, Public Speaking and Future Business Executive
- Garrett Stevenson, Elk City, Macroeconomics and Microeconomics
- Josh Ziegler, Swisher, IA, Financial Analysis and Decision Making
- Kelsey Zybach, Briscoe, TX, Accounting Principles and Business Communication

Johnson and Ziegler also competed in the Business Decision Making team event and placed first. Cotton was awarded Who's Who in PBL and Dr. Nancy J. Penner, the co-advisor of the SWOSU chapter of PBL, was chosen PBL Outstanding Advisor from the state of Oklahoma. The SWOSU Delta Nu Chapter earned third place in the competition for Outstanding Chapter.

The state conference was the 55th annual Oklahoma State Leadership Conference.

"Leadership in Action" was the conference theme and featured keynote speaker was Grant Baldwin, a relevant leader and an engaging communicator who is making a significant impact in the lives of students across the country.

Each of the SWOSU participants is eligible and will be competing at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA, on June 21-24.