

LaRonna Jo White Wins Geraldine Burns Award

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University student LaRonna Jo White of Leedey received the Geraldine Burns Award in English Studies at the recent Oklahoma Council of Teachers Spring Conference held in Oklahoma City.

Currently teaching English III at Elk City High School, she completed her student teaching assignment during the past fall semester in Elk City and was hired mid-year to teach the spring term.

Viki Craig, professor at SWOSU, said as an English major, White received a number of prestigious departmental scholarships because of her maturity, dedication and hard work and she greatly impressed the Language and Literature Department faculty.

The Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English annually sponsors the Geraldine Burns Award in English Studies. One undergraduate student from each institution of higher education in Oklahoma receives the award each year. Honorees this year were invited to the OCTE Spring Conference, featuring keynote speaker and Pulitzer-prize-winning poet Tracy K. Smith.

Each institution is asked to establish its own guidelines for selecting the honorees based upon their performance in areas of English studies, including communications, language arts, composition or literature.