

SWOSU Student Newspaper and Graduate Record Win Awards at OCMA

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The Southwestern student newspaper and *Graduate Record* yearbook at Southwestern Oklahoma State University won several awards at the recent Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association spring conference in Stillwater.

The OCMA conference brings students and faculty from Oklahoma colleges and universities for a day of career discussion and roundtables with media professionals. During the conference luncheon, OCMA staff announced the results of the annual OCMA contest, which is a competition that had SWOSU entries competing against all Oklahoma universities including the University of Oklahoma, University of Tulsa and Oklahoma State University.

In the overall newspaper category, *The Southwestern* won third place. It also won third place in the Front Page Design category.

In the overall yearbook category, the *Graduate Record* won third place for Overall Yearbook, third place for Yearbook Coverage, third place for Yearbook Layout and Design, third place for Yearbook Photography and second place for Yearbook Theme.

Students who took the News Gathering and Reporting course in Fall 2014 completed two whole-class projects during the semester. These projects were published in *The Southwestern*. For their efforts, the newspaper won both first and second place in the Team Investigative Reporting category.

In individual awards, SWOSU graduate Skylar Spradlin of Cordell won both first and second place in the Advertising Design category. Rebecca Dill of Hollis was awarded third place for Feature Writing. Dill also won an honorable mention award for her Reporting Portfolio. Montgomery Long of Marlow won two honorable mentions for Column Writing.

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