

SWOSU PLC Students Tour Southwest Oklahoma Sites

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Students from Southwestern Oklahoma State University's President's Leadership Class program in Weatherford recently toured several sites in southwest Oklahoma. Among the group were (front from left): Kaity Shoaf, Woodward; Grant Scowden, Poteau; Makenzy Hamon, Piedmont; Alex LaBossiere, Ponca City; Todd Boyd; Tom Buchanan; Matalyn Haney, Leedey; Kennady Nance, Navajo; and Senator Mike Schulz. Second row--Taryn Karlin, Weatherford; Claire Chandler, Latta; Dossanna Miller, Fairview; Morgen Price, Cordell; and Tiler Rose, Weatherford. Third row—Jake Gregston, Duncan; Nehyma Martinez, Guymon; and Peyton Isbell, Waukomis. Fourth row—Ashlee Butler, Fort Cobb; Brooke Rankin, Elgin; John Seifried, Seiling; Tanner Boyd, Weatherford; and Brady Boyd, Weatherford. Fifth row—Justin Tharp, Thomas; Conner Patton, Tecumseh; and Caylie Patton, Tecumseh. Sixth row—Bryce Butcher, Elk City; Chase Lott, Ada; and Austin Loomis, Deer Creek. Top row—Savannah Hearn, Cache; and Elise Cornell, Thomas.

Thirty students from Southwestern Oklahoma State University's President's Leadership Class program in Weatherford were recent visitors to the Altus area for a tour of several sites in southwest Oklahoma.

Senator Mike Schulz and Tom Buchanan, director of the Lugert-Altus Irrigation District, were the students' host and tour guides for the weekend.

The students toured the Cotton Growers Gin on the west side of Altus that allowed the students to see first-hand and behind-the-walls of a cotton gin. The students also got to see how the Lugert-Altus Irrigation District handles water distribution to its members.

The students were treated to dinner sponsored by the Lugert-Altus Irrigation District before spending the night at the Southwest Baptist Churches Assembly Camp near Lake Lugert. The group toured Lake Lugert Dam and some of the outlying canal ways. The students also got time to explore and hike with the Quartz Mountain area.

The students were accompanied by SWOSU President Randy Beutler, SWOSU Director of Enrollment Management & PLC Instructor Todd Boyd and SWOSU Admissions Counselor Brennan King.

The President's Leadership Program is in its ninth year of existence at SWOSU. The students go through a resume review and interview process prior to selection into the class. Each year SWOSU selects approximately 15 student leaders to participate in the program. Selected students enroll in a four-semester leadership course. At the end of their second year, students earn the opportunity to take a university-supported trip to Washington D.C with President Beutler. The SWOSU President's Leadership Class is supported by private donations and assistance from the SWOSU Foundation.