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News

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SWOSU Celebrates Fifth Anniversary of Bulldog Angels Fund



(Photo 1)

SWOSU alumni, emeriti and friends recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of the SWOSU Bulldog Angels Fund at a dinner in the Pioneer Cellular Events Center on the Weatherford campus. (Photo 2) SWOSU Bulldog Angels Fund Founder-level Investor Terry Magill of Weatherford contributes to the fund using the Bulldog Angels Fund Monument located in the lobby of the Pioneer Cellular Events Center.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of the SWOSU Bulldog Angels Fund.

The Bulldog Angels Fund was established by 2014 SWOSU Distinguished Alumnus and Carnegie native Bill Howell to benefit SWOSU students in times of crisis.

Over 50 SWOSU alumni, emeriti and friends gathered recently in the Pioneer Cellular Events Center at SWOSU and heard moving testimonials from some of the over 100 SWOSU students who have received assistance from the fund since its establishment. Participants in the event also heard remarks from SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler.

"The Bulldog Angels Fund has been a tremendous resource for our students during very difficult times," Beutler said. "The entire SWOSU community is truly grateful to all of our generous donors who have made the fund's mission possible and who have changed the lives of our Bulldogs."

Participants in the celebration also dedicated a new Bulldog Angels monument commemorating the philanthropic spirit of the fund's Founder-level investors. The Founder-level investors in the Bulldog Angels Fund include:

- *Bill, Deborah, & Blake Howell of Topanga, CA*
- *L. R. & Judy Sights of Clinton*
- *Evans & Davis Attorneys of Edmond*
- *Okie Express Auto Wash*
- *Great Plains Bank*
- *Harvey & Jean Minton of Weatherford*
- *Bruce & Terry Magill of Weatherford*
- *Dennis Green & Mundy Berrong Green of Weatherford*
- *Mike Muncy & Elizabeth Ryan of Oklahoma City*
- *Blake & Janie Sonobe of Weatherford*
- *Corky & Missy Heard of Clinton*
- *Rick Skinner of Weatherford*
- *Kelley Jewelers of Weatherford*
- *Joe Anna Hibler of Weatherford*
- *Jim & Freda Mogg of Hydro*
- *Darell & Debbie Shepherd of Weatherford*

SWOSU Assistant to the President and Director of Institutional Advancement Garrett King said the Bulldog Angels Fund is a vital resource when all other options for assistance are exhausted or unavailable. The Bulldog Angels Fund may mean the difference in a student being able to continue learning at SWOSU or having to leave the campus due to external financial pressures.

Since its founding five years ago, the Bulldog Angels Fund has steadily made grants enabling struggling SWOSU students to move forward. Student organizations and groups on the SWOSU campus have enthusiastically made the Bulldog Angels Fund a priority for fundraising and advocacy.

The Bulldog Angels Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$25 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For information on how to give to the Bulldog Angels Fund, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUBulldogAngels.com.

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