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News

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SWOSU Dedicates Timothy T. Day Business Enterprise Center



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Foundation Trustees, SWOSU President Randy Beutler and members of his leadership team, Bar-S employees and executives, and the Tim Day Family and Day Foundation representatives dedicate the Timothy T. Day Business Enterprise Center at SWOSU.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre recently dedicated the Timothy T. Day Business Enterprise Center (Day BEC) with a celebration and ceremony.

In August 2018, SWOSU announced an exciting new collaboration with the Timothy T. Day Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Phoenix (AZ), dedicated to improving facilities and programs at educational institutions that strengthen free enterprise and economic development. The Timothy T. Day Foundation's \$300,000 investment in SWOSU has made possible much-needed capital improvements to the Day BEC physical plant and is allowing for expansion of the BEC's workforce training programming and activities. The Day Foundation gift is also providing endowed funding to support ongoing needs of the Day BEC into the future.

Representatives of the Day Foundation recently joined members of the SWOSU community as well as over 45 SWOSU alumni who have been employed with Bar-S Foods. (Timothy Day was the principal founder of Bar-S Foods.) Participants in the dedication were treated to a luncheon prepared by SWOSU Auxiliary Services and generously furnished by the Day Foundation.

Bar-S Foods currently has an economic impact on western Oklahoma of over \$200,000,000.

“The generous investment of the Timothy T. Day Foundation in the Day BEC allows our institution to more effectively equip local businesses to assess new technologies, to analyze markets, and to deliver needed internships and external experiences for our students. We are truly honored to join the family of causes that have benefitted from the philanthropic and visionary spirit of Tim and Sandy Day,” said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. “SWOSU is committed to improving the economic vitality of western Oklahoma. We know that our role as an institution extends beyond the classroom, and we prioritize providing support and assistance to the communities and entrepreneurs in our service area and beyond.”

SWOSU’s partnership with the Timothy T. Day Foundation is facilitated by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which 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 more information on the Timothy T. Day Business Enterprise Center or the Timothy T. Day Foundation, or for information on how to make a charitable gift to SWOSU, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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