SWOSU's Tim Hubin Honored with Medal for Excellence in Teaching

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University Professor Dr. Tim Hubin of Weatherford was honored with the Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Teaching at a Regional University/ Community College on May 16 at the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence 29th Academic Awards Banquet held in Tulsa. Hubin won a $5,000 cash prize and glass “Roots and Wings” sculpture, designed by the late Oklahoma artist Ron Roberts and produced by Jim Triffo of Oklahoma City.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Professor Dr. Tim Hubin of Weatherford was honored with a prestigious award at the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence 29th Academic Awards Banquet held May 16 at the Renaissance Tulsa Convention Center.

Hubin, Bernhardt Professor of Chemistry at SWOSU, was one of five educators honored, and he was the recipient of the Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Teaching at a Regional University/Community College.

Other Medal for Excellence winners this year were: Beth Howard, Mark Twain Elementary School, Tulsa, elementary teaching; Jason S. Proctor, Tahlequah High School, secondary teaching; and Dr. Steve Martin Blevins, associate professor of medicine, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma City. The winner of the Medal for Excellence in elementary/secondary administration was Lloyd W. Snow, superintendent, Sand Springs Public Schools.

David L. Boren, founder and chairman of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, served as emcee for the statewide tribute that also honored the state’s 100 Academic All-State students for 2015.

The gala event will air on television this Saturday, May 23, at 8 p.m. on OETA.

Hubin, who has taught at SWOSU for 10 years, was honored for his work with students and his current research in treating AIDS and cancer. Hubin said he breaks large-scale, long-term research into mini projects, allowing each student to have novel, achievable goals and opportunities to write and present results. His undergraduate students have had articles published in numerous scientific journals and presented at national conferences.

His Inorganic Chemistry Lab has become a project-based course in which each student is given a molecule to synthesize, purify and characterize as part of a larger project. To complete the course, students must prepare a research paper for a fictitious chemistry journal and present research talks to their peers. The course has become a student favorite because it is challenging yet motivating, encouraging the majority of students to pursue further studies in graduate or professional schools.

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