

SWOSU Recognized as Top Blood Contributor

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford has been recognized as the top contributor for the Oklahoma Blood Institute's Education Section of the Metro Oklahoma City & Western Oklahoma Region for 2007.

Michelle Stinson, blood program consultant for the OBI, said SWOSU had a total of 715 donations during the year. Finishing second was the University of Central Oklahoma with 647. Canadian Valley Technology Center in El Reno was third with 357.

Other top ten finishers (in order) were Yukon High School, Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma City Community College, Western Technology Center, Westmoore High School, Oklahoma Christian University, and Edmond North High School.

In overall rankings for all sections of the Metro OKC and Western Oklahoma Region, SWOSU was third with its 715 donations. Air Logistics Center was the top contributor with 788 donations, while Norman Regional Health System was second with 737. Chesapeake Energy Corporation finished right behind SWOSU in fourth with 682 donations.

SWOSU's Student Government Association has coordinated the blood drives on the Weatherford campus for many years. This year's coordinator was Holly Bullington. SWOSU's recent drive in April netted 138 blood products from 158 people who signed up to give. The next blood drive at SWOSU is Monday, June 23.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute provides blood for the patients in 110 hospitals in Oklahoma and north Texas.