

SWOSU Student One of Three Oklahomans to Receive NASA Internship

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Receiving congratulations for being one of three Oklahoma students to receive an Oklahoma NASA Space Grant internship is SWOSU student Chris Parton (second from right). SWOSU representatives with Parton are (from left): faculty member Madeline Baugher, President Randy Beutler and Provost Blake Sonobe.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University student Chris Parton of Weatherford is one of three Oklahoma students to receive an Oklahoma NASA Space Grant internship at Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Parton, who is majoring in engineering technology, will join 150 other students from 50 participating schools around the nation in the NASA Undergraduate Student Research Program from June 1-August 6. Program projects are research projects that have been developed by NASA engineers and scientists specifically for undergraduate researchers.

Parton will work in the area of geographic information systems. He will perform various tasks such as verifying and mapping research data, space utilization database updates, and historic preservation of records.

The Oklahoma NASA Space Grant internship is made possible through a special partnership between the Johnson Space Center and the Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium. This partnership provides funding for undergraduate students to take part in a paid, full-time position related to their field of study.