

# SWOSU President Receives Electric Guitar Made By Student

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University student Austin Wilson (middle) of Woodward recently fabricated this electric guitar in a Department of Engineering Technology course and presented it to SWOSU President Randy Beutler (second from left). The guitar is on display in the President's Office on the Weatherford campus. Also at the presentation were (from left): SWOSU Academic Vice President Dr. James South; Brad Bryant, chair of the Department of Engineering Technology; and College of Professional and Graduate Studies Dean Dr. Ken Rose.

A special guitar fabricated by a Southwestern Oklahoma State University student is currently on display in the President's Office on the Weatherford campus.

The custom electric guitar was made by Austin Wilson—a Woodward senior majoring in industrial technology at SWOSU—as part of the Department of Engineering Technology's manufacturing enterprises course taught this past spring semester by Larry Jones.

Wilson recently made the presentation to SWOSU President Randy Beutler.

Wilson, who built his own guitar last year, served as a student aid assisting others while also completing the SWOSU guitar. He designed and built the guitar utilizing 3D CAD software, computer numeric control (CNC) equipment and the electronics lab. In addition, he fabricated a display case.

As part of the presentation, Wilson personally thanked Dr. Beutler for his support of the engineering technology program and his work in securing technology upgrades for the program. Among others involved in securing funds were former SWOSU Provost Dr. Blake Sonobe and the offices of U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe and U.S. Congressman Frank Lucas.

"We truly have benefitted from the new equipment and software which has been provided," Wilson said.

The manufacturing enterprises course was originally started several years ago by retired instructors Frank White and Dick Kurtz as part of a National Science Foundation grant.

"This guitar is a beautiful piece of work, a work of art," Beutler said. "I appreciate the high quality of work Austin has put into this, and it will be prominently displayed in my office for years to come."

The public is invited to stop by the President's Office in Room 207 of the Administration Building and view the display.