

Hodge Named 2008 Outstanding Alumnus of SWOSU College of Pharmacy

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Jerry Hodge and his wife, Margaret, of Amarillo (TX) were recently honored at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Hodge was named the 2008 Outstanding Alumnus of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. With the Hodges is (left) Dr. David Bergman, dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

Jerry Hodge of Amarillo, Texas, has been named the 2008 Outstanding Alumnus of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy in Weatherford.

Hodge was recently honored during the SWOSU College of Pharmacy Awards and White Coat Ceremony held on the SWOSU campus. The award is presented to an individual demonstrating exceptional support of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy and outstanding personal achievements in the profession.

Hodge, a Carnegie (OK) native, graduated from the SWOSU College of Pharmacy in 1965 and was inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 1979.

After graduation from SWOSU, Hodge returned to Amarillo and purchased Maxor Drug. Eventually, his businesses grew to six locations in Amarillo and the surrounding area. Today, Maxor National Pharmacy Services Corporation has over 500 employees and operates retail pharmacies and a mail service pharmacy in Amarillo that provides prescriptions nationwide.

Other Maxor business divisions include pharmacy benefit management, infusion therapy, ancillary benefit management and pharmacy management counseling.

Hodge has been very prominent in social and service activities in Amarillo as well as the state of Texas. In 1973, he was elected to the Amarillo City Commission and was re-elected in 1975. At age 34, Hodge was elected mayor of Amarillo, the youngest person to ever hold the position. He later won re-election.

Hodge has served as director of the Texas Municipal Retirement System and as president of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. In 1987, he was appointed to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice and served as vice-chairman of the board from 1987 to 1994. During his tenure, many advances occurred which enhanced the efficiency and quality of the pharmacy systems in this environment.

As chairman of the Tri-State Fair long-range planning committee, Hodge was instrumental in developing a plan for expansion of the Amarillo Civic Center and construction of a special events center at the Tri-State Fairgrounds. This new center in Amarillo is a state-of-the-art facility.

Hodge and his wife, Margaret, have supported SWOSU for many years. They have four children and six grandchildren.