

SWOSU Graduation Set May 11

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Approximately 1,000 Southwestern Oklahoma State University students are eligible to walk through the university's commencement at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, at Milam Stadium in Weatherford.

Students who completed or will complete bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees after the 2012 fall, 2013 spring, 2013 summer and 2013 fall semesters are eligible to participate in the ceremony.

An informal reception will be held in the Wellness Center from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Graduates, parents and friends are welcome to relax and visit.

If commencement cannot be held at Milam Stadium because of inclement weather, four separate exercises will be held in two different buildings on the SWOSU campus. An announcement to use the alternative plan will be made on local radio stations and posted on the SWOSU website and the SWOSU hotline number 580.774.3225).

The alternative schedule is:

- 10 a.m.-College of Pharmacy-Fine Arts Center
- 11:45 a.m.-College of Arts and Sciences-Fine Arts Center
- 1:30 p.m.-College of Professional & Graduate Studies-Rankin Williams Fieldhouse (Includes School of Behavioral Sciences and Education, School of Allied Health and School of Nursing)
- 3:15 p.m.-College of Professional & Graduate Studies-Rankin Williams Fieldhouse (Includes School of Business & Technology and Graduate Studies—Master's Degrees.)

If the alternative plan is used, the Wellness Center will be open from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. to provide coffee and a place for family and friends to gather while waiting for the appropriate ceremony.

Brad Berrong of Weatherford and Dr. Dwayne Allen Schmidt of Oklahoma City will be inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame and will be the featured speakers at this year's SWOSU Commencement. Berrong is a long-time independent insurance agent and Schmidt is a founding member of the Oklahoma Heart Hospital, Oklahoma Cardiovascular Associates and Oklahoma Foundation for Cardiovascular Research.