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SWOSU Student Chris Tyrone Selected for St. Jude Collegiate Leadership Seminar

Photo Caption: Southwestern Oklahoma State University student and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) President Chris Tyrone (right) of Colleyville (TX) has been selected to attend the July 25-27 Collegiate Leadership Seminar at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis (TN). Tyrone is shown when he was presented the Top TEKE Award in 2017 by then TKE National President Rodney Talbot.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University student and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) President Chris Tyrone of Colleyville (TX) has been selected to attend a Collegiate Leadership Seminar at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis (TN).

Tyrone, who received a scholarship covering travel, lodging and food, will spend July 25-27 at the seminar networking with other students from across the United States. Only 200 student leaders from around the country are selected to attend fundraising workshops, networking opportunities, a tour of the hospital, a patient panel and more.

“Personally, I am excited to visit St. Jude Children’s Hospital as they are pioneering research to help end childhood cancer,” Tyrone said. “Being in the medical field myself, it will be an amazing experience as I can visit with the patients and their families while observing the doctors and scientists as they develop new techniques that could potentially save the life of children across the world.”

Tyrone is currently a third year pharmacy student at SWOSU. Tyrone has been extremely active with the TKE social fraternity and received the Top TEKE Award in 2017 from the Grand Council at the bi-annual TKE Conclave. Tyrone has received numerous awards and scholarships from TKE. He is an officer in Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity and the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists. Tyrone also serves on the Supreme Court of the SWOSU Student Government Association.

The SWOSU fraternity has been active in raising funds for St. Jude Children’s Hospital. During the seminar, there will be a competition to see which of the 200 attendees can help raise the most money for St. Jude. Tyrone has set a goal of \$10,000, which is the average cost of a single CT scan. He has already raised \$4,000 of the goal. Area residents who would like to assist Tyrone can do so at the following link:

http://fundraising.stjude.org/goto/Chris_Tyrone

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital was founded by TKE alumnus Danny Thomas in 1962 and is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food – because all a family should worry about is helping their child live. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to more than 80 percent since its opening.

The SWOSU TKE chapter raised \$3,300 this past school year for St. Jude.

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