

# Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship Awarded at SWOSU

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University student Alexis Ann Schroeder of Hydro has been named the 2016-2017 Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholar by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., in Weatherford.

Schroeder is a biological sciences major with a minor in chemistry. In addition to her class schedule (which is beyond that of a full-time SWOSU student), Schroeder operates a foster horse rescue and rehabilitation program and is active in serving others through her church.

“It is with great joy that we congratulate Alexis on being awarded the 2016-2017 Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship,” said SWOSU Foundation Executive Director Garrett King. “Alexis’ passion for learning, her demonstrated care for animals, and her heart for service all echo the many, many wonderful attributes of a grand lady who I and so many others were blessed to call our friend: Paula Jeanne Horsburgh. The SWOSU Foundation is humbled and honored that the Horsburgh family has generously made possible this scholarship that will provide much-needed assistance to students at Paula’s alma mater.”

Paula Jeanne (Meckel) Horsburgh was born on October 22, 1944, in Pittsburgh (PA); she passed away on December 31, 2014. She spent her first seven years in Oakmont (PA) and later moved to Parma (OH) where she graduated from high school and became an LPN, graduating from the Lakewood Hospital School of Nursing.

She was united in marriage to James “Jim” H. Horsburgh on September 11, 1965, in Cleveland (OH). Jim and Paula later moved to Boulder (CO) where they worked and attended the University of Colorado. In 1973, they moved to Weatherford, where they made their home and raised their two children, Jimmy and Katie. Paula taught in the Weatherford Public Schools for a decade. Paula was well-known for her passionate commitment to assisting homeless and neglected animals and devoted many volunteer hours to that cause.

Paula had a rich history at SWOSU, earning both a B.A. in Sociology in 1979 and an M.A. in Education in 1992 from SWOSU; her husband, Jim, served as an instructor in the then-SWOSU School of Business Finance from 1973-1978. Paula was an active parishioner of St. Eugene’s Catholic Church in Weatherford and in this capacity she served on the College Students Luncheon Committee where she touched the lives of many different SWOSU students over the years.

Contributions may be made to the Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship Fund by visiting [www.GivetoSWOSU.com](http://www.GivetoSWOSU.com) and designating gifts to the “Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship,” or via mail at SWOSU Foundation, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096 (please make check payable to “SWOSU Foundation” and designate “Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship” in the memo line).

The SWOSU Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the

Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$20 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information about the Paula Jeanne Horsburgh Memorial Scholarship Fund or any SWOSU Foundation funds, please contact SWOSU Foundation Programs Officer Robbin Jennings at 580-774-3267 or visit [www.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com).