

# SWOSU Recognized with Top Honors at PBL National Conference

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Two Southwestern Oklahoma State University students recently finished high in a national competition at the Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda national leadership conference held June 24-27 in Chicago.

Ryan Schmid of Kingfisher and Shelby Crosley of Chickasha finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the national competitions of accounting for professionals and hospitality management.

Two other SWOSU students also qualified for the national competition. Whitney Porter of Killeen (TX) competed in two areas: Organizational Behavior and Leadership and Marketing Analysis and Decision Making. Ben Sanders of Chickasha competed in computer concepts.

"I am extremely happy and proud of our students who qualified for the national competition, especially the two who finished in the top ten," said SWOSU PBL Faculty Advisor Mark Lumpkin. "That says much about the caliber of our students at SWOSU."

More than 1,600 of America's best and brightest college students traveled to Chicago as they showcased their talents as future business leaders and vied for the opportunity to win more than \$81,000 in cash awards.

The SWOSU students qualified for the national competition by finishing either first or second place at the state competition.

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc., is the largest and oldest student business organization in the nation.