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The Outstanding Alumnus award is presented each year to an individual demonstrating exceptional support of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy and outstanding personal achievements in the profession.

A native of Mangum, Timmons joined the faculty at SWOSU in 1956 as an instructor in the Department of Biological Sciences. After serving two years as a National Science Foundation Fellow in the College of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma, he returned to SWOSU where he remained until his retirement in 1994.

In 1966, Timmons became a member of the faculty in the School of Pharmacy at SWOSU and served as head of the Department of Physiology. From 1972 until 1980, he also served as associate dean of the school. In 1980, SWOSU formed the School of Health Sciences, which consisted of the School of Pharmacy, the Division of Nursing, and the Division of Allied Health Sciences. Timmons was selected as the dean of the newly formed School of Health Sciences and remained in that position until his retirement.

During his almost three decades of service to SWOSU, Timmons served as acting dean of the School of Pharmacy, taught courses throughout the physiology area of the pharmacy curriculum, served on numerous SWOSU committees as well as School of Pharmacy and School of Health Sciences committees, was president of the Faculty Association, faculty advisor to the SWOSU Student Senate and School of Pharmacy organizations, established a variety of new courses in the School of Pharmacy, new programs in the School of Health Sciences (such as the cooperative agreement with Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center and SWOSU at Sayre to offer programs in the areas of physical therapy assistant and occupational therapy assistant) and was instrumental in securing a variety of health care related grants and contracts for SWOSU.

Timmons was an active member in a variety of professional organizations, including the Oklahoma Academy of Science, Oklahoma Pharmacists Association, American

Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, SWOSU Nursing Advisory Committee, and American Association for the Advance of Science. Timmons remains active today as charter member of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Heritage Foundation, where he has served as a board member and president.

He continues to serve the community and SWOSU. Timmons serves as a volunteer ombudsman for the Oklahoma State Department of Human Services. He has returned to the College of Pharmacy several times during his retirement to teach courses for faculty who have needed time off because of illness. In addition, Timmons serves as an ex-officio trustee for the SWOSU Foundation. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation for more than 30 years, most recently as president, and has been instrumental in major fundraising efforts with the Pharmacy Foundation to support the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

Timmons is a 1945 graduate of Central Vue High School. He has degrees in zoology with a minor in chemistry from Oklahoma State University, Master of Science degree with a major in zoology from the University of Oklahoma, and a doctorate with a major in physiology from the University of Oklahoma. He taught two years in the 1950s at Central Junior-Senior High School in Oklahoma City.