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SWOSU Students Attend Disaster Preparedness Workshop

Photo Caption: Six Southwestern Oklahoma State University students in Weatherford recently participated in an Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps (OKMRC) externship in Oklahoma City. They are (from left): SWOSU Instructor Tammy Blatnick; Heather Williams and Tiffany Dyson, both of Weatherford; Christopher Arganbright, Sayre; Breanna Hughes, Arapaho-Butler; Morgandy Benson, Piedmont; and Grace Pence, Hydro-Eakly.

Six Southwestern Oklahoma State University students in Weatherford recently participated in an Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps (OKMRC) externship and, as a result, will do a presentation this fall on disaster preparedness to high school students and the junior nursing class at SWOSU.

Tammy Blatnick, instructor in the SWOSU Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, said the four seniors and two juniors participated in the project provided by a grant written by Loren Stein.

In conjunction with several other universities, the students attended workshops and attended the OKMRC conference in early August at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City.

Blatnick said the students spent 100 hours in the externship. The students were able to participate in a full scale "Chaos exercise." It was set in a designated "disaster shelter" and included injured and misplaced people caused by a mock tornado. During the scenario, each of these students participated in one of the following ways: registration, first aid workers and workers in a large animal shelter. The students also were able to be mock victims.

"It was interesting to see how a disaster works and what part the OKMRC would have in the case of a disaster," Blatnick said.

Students that participated were Christopher Arganbright, Sayre; Morgandy Benson, Piedmont; Tiffany Dyson, Weatherford; Breanna Hughes, Arapaho-Butler; Grace Pence, Hydro-Eakly; and Heather Williams, Weatherford.

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