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SWOSU Chief Academic Officer Dr. James South Announces Retirement

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. James South has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2021.

South has served as the chief academic officer at SWOSU since 2013.

South came to SWOSU in July 1995 from Emporia State (KS) University as the new director of bands. Through the years, he taught music education classes and trumpet and conducted the university's Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Symphonic Band and Community Band.

He served as chair of the Music Department and then dean of the SWOSU College of Arts & Sciences before being named provost.

When he retires next summer, South will have spent 26 years on the Weatherford campus.



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