

SWOSU-Sayre Students Win Awards at PBL Conference

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Sayre Phi Beta Lambda students (from left) Virginia Strong, faculty advisor Patsy Wootton, Gloria Lau and Dustin Batterton recently returned from the national PBL conference. Strong and Batterton won awards at the conference competitions.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre Phi Beta Lambda students Virginia Strong of Elk City, Dustin Batterton of Cheyenne, Gloria Lau of Sayre and Advisor Patsy Wootton recently attended a PBL national conference at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee.

Strong won third place in the forensic accounting competition, while Batterton placed eighth among 40 national competitors in public speaking. Strong and Batterton also competed as a team in the Emerging Business Issues category. Strong also competed in word processing.

Lau competed in accounting principles and economics.

The opening ceremony recognized SWOSU Sayre faculty member Patsy Wootton as Oklahoma's Outstanding Local Advisor.

The theme of the 2006 national leadership conference was *FBLA-PBL: Unlock Your Potential*.

Oklahoma institutions collected 23 awards during regional and national awards recognition sessions. Delegates included members from Eastern Oklahoma State College, Tulsa Community College, Connors State College, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University (both Sayre and Weatherford campuses), University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University.

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