

SWOSU Nursing Students Help with OKC Marathon

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University nursing students at Weatherford recently volunteered their services in the medical tent at the recent Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon. SWOSU students were the only nursing students invited to help with the medical tent. Among those helping were (front from left): Heather Daily, Maxine Quaye and Amy Hyde. Middle row-Erica Edwards, Emillee Baker, Alta Benner, Addie Gill, Lindsey Williams and Lindsey Marks. Back row-David Bhutto, Nancy Owens, Garren Harms, Keri Glidewell, Kari Seibert, Marci Stum, Kelli Crump and Ronda pack. Not pictured are Emily Weathers, Jessica Ratliff, Ariel Boone and Heidi Nunneley.

SWOSU senior nursing students (from left) Jessica Ratliff, Heidi Nunneley and Ariel Boone ran in the Oklahoma City Marathon. The three students participated in the 5K run.

Twenty Southwestern Oklahoma State University nursing students at Weatherford recently volunteered their services in the medical tent at the recent Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon.

SWOSU students have been volunteering at this event for the past eight years, according to instructor Tamra Weimer. And for the past few years, SWOSU students are the only nursing students who are invited to participate.

Weimer said 172 runners were treated throughout the course of the day under the direction of medical team director Dr. Tom Consigliore.

In addition to the main medical tent at the finish line, aid stations were set up at mile markers 20 and 23. Each aid station was staffed by a physician, registered nurse and two SWOSU senior nursing students. A medical aid station was provided at the Kids Marathon and was staffed by six SWOSU junior nursing students.

"Runner safety is always prime importance and without all the volunteers from physicians to nursing students this would not happen," Weimer said. "This is a wonderful way for all involved to give back to the community as we remember April 19, 1995 and the lives that were changed forever."

SWOSU School of Nursing also had five students participate in the marathon run.

Seniors Jessica Ratliff, Ariel Boone and Heidi Nunneley ran in the 5K. Junior students David Ezersky ran the full marathon of 26.2 miles and Hollie Giles ran the half marathon.

More than 19,000 runners participated in the annual event.