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More Than 125 High School Students Enroll in SWOSU-Sayre Classes

Photo Caption: More than 125 juniors and seniors from 16 state high schools are enrolled this semester at Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre. Most of them take the classes at their high schools through an interactive video format. The classes are taught by SWOSU faculty members at Sayre, but they are broadcast to several off-campus high schools using cameras and TV monitors.

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SWOSU-Sayre Dean Sherron Manning said that more and more high school students are taking advantage of tuition-free college classes through SWOSU.

"We're excited to help college-bound high school students get an early start toward earning a college degree," Manning said.

Though some of the high school students come to the Sayre campus to take classes, most of them take the classes at their high schools through an interactive video format. These classes are taught by SWOSU faculty members at Sayre, but they are broadcast to several off-campus high schools using cameras and TV monitors. High school students participate in class and interact with instructors and students at Sayre.

“It’s a more advanced version of Skype, but the concept is the same,” Manning said.

The classes are very popular with juniors and seniors who can take the college classes without leaving their high schools.”

High schools participating in the concurrent-enrollment program at SWOSU-Sayre include Apache, Arapaho-Butler, Canute, Cheyenne, Cordell, Elk City, Erick, Hammon, Hooker, Hydro-Eakly, Merritt, Okeene, Reydon, Sayre, Sweetwater and Timberlake. Some homeschooled students are also participating.

Governor Fallin has challenged Oklahoma colleges and universities to increase the number of college graduates. Manning said that the Sayre campus has an important role in helping SWOSU provide those graduates.

“We know that more college graduates are needed to provide the educated workforce that’s vital for Oklahoma’s economic growth,” Manning said.

Manning said SWOSU-Sayre is a great place for high school students to get their feet wet in college, which will help them transition to full-time college students after high school graduation.

“A smoother transition from high school to college moves students along the path toward graduating and becoming part of the state’s educated workforce.”

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