

SWOSU Plans Send-Off Celebration for Miss Oklahoma Outstanding Teen Lacey Russ

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A send-off celebration is planned for Miss Oklahoma Outstanding Teen Lacey Russ at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford on Tuesday, August 10.

The come-and-go event is open to everyone and will be held from 5-7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom on the SWOSU campus.

Russ, a senior at Cordell High School and the daughter of Todd and Khristy Russ, is the current Miss SWOSU Outstanding Teen who won the Oklahoma title this past June at the Miss Oklahoma Outstanding Teen Pageant. Russ heads to Orlando (FL) for the Miss America Outstanding Teen Pageant August 24-28.

Debbie Brown, director of the Miss Southwestern Scholarship Pageant Board which is sponsoring the celebration, said the August 10 event will also be a Children's Miracle Network fundraising event. People who attend the celebration can have their picture made with Russ for \$10 and all proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network.

Russ won the title of Miss SWOSU Outstanding Teen at the 2009 pageant. It was only the second time for SWOSU to host a teen pageant in conjunction with the Miss SWOSU Scholarship Pageant. Brown said it has been exciting to have a state title winner in just the second year of the pageant's existence. Area students have already been inquiring about the 2010 pageant which will be held November 13 on the SWOSU campus.