

# Clifton Receives Prestigious AMT Awards

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre Medical Laboratory Technician Program Director Roxann Clifton was recently honored by the American Medical Technologists with its highest awards.

Clifton received the Dusty Rhodes LIFE Award and the Order of the Golden Microscope at the AMT's National Convention held recently in Hawaii.

"I was thrilled, to say the least," Clifton said.

The OGM Award is the highest honor given by AMT for outstanding organizational and professional contributions in the field of medical technology and to AMT.

Given since 1985, the Dusty Rhodes LIFE Award is presented by the Virginia State Society of the American Medical Technologists to a professional medical technologist who exemplifies Leadership, Initiative, Friendship and Erudition.

The LIFE Award recipient is not known before the award is given, so the winner learns of the honor during the awards ceremony. Before the winner's name is announced, the presenter reads that person's biography, which is how Clifton learned that she had won.

"I knew it was me about three lines in," she said. "It was a shock."

SWOSU-Sayre Dean Sherron Manning said that Clifton's awards are well deserved.

"These awards reflect Roxann's professionalism and dedication, and they speak to the high quality of the SWOSU-Sayre Medical Laboratory Technician Program," Manning said.

Clifton has served as president of AMT and is a current Oklahoma State Society Board member.

Other honors she has received include Oklahoma Technologist of the Year, Distinguished Achievement, Exceptional Merit, Editor of the Year, Pride of the Profession, and Cuviallo Commitment to Excellence Award.

Clifton is a graduate of Sayre Junior College and Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Before joining the SWOSU-Sayre faculty, she served as staff technologist at Roger Mills Memorial Hospital and Mangum City Hospital.