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News

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SWOSU Criminal Justice Students Place Third in Regional Quiz Bowl



Winning

third place in an undergraduate competition at the six-state Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ) annual conference in Houston (TX) was the SWOSU Criminal Justice Undergraduate Quiz Bowl Team of (from left) : Alberto Manzano, Clinton; James Alexander, Temple; faculty sponsors Dr. Howard Kurtz and Daniel Kavish; Lauren Buzbee, Gage; and Tori Tarbet, Sayre.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University students in the criminal justice program at Weatherford recently placed third in an undergraduate quiz bowl at the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ) annual conference held in Houston (TX).

The SWACJ conference provides professional development and networking opportunities for criminal justice professors and students. Six states—Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas—are represented at the conference.

The criminal justice undergraduate quiz bowl is the highlight of the conference each year. Students are quizzed on their knowledge of law enforcement, corrections, U.S. judicial system, criminal law and procedures, major Supreme Court decisions, criminological theory and research methodology.

SWOSU's team finished in third place, marking the second year in a row that SWOSU's criminal justice program has placed in the top three. SWOSU's team was comprised of Lauren Buzbee, Gage; James Alexander, Temple; Alberto Manzano, Clinton; and Tori Tarbet, Sayre. Their faculty advisors were SWOSU Assistant Professors of Sociology & Criminal Justice Dr. Daniel Kavish and Dr. Howard Kurtz.

In addition to the quiz bowl, students participated in a crime scene investigation competition and multiple SWOSU students presented research at the conference. Alexander and Manzano presented research on the use of body-worn cameras by police. Buzbee presented research on prison suicides. Jazmen Niles of El Reno presented research on the relationship between foster care and crime.

Also attending the conference were Eric Morland, Mustang; Aaron Cornell, Drummond; Alize Farbes, Wagoner; Monica Gonzalez, Lawton; and Yesenia Casas, Clinton.

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