

Large Group of SWOSU Graduates Complete Medical Schools

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Among the 11 Southwestern Oklahoma State University graduates who completed medical schools in May were these Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine graduates (from left) Tyler Miller, Deacon Vice and Kerri (Elliot) Smith. They are pictured with SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences instructor Sue Ball.

Eleven Southwestern Oklahoma State University graduates from Weatherford completed medical school and were honored at May 2013 convocations.

According to records kept since 1997, this is believed to be the largest class of medical school graduates represented by SWOSU during the same academic year.

The students completed medical school at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tennessee.

“SWOSU has long been known for its outstanding STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programs, and it is gratifying to see our graduates making major contributions to the medical professions in Oklahoma,” said SWOSU President Randy Beutler. “Taxpayers should be proud as SWOSU continues to fulfill our mission in helping with Oklahoma’s critical need for additional medical professionals.”

SWOSU has 15 nationally-accredited academic programs—the most among Oklahoma’s regional universities.

Dr. Steven O’Neal and Sue Ball, both faculty in the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences, attended the OU-COM convocation and Ball also attended the OSU-COM ceremony.

The graduates and their hometowns, their field of study while at SWOSU and their medical school concentration are:

Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (TN)

- Casey Cochran, Boise City, Biology—Family Practice

Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Kristine (Johnson) Bryant, Cordell, Health Sciences—OBGYN
- Lacy (Rogers) Howard, Tuttle, Biology—OBGYN
- Tyler Miller, Weatherford, Biology—Emergency Medicine
- Kerri (Elliot) Smith, Hammon, Biology—Internal Medicine
- Zack Spradlin, Cordell, Health Sciences—Emergency Medicine
- Deacon Vice, Apache, Biology—Emergency Medicine

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

- Sebastian Harris, Burns Flat, Chemistry—Family Medicine
- David Hollrah, Oklahoma City, Biology—Family Medicine
- Joel Kardokus, Eakly, Chemistry—Year of research prior to Residency
- Garrett Scott, Oklahoma City, Biology—Anesthesiology