

SWOSU's Dr. Brian Campbell to Receive Award from Alma Mater

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While Southwestern Oklahoma State University will be celebrating Homecoming on October 10 in Weatherford, SWOSU Professor Dr. Brian Campbell will be several states away being honored by his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Campbell, who is Bernhardt Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, will receive the 2015 Outstanding Alumni Distinguished Educator Award during October 9-11 UWP Homecoming activities. The award recognizes alumni who have achieved success in education, in artistic endeavors, and/or in their chosen profession as the success of graduates reflects favorably on the value of a degree from UW-Platteville.

“He is one of our shining stars at SWOSU – his teaching and service are exemplary, and his research and presentations are outstanding as well,” SWOSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. James South said. “We are proud of him for receiving this award from his alma mater.”

Campbell received his B.S. in elementary and science education from UW-Platteville in 1987. He will be inducted into the UWP Arts and Letters Hall of Fame. Campbell will ride in the Homecoming parade and be an honored guest at the football game.

In addition to teaching in the Department of Chemistry and Physics at SWOSU, Campbell serves as the director and instructor of the Summer Science and Mathematics Academy, a grant-funded camp on SWOSU’s campus. The Academy has been in operation since 1997 and has allowed Dr. Campbell to interact with over 700 public school students and 250 teachers.

Campbell serves as co-director of the SWOSU Honors Program, a program developed collaboratively with Dr. Andrea Holgado. He was instrumental in planning the renovation of the WPA-constructed Y-chapel into the Honors Building. Campbell also serves as a guest reviewer for a new geology text.

His research focuses on paleontology and science education and he and his students have given many presentations on both subjects. Dr. Campbell has been awarded over \$2.6 million in funding for research, summer science academies and teacher workshops.