

# Bhatta and Schmidt Named Madge Lenz Jordan Scholars at SWOSU

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University students Sushant Bhatta of Nepal and Kyra Schmidt of Weatherford have been named the 2017-2018 Madge Lenz Jordan Scholars by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., in Weatherford.

The Madge Lenz Jordan Scholarship Fund was established at the SWOSU Foundation in 2015 to benefit SWOSU students studying in the Departments of Education, Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Physics, and Social Sciences. The fund was established by Marilyn Doty (SWOSU Class of 1966) of Auburn (WA) to honor her mother, the late Madge (Landers) Lenz Jordan.

Bhatta is studying in the SWOSU Department of Chemistry & Physics and intends to pursue a doctorate in mechanical engineering. He has been active in the SWOSU Collegiate Activities Board (CAB) and has served as a tutor and a teaching assistant.

Schmidt is studying in the SWOSU Department of Social Sciences and intends to pursue a doctorate in history. She has been active with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and serves as president of the Spanish Club and vice president of SWOSU's Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.

"We heartily congratulate Sushant Bhatta and Kyra Schmidt on being named the 2017-2018 SWOSU Madge Lenz Jordan Scholars," said SWOSU Foundation Executive Director Garrett King. "We are very grateful to generous alumni like Marilyn Doty who, in honoring past SWOSU students, are also able to provide much-needed aid to current SWOSU students. It is a great privilege to be able to tell the story of Bulldogs like Madge Lenz Jordan and her family."

Jordan was born in 1904 in Caddo County. Raised on a farm near Hinton, she was educated in a country school until her high school years. She graduated from Hinton High School before spending a number of years teaching in small country schools throughout the area. Jordan put herself through college at SWOSU, waiting tables in downtown Weatherford and walking back and forth up "the hill" for classes. Jordan married Albert Lenz in 1931. The Lenz family lived on a farm in northern Caddo County while she educated young people at Mound Valley, Hydro and Weatherford, where the Lenz Family settled in 1946.

The Madge Lenz Jordan Scholarship is a substantial tuition and fees scholarship that also provides recipients with reimbursements for textbooks. Each SWOSU department that benefits from the fund was invited to submit a student nominee for consideration.

Contributions may be made to the Madge Lenz Jordan Scholarship Fund by visiting [www.GivetoSWOSU.com](http://www.GivetoSWOSU.com) and designating gifts to the "Madge Lenz Jordan Scholarship," or via mail at SWOSU Foundation, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford, OK 73096 (please make check payable to "SWOSU Foundation" and designate "Madge Lenz Jordan Scholarship" in the memo line).

The SWOSU Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the

Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$22 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information about the fund, contact SWOSU Foundation Programs Officer Robbin Jennings at 580-774-3267.