

Students Attend SURE-STEP at SWOSU

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These incoming freshmen are attending a four-week SURE-STEP program at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. They are (front from left): Brooke Shockey, Elk City; Alexis Verplank, Norman; Jessica Redd, Elk City; Savannah Powell, Mangum; and Lacey Penland, Beaver. Second row from left—Matt Williams, Walters; Estefany Guzman, Enid; Ashley Hardman, Guymon; and Alyssa Cannon, Yukon. Third row from left—Ross Lane, Chandler; Anthony Allison, Woodward; Tanner Buffington, Weatherford; Mobolaji Immanuel Suleiman, Oklahoma City; and Holley Ladymon, Cement. Fourth row from left—counselor Neil Funwie; counselor Keturah Ododi; counselor Anita Williams; Kara Doughty, Cordell; and counselor Mercedes Bernard. Back from left—Curt Woolever and Dr. Brian Campbell.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford is hosting 15 students at a SURE-STEP program designed to provide an exciting opportunity for high school seniors seeking degrees in biology and chemistry at SWOSU.

Attending the four-week program through August 1 are: Lacey Penland, Beaver; Holley Ladymon, Cement; Ross Lane, Chandler; Kara Doughty, Cordell; Jessica Redd and Brooke Shockey, both of Elk City; Estefany Guzman, Enid; Ashley Hardman, Guymon; Savannah Powell, Mangum; Alexis Verplank, Norman; Mobolaji Immanuel Suleiman, Oklahoma City; Matt Williams, Walters; Tanner Buffington, Weatherford; Anthony Allison, Woodward; and Alyssa Cannon, Yukon.

Students who participate in the summer program, attend SWOSU the following academic year, and maintain all other requirements will be awarded a 6-semester credit hour waiver and a \$1,500 stipend each semester for their first year of college study.

SWOSU, in association with four other Oklahoma universities, were awarded a \$2 million grant over a five-year period from the National Science Foundation to encourage students to pursue degrees with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Program Director Dr. Brian Campbell said students have lecture and laboratory courses designed to promote success with STEM material. Students are also trained in skills necessary to cope with college studies like time management and study skills.

Participants live in the SWOSU residence halls, eat in the cafeteria and are given an opportunity to experience college and campus life first hand. Room and board for the four-week period is provided by SURE-STEP.

Students will participate in active research in either chemistry or biology during the summer and the 2007-08 academic year.