

GOLD Program Continues to Grow at SWOSU

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SWOSU GOLD Program Cadets (from left) Nicklas Woodring, William Morse and Danny Huddleston, along with faculty sponsor Glen Waggoner recently completed a community service project at the Stafford Air & Space Museum in Weatherford. The cadets cleaned and polished various exhibits in anticipation for General Thomas P. Stafford's 80th birthday celebration that is planned for September 17-18 at the museum.

Cadet William Morse works on one of the airplanes.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Army National Guard continue to offer a Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) program on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford.

The purpose of the program is to develop future officers, who will be federal-recognized commission officers, and to offer SWOSU students a minor program in tactical leadership.

Glen Waggoner, faculty member at SWOSU, said some of the core values of the Guard-such as integrity, community service, leadership and service above self-further enrich the academic experience of SWOSU students. Waggoner said the GOLD program not only develops young leaders for the National Guard but young leaders for the corporate world.

The GOLD program is a minimum of four semesters with no weekend drills. The program is designed to be a four-year program with exceptions made for military experience, civilian education and combat leadership. For military students who complete the program, they become Second Lieutenants.

The GOLD program office is located in Room 310 of the Stafford Center. For additional information, contact Waggoner at 580.774.6033.