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## SWOSU Receives \$2.1 Million Grant from U.S. Department of Education

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford has been awarded a five-year, \$2,178,948 grant from the U. S. Department of Education to expand its capacity to serve low-income students.

The grant is part of the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP).

Dr. Lori Gwyn, director of the sponsored programs office at SWOSU, said the grant would help provide innovative student services to help retain students and allow them to successfully progress through their chosen field of study to program completion.

"One of the most critical problems that universities everywhere face is student retention," Gwyn said. "This grant will assist SWOSU in its efforts to retain our students."

The grant will be used to pilot a SWOSU Student Success Center focused on increasing retention and graduation rates by targeting four areas:

- Improve advising resources and processes for freshmen students
- Identify at-risk students early through an improved student information system
- Create substantial electronic resources for students through early alert and degree audit programs
- Provide academic coaching and peer mentoring to at-risk students

“SWOSU is grateful for this wonderful opportunity to expand services for our students,” SWOSU President Randy Beutler said. “We appreciate the efforts of the Office of Sponsored Programs and others in obtaining this grant.”

The grant is a U.S. Department of Education Title III grant.

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