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Vaughan Family Honored by SWOSU College of Pharmacy



Members of the Vaughan family were recently honored with the College of Pharmacy Heritage Award at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Attending the ceremony in Weatherford were (from left) Malorie of Bartlesville, Steven of Blair, Randy of Hobart, and Brad and Tami, both of Perry (KS).

Members of the Vaughan family were recently honored with the College of Pharmacy Heritage Award at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The Heritage Award recognizes a family with at least two generations of SWOSU pharmacy graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to the College of Pharmacy and the pharmacy profession.

SWOSU pharmacy graduates in the Vaughan family are Randy (1972) of Hobart, Steven (1984) of Blair, Brad (1977) and Tami (1998), both of Perry (KS), and Malorie (2015) of Bartlesville.

"The Vaughan family's years of service to the pharmacy profession as well as to their communities, in addition to their support of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, nobly meets the values for the SWOSU College of Pharmacy's Heritage Award," said SWOSU College of Pharmacy Dean Dr. David Ralph.

Randy started as a staff pharmacist in Altus before becoming a pharmacy owner/manager in Hobart, where he currently works part-time. In addition to his pharmacy practice and farming, he has also served as vice chair for the Beckham Rural Water District and has membership in the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association and American Pharmacist Association. His part-time status allows him to support his six grandchildren with their stock shows as well as their football, baseball, basketball and soccer games. He and his wife, Jenelda, live in Hobart and they have three adult children: Bryan, Brad and Kristi.

Randy's brother, Steven, upon graduation, managed Granite Drug in Granite before starting his hospital pharmacy career at Jackson County Memorial Hospital in Altus, where he will complete 33 years in February 2020. He has a strong passion for distance running and church activities. Steven lives in Blair with his wife, Connie (a SWOSU education graduate). They have two adult children: Raegan and Malorie.

Brad is the son of Randy. Since Brad's graduation, he has worked for Walmart or Sam's as a pharmacist for 22 years. Before moving to Kansas, he was manager at Walmart in Lawton and Duncan, receiving Walmart Pharmacy Store of the Year in 2001. Since 2012, he has been working as staff pharmacist at Sam's Club in Topeka, Kansas. Brad has been a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Pharmacist since 2009. He is a Deacon at Southside Church of Christ in Lawrence (KS) and volunteers with 4H, Lawrence Interdenominational Kitchen, Jefferson County Fair and youth softball. He and his wife, Tami (a SWOSU pharmacy graduate), live in Perry (KS) and have two children: Eryn and Noah. He is also a softball, livestock show and tae kwon do dad.

His wife, Tami, has worked with the Indian Health Service for 21 years. She is currently pharmacy director for Haskell Health Center Pharmacy in Lawrence. Prior to that, she worked as a staff pharmacist at the Lawton Indian Hospital. Since 2014, she has been a Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist and is a National Clinical Pharmacy Specialist certified pharmacist for anticoagulation. She received the National IHS Directors Award in 2017 and the IHS Oklahoma Area Pharmacy of the Year award in 2010. Tami is an avid volunteer for 4H, Jefferson County Fair and serves the Church of Christ. She is a softball, livestock show and tae kwon do mom.

Malorie is the daughter of Steven. Since graduation in 2015, she has worked as a clinical staff pharmacist at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville. In addition, she is a volunteer pharmacist at Hope Clinic Bartlesville, which offers free acute care, and she is the coordinator of the annual Community Care Transitions Team annual Drug Take-Back Program. Malorie was one of the first PharmD/Master of Business Administration dual degree graduates at SWOSU in 2015.

Also in 2015, the first Vaughan Family Scholarship was awarded. This newly created scholarship fund through the SWOSU Pharmacy Foundation was established by Brad and Tami and enriched with yearly support from Vaughan family members.

At the recent ceremony, each family member received an engraved Heritage Award Commemorative Coin, College of Pharmacy blanket, and their names displayed on a tree stake in the garden area by the College of Pharmacy Heritage Tree, a white bud tree that was planted in 2014 for the College of Pharmacy's 75th anniversary celebration.

SWOSU's pharmacy program was established in 1939 and currently has nearly 6,000 graduates. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. SWOSU offers a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree as well as a PharmD/MBA dual degree.

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