



## News

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# Johnson and Silvernail Named 2021-22 Ken Rose Memorial Scholars at SWOSU



Cadence Johnson



Alexandria Silvernail

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has announced that students Cadence Johnson of Weatherford and Alexandria Silvernail of Midwest City have been named the 2021-22 Ken Rose Memorial Scholars by the SWOSU Department of Parks & Recreation Management (PRM).

Johnson is a sophomore studying PRM with a minor in CLEET. She is an alumnae of the Oklahoma Cadet Lawman program.

Silvernail is a senior studying PRM with a minor in EMS. She is serving her second consecutive term as president of the SWOSU SCUBA Club.

The Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Fund benefits the SWOSU PRM Department and provides for annual student assistance to be awarded to the Department's students.

A native of Clinton, the late Dr. Ken Rose completed his undergraduate studies at SWOSU in 1967 and earned his master's degree, also from SWOSU, in 1970. He earned his Doctorate of Education from the University of Oklahoma in 1980. Rose was a committed scholar and an expert on SCUBA diving who conducted extensive research on the effects of hyperbaric pressure on divers and the psychological factors impacting diver performance.

Rose devoted his life to education. From 1968 to 1974, Rose taught, coached and served as principal at Washita Heights Public Schools in Corn. In 1974, he joined SWOSU as an instructor in physical education, later advancing to professor. He chaired the Department of Health, Physical Education & Recreation, later was named dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and, eventually, dean of the College of Professional & Graduate Studies.

Among many significant achievements Rose facilitated during his four-plus decades of service to SWOSU is the evolution of the SWOSU PRM Department into one of the most unique and dynamic academic programs of its type in the country.

Rose passed away on September 2, 2020. He was a devoted husband to Susan and a loving father to David, D'Ann, Wesly and Tiler.

The Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. An institutionally-related charitable entity, the Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships 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 \$36 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

For more information on the Foundation or to donate to the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Fund benefitting the SWOSU Parks & Recreation Management Department, please visit [www.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com) or call 580-774-3267.

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