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SWOSU Criminal Justice Club Places Second in Regional Quiz Bowl

Photo Caption: The SWOSU Criminal Justice Student Association undergraduate quiz bowl team at Weatherford recently won second place at a competition involving students from six states. Members of the team are (from left): Jesus Alberto Manzano, Clinton; Tori Tarbet, Sayre; Summer Graham, Oologah; and Lauren Buzbee, Gage.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Criminal Justice Student Association in Weatherford recently placed second in an undergraduate quiz bowl at the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ) annual conference held in San Antonio (TX).

The SWACJ conference provides professional development and networking opportunities for criminal justice professors and students. Six states—Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas—are represented the conference.

One highlight from the conference each year is the undergraduate quiz bowl. Students are quizzed on their knowledge of law enforcement, corrections, U.S. judicial system, criminal law and procedures, major Supreme Court decisions, criminological theory, and research methodology.

SWOSU's team finished an impressive second. SWOSU's team was comprised of Lauren Buzbee, Summer Graham, Jesus Alberto Manzano, and Tori Tarbet and their faculty advisor was Assistant Professor of Sociology & Criminal Justice Dr. Daniel Kavish.

In addition to the quiz bowl, multiple SWOSU students and Kavish presented research at the conference. James Alexander and Jesus Alberto Manzano presented research on the social and financial costs of America's War on Drugs. Summer Graham presented research on feminist criminology. Velma Carriaga presented research on jurisdictional issues related to tribal land and the criminal justice system. Kavish presented research on traffic stop searches and contraband discovery. Also attending the conference were Jazmen Niles and SWOSU Professor Howard Kurtz.

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