

Valencia and Woods Win Miss SWOSU Titles

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Melissa Valencia (center) of Marlow won the title of Miss SWOSU at the annual pageant held October 28 on the campus in Weatherford. Finalists were (from left): Shelby Austin, Tulsa (OK Virtual), third runner-up; Ashlin Murray, Weatherford (Clinton), first runner-up; Makenna Carver, Bartlesville (Dewey), second runner-up; and Jimmie Dollins, Altus, fourth runner-up. Valencia will represent SWOSU at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant in 2018.

Melissa Valencia, a freshman from Marlow at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, won the crown of Miss SWOSU 2018, and Katelyn Woods, sophomore at Lawton (Eisenhower), won the title of Miss SWOSU's Outstanding Teen at Saturday's (October 28) pageants on the Weatherford campus.

Valencia will represent SWOSU at next summer's Miss Oklahoma Pageant, while Woods advances to the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen Pageant, which is held the same week at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant in Tulsa.

Valencia won \$2,300 SWOSU and \$306 Children's Miracle Network scholarships; \$1,000 cash award; and over \$3,000 in gift certificates and various gifts from area businesses. Her platform issue is "Speak for the Silent, Stand for the Broken."

Ashlin Murray of Weatherford (Clinton) finished as first runner-up and winner of a \$1,100 scholarship. She also won the Talent Award.

Makenna Carver of Bartlesville (Dewey) was second runner-up and winner of a \$900 scholarship. Shelby Austin of Tulsa (Oklahoma Virtual) finished as third runner-up and winner of a \$800 scholarship. Austin also won the Most Tickets Sold Award. Jimmie Dollins of Altus was fourth runner-up and winner of a \$700 scholarship. Dollins also won the Lifestyle and Fitness in Swim Suit Award.

Terin Brownen of Weatherford won the Scholarship Patron Sold Award and Peer Respect & Leadership Award. Kendra Place of Washington won the Crowd Pleaser Award. All non-finalist contestants each won \$500 scholarships.

Katelyn Woods of Lawton (Eisenhower) (third from left) won the title of Miss SWOSU's Outstanding Teen at the annual pageant held October 28 on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford. Other contestants were (from left): Taylor Bishop, Choctaw, first runner-up; Megan Bradley, Leedey; and Evelyynn Hills, Weatherford. Woods will represent SWOSU at the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen Pageant in 2018.

For winning the Miss SWOSU's Outstanding Teen title, Woods won a \$500 scholarship to SWOSU; \$500 cash award; and over \$2,000 in gift certificates and various gifts from area businesses. Woods also won the Talent Award and Spirit Award.

Taylor Bishop of Choctaw finished as first runner-up. She won a \$300 scholarship to SWOSU and various gifts and certificates. Evelyn Hills of Weatherford won Crowd Pleaser, Most Tickets Sold and Scholarship Patrons Sold awards.

All non-finalists in the teen pageant each won \$100 SWOSU scholarships.