

Good Happenings Force Changes to Miss SWOSU Pageant

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Sometimes good things force changes, and that time has come this year for the Miss SWOSU Pageant board.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University has hosted a preliminary pageant for the Miss Oklahoma Pageant since 1958. In 2008, the university added the Miss SWOSU's Outstanding Teen Pageant with the winner advancing to the state pageant. Since 2008, SWOSU has hosted a joint pageant between the two with participation numbers continuing to increase.

Instead of having one pageant featuring both the Miss and teen candidates, separate pageants are being held this year on November 7 with the Miss SWOSU's Outstanding Teen Pageant being held at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center with the Miss SWOSU Pageant being held later that evening at 7 p.m., also in the Fine Arts Center.

This year's Miss SWOSU Pageant has 16 candidates—the largest pageant since 2006. The teen pageant will have seven contestants.

“It was a hard decision for the board because the joint pageant has been so successful,” said Debbie Brown, director of the SWOSU pageants. “But, we’ve grown and it is to the point that we needed to separate the pageants, at least for this year.”

Area residents who attend the teen pageant in the afternoon will also be able to use their ticket to attend the evening's Miss SWOSU Pageant. Ticket prices are \$5 for SWOSU students with a valid I.D., \$10 for the general public and all tickets at the door will be \$15. Tickets are available from the contestants and in the Public Relations/Marketing Office in Room 205 of the Administration Building on the Weatherford campus.