

Rose Wins Top Award from OAHPERD

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Dr. Ken Rose, dean of the College of Professional and Graduate Studies, recently received a prestigious award at the state convention of the Oklahoma Association of Health and Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Making the presentation is Dr. Vicki Hatton, chair of the SWOSU Kinesiology Department at SWOSU.

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Rose was presented the Honor Award, the highest honor presented by OAHPERD.

Rose has been an active participant in OAHPERD. He has served on the board and council in many capacities, from general vice president to physical education vice president to College Section Council member. Rose most recently served as OAHPERD president in 2004 and received the Recreation Professional of the Year Award in 2003. He has been on numerous standing committees as well. Rose is a member of the Southern District and AAHPERD.

Rose received his Bachelor of Science in Education and his Master's of Education from SWOSU. He received his Doctoral Degree from the University of Oklahoma.

His career in education began at Washita Heights Public Schools. He coached and taught in the classroom before becoming principal. Rose joined the faculty at SWOSU in 1974.

In his early years at the university, he taught the majority of recreation classes in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. He is well known for his efforts in the scuba and water safety areas. Rose worked his way up from chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to the dean of the School of Arts & Sciences and finally to the position that he currently holds, dean of the College of Professional & Graduate Studies.

Rose was instrumental in SWOSU receiving the adventure programs at Foss Lake and Cedar Canyon at Crowder Lake. He has served as the adventure programs principal investigator since 1991. He played a major role in SWOSU getting Crowder Lake State Park which houses a ropes course, rappelling wall, rock climbing wall, sailing and canoeing, walking trail, campsites and classroom.

Rose has been very active on the SWOSU campus over the years, serving on the Strategic Planning Team, Lone Star Conference Faculty Athletic Representative, Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee, Administrative Council and many more. He has several publications, grants and presentations and has been actively involved in the community and state with the Rotary Club, State of Oklahoma Hospital Advisory Committee, and the YMCA.