

Oklahoma City Public Schools Works with SWOSU Department of Education Students

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 34 spring semester teacher candidates in Weatherford recently completed their National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) requirement for "field experience in a diverse school setting" during a two-day training session.

Starting the training was the Oklahoma City Public Schools teams of Shannon Freeman, director of recruitment, retention and deployment; Bianca Rose, secondary team leader for human resources; and Erica Alvarez, secondary team leader. They spoke to the teacher candidates at SWOSU in preparation for their field trip.

The teacher candidates then travelled to Oklahoma City to spend a day in one of seven schools in the district. The candidates were accompanied by Bruce Belanger, coordinator of field experiences at SWOSU's Department of Education (DOE), and Allen Boyd, instructor in the DOE.

As a thank you to the schools, the DOE presented two participating schools with \$200 vouchers for scholastic books and materials.