

# SWOSU Medical Laboratory Technician Program Picks Up Impressive Awards

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Showing off the impressive awards from the 2014 American Medical Technologist national convention are (from left) Roxann Clifton, Tiffany Jackson and Shelby McVicker. Not pictured is Marcia Haverly.

Heidi Zuniga of Elk City won the Outstanding MLT Student Award.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University medical laboratory technician students and a faculty advisor on the Sayre campus recently won top honors at the 2014 American Medical Technologist national convention held in Chicago.

Three students—Marcia Haverly of Las Vegas (NV), Tiffany Jackson of Hollis and Shelby McVicker of Woodward—swept the top three places in the student technical writing competition. And, a May 2014 graduate of the SWOSU-Sayre MLT program, Heidi Zuniga of Elk City, was named the winner of the Outstanding MLT Student Award. Zuniga won a cash prize of \$250 and plaque.

Winning an impressive faculty award was Roxann Clifton, who was awarded the CuvIELLO Commitment to Excellence Award. Clifton serves as the MLT program director at Sayre. The award is given to an AMT member, nominated by peers, who has demonstrated outstanding continued involvement in continuing education by the way of presentation of workshops, lectures or seminars at both the state and national levels and publishing articles in scientific and management journals.

In the writing competition, Haverly won first place and \$200 for her paper on *Trichomonas vaginalis*. Jackson received second place and \$165 for her paper over The Cause and Effect of Primary Amebic Meningionencephalitis, and McVicker, won third place slot and \$135 for her paper over Gilbert's Syndrome.