

# English as Second Language Program Building at SWOSU

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The first session of the English as a Second Language (ESL) program was recently held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The tutoring program geared for SWOSU students and the area Hispanic community is held each Monday night from 5-7 p.m. in Room 203 of the Campbell Building. Among those attending the first session were (front from left): Araceli Arellano, María Juárez, Lourdes González and Adriana de Santiago. Second row from left—Renee Decker, Mercedes Piñón, Mackenzie Bergagnini, Breanna Cary, Roxana García and Héctor Garza. Third row from left—Bailey Bell, Karina Franco, Andrea Holgado, Ludi Tijerina, Juliana Zárate and Gloria Rivera. Back from left—Gerardo Borjas and Juan Manuel Ramírez.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University students studying Spanish have partnered with the Westcentral Oklahoma Literacy Coalition to tutor students and the area Hispanic community who speak English as a second language.

The program, which is open to the public, is held on Mondays from 5-7 p.m. in Room 203 of the Campbell Building on the Weatherford campus.

The public is invited to enroll in the sessions.

Dr. Hector Garza and Dr. Cynthia Peña coordinate the English as a second language tutoring program at SWOSU. Renee Decker is director of the WOLC.

This semester the Spanish Division at SWOSU started an internship program with the WOLC. Juan Manuel Ramirez of Spain will be helping with the coordination of the literacy program and assisting Garza. Gerardo Borjas of Clinton is working with Decker in the WOLC office.

English as a Second Language tutors include SWOSU students: Breanna Cary, Altus; Adriana de Santiago, Guymon; Mackenzie Bergagnini, Ponca City; Bailey Bell, Weatherford; and Ramírez and Borjas.

For more information on the program or how to become a tutor, contact Garza at [hector.garza@swosu.edu](mailto:hector.garza@swosu.edu) or 580.774.3093 and Peña at [cynthia.pena@swosu.edu](mailto:cynthia.pena@swosu.edu) or 580.774.7052.