

SWOSU Hosts TSA Fall Leadership Conference

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Several state officers of the Technology Student Association attended the recent TSA Fall Leadership Conference on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford. Among those attending were (from left): Holly Bates, Vinita, state reporter; Janel Mitchell, Arnett, state president; Leann Yadon, Woodward, state secretary; and Christopher Collins, Ft. Towson, Eastern Region Representative.

Landon Bunch of Purcell addresses the Technology Student Association Fall Leadership Conference held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Bunch is a national officer of TSA, serving as reporter.

Nearly 650 high schools students and 90 advisors recently attended the 26th annual Technology Student Association Fall Leadership Conference on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford.

Hosting the event was the SWOSU Industrial and Engineering Technology Department.

Dr. Gary Bell, chair of the department and coordinator of the event, said high schools from all across the state sent their TSA chapter advisors and officers to attend the valuable leadership sessions. The TSA is a national student organization that provides high school students with leadership skills, while giving them opportunities to excel in areas of engineering and technology.

Bell said the SWOSU Fall Leadership Conference is one of the many great opportunities available to TSA members to meet new people in an open, relaxed environment while they receive training in both goal setting and leadership.

This year's event included speaker Casey Loper, former TSA national president for the 2001-2002 school year. Loper used humor and entertaining skits to encourage students to become positive leaders and role models in their communities.

Also helping out at the event was the SWOSU Technology Education Collegiate Association (TECA).