

# SWOSU Students Volunteer at Thank-a-thon

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Over 120 Southwestern Oklahoma State University students in Weatherford recently volunteered their time to make phone calls and write thank you notes to SWOSU donors during the SWOSU Foundation's annual Thank-a-thon.

Members from 13 different SWOSU organizations came together in the President's Conference Room to join the SWOSU Foundation in contacting alumni and friends to thank them for their gifts made to the university. Organizations participating in the thank-a-thon were Men's and Women's Basketball, Collegiate Activities Board, President's Leadership Class, Student Government Association, Softball, Rodeo, Football, SWOSU Athletic Association, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Cross Country, Sigma Sigma Chi and Miss SWOSU.

During the two-day event, over 650 SWOSU donors were contacted or had a thank you note written by a student.

"We were very pleased with the turnout of student volunteers and their eagerness to be involved," said Brandi Rizzi of the SWOSU Foundation. "Each student showed a genuine interest in being involved with the thank-a-thon and were eager to speak to donors. Their enthusiasm made it even more rewarding as they spoke and connected to our donors."

One student who participated was Manuel Martinez, representing CAB.

"I participated in the thank-a-thon because as students we should express our gratitude to those who have supported our academic goals and dreams," Martinez said. "It is because of our donors that we are still able to stay in school and strive to reach our goals. Nowadays, the words, "thank you" are not heard as much...a simple thank you goes a long way."

The SWOSU Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$20 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information about the SWOSU Foundation, please call 580-774-3267 or visit [SWOSUFoundation.com](http://SWOSUFoundation.com).