

40 Teachers Working on Administrative Internships as part of SWOSU Master's Program

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These classroom teachers from across Oklahoma recently gathered on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford as part of their involvement in the university's Educational Administration Master's Degree Program. They are (front from left): Ronda Weaver, Ft. Cobb; Staci Repp, Ft. Cobb; Alisha Smith, Jay; Beki Hicks, Stillwater; Leslie Weber, Oklahoma City; Julie Roberds, Okmulgee; Rachel McNear, Moore; Laureen Barnes, Mustang; Kelli McDaniel, Vinita; Tim Price, Oklahoma City; and Chad Fox, Guymon. Second row from left—Levi Garrett, Fletcher; Vidale McCracken, Elgin; Allen Hicks, Stillwater; Elizabeth Ressel, Duncan; Lisa Rogers, Muskogee; Monica Walton, Blanchard; Selena Kyzer, Yukon; Kathy James, Altus; Rynne Foret, Altus; and LaQueisha Dickerson, Houston (TX). Third row from left—Joe Coplen, Stigler; Mechell Prince, Blanchard; Jason Bohannon, Gould; Ron Driskill, Stillwater; Delina Bible, Checotah; Stacey Miller, El Reno; Lindsey Bunch, Blanchard; Kerri Duke, Tishomingo; and Gary Dees, Lawton. Fourth from left—Jared Meget, Burns-Flat; Sean Herbig, Medford; Carolyn Wheeler, Broken Arrow; Michelle Parker, Butler; Sheila Boaldin, Altus; Kristy McMurtry, Moore; Nathan Roberts, Ardmore; Chase Carder, Oklahoma City; John Howard, Pryor; and Damon Hitt, Elgin.

As the nation-wide shortage of school administrators continues to impact Oklahoma school districts, 40 graduate students in the Educational Administration Master's Degree Program at Southwestern Oklahoma State University are completing administrative internships during the current fall semester on the Weatherford campus.

The interns, all currently classroom teachers, will work under the direct supervision of cooperating administrators in Altus, Ardmore, Blanchard, Bridgecreek, Broken Arrow, Burns Flat-Dill City, Caddo Kiowa Technology Center, Clinton, Comanche, Edmond, Elgin, Glencoe, Green Country Technology Center, Grove, Guymon, Hollis, Lawton, Lone Grove, Medford, Mid-Del, Moore, Muskogee, Mustang, Osage, Stigler, Vinita, and Western Heights School Districts in Oklahoma and in Lamar Consolidated School District in Houston, Texas.

University supervisors for the internships are Dr. Mary Aspedon, Meghan Eliason and Andy North.

The interns will complete the program and graduate from SWOSU with master's degrees in December or May. Aspedon said many of these graduates will enter school administration positions in Fall 2014.