

SWOSU Wellness Center Wins State Award

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Wellness Center has received an Award of Excellence for Facilities from the Oklahoma Recreation and Park Society.

The award was presented to SWOSU at the recent ORPS annual conference. Gary Armbruster of Meyer Architecture Plus nominated SWOSU for the award, which is presented to agencies demonstrating outstanding quality and professionalism in the areas of parks and recreation facility design and function.

Armbruster said the 72,000 square foot facility on the Weatherford campus is a fully accessible facility that has fulfilled the intramural and wellness needs on the SWOSU campus by providing a facility that did not previously exist for SWOSU students and faculty.

The Wellness Center is comprised of three basketball courts, aerobics rooms, an innovatively designed 25-foot tall free standing rock climbing wall, three-lane running track, weight facility, cardiovascular workout facility, student health and counseling offices, wellness administrative offices, health food bar and more.

SWOSU and Meyer Architecture Plus worked together to choose materials that would be long-lasting and be easily maintained. The facility was the impetus for providing a new athletic weight training facility and new athletic complex for softball and baseball programs.

Tom Fagan, vice president for finance and administration at SWOSU, said the university appreciates the award and thanks Armbruster and Meyer Architecture for nominating SWOSU.

The ORPS annually recognizes and honors a select number of its members, citizens and organizations in the state of Oklahoma who have rendered outstanding service to the recreation, park and conservation movements.