

# SWOSU Foundation Receives \$75,000 Sarkeys Foundation Grant for Nursing Program

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's School of Nursing in Weatherford will benefit from a \$75,000 grant that was recently received from the Sarkeys Foundation. Celebrating the award are (from left): SWOSU College of Professional and Graduate Studies Dean Dr. Ken Rose; SWOSU Foundation Director of Gifts and Planned Giving Nicole Boyles; SWOSU School of Nursing Chair Dr. Barbara Patterson; and SWOSU President Randy Beutler.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Foundation has received a \$75,000 grant from the Sarkeys Foundation to assist the SWOSU School of Nursing on the Weatherford campus.

The grant is part of awards totaling \$422,509 that were recently provided to 24 nonprofit organizations in Oklahoma.

"The School of Nursing is grateful for the funding provided by the Sarkeys Foundation grant," said Dr. Barbara Patterson, chair of the department. "The funds will be designated to purchase state-of-the-art simulation equipment for our nursing skills labs, enabling our students to garner valuable knowledge for working with patients in a clinical setting."

Since its founding in 1962, Sarkeys has awarded more than \$70 million in grants for education, social services, arts and culture, health care and medical research, and environmental projects. Trustees and staff of the foundation continue to fulfill the mission of improving the quality of life in Oklahoma.

"There are many strong nonprofits doing great work in our state and we are honored to be able to help a number of them further their mission," said Kim Henry, executive director. "Many of our recipients serve rural areas of our state where resources are limited and it can be more challenging to raise money for those in need. We believe investing in these nonprofits will help thousands of Oklahomans during these challenging times."

SWOSU President Randy Beutler said the university is appreciative that the Sarkeys Foundation has made this award to SWOSU for such an important program as nursing. Beutler said private dollars like the grant from Sarkeys, student tuition fees and taxpayer monies are being used to improve the quality of health care in western Oklahoma.