

Moore Honored by SWOSU Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society

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Paul David Moore (third from left) of Moore was recently selected as the Pharmacy Leadership Society 2010 Honored Alumnus by the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society in Weatherford. Also pictured with Moore is (from left): Dr. Les Ramos, faculty sponsor of Rho Chi; Patti Harper, alumni and development director for the SWOSU College of Pharmacy; Moore's wife Carolyn; and Dr. David Ralph, associate dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy graduate Paul David Moore of Moore was recently selected as the Pharmacy Leadership Society 2010 Honored Alumnus by the SWOSU Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society.

Moore recently served as guest speaker and honorary Rho Chi president at the Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma initiation ceremony held on the Weatherford campus. Moore graduated with highest honors from the SWOSU College of Pharmacy in 1978.

Moore, an Atoka High School graduate, worked as a community pharmacist for several years. In the mid-80's, he purchased a pharmacy and became a consultant pharmacist for Atoka Memorial Hospital. In these roles, he became very active in rural healthcare and developed his own consultant pharmacy management company. Additionally, he served as the chief executive officer for the Atoka County Healthcare Authority and administrator for Atoka Memorial Hospital and other rural healthcare agencies in Atoka County.

In March of this year, Moore joined the federal office Health Resources and Services Administration in Washington, D.C. as the senior health policy advisor in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While he works on rural policy issues on the federal level, Moore maintains ownership of his rural community pharmacies and his company, Pharmacy & Consulting Management, which provides remote pharmacist services to small rural hospitals across the nation.

Moore has served in a variety of leadership roles with the National Rural Hospital Association, serving as president in 2008. He is also active in the Rural Health Association of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association. He has won numerous public service awards and honors, including the 2007 SWOSU College of Pharmacy Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Award, the 2008 National Community Pharmacist Association "Spirit of Independence Award" and the 2009 Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award. He is a lifetime member of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy Alumni Association.

He is married to Carolyn Sue Gardner, also a SWOSU graduate. They have two daughters: Natalie Moore Houck, Pharm.D. (SWOSU College of Pharmacy, Class of 2004) and Emily Moore Jones, BSRN, Ph.D. They also have two grandchildren: Gavin and Chloe Houck.

Patti Harper, alumni and development director with the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, said Moore has been a strong supporter and friend of pharmacy in Oklahoma, Washington D.C., and the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.