

Abbott and Greutman Win Pharmacy Clinical Skills Competition

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy students P. Kim Abbott of Wylie TX and Morgan Greutman of Clarksville TX recently won the SWOSU clinical skills competition on the Weatherford campus.

The pair will now represent SWOSU at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) clinical skills national competition to be held in December at the ASHP convention in Anaheim (CA).

Finishing second was the team of Jessica Pasquini of Edmond and Nathan Troester of Edmond (Oklahoma Christian). They each received a \$25 gift card. The third place team was Erin Hander of Bennington and Lauran Randall of Salina. They each received a \$10 gift card.

The clinical skills competition is an interactive, team-based analysis of clinical scenarios for hospital/health-system pharmacists. The teams are given a patient case to evaluate. The team has a certain amount of time to make clinical recommendations of how to optimize the patient's medications, determine what kind of monitoring they would do and what medications they would start or stop.

Drs. Krista Brooks, Edna Patatianian and Nancy Williams judged the competition. Williams said the competition was tough and the judges were impressed with the students' efforts.

ASHP represents pharmacists who serve as patient care providers in acute and ambulatory settings. For over 70 years, ASHP has been on the forefront of efforts to improve medication use and enhance patient safety.