

# SWOSU College of Pharmacy Begins \$1 Million Campaign

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's College of Pharmacy in Weatherford and the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation have started a \$1 million campaign to support funding priorities deemed critical to the successful advancement of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. Members of the Foundation's board of directors are (front from left): H.F. Timmons, Weatherford; Shannon Brewer, Midwest City; Dorothy Gourley, Ardmore; and Mark Eck, Healdton. Back from left—David Bergman, Weatherford, ex-officio member; Greg Adams, Clinton; Bryan Potter, Elk City; John Walker, Amarillo, Texas; past board member Joe Schwemin, Oklahoma City; Paul Moore, Atoka; and David Ralph, Weatherford, ex-officio member. Not pictured is Smith Wycoff of Eufaula.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's College of Pharmacy in Weatherford and the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation have begun their most ambitious campaign in its history with a goal of raising \$1 million to support funding priorities deemed critical to the successful advancement of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

Patti Harper, alumni and development officer for the college, said the campaign will assist in funding scholarships, academic enrichment and endowments for the future.

The SWOSU College of Pharmacy was founded in 1939 with the mission to educate highly competent pharmacists. Harper said the College of Pharmacy achieves its mission through excellence in teaching, scholarly activity, and service to the state and pharmacy profession.

In 1974, the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation was incorporated for the purpose of financially supporting the educational endeavors of the College of Pharmacy.

The Pharmacy Foundation continues to be dedicated to assisting the operations of the College of Pharmacy, enriching the educational experience of its students, and providing services to the College's alumni and friends.

"This campaign is designed to address the funding priorities vital to the future of the College of Pharmacy," said Dr. H.F. Timmons, president of the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation. "I am asking alumni and friends, businesses and corporations to join me and the Pharmacy Foundation in paving the way for even greater accomplishments by giving to the pharmacy campaign."

Other Pharmacy Foundation board members include Greg Adams, Clinton; Shannon Brewer, Midwest City; Mark Eck, Healdton; Dorothy Gourley, Ardmore; Paul Moore, Atoka; Bryan Potter, Elk City; Smith Wycoff, Eufaula; and John Walker, Amarillo, Texas.

Throughout its long history, the College of Pharmacy faculty, staff and administration have united with alumni and friends in setting standards of excellence in the field of pharmacy education at SWOSU.

"The reputation of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy is attributed to the excellent students in the PharmD program, the high-quality and dedication of our faculty, and

successful and very loyal alumni who inspire others through their profession,” said H. David Bergman, dean of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

Today, donor support is fundamental to the continued tradition of excellence at the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

“In the face of such changing and challenging times, we are asking alumni, faculty, staff, administration and friends to help bridge the gap between current funding and the present and future needs of the College of Pharmacy and its students,” Bergman said. “It is the continuum of giving, one generation to the next, that makes a difference between a good pharmacy program and an outstanding pharmacy program at SWOSU.”

Harper, Bergman, Timmons and Dr. David Ralph, associate dean of the college, have spent the past year raising nearly \$300,000 from donors who believe in supporting SWOSU's

extraordinary pharmacy education program. Additionally, many College of Pharmacy faculty and staff have also joined the campaign by pledging their support to the pharmacy campaign.

Correspondence with approximately 4,200 pharmacy alumni recently took place to begin the campaign.

“The unique connection the SWOSU pharmacy alumni have with each other, as well as their alma mater, is truly special,” Harper said. “The loyalty of the pharmacy alumni is unlike anything I have experienced, and it is because of that dedication that I am confident, with the financial support of our alumni and friends, we will achieve success in our pharmacy campaign.”

For information about giving to the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, call the SWOSU Pharmacy Foundation at 580.774.3191 or the SWOSU College of Pharmacy Alumni and Development Office at 580.774.3190. Contributions may be mailed to Southwestern Pharmacy Foundation at P.O. Box 702, Weatherford, Oklahoma, 73096. Also, visit the website ([www.southwesternpharmacy.com](http://www.southwesternpharmacy.com)) for more giving opportunities.