

Four Alums Honored by SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Association

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy (COP) alumni were recently honored with awards from the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Association. Honorees were (front from left): Mark Hohstadt, Lawton; Ralph Magill, Weatherford; and Barbara Poe, Norman. Not Pictured is Doug Mallouf of Oakhurst (CA). With them are (back from left): SWOSU COP Dean Dennis Thompson; Pharmacy Alumni Association Officers Janet Seratte of Cache, Sheldon Webb of Edmond, and Tracie Simard of Edmond; and Pharmacy Alumni & Development Director Patti Harper.

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Mark Hohstadt of Lawton, Ralph Magill of Weatherford and Doug Mallouf of Oakhurst (CA) were each presented the first-ever Professional Achievement Award and Barbara Poe of Norman received the Humanitarian Award during homecoming activities on the Weatherford campus.

The Professional Achievement Award recognizes pharmacy alumni for their professional achievement and who personify the pharmacy college's tradition of excellence. They each received an engraved mortar and pestle, one of the most pervasive symbols of pharmacy. The Humanitarian Award recognizes pharmacy alumni who have significantly affected lives in a humanitarian way through service to their communities beyond the call of duty.

Lieutenant Colonel Hohstadt is currently serving as chief of pharmacy at Reynold's Army Community Hospital at Fort Sill. Hohstadt graduated in 1985 from SWOSU with a Bachelor in Administration degree. He then joined the United States Army. He returned to the SWOSU School of Pharmacy and earned his pharmacy degree in 1996. He once again chose to serve in the US Army as his career choice. His military career has taken him to many places around the world and throughout the United States, many times being placed in a supervising role due to his leadership qualities.

Magill started working at the age of 14, which was 70 years ago, at Eaton Drug Store in Weatherford. It was Albert Eaton, a benefactor of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, who encouraged Magill to go to pharmacy school. After his graduation in 1950, he worked in pharmacies in Oklahoma and Texas and eventually returned to Weatherford, where he was the pharmacist/owner of Magill Drug for 20 years and then Magill's Eastside Pharmacy for six years before retiring. During his pharmacy career in Weatherford, which was nearly 30 years, he mentored a plethora of SWOSU pharmacy students.

Mallouf graduated from SWOSU in 1960 and has been a pharmacist for over 50 years, including the owner/pharmacist for Oakhurst Pharmacy from 1987-1996. When Mallouf wasn't serving his customers during and after hours, he was volunteering for numerous Rotary Club projects, which led to him being recognized as a "Paul Harris Fellow" with Rotary.

On May 20, 2013, Poe, a 1972 SWOSU pharmacy graduate, was serving the Moore Medical Center as the lead pharmacist...until the hospital took a direct tornado hit and the hospital no longer existed. Although the facility was totally devastated, Poe continued to serve society in many ways, including helping to meet future needs of residents in Moore by helping to coordinate the pharmacy needs for the 'Heart to Heart Clinic', a mobile medical unit that was placed in the Moore community immediately after the tornado.