

# SWOSU College of Pharmacy Hosts Professionalism Dinner for First Year Students

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Dr. Joseph P. Bryant served as speaker at the recent SWOSU College of Pharmacy professionalism dinner held on the Weatherford campus for first-year pharmacy students.

The SWOSU College of Pharmacy recently held its 5<sup>th</sup> annual professionalism dinner for first year pharmacy students on the Weatherford campus.

The event is held to welcome both the incoming fall semester class and incoming class from the prior spring semester and is designed to serve as an introduction for students into the professional and ethical standards required for their future practice.

The dinner was sponsored by CVS Pharmacy, the sponsor of the event for the past four years. Guest speaker was Dr. Joseph P. Bryant, a SWOSU graduate who began his career as a pharmacy practice resident in the Indian Health Service and has since held multiple leadership and clinical positions within the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service.

Bryant is currently the administrative officer for the Clinton Service Unit. He is also a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) and is a Commissioned Corps Officer with the U.S. Public Health Service.

The SWOSU College of Pharmacy Professionalism Committee organizes this event.

Dr. Hardeep Saluja, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, served as coordinator with Colton Danyeur, a third year pharmacy student. Other pharmacy faculty and students serving on the committee included faculty members Drs. Nancy Williams, Erin Callen, Virgil VanDusen, Kristin Montarella (Chair), Edna Patatanian and Jacqueline Gregory and students Jessica Pasquini, Shelby Clark and Jessica Murphy.

Established in 1939, the SWOSU College of Pharmacy offers a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.) degree. Students must complete two years of pre-professional study followed by four years in the COP. Admission to the Pharm. D. program is very competitive and approximately 85 students are admitted annually.