

# Howell Recognized with SWOSU College of Pharmacy Humanitarian Award

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Dyron Howell (second from left) of Amarillo (TX) was recently presented the 2014 Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy Humanitarian Award at a ceremony on the Weatherford campus. SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Association President Dr. Tracie Simard (from left), SWOSU College of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Dennis Thompson and SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Association President-Elect Dr. Sheldon Webb made the presentation.

Dyron Howell of Amarillo (TX) was recently presented the 2014 Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy Humanitarian Award during a ceremony on the Weatherford campus.

The award recognizes a SWOSU pharmacy graduate who has shown extraordinary humanitarian service to society as well as dedication to the pharmacy profession.

It began with 10 hungry students at an elementary school in Amarillo. Howell, a 1989 SWOSU pharmacy graduate, and his wife Kelly (who obtained her Masters of Education degree at SWOSU in 1989), then discovered it was more than 10 students who spent their nights and weekends hungry. Thus, Howell founded the Snack Pak 4 Kids program, which now feeds 5,200 students in 30 school districts across the Texas Panhandle.

Howell, a senior executive award-winning oncology sales representative for Eli Lilly and Company, has been working to end childhood hunger in the Texas panhandle since he moved to Amarillo in 2010.

From a small operation out of their home kitchen to now operating out of a warehouse, his goal is to ensure no child in the Texas panhandle goes to bed hungry. His desire to expand the program from elementary to middle school to eventually high school is awe-inspiring.

"The SWOSU College of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Alumni Association are very proud of him," said SWOSU College of Pharmacy Director of Pharmacy Alumni and Development Patti Harper. "His dedication and extraordinary humanitarian service to society deserves this special recognition."