

SWOSU Juniors Achieve High Scores on the CAAP

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Among the SWOSU juniors who recently won cash prizes in a standardized university examination as a component of institutional assessment included (front from left): Kelsey Boone, Karena Van Horn, Courtney Jakubik, Kendra Lee, Kaisa Fischer and Julie Forrest. Back from left-SWOSU President John Hays, Vanessa McCool, Candace Sutton, Kandi Archer, Kyle Johnson, Erica Debo, Steven Stroud, Diana Flood, Lucas Keyes and SWOSU Director of Assessment Jan Noble.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University recently sponsored a standardized university examination as a component of institutional assessment for SWOSU students on the Weatherford campus, and several students won cash prizes ranging from \$13 to \$550.

Eligible SWOSU juniors were asked to be involved in completing at least two of four tests in the areas of Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Essay and Writing Skills.

Jan Noble, director of assessment at SWOSU, said the third annual event was supported by the SWOSU Student Government Association, faculty committees and administration. The four test areas are part of ACT's Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP).

Noble said SWOSU scores were better than the national average as well as improved from last year's results. On a scale of 40-80, SWOSU juniors received an average score of 65.4 on the critical thinking objective test compared to the national average of 62.0. In reading, SWOSU students earned an average score of 66.6 with the national average being 62.5.

SWOSU students received an average score of 67.8 on the writing skills objective test compared to the national average of 64.1. On a scale of 1-6, SWOSU juniors received an average score of 3.5 on the writing essay test with the national average being 3.2.

The following students won achievement awards:

Critical Thinking-- Kandi Archer, Kelsey Boone, Erica Debo, Courtney Jakubik, Eric Martin, Vanessa McCool, Steven Stroud and Lauren Trautman

Reading-- Kandi Archer, Kelsey Boone, Allen Deak, Erica Debo, Julie Forrest, Katherine Helms, Kyle Johnson, Lucas Keyes, Eric Martin, Steven Stroud and Karena Van Horn

Writing Essay--Kandi Archer, Kelsey Boone, Erica Debo, Diana Flood, Julie Forrest, Meghan Haftman, Courtney Jakubik, Kyle Johnson, Eric Martin, Lynn Owusu, Jacob Pool, Steven Stroud, Candace Sutton, Lauren Trautman and Jason Wallace

Writing Skills--Kelsey Boone, Kaisa Fischer, Katherine Helms, Courtney Jakubik, Lucas Keyes, Holley Ladymon, Kendra Lee and Eric Martin.