

SWOSU Students Win English and Spanish Translation Contest

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University students from several disciplines took part in a recent translation contest on the Weatherford campus, and five students came away with cash prizes. Winners, along with faculty sponsors and SWOSU President Randy Beutler (far right) are: faculty Dr. Héctor Garza, Blanca Chávez, Juan Manuel Ramírez. Saira Marrufo, Gabriel Álvarez, Coralia Long, faculty Dr. Kevin Collins and Language & Literature Department Chair Dr. Kelley Logan.

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Separate prizes were awarded in two categories: English-to-Spanish translation and Spanish-to-English translation. Winners were:

	English to Spanish	Spanish to English
First prize winners, \$75	Juan Manuel Ramírez (Spanish/Marketing)	Saira Marrufo (Spanish)
Second prize winners, \$30	Blanca Chávez (Music)	Gabriel Álvarez (Finance)
Third prize winners, \$20	Saira Marrufo (Spanish)	Coralia Long (Biology)

The contest was sponsored by the Spanish division of the Department of Language and Literature. The awards were made possible by generous contributions from the SWOSU Foundation, Department of Language and Literature and faculty members Dr. Kevin Collins and Dr. Hector Garza.

Winners were announced at the end-of-semester potluck party hosted by SWOSU chapter Sigma Delta Pi, the Spanish Honor Society. In addition to the cash prizes, each winner received a packet of school supplies.

Contest organizer and judge Héctor Garza was pleased with the number of entrants and the overall quality of the submissions.

“The quality of the translations is remarkable given the technical nature of both original documents,” said James South, dean of the SWOSU College of Arts and Sciences. “I was impressed by the number of students who participated and the varied majors which they represent. Our Spanish program truly serves a large segment of the SWOSU population.”

In addition to the translation contest, the awards ceremony and the potluck dinner, Sigma Delta Pi has sponsored weekly *Tertulias* (Spanish conversation gatherings), Spanish movie nights, a bake sale and other events this semester.