

# 2009 GRANT NEWS

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## March



### **SWOSU College of Pharmacy receives \$20,000 gift**

Weatherford Daily News

3/12/2009

Lowell and Norberta Irby of Artesia, N.M., recently donated \$20,000 to the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation in Weatherford.

The gift was designated to the Irby Family Practice Grant Fund that gives grants to pharmacy students on practice rotations who have demonstrated significant financial need. The Irbys established the fund in 1996 and have contributed over \$197,000 to SWOSU since that time. “Southwestern gave me the education and training that has allowed me to be successful in the business world,” said Irby, a 1955 graduate. “I have always believed that one should help those that have helped you, and our family believes that SWOSU is probably the premier pharmacy school for training retail pharmacists.”

While at SWOSU, Irby played football for one year and was active in pharmacy activities and the Wesley Foundation at the First United Methodist Church. He was honored in 1999 as a distinguished alumnus of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. He serves on the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation Board of Directors and is a lifetime member of the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni Association.

Irby was not the only one in his family to attend the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. Brother Dillard Bayless Irby graduated in 1951, and sons Kirk and Wade graduated in 1995 and 1996, respectively. The Irbys’ other son, Eugene, runs an oil field service company owned by the family, and their daughter, LaNette, is a biologist and zoologist. The Irbys recently celebrated 50 dedicated years of business with their Lowell’s Pharmacy in Artesia. Irby is very active in the Artesia community, especially with the Artesia Public Schools. In 2008, the school system dedicated their newly redesigned and remodeled board room as the Lowell Irby Board Room in honor of his service on the board since 1977.

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Ms. Cindy Dougherty received \$3,000 for “Tough Enough to Wear Pink 5K RunFY09” from the City of Weatherford Hotel/Motel Tax Commission for support to SWOSU student organizations for a USA Track and Field (USTAF) 5K Run sanctioned event on the SWOSU campus.

Mr. Steven Haldeman received \$1,462 travel award for “ITC eLearning 2009 Conference” from the Higher Education Telecommunication Association of Oklahoma (HETA) FY09 to support his development through workshops and networking.

Ms. EunKyung Jeong received \$1,500 for “TAPESTRY (DESIGN) FY09” from the Weatherford Arts Council

To support the design development of a large format contemporary public art tapestry representing the history of western Oklahoma.

Dr. William Kelly received \$15,000 for “NIH OK-INBRE SUPPLEMENTAL EQUIPMENT GRANT – FY09” from National Institutes of Health through The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center for biomedical research for SWOSU undergraduate students through the purchase of laboratory equipment.



## SWOSU Receives Grant for Summer Math Institutes 3/21/2009



WEATHERFORD — Southwestern Oklahoma State University has received a \$171,200 grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education from No Child Left Behind funds to hold three math institutes for 96 teachers of kindergarten through eighth grades in high needs schools. The institutes are part of SWOSU’s “KESAM SP 2009: K-8 Scholars Appreciating Mathematics Statewide Partnerships 2009” program. The institutes will be in June and July at SWOSU in Weatherford, NEOA&M College in Miami, and Carl Albert State College in Poteau. The leaders are **Dr. John Woods**, the principal investigator, chair and professor of the Department of Mathematics, in collaboration with **Jan Sands**, master teacher; **Dr. Don Wilson**, emeritus professor of education; **Cathy DeV Vaughn**, SWOSU instructor, **Dr. John Lomax**,

NEOA&M Dean of Science and Mathematics; **Dr. Jim Yates**, Carl Albert Academic Vice Presidents; and several local education agencies.



## **OCAST provides financing for three intern partnerships**

The Journal Record

3/26/2009

OKLAHOMA CITY – Three research and development internship projects have received financing from the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology. Each internship will receive \$60,000 for each of two years. OCAST's program is designed to assist technology-based job creation by combining university faculty oversight with financial support and company mentoring from the private sector. Many of the college students who participate in the program become employees of the small businesses that sponsor them.

**Surendra Singh of the University of Tulsa** received financing to mentor interns conducting research on projects involving the design and development of a new burner information database. Students will work at the **John Zink Co.'s engineering design, testing and manufacturing facility** in Tulsa and focus on components of a burner management system.



**Frank Chambers of Oklahoma State University** and his co-principal investigator, **Woody Smith of MerCruiser**, will work with interns at the Mercury MerCruiser manufacturing facility in Stillwater. Interns will focus on designing and developing new products, improving existing products and developing new and improved performance and reliability tests.



**D. Webster Keogh of the Oklahoma State University Multispectral Laboratory** will direct undergraduate student interns charged with operating, managing and maintaining a modern instrumentation lab. Interns will conduct research for mitigation of innovative uses of toxic industrial chemicals and materials by terrorists.

The University of Oklahoma

Anne and Henry Zarrow

School of Social Work



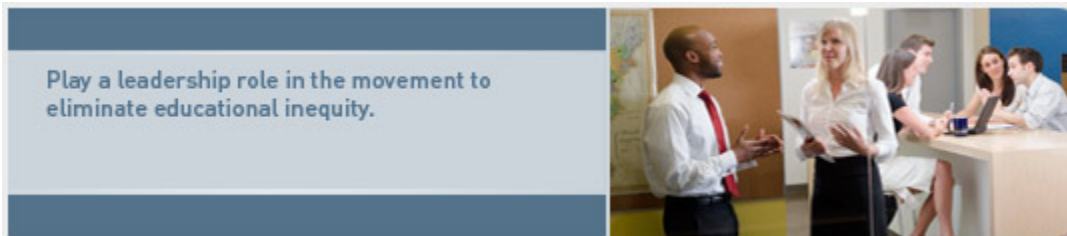
## OU School of Social Work receives grant

The Journal Record

3/26/2009

TULSA – The University of Oklahoma School of Social Work has a \$5 million gift from the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation of Tulsa. Henry Zarrow, a lifelong Tulsan, recently celebrated his 93rd birthday and his family wanted to surprise him with something special, they said. His children, Judy Kishner and Stuart Zarrow, and grandchildren, Julie Cohen, Jay Wohlgenuth and Edward Zarrow, all of whom are trustees of the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, agreed that a major gift to the School of Social Work would be a fitting way to honor Zarrow and his late wife, Anne. The gift will help construct a new building for the School of Social Work. The school has been in Rhyne Hall, a former fraternity house on the eastern edge of the Norman campus. The OU Regents meeting in Tulsa on Wednesday unanimously approved the naming of the school as the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work and the new social work building on the Norman campus as Anne and Henry Zarrow Hall.

Plans call for the new social work facility to be built in the center of the Norman campus on the site of the Jim Thorpe Multicultural Center at 700 Elm Ave. OU Regents have approved a major renovation of the Commons Building for the Jim Thorpe Center.



## TPS Board OKs Teach for America Program

By Andrea Eger, Tulsa World

3/24/2009

A partnership between **Tulsa Public Schools** and a nonprofit teacher-recruiting organization got the go-ahead from the school board Monday. The board's vote guarantees that the school district would pay **Teach for America** \$2,500 for each teacher recruited in the first year and \$3,000 for each teacher recruited in the second year, for a maximum of 50 teachers each year. Those costs would be in addition to the teachers' salaries.

The deal would include free office space for Teach for America executive staff members. Teach for America spokesman Steve Mancini said in a telephone interview Monday that the New York City organization would decide in mid-April whether to partner with the district. Superintendent Keith Ballard told the school board, "We will certainly be on edge wondering if we have been selected." Teach for America recruits recent graduates of all academic majors, career interests and backgrounds to commit to two years of teaching children in low-income areas. Teach for America teachers, or "corps members," undergo an intensive, summer long preparation before entering the classroom.

The process of developing partnerships between most school districts and Teach for America lasts at least a year. But consideration of Tulsa Public Schools and a handful of other large city school districts across the United States is being expedited because the organization is expecting a record number of applicants for 2009-10. Ballard said the process had been a valuable learning experience already. "This whole initiative has caused me to think about how well we are orienting our new teachers and how well we are retaining our teachers," he said. Part of Teach for America's consideration is whether local philanthropic organizations will pledge a total of nearly \$5 million to support teacher recruiting and training, as well as administrative costs, during for the first three years of the partnership. Ballard thanked the local philanthropic groups that already have pledged about \$3 million and said they would be acknowledged publicly later.



## TCC Gets Grants

**Dr. Patrick Idwasi**, Associate Professor of Chemistry, TCC, was awarded \$589,006 from the National Science Foundation, Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for the project "Preparing for Innovation Producing Educated STEM Scholars (PIPESTEMS)." The goal of the project is to provide gap-funding scholarships and intensive support services to TCC students enrolled full time in a STEM discipline to increase retention and graduation of STEM students.



## *A Smart Start* WOSC wins grant

The Lawton Constitution

3/23/2009

ALTUS — Western Oklahoma State College in Altus has received a matching grant to create a hazard mitigation plan through the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. A public planning meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Regent's Board Room on campus. HMGP funds are appropriated by the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management through FEMA after a presidentially-declared disaster. The school said in a press release it will develop a mitigation planning team to establish programs and policies to reduce or eliminate hazardous risks to students, faculty, employees and property. The mitigation plan will also make the college eligible for additional grants, according to the press release. For information call (580) 477-7736.