Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s annual Faculty-Staff Recognition Banquet was held April 23 in the Visual and Performing Arts Center on campus.

The event honored and recognized a number of faculty and staff members for outstanding contributions to the University. Also honored were retirees and employees for years of service.

The Faculty Senate presented its Professor of the Year Award to Dr. Blythe Duell, Assistant Professor of Psychology, and Lifetime Achievement Award to Vicki Hudson, Chair, Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.

Joining Southeastern president Larry Minks on the program as presenters were Vicki Hudson, Fred Hallman, Dr. Ernest Sturch, Liz McCraw, Dr. Diane Dixon, and Michael Stout.

Following is the list of the award winners:

**Faculty Senate Awards**
- Professor of the Year: Dr. Blythe Duell, Assistant Professor of Psychology
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Vicki Hudson, Chair, Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

**John Massey School of Business**
- Outstanding Service Award: Dr. Martin Bressler, Associate Professor of Management & Marketing
- Outstanding Teaching Award: Robert Howard, Instructor of Management & Marketing
- Outstanding Scholarship/Research Award: Dr. Debra Haley, Associate Professor of Marketing & Management

**School of Arts and Sciences (Arts)**
- Outstanding Service Award: Dr. Brooks Flippen, Professor of History
- Outstanding Teaching Award: Dr. Alistair Maeer, Assistant Professor of History
- Outstanding Scholarship/Research Award: Dr. Robert McFadden, Professor of Music

**School of Arts and Sciences (Science)**
- Outstanding Service Award: Dr. Christopher Moretti, Professor of Mathematics
- Outstanding Teaching Award: Dr. Christopher Moretti, Professor of Mathematics
- Outstanding Scholarship/Research Award: Dr. Nancy Paiva, Associate Professor of Chemistry

**School of Education and Behavioral Sciences**
- Outstanding Service Award: Dr. Charla Hall, Professor of Psychology
- Outstanding Teaching Award: Dr. Kimberly Donovan, Associate Professor of Counseling
- Outstanding Scholarship/Research Award: Dr. Stewart Mayers, Associate Professor of Education

**Staff Association Awards**
- Professional/Administration: Carol Coats, Office Manager, Business Affairs, Purchasing Agent
- Secretarial/Clerical: DeAnn Prince, Acquisitions Specialist and Library Assistant, Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library
- Service/Technical: Dave Cooper, Custodial Services, Physical Plant

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Presidential Golf Classic set for June 8 at Chickasaw Pointe

Southeastern Oklahoma State University president Larry Minks greets Larry Dyson and Butch Arnett as they discuss upcoming plans for the Presidential Golf Classic. The event, which is the major fundraiser for the Southeastern Foundation, is scheduled for June 8 at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Club. Larry Dyson Motors has captured the team championship for the past five years, and Arnett serves as Foundation president.

Students represent University at national meetings

Several representatives of Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s Student Members Chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) attended the National ACS Spring 2012 meeting in San Diego, Calif.

The Southeastern delegation included Brian Ayres (Madill senior), chapter vice president for 2011-12; Amelia Showalter (Pottsboro, Texas, senior), newly-elected president for 2012-13; and members Roberto Aguilar (McKinney, Texas, senior); Chelsea Nwankwo (Leonard, Texas, senior); Tristan Smith (Atoka senior); and Tyler Shannon (Poteau freshman).

The students were accompanied by Chapter Mentor Dr. Nancy L. Paiva and Dr. Teresa Golden.

The event was attended by more than 16,000 chemistry professionals and students from across the country.

The overall theme was “Chemistry of Life,” and featured lectures by Noble Prize winners and other famous scientists working in chemistry fields related to medicine, biofuels and biochemistry, as well as other diverse areas.

In addition to attending technical lectures, observing chemical demonstrations, speaking with graduate-school representatives, viewing chemistry-related exhibits from vendors and enjoying various social events, the group also attended certain events related to the Southeastern chapter.

The Southeastern students presented a “Successful Chapters” poster titled “Southeastern Oklahoma State University ACS Student Chapter: Chemistry from the Blue and Gold,” which described their activities during the past year.

At the awards ceremony, Southeastern received a plaque to commemorate the honorable-mention award for last year’s chapter activities.

Paiva said, “After attending this meeting, I think all of the Southeastern undergrads appreciate more what their ACS professional organization does for its members, as well as for advancing scientific breakthroughs which can lead to improved health and jobs.”

In addition, three Southeastern students and one faculty sponsor represented the Oklahoma Theta chapter at the super-regional convention of Alpha Chi, the national college honor society, March 22-24 in Baltimore, Maryland.

One of the students, Ashlee Hale, a psychology major from Denison, Texas, presented a paper at the convention titled, “Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder in Adults.”

Also attending were Bryanna Bradshaw, a criminal justice major from Pottsboro, Texas, who served as the chapter’s voting student delegate to the convention; Cody Chapman, a psychology major from Garvin, Oklahoma; and Dr. Brett Elliott, the chapter’s voting faculty delegate.

The convention, attended by 404 delegates representing 84 chapters, featured scholarly, creative, and artistic presentations by more than 200 students and a national literacy service project of providing books to a local elementary school. Alpha Chi has some 300 chapters in 45 states and the District of Columbia. Members are in the top 10 percent of juniors, seniors, and graduate students in all academic fields.
Arts & Sciences celebrates BrainStorm Week

The 2nd annual “BrainStorm Research Week” highlighted outstanding achievement in student and faculty research throughout Southeastern’s School of Arts and Sciences.

The event was held April 16-21 on the campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University and featured oral presentations, lectures, workshops, competitions in rhetorical, musical and visual arts, original monologue, public forums, demonstrations across the disciplines, musical performances, theatre, and an exhibit of 45 posters. Excluding the poster authors, the other 38 events represented the work of nearly 150 faculty and students.

Among the guest artists were musical composers/conductors Craig Hella Johnson, Carter Penn, and Joel Puckett.

Dr. Jeri Walker, Donna Massey Professor in Music Education, said, “I am so impressed with the scholarship and the diversity of subject areas that BrainStorm has brought out in our faculty and students. The presentations have been insightful, interesting and educational. The entire week was an incredible opportunity to observe quality research and presentations.”

Internationally-renowned choral conductor Craig Hella Johnson works with Southeastern Chorale members.

Professor continues extensive study of tree buds, climate

Dr. Stanley Rice, Professor of Biological Sciences at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, has been studying tree buds since 2006. Every spring, he makes his rounds -- about twice a week -- to check on some 400 trees of 17 species, recording the date on which the buds first open. Rice has now completed his seventh year of data collection.

Scientists in many different areas of study are investigating global warming and its effects on the natural and human worlds. Rice is one of the scientists who study the effects of climate change on tree buds. Warmer winters and earlier springs usually cause tree buds to open sooner, but this is not always the case. The drought in summer 2011 damaged the buds of many trees and has caused them to delay their budburst times.

Rice is working with other scientists, including Dr. Richard Primack at Boston University and Dr. Mark Schwarz of the University of Wisconsin, to fit his data in with a worldwide data set, which includes trees in Wisconsin, Massachusetts, and several locations in Europe.

The study of seasonal events, everything from the opening of buds to the emergence of insects and the return of migratory birds, is called phenology. Scientists from around the world will meet in Madison, Wisconsin, this fall to share the results of their phenological research.
Four-day workweek begins May 28

Southeastern Oklahoma State University is once again looking to reduce energy costs in the summer months by implementing a 10-hour, four-day workweek beginning May 28 and continuing through July 27.

This is the sixth consecutive year that the University has implemented this schedule.

Under the summer schedule, University employees will continue to work 40 hours a week (Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Public office hours will remain from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday-Thursday. University offices will be closed on Fridays.

For the past several years, summer school classes have met on a Monday-Thursday schedule, and that will be the case again this year.

The traditional five-day workweek will return on Monday, July 30.

Other awards presented at banquet

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Other Awards

Spirit of Southeastern – Dr. Cathy Lightsey, Assistant Professor of Educational Instruction & Leadership

Enrollment Management Partnership Award – Dr. Teresa Golden, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

Retirees

Dr. Cathy Lightsey, Assistant Professor of Educational Instruction & Leadership, McCurtain County Campus, three years of service

Joni Ainette, Secretary I, Educational Instruction & Leadership, seven years of service

Dr. Jane Licata, Department Chair of Marketing/Management/General Business/Professor/ John Massey Endowed Chair of Marketing, 10 years of service

Dr. Jane Hicks, Professor of Management & Marketing, 12 years of service

Dr. Gerrie Johnson, Associate Professor/Chair, Educational Instruction & Leadership, 15 years of service

Dick Hackett, Instructor in Social Sciences, 17 years of service

Dr. Muhammad Betz, Professor of Educational Instruction & Leadership, 20 years of service

Brent Gold, Supervisor Custodial Services, 31 years of service

Jon Clouse, Director/Chief, Campus Police and Public Safety, 24 years of service

Calendar of Events

May

7 President’s Leadership Class graduation, Student Union auditorium, 5 p.m.
10 Southeastern Staff Association Spring Luncheon/Cookout, Magnolia House backyard, 11:30 a.m.
11 Last day of spring classes
12 Commencement, Paul Laird Field, 10 a.m.
18 Southeastern Golf Classic, supporting McCurtain County campus, Idabel
28 University four-day workweek begins (Monday—Thursday, 7 a.m. -- 6 p.m., closed on Fridays)

June

4 Summer classes begin
8 Presidential Golf Classic, Chickasaw Pointe Golf Club

July

30 University returns to five-day workweek

August

20 Fall classes begin

For a complete schedule of Southeastern athletic events, visit www.GoSoutheastern.com

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