

Women for OSU

2021 NEWSLETTER

**CATHEY
HUMPHREYS**

**PHILANTHROPIST
of the YEAR**



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Jami Longacre

WOMEN *for* OSU CHAIR

As I begin my second year as the Chair of Women for OSU, I've spent some time reflecting on the challenges we have all faced in 2020 and 2021, and how we've worked to keep moving forward. I continue to be immensely proud of our accomplishments and am so excited for what the future holds. The remarkable women in our organization never cease to amaze me with their dedication and positive spirits.

Your commitment to our great university and your passion for helping our students grow into successful leaders of tomorrow fuels my excitement for the transformational things we can accomplish when united toward a common goal. That energy was evident in our Women for OSU retreat in Colorado Springs this summer where the Council spent time brainstorming ways to further engage ALL women who love orange! Stay tuned as we continue to grow our program and look at resuming our regional events soon, which were put on hold due to COVID-19.

Our 13th annual Women for OSU Symposium this past spring marked the beginning of our return to normalcy with a hybrid-style socially distanced event with a virtual component. As always, the event was inspiring and reminded me why I am so passionate about Women for OSU and its mission.



Highlights from this year's Symposium included our outstanding keynote speaker Leigh Anne Touhy, and of course, recognition of our inspirational Philanthropist of the Year Cathey Humphreys and 13 outstanding student scholars. We had the opportunity to honor our beloved former First Cowgirl Ann Hargis through a special tribute and gift announcement for Pete's Pet Posse.

We also introduced the first four recipients of our new Partnering to Impact program, which awarded \$40,000 in grants to OSU faculty and staff. This has really broadened Women for OSU's reach to campus and provided an additional, highly meaningful engagement opportunity for our Partners. I can't wait to see what kind of amazing projects are applicants for the coming year's grant program.

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The virtual aspect of our Symposium was also a great opportunity to spread awareness to a larger audience. We are grateful for our sponsors, whose generosity allowed us to provide the virtual portion at no cost to the public. We are extremely eager to return to our usual in-person, full-capacity event in 2022, but we will continue this new tradition of offering a virtual component as well.

Please save the date for the 2022 Women for OSU Symposium, scheduled for April 28 in Gallagher-Iba Arena. We'll feature keynote speaker Lauren Bush Lauren. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to Michal Shaw for her service as the Director of Women for OSU. Michal recently accepted a position as the Executive Director for the Stillwater Medical Foundation. In her new role she will continue to serve Stillwater and the surrounding communities as she works to elevate healthcare.

Michal was with the OSU Foundation for 17 years and involved in Women for OSU for 10, first as the Women for OSU scholarship liaison, and later as its director. We all wish Michal well and thank her for all she has done to grow our program. A new program director will be announced soon.



I am so honored to serve as your Chair for Women for OSU and am in awe of the transformational impact the group has had over the last 13 years. You can read more about that impact within this newsletter.

Thank you so much for your support and for being a leader in women's philanthropy!

Go Pokes!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in orange ink that reads "Jami M. Longacre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and larger than the others.

Jami Longacre

Women for OSU Chairwoman, 2020-2022



2021 Symposium Recap

During the 2021 Women for OSU Symposium, audiences gathered both in-person and online to experience a much-needed sense of community within the Cowboy family as they celebrated philanthropy at Oklahoma State.

The Symposium honored **Cathey Humphreys as the 2021 Philanthropist of the Year** and **13 outstanding student scholarship recipients**. The event featured keynote speaker Leigh Anne Tuohy, a philanthropist and author who inspired Sandra Bullock's role in the blockbuster hit *The Blind Side*.

Women for OSU's annual Symposia have drawn alumni and friends to campus since 2009, and organizers pivoted the event to include a virtual audience after COVID-19 began affecting gatherings last year. This year's hybrid audience included nearly 2,000 viewers.

"We are beyond grateful for our sponsors who have helped make the livestream of this event free to the entire Cowboy family for the past two years," said Blaire Atkinson, president of the OSU Foundation. "Going virtual helped us extend our reach and share inspiration with so many more people."

It's one of the many ways Women for OSU continues to evolve, she said.

Another example of that growth is the new **Partnering to Impact** initiative, which provides funding for unbudgeted on-campus projects in health and wellness, campus beautification, education, and arts and culture. Women for OSU awarded the first grants at the 2021 Symposium from a pool of 23 applications. You can read more about this program on page 14 of this newsletter.



Those who attended or watched the event also heard from **Leigh Anne Tuohy, philanthropist and inspiration for *The Blind Side* book and movie.**

Tuohy is recognized as a strong-willed and caring woman, although her story truly began when she married college sweetheart Sean Tuohy in 1982. Together, they were raising two children, Collins and Sean Jr., when they added a new member to their family in 2004 by legally adopting Michael Oher, a teenage foster child they had already taken in and considered family. They raised him, gave him the opportunity to get the education he deserved and encouraged his passion for football. With the Tuohys' love, support and protection, that once homeless 17-year-old boy grew to be a member of the 2013 NFL Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens.

Tuohy and her family's inspirational journey are proof that when we give a bit of ourselves to other people, we can make the world a better place and help others. Tuohy is a philanthropist, mentor, interior designer

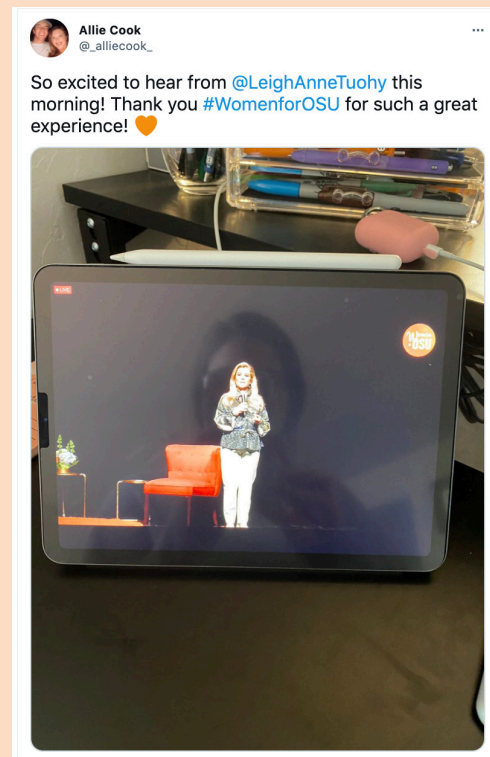
and a *New York Times* best-selling author. Her newest release, *Turn Around: Reach Out, Give Back and Get Moving*, challenges readers to rethink what it really means to be a generous person. She dives deep into what it means to give sacrificially, abundantly and immediately within your own community.

"If you're listening to me, you have the ability to make a difference in someone's life," Tuohy said. "There are small things everyone can do."

After her inspiring keynote address, Tuohy also sat down with several Women for OSU leaders for an in-depth panel discussion. The panelists included Julia Benbrook, emcee; Jami Longacre, chair of Women for OSU; Denise Webber, CEO of Stillwater Medical Center; and Blaire Atkinson, president of the OSU Foundation and honorary member of the Women for OSU Council. The panelists shared details of their own experiences. From strengths to weaknesses, each told honest, open and inspiring stories from their own lives.



Highlights from SOCIAL MEDIA



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WOMEN *for* OSU COUNCIL

For Women for OSU, the collective focus and attention is on unity — how together the Council can benefit Oklahoma State and inspire leadership and philanthropy in countless other communities. Today, women view philanthropy not so much as “giving” but as “investing” — investing in change, investing in the future and investing in causes that are personally meaningful. Those who serve on the Women for OSU Council volunteer their time, treasure and talent to propel the impact of the organization forward.

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Ann Hargis

PETE'S PET POSSE

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

About a week before the Symposium this spring, Women for OSU councilmember Diane Tuttle helped orchestrate a surprise announcement for Former First Cowgirl Ann Hargis and her loyal companion, Scruff.

It was no easy task considering Hargis' dislike for surprises and her ability to see them coming from a mile away.

Tuttle successfully surprised Hargis when she crashed a staged video shoot at an OState.TV studio on campus to tell her friend that Women for OSU had established an endowment in her honor.

"What are you doing here?" Hargis asked, laughing while Tuttle surprised her during filming, armed with a giant pup-cake for Scruff.

Tuttle explained the creation of the Ann Hargis Pete's Pet Posse Endowed fund, which would include a

\$50,000 pledge by the Women for OSU Council and a promise of an additional \$50,000 to match it by an anonymous donor.

"That is the most beautiful thing I've ever heard," Hargis said with tears in her eyes.

Hargis, whose tenure has had a special focus on health and wellness, was an integral part in developing the Pete's Pet Posse program. Established in 2013, Pete's Pet Posse has accounted for 263,000 interactions in the form of ear scratches, belly rubs and unconditional love from students, faculty and community members alike.

"Pete's Pet Posse has grown beyond anything I could have ever imagined. The impact made by these dogs and their owners/handlers crosses all campus boundaries, not only in Stillwater but also at OSU-Tulsa, the Center for Health Sciences and the new medical school in

Tahlequah,” Hargis said. “These teams have the ability to make an impact on every person on campus — students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Watching these teams work and serving with Scruff has been one of my greatest blessings.”

The pets and their volunteer handlers have made more than 4,500 special appearances and continue to work regularly with University Counseling Services for grief support.

The program expanded to the OSU Center for Health Sciences and OSU-Tulsa in 2015. In 2021, the first pet therapy team began serving at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, the nation’s first tribally affiliated medical school.



Since the beginning, 103 teams have been trained, representing 70 different departments. Today there are 60 active teams and dedicated volunteers who are committed to helping the program run smoothly and continue to grow.

This summer, OSU also announced the creation of the **OSU Center for Pet Therapy**, which will house Pete’s Pet Posse in the Student Union. The new Center will be the hub for Pete’s Pet Posse administration, including the management and coordination of the pet therapy teams, the student volunteer group called the Ruff Riders, pet therapy research, and additional campus expansion efforts. Pete’s Pet Posse co-founder Kendria Cost will serve as director.

The Ann Hargis Pete’s Pet Posse Endowed Fund will help sustain the program. This fall, the Women for OSU Council completed its \$50,000 pledge and qualified for the anonymous donor’s matching gift. The OSU Center for Pet Therapy will continue to raise funds to support programming and other initiatives.

“The creation of the Center for Pet Therapy is a dream come true and is a testament to the many people who have contributed to the success of the program along the way. From owners/handlers, to the Ruff Riders, to the Advisory Board, to the many people who volunteered to support the program administratively, they have created something very special and unique to our Cowboy Family,” Hargis said. “I look forward to continuing our wellness efforts, serving with Scruff, and making a difference for years to come.”

On our best days and especially during times of trouble, Pete’s Pet Posse has brought so much happiness to the Cowboy family. If you’d like to contribute to the fund and honor Ann Hargis and Scruff, please contact Jana Duffy at jduffy@OSUgiving.com.

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Cathey Humphreys

2021 PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

For more than a decade, Cathey Humphreys and her husband, Don, have given Oklahoma State University students the world.

The Dallas-area couple has been instrumental in advancing global programming at OSU, providing countless study abroad experiences for OSU students and creating a legacy of selfless giving along the way.

Cathey and Don Humphreys made headlines in 2010 when they donated \$6 million to **create endowed faculty chairs and student scholarships in the OSU School of International Studies and five colleges** as part of the *Branding Success* campaign. The couple served as the campaign's vice chairs, and their gift was among the first to leverage T. Boone Pickens' matches for chairs and scholarships. The total impact of the couple's generous gift totaled around \$14 million.



TO WATCH A VIDEO ABOUT CATHEY, VISIT:
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Cathey said she and Don were inspired to give based upon their own travels.

While living abroad, Cathey saw how important and impactful spending time in other cultures was for her and her family. That knowledge, coupled with the pair's passion for higher education, inspired them to be leaders in supporting study abroad at OSU.

The couple put advocates for study abroad throughout campus with the creation of endowed School of Global Studies chairs. They also endowed semester-long study abroad scholarships and long-term grants for undergraduate and graduate students.

"Global programming at OSU would not be where it is today without Cathey," said Dr. Randy Kluver, dean of the School of Global Studies and Partnerships. "Her vision and generosity have made a profound impact on hundreds of OSU students, providing them with the means to encounter and begin to understand the people and cultures all over the world."

Although Cathey is applauded for her vision when it comes to global studies, she gives a lot of credit to Dr. Shida Henneberry, the Humphreys Inaugural Endowed Chair for International Studies in the Ferguson College of Agriculture.

"Shida was a big mentor to me in developing this program over time," Cathey Humphreys said. "She and her husband, Dr. David Henneberry, helped guide Don and me to create something that would impact as many students as possible."



And that program has accomplished what Cathey and Don hoped for, **sending over 480 students to more than 70 countries.** Cathey always puts those students first and jumps at the opportunity to meet and visit with them each year at a luncheon on campus.

"While Cathey did not attend OSU as a student, her commitment to Oklahoma State could not be stronger," said former First Cowgirl Ann Hargis. "She encourages faculty and students to dream big and shares her international experiences to encourage others to broaden their perspectives."

The Humphreys have also given significantly to the **New President's Residence Fund** and the **Ann and Burns Hargis Legacy Fund**. She and Don have also made significant donations to the University of Oklahoma, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Tulsa.

Cathey's impact also shows in her support of the arts. She has served on the board of directors for the Crested Butte (Colorado) Music Festival and she and Don are Patron donors to **The McKnight Center for the Performing Arts**. Cathey hopes her vision, enthusiasm and generosity will continue to provide students with life-changing study abroad opportunities and inspire others to seek out experiences that will help them grow.

Mark Your Calendar
2022 SYMPOSIUM

April 28, 2022
GALLAGHER-IBA ARENA

Lauren Bush Lauren is the Founder and CEO of FEED, a social business and impact-driven lifestyle brand whose mission is to “create good products that help FEED the world.”

In 2004, Lauren had the opportunity to travel with the UN World Food Programme as a Student Spokesperson. While visiting communities in Central America, Asia, and Africa, Lauren witnessed firsthand the realities of poverty and hunger that so many face all over the world. Using this experience as an inspiration, Lauren conceptualized the idea for FEED by designing the initial FEED 1 bag, which, when purchased, feeds one child in school for one year. She founded FEED in 2007 and since then FEED has helped provide over 120 million meals globally through non-profit giving partners internationally and in the US.

For her work with FEED, Lauren has received multiple awards, including Fortune Magazine's Most Powerful Women Entrepreneurs in 2009 and one of Inc. Magazine's 30 Under 30 in 2010. Lauren was also a fashion model and has been featured on the covers of *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair* and has modeled for top international designers. She is the daughter-in-law of designer Ralph Lauren and the granddaughter of former President George H. W. Bush.



How has philanthropy shaped your life?

My family always taught me that it was important to give back, but it wasn't until I was a student in college and had the opportunity to travel with the UN World Food Programme that I found the way in which I wanted to give back and help those who lack food security. So many people around the world — about 1 in 8 — wake up each day and do not necessarily know where their next meal is coming from. I believe in the mantra that “to whom much is given, much is expected” and I really feel lucky to have a job I enjoy that also gives back and helps kids live fuller and healthier lives.

What inspired you to begin FEED and take on the issue of world hunger?

FEED is truly a mash-up of two things I care about — wanting to help feed kids in need and my love of design and entrepreneurship. I created FEED to be a conduit for people to get involved with the otherwise massive and overwhelming issue of world hunger. To me, access to food and nutrition is a human right and something we should care about for kids around the world, and especially here in the US where there is also a great disparity.

Featuring Keynote Speaker

Lauren Bush Lauren

CEO, CREATIVE DIRECTOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF FEED PROJECTS

Many people aren't aware of the issues of hunger in America. How does FEED help our neighbors closest to us?

The unfortunate reality is that approximately 42 million Americans are food insecure, including a potential 13 million children. And the pandemic has impacted families that were already facing hunger the worst. FEED is proud to partner with No Kid Hungry, which receives a portion of all the funds we raise. We also work with Feeding America and other local food banks to support through additional campaigns we do throughout the year.

Every FEED product has a number on it, which indicates the number of school meals provided with that purchase.

Why was that important for you to include in the product design?

We find that it is very important to our customers to be as transparent as we can when it comes to our give-back. Including a number on each FEED product signifies the amount of school meals we are able to donate through each sale. This makes each FEED product and purchase meaningful to our customers.

What would you say to a philanthropist who wants to help fight world hunger in their local communities?

I think it is about starting where you are, and local hunger-fighting organizations very much need our support and often rely heavily on volunteer manpower to operate. So volunteering locally on a regular basis is extremely valuable. It is also a lot of fun. Beyond being able to take some international trips as a team to see our work with the UN World Food Programme firsthand, we also volunteer routinely as a team in NYC, where we are based. It is really important and heartwarming to have that in-person experience when it comes to a cause you care about.

How do you hope FEED inspires others to improve the world around them?

I hope that FEED inspires others to take actions large and small to make the world a better place. I also hope it inspires young people to seek out a career path that combines their skills and passions with a way to make the world a better place. I am very hopeful that this next generation is already aiming to do that more and more, so I hope FEED is just one example of how combining passion and purpose can work.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now and individual tickets will go on sale in 2022.

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“This is way beyond what I originally expected we’d be able to achieve with the grant”

- JOHN MARK DAY



John Mark Day, Pete's Pantry

PARTNERING *to* IMPACT

The Women for OSU Partnering to Impact grant hasn't just opened doors for John Mark Day, it has also secured one of the hottest pieces of real estate in the Student Union to use as a student-focused food pantry.

This fall, and in partnership with Our Daily Bread, OSU opened a **student-focused Pete's Pantry** in the basement of the Student Union.

“This is way beyond what I originally expected we’d be able to achieve with the grant,” said Day, who is the director of leadership and campus life at OSU. He received funding to support basic need security efforts on campus and was one of four recipients to receive funding from the new Women for OSU initiative in the spring.

“With the visibility the Women for OSU Partnering to Impact grant afforded us, we were a part of the conversation about the space,” he said. With funding from the Women for OSU Partnering to Impact grant,

Day had the resources he needed to sign the lease and purchase the freezers and refrigeration equipment to open.

Food is provided through Our Daily Bread, and Day and Academic Affairs is responsible for staffing Pete's Pantry with volunteers. The partnership is the first of its kind in the country, Day said, and offers food more geared for student needs and apartment living.

“We’re not going to be giving students frozen whole chickens,” he said.

The service is open to anyone with an OSU ID. Because of its location, Day is hopeful more people will access Pete's Pantry and fewer students will struggle with food security.

The Partnering to Impact grant also allowed for the completion of a nature trail between **The Botanic Garden and OSU's Insect Adventure**. The grand opening was



Sarah Coburn



Photo courtesy of Stillwater News Press

The Botanic Garden and OSU's Insect Adventure celebrates FallFest on Oct. 23

celebrated October 23 at the FallFest. Ferguson College of Agriculture students were stationed along the trail and guests were welcomed to a hayride from the Insect Adventure back to The Botanic Garden.

This project is an excellent example of the impact Women for OSU hoped to make with this new initiative. Other inaugural recipients included **Belonging, a film to inspire teaching social acceptance in the classroom**, and a **McKnight Center residency with famed Oklahoman Sarah Coburn**, which is scheduled for January 2022.

Grant applications are due each fall and awards are limited to a maximum of \$10,000 and must focus on Health and Wellness, Education, Campus Beautification, or Arts and Culture at Oklahoma State University.

It's easy to join Women for OSU on this new and exciting initiative! You can become a Women for OSU Partner by simply donating a minimum contribution of \$1,000

annually to the new Partnering to Impact Fund. For those 35 and younger, the minimum annual contribution is \$500.

Women for OSU Partners also receive additional benefits including special impact reports, "thank you" visits or calls from a member of the Women for OSU team, invitations to regional events and more.

The joy and satisfaction of standing together with other women to make an impact on this great university is the ultimate reward in giving back. Together, we can change lives and ensure the future of our next generation of leaders and philanthropists!

If you are interested in becoming a Women for OSU Partner, please contact Ali Booth at abooth@OSUgiving.com.



Wesley Sims

STORIES of GRATITUDE

As I grew up in Stillwater, going to Oklahoma State University was always my dream. The sense of family and benevolence OSU demonstrated always stuck out to me. I'll be the first one in my immediate family to graduate from OSU and hopefully the first of many.

Every great family has a solid foundation. When a family has a strong foundation, they can depend and rely on each other. OSU has provided me and numerous other students with such a foundation. The current faculty and staff along with the alumni continue to reinforce the foundation and culture here at OSU.

As a Women for OSU scholarship recipient, I get to see that strong foundation and culture exemplified. Words cannot describe how the culture and opportunities here at OSU have helped me throughout my academic career. With your investment in me, you have enabled me to continue pursuing my dreams of being the first one in my family to graduate from OSU.

Thank you for your time, generosity and investment in OSU and its students. Year after year we continue to be America's brightest orange. I am so honored and proud to be a Women for OSU Scholar and a part of the Cowboy family.

America's orange burns bright!

Wesley Sims

Women for OSU Scholar, 2021



Congratulations

2021 WOMEN for OSU SCHOLARS

Women for OSU had the pleasure of honoring 13 outstanding students for their contributions to their communities and Oklahoma State University. Their commitment to helping others is unmatched. They have shown the ability to positively impact others with their compassion, work ethic and dedication to their philanthropic passions. We are extremely excited to see how our scholars will change the world around them. There is no doubt, they all have bright futures!



Not Pictured: Lara Hays, Savannah Nicks

Jerret Carpenter | Poteau, Oklahoma
Senior, Natural Resource Ecology and Management

Lara Hays | Claremore, Oklahoma
Junior, Agribusiness and Animal Science

Bree Kisling | Enid, Oklahoma
Junior, Agricultural Communications

Kaitlyn Lane | Beulah, Colorado
Senior, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, Pre-Med

Savannah Nicks | Tulsa, Oklahoma
Medical Student, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

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Senior, Nonprofit Management

Wesley Sims | Stillwater, Oklahoma
Senior, Management Information Systems

Jessica Van Nimwegen | Allen, Texas
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Carly Dunn | McAlester, Oklahoma
**Sandra K. Trennepohl Women for OSU
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Rachel Kim | South Korea
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Ashlyn Morris | Poteau, Oklahoma
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To read more about the 2021 class of Women for OSU scholars, visit: [OSUgiving.com/Women](https://osugiving.com/Women)



STUDENT SCHOLARS

Giving Back

So far over the last 13 years, 58 out of 96 of the previous Women for OSU Scholars have continued the cycle of impact by investing in Oklahoma State University.

Each year, Women for OSU awards scholarships to a group of deserving students. That gift leaves a lasting impact on the grateful scholars and inspires them to return the investment to the next generation of deserving scholars at Oklahoma State University.

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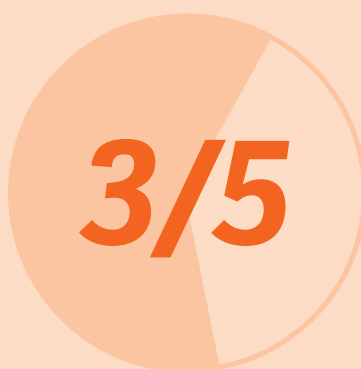
96 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

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have given back to
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*worth of scholarships have
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WOMEN *for* OSU SCHOLAR UPDATE

Courtney Mapes

2017 WOMEN *for* OSU SCHOLAR

When Courtney Mapes arrived at Oklahoma State University in 2014, she was already intent on helping others. She initially planned to do that by becoming a veterinarian, but found a passion for human medicine that changed her course to pursue a medical degree.

Mapes, a 2017 Women for OSU Scholar, grew her passion for helping others by watching her biggest role models, her mother, Michelle, and grandmothers, Peggy Mapes and Jane Hartway.

"Growing up I was able to see how much they were willing to be selfless for their community and to see all that they did for Alva and for my family," she said.

Her mother and grandmother inspired her to get involved with Big Brothers, Big Sisters to mentor young students who might not have someone to look up to.

That same service mindset is leading Mapes through her third year of medical school at OSU Center for Health Sciences. She's serving her community by volunteering at local food banks in Tulsa to package food for those in need and by working at free clinics to help advocate for patients of all population groups.

She is currently going through her clinical rotations and has found a passion for primary care. She wants to become a family doctor in a rural town so she can continue serving others.

She wants to make medicine less scary by building relationships with her patients so they can always get the care they need.

"I really think that you can build that relationship with people ... and keep it," Mapes said. "The continuity of patients throughout helps build trust and comfortability."

She added that the Women for OSU scholarship helped her find and grow her philanthropic passions. Her advice for future Women for OSU scholars is to take the time to find what you want to do and are passionate about.

"Don't spread yourself thin but be open to new experiences and find what really matters to you and invest your time into that," she said. "That is when you'll make much more of an impact."



2017 Women for OSU Scholars



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