Northwestern Oklahoma State University presents the Inaugural Centennial Symposium

VISIONS AND CROSSROADS: NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA -- OUR NEXT 100 YEARS

Connecting leadership, experience and education with the people of northwest Oklahoma, southern Kansas and the Texas panhandle to create a catalytic climate for creative problem-solving and idea exchange as we envision our future as a region and an institution.

Friday, April 25, 2008, Alva, OK

Registration 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Herod Hall lobby. Welcome at 9:45 a.m. in auditorium

Morning Sessions 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. & repeated from 1:45 to 3 p.m.

Northwestern alumni are serving as guest panelists with university faculty and staff in place as discussants for each session. This day-long event offers those attending the opportunity to participate in a discussion with experts in their respective fields.

Keynote Luncheon Speaker, Noon (early registration required, seating limited to 100):
“Community Change in the Rural Great Plains: How Did We Get Here and Where Are We Going?”

Brett Zollinger, Ph.D., NWOSU Class of 1992
Director, Docking Institute of Public Affairs and the Institute’s Center for Survey Research, Fort Hays (Kan.) State University
He is active in strategic planning for more than 25 governmental and nonprofit entities, including the Kansas Governor’s Prosperity Summits in all regions of the state in 2005. His work has been nationally recognized and he received the Rural Sociological Society’s Dissertation Award in 1997.

“Grab the Bull by the Horns--Implementing Service Learning and Civic Engagement for Historic Community Revitalization, the Downtown Fort Hays Model”

Christie (Patterson) Brungardt, M.S., NWOSU Class of 1984
Instructor of leadership studies, Fort Hays (Kan.) State University
She earned a master’s degree in organizational leadership from Fort Hays in 2001 and is completing a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction at Kansas State University. She has been a leading force for implementing the Service Learning and Civic Engagement program at Fort Hays State University and facilitated a cooperative program with the downtown Hayes Revitalization Plan between the university and the community. Her research interests are in the areas of leadership, service-learning and civic engagement.

“Doing Business In a Global Economy -- Bricks and Clicks Working Together”

Robert Reeg, B.S., NWOSU Class of 1978
Chief technology officer at MasterCard International
He is responsible for all computer operations, network engineering, technology architecture, database management, program management, testing/service quality and information security.

“Science and Technology as a Future Force for Jobs and Business Development”

Duane Pierson, Ph.D., NWOSU Class of 1966
Senior microbiologist for NASA
He has been actively involved in microbiological and biochemical research for more than 30 years at the Johnson Space Center. He serves as the agency’s expert on the many microbiological aspects of space flight. He is responsible for formulating, developing and implementing NASA’s microbiology program for current and future human exploration of space.

All Northwestern students, employees, area business owners, residents, alumni and friends, as well as municipal, county, state and federal agency employees are urged to attend and participate in the discussion.

For up-to-date information, please visit the symposium web site at www.nwosu.edu/symposium

Symposium is co-sponsored by the School of Arts and Sciences and the NWOSU Foundation.

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