



# Oklahoma Chapter SWCS

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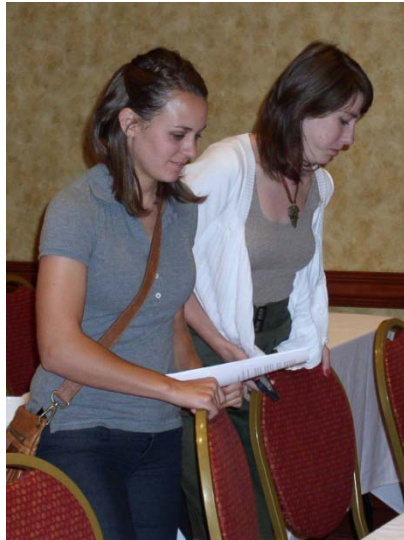
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## Annual Conference June 9 - 10



The 2011 Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Chapter of SWCS was held June 9-10, 2011, in Norman. The participating partnerships shared about their current activities and resources following the theme of the conference "Interagency - Intersectoral Partnerships in Natural Resource Conservation."

The photo on the left is of two Oklahoma State University student members of SWCS, Malarie and Liberty, that attended the conference. This year's meeting provided attendees and the conservation agencies and sectors an opportunity to learn about past and on-going conservation efforts in our great state. The Oklahoma Chapter of SWCS as a result of

this conference will undertake an effort to guide the natural resources partners in providing outreach to the new demographics of land ownership and land management to better understand conservation and wise use of our natural resources.

## 2011 Scholarship Award Recipients



The Oklahoma Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is pleased to announce the awarding of \$1000 scholarships presented at the annual meeting June 10. Shown in the photo is President Larry Wright congratulating Christopher (C.J.) Schieman, a sophomore at Redlands Community College majoring in Agronomy and

currently lives in Yukon, and Kristen Hedge, a student who just graduated from Eastern Oklahoma State College and will be attending OSU next year majoring in Ag. Ed. with a minor in Soil Science. She is from Ratton, OK and will be working as a NRCS intern in Hugo this summer.

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## New Chapter President Assumes Leadership

Daniel Moriasi has served as the President Elect for the Oklahoma Chapter of SWCS and was instrumental in organizing this year's annual conference. The success of the conference shows that Moriasi has great capabilities in leadership and the Oklahoma Chapter will continue to show progress and make a positive influence on conservation efforts in the state. Moriasi will serve as the official delegate representing the Oklahoma Chapter at the SWCS International Conference in Washington D.C. in July.

Daniel Moriasi, PhD, is a Research Hydrologist at the USDA-ARS Grazinglands Research Laboratory in El Reno.



Daniel Moriasi, President, is congratulated by Larry Wright, Past-President, for a successful conference and for his new leadership position.

Jason Warren, Oklahoma State University, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, was elected as President-Elect and will be responsible for providing leadership in organizing next year's annual conference.

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## Land Range and Crop Management Field Day

The Oklahoma Chapter of SWCS will join the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at Oklahoma State University in sponsoring this new activity. Please see the attached document for more information.

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Welcome new members: Clay Pope