

Western Staff Spotlight

Meet Western's new Library and Testing Director, Michelle Shumaker!

Michelle and her husband live in the very southwest corner of Jackson County, where they raised their three children. They have been married for 34 years and have a passion for all things Western! All three of their children attended Western, and they're grateful for the excellent start they received here. "The impact Western has had on their lives and careers has been profound, and we're thankful for the role it played in their success," said Shumaker.

Why did you choose to work at Western?

"Western has always held a special place in my heart, ever since the first basketball game where we cheered on our girls. There's just something about that Pioneer Pride! I was honored and thrilled to coach the cheerleaders during my first assignment here at Western, and now I am excited to continue my career here with both of my daughters alongside me!"

What is your favorite aspect about Western?

"Western is an amazing part of our community! It amazes me that Western has an impact on students that literally come from all around the world!"

What advice would you give students to help them succeed?

"To be successful you need to be sure to have goals, stay organized, be persistent



Michelle Shumaker, Library and Testing Director

and believe in yourself. Balance is key. Be sure you get enough sleep, eat healthy, and exercise regularly. Mental and physical well-being greatly impacts your academic performance."

What are you looking forward to most in your position?

"As Library and Testing director, I am hoping to provide a space as well as resources to help students thrive academically. I also would love to collaborate with the Western Instructors to help support their academic endeavors."

The Western Library and Testing Center are here to help students achieve academic success. Here are some resources that the Western Library and Testing Center offers to support students: Books and E-books, Journals and Databases, Study Spaces, Research Assistance, Citation Help, Interlibrary Loan Services, Technology Access, Online Resources, Multimedia Resources, Reference Materials, and of course we have our Testing Center. We would love to help you or provide a quiet place to work or study!

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

Oct 30 | Halloween Party | 6-8 PM | PHC

Oct. 31 | Halloween Events on Campus | 9 AM - 12 PM

Oct. 31 | Trick or Treat with the Pioneers | 5-7 PM | Gym

Nov. 1 | WINDS Grant Aid Workshop | 12 PM | WINDS lab

Nov. 1 | Women's Basketball season opener | 5 PM | Gym

Nov. 5 | Men's Basketball season opener | 5 PM | Gym

Nov. 6 | WINDS Drug & Alcohol Workshop | 12 PM | lab

Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day | Campus Closed

Nov. 13 | Enrollment Event | 10 AM - 6 PM | Pioneer Central

Nov. 15 | WINDS Grant Aid Due

Nov. 21 | Trivia Night | 6 PM | PHC

Nov. 25-29 | Thanksgiving Break | Campus Closed

Western Nursing Department and Passport Health Host Flu Clinic



Nursing students from left to right: Ashlynn Hayes, Brooklyn Knight, Shannan Moore, Bridgett Thomas, and Heather Battles

The Western Nursing Department teamed up with Passport Health to host a flu clinic on campus on Tuesday, October 15. The nursing students had an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience administering injections. They had a great time when Dr. Wiginton arrived, giving him the brave lion plushie to help ease any nerves, and he kept things lighthearted with jokes about getting his shot! Flu, COVID, Tdap, B12 shots,



Nursing student and Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President



Nursing students giving and receiving a flu shot.

and more were offered, helping our community stay healthy while supporting student learning.

The Great Western Bake Off Competition



Celebrity judges and cookie competition winner from left to right: Chef Keshia Hines, Elysium Acres, Kaylee Beason, and Trudy Calvillo, KEYB Media Specialties



Celebrity judges from left to right: Trudy Calvillo, KEYB Media Specialties, Chef Keshia Hines, Elysium Acres, and Dustin Balderas, WOSC Foundation Board of Trustees

On Thursday, October 17th, Western Oklahoma State College's Social Affairs Committee hosted an exciting Chocolate Chip Cookie Competition at Pioneer Central, with students and staff enjoying a delicious afternoon of friendly competition. Six talented bakers entered the contest, with cookies judged by three special guests: Trudy Calvillo from KEYB Media Specialties, Chef Keshia Hines of Elysium Acres, and Dustin Balderas, WOSC Foundation Board of Trustees member. The judges scored the cookies based on color, shape, moisture, and flavor, using a specialized scorecard to determine the Bake Off champion.

Western students and employees also played a role by voting for the Crowd Favorite, adding to the excitement. Tasting was available for just \$1 per person, and additional donations were collected to help fund the purchase of a new Christmas tree for Pioneer Heritage Center.

After the votes were tallied, Kaylee Beason's Cookie #5 was crowned the winner and the Crowd Favorite, winning over the Western community with its irresistible taste.

A big thank you to everyone who entered and supported the event, and special recognition to the bakers: Brenda Tepe, Michelle Shumaker, Leigh Sheridan, Steve Winters, Kaylee Beason, and Meredy Thompson.

Thank you to all who came out to taste and vote! Your participation helped make this event a success and contributed to a great cause.



2024 Greater Midwest Super Shoot



2024-25 Shooting team and Coach Jerimy Pence.

In a stellar performance that showcased the team's precision and poise, Western's shooting sports team dominated the competition, bringing home an impressive array of awards and solidifying its reputation as one of the top teams in the circuit. The team clinched 1st place in the Trap event, with Baylee Pence, Hunter Martinez, Tanner Moles, Dillion Lopez, and Alex Palmer leading the way and earning the gold medal.

In the Skeet competition, Baylee Pence, Hunter Martinez, Jaeden Saaevdra, Rustin Fraser, and Kya Funkhouser again claimed the top spot, demonstrating their consistent accuracy.

The team didn't stop there, securing a solid 2nd place in Sporting Clays thanks to stellar performances from Baylee Pence, Rustin Fraser, Jaeden Saaevdra, Alex Palmer, and Tanner Moles.

Their collective efforts culminated in the ultimate honor: the team was crowned Champion Classical All-Around Team, a title that speaks to their balanced skill across all events.

Women's Standouts:

Baylee Pence was an unstoppable force, taking first place in both Skeet and Trap and second place in Sporting Clays. Her impressive performance earned her the title of Champion Classical All-Around Female. Kya Funkhouser also made waves, tying for sixth in Skeet and seventh in Trap, contributing crucial points to the team's overall success.

Men's Standouts:

Hunter Martinez delivered solid performances on the men's side, finishing 3rd in both Trap and Skeet. Jaeden Saaevdra tied for 7th in Skeet, while Tanner Moles and Alex Palmer took home 2nd and 3rd place in Sporting Clays. Alex Palmer also secured 2nd place in the Classic All-Around Men's category, followed by Tanner Moles in 4th and Hunter Martinez in 5th, with Jaeden Saaevdra rounding out the top 10 in 9th place.

The team's dominance across multiple events is a testament to their hard work, skill, and dedication.

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OCTOBER 31, 2024 • 5 - 7 P.M.

Door Prizes, Games, Candy, Music & Fun!

Costume Contest at 6:30 P.M.

Western Oklahoma State College
2801 N. Main Street | Gymnasium



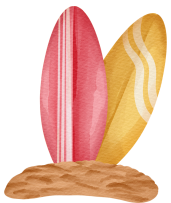
Take photos with and get autographs from athletes from all across the world!



Aloha SPRING SEMESTER

NOVEMBER 13 | 10 A.M.-6 P.M.
PIONEER CENTRAL

- Enroll for the spring semester
- Surf Bar Food Truck will be on campus
- Visit with advisors, faculty, staff, and current students
- All who enroll will receive a **FREE** t-shirt, a Surf Bar smoothie bowl, and have a chance to win gift cards and a tablet!

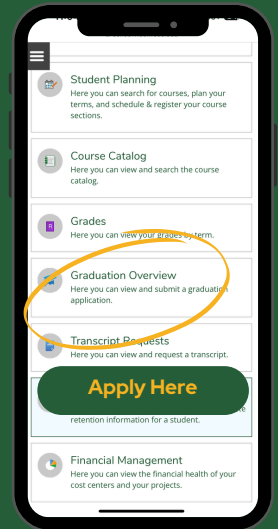


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