

2025 Western Homecoming



2025 Homecoming Queen Baylee Pence and King Cody Bowland

Western Oklahoma State College hosted its 2025 Homecoming on January 30, bringing together students, alumni, and the community for an evening of celebration and school spirit.

Eighteen student organizations were proudly represented during the Homecoming ceremony. Congratulations to Baylee Pence, representing the Shooting Sports team, and Cody Bowland, representing the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, for being recognized as Queen and King during the event. Baylee is actively involved in Shooting Sports, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Collegiate Cattle Association and serves as both an Ag Ambassador and Western Ambassador.



Pioneers at Casino Night: Emma Clayton, Audrey Cline, Tazhia Watson, Aaliyah Young, Taylor Montgomery, and Star West.

Cody is a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of Baptist Collegiate Ministries while also serving as a Western Ambassador. High school seniors were invited to attend and were awarded a \$100 tuition waiver. Guests enjoyed a variety of festivities, including free hamburgers and hotdogs served by the WOSC Alumni Association, an energetic performance from the College Cuties, and a special recognition of 50 years of women's basketball at Western. The Western cheerleaders energized the crowd with a spirited performance. Later in the evening, current Pioneers and high school seniors enjoyed an exciting Casino Night to wrap up the festivities. Attendees had the chance to win prizes such as TVs, iPads, gift cards, and more by cashing in their chips. Western Oklahoma State College is proud of its students and the organizations that contribute to campus life. Thank you to everyone who made the 2025 Homecoming a success!



UPCOMING AT WESTERN

- March 5 | Workforce Readiness Summit | 8:30 AM
- March 5 | Money Matters Workshop | 12 PM | WINDS Lab
- March 5 | Ambassador Applications Due
- March 10 | Organizational Bowling Competition | 7 PM | Bowling Alley
- March 14 | 2nd 8 Weeks Classes Start
- March 14 | Nursing Applications Due
- March 17-21 | Spring Break | Campus Closed
- March 24 | Enrollment Opens | Summer and Fall
- March 26 | Queso Competition | 11:30 AM | SSC Activity Center
- March 27 | Bingo Night | 7 PM | PHC



Pioneers at Casino Night: Mario Calugarita, Haziell Chavez, and Eduardo Fernandez.



Members of women's basketball over the years. Front row, l-to-r: Emmy Netherton, Tabatha Armstrong, Kriston Cusher, Katelynn Thompson, and Mandy O'Neil. Back row: Marty Hightower, Dorothy Jones, Teresa Hickerson, Brenda Hickerson, Delisa Jennings, Phyllis Stephens, and Carolyn Haught.

Western Students Attend International Student Recognition Day at Oklahoma State Capitol

Sponsors of Western Oklahoma State College's World Wide Western student organization had the privilege of accompanying six international students to the Oklahoma State Capitol on February 25 for International Student Recognition Day.

Attending students included Brook Lyn Kosick (Canada), Steve Tatsiguia (Cameroon, Africa), Ryo Nagahama (Japan), Brana Thomson (Canada), and Stephen Semey (Ghana). They were also joined by Miguel Clemente, a Western graduate currently enrolled at the University of Central Oklahoma. Sponsors Cynthia Barker and Solveig Feller also attended, supporting the students throughout the experience.

All of the attending students originally came to the United States to compete in collegiate athletics.

Rodeo student Brook Kosick reflected on the experience, saying, "My favorite part was hearing the stories and experiences of the other students. None of them had come to the U.S. for sports, and we were the only junior college there. Most of the students were much older than me, so it was really interesting to hear their perspectives."

As part of the event, each student will receive a Citation of Recognition certificate, acknowledging their participation and contributions as international students in Oklahoma.

The event brought together international students from colleges across the state to meet with representatives, tour the Capitol, and share their experiences studying in Oklahoma.

Western extends a special thank you to Representative Gerrid Kendrix for taking the time to visit with our students.

Appreciation also goes out to everyone who helped make this event a meaningful and memorable experience.



Left to right back row: Representative Gerrid Kendrix, Brana Thomson, Solveig Feller, Stephen Semey, Miguel Clemente, Steve Tatsiguia, Ryo Nagahama, Cynthia Barker. Front row: Brook Kosick



Left to right back row: Ryo Nagahama, Stephen Semey, and Steve Tatsiguia. Front row: Brook Kosick and Brana Thomson

WOSC Nursing Club Hosts Raffle Fundraiser with Community Support



Members of the WOSC Nursing club from left to right: Elena Shimmin, Zoe Grubaugh, and Shannon Moore

The Western Oklahoma State College Nursing Club on the Altus campus recently wrapped up a successful raffle fundraiser, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and the dedication of its members. The club worked diligently to collect donations from the community, assembling multiple gift baskets filled with goodies and gift cards.

To show their appreciation, Nursing Club members wrote heartfelt thank-you cards and prepared small bags of treats to deliver to the businesses that contributed. Their efforts not only raised funds for the club but also strengthened connections between WOSC and the local community.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support from our local businesses," said a nursing club member. "Their generosity made this fundraiser a success, and we wanted to ensure they knew how much we appreciate them."

The WOSC Nursing Club appreciates everyone who participated and supported their efforts, emphasizing their commitment to service, collaboration, and giving back to the community.

For more information about the WOSC Nursing Club, contact nursing@wosc.edu.

Three Pioneers Awarded Chickasaw Nation Scholarship

Western Oklahoma State College Foundation, Inc. proudly announces that three students have been awarded the Chickasaw Nation Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. This scholarship celebrates academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to community service.

These students have demonstrated remarkable dedication to their education and have shown tremendous potential as future leaders in their respective fields. The Chickasaw Nation Scholarship provides financial support to help them achieve their academic and career goals.

- Paris Spraggins, a 2022 graduate of Cache High School, plans to continue her education at Cameron University in the Radiology program and ultimately work in ultrasound.
- Kinley Wolfe, a sophomore at Western Oklahoma State College, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education to fulfill her passion for teaching and shaping young minds.
- Kelli George, a first-year student in the WOSC nursing program, plans to become certified in forensics, with a specialization as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE).

WOSC President Dr. Chad Wiginton expressed his gratitude for the Chickasaw Nation's support: "We are immensely proud of Paris, Kinley, and Kelli. The Chickasaw Nation's investment in our students not only helps them succeed but also strengthens our entire community. We are grateful for this partnership and the opportunities it creates for our students."

The Chickasaw Nation Scholarship is part of the Chickasaw Nation's commitment to fostering educational opportunities for students of Chickasaw heritage and beyond. It provides recipients with the resources they need to excel academically and make meaningful contributions to society. Western Oklahoma State College Foundation, Inc. congratulates Paris Spraggins, Kinley Wolfe, and Kelli George and wishes them great success. The Western Oklahoma State College Foundation, Inc. offers many ways to give and invest in the future. The WOSC Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 organization that generates support for Western Oklahoma State College students and programs. For more information on the WOSC Foundation and ways to give, visit wosc.edu/give.



Left to right back row: Monica Taylor, Director of Development & Alumni, Kelli George, Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President, Larry Duffy, Executive Secretary for WOSC Foundation



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Paris Spraggins



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