

Western Staff Spotlight

Meet Western's new Recruiter/Student Activities Specialist, Shelby Lucas

Shelby was born and raised in Altus and graduated from Navajo High School. She attended Western from 2012-2014 and was a part of the Ambassador team, BCM, Student Senate, and PTK. She received her Associate in Liberal Arts and then transferred on to SWOSU. Fun fact: She also met her husband at Western!

Why did you choose to work at Western?

"I chose to work at Western because it has always felt like my second home. I wanted the chance to serve students and help them achieve their educational and personal goals."

What is your favorite aspect about Western?

"My favorite aspect about Western is the friendly and inviting atmosphere we create for each other and for the students."

What advice would you give students to help them succeed?

"I would encourage students to never be afraid to ask questions. We never stop learning, and asking questions is the only way we continue to learn!"



Shelby Lucas, Recruiter/ Student Activities Specialist

What most are you looking forward to in your position?

"I am most looking forward to getting to know our students and providing them with fun activities to help them get involved and meet new people."

"My department is Student Recruiting and Student Activities. I plan and coordinate activities on campus as well as organizational competitions we have during the school year. Katelynn Thompson and I are also in charge of our Ambassador team, which recruits potential students through high school visits, college fairs, and campus tours."

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

Sept 19 | Blood Drive | 8 AM- 1 PM | SSC-202

Sept 20 | Note Taking Workshop | 12 PM | WINDS Lab

Sept 25- 28 | Pioneer Pantry Food Drive

Sept 28 | Coffee & Canvas | 6- 8 PM | Pioneer Central

Oct. 1 | Find a Ghost | Campus Wide

Oct. 4 | Research Paper Workshop | 12 PM | WINDS lab

Oct. 5 | Pentathlon | 7 PM | A Wing

Oct. 10 | 2nd 8 wk classes begin

Oct. 13- 16 | Fall Break | Campus Closed

Huff Receives Delta Dental Scholarship

Congratulations to Stevi Huff. She is a recipient of a \$1,000 Delta Dental of Oklahoma Reach Higher Scholarship. Stevi is a sophomore at Western from Holdenville, OK. She is a member of the Western softball team and is seeking a Pre-Dental degree at Western.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be classified as a Reach Higher program participant and be enrolled in the appropriate course path to become a dental professional.

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation and the State Regents for Higher Education have created scholarships for students seeking a career in the dental field. Five community colleges have been awarded these scholarships, including Western Oklahoma State College.



From left to right: Rachel Beckner, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Stevi Huff, and Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President

COFFEE



and canvas

Thursday, September 28 | 6 p.m.
Located in near Pioneer Central

Students \$5 | Non-students \$15

Materials provided • Grab a friend, drink some coffee, & have fun!

You must sign up by Tuesday, Sept. 26 to reserve your spot! For more info and to reserve your spot contact Shelby at events@wosc.edu

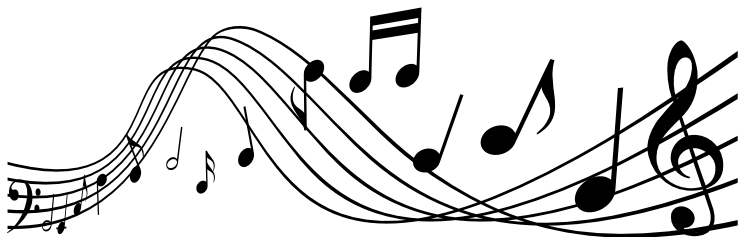
Shortgrass School of Music presents a Fall Concert | September 28

The Friends of WOSC Performing Arts is pleased to sponsor the popular women's community vocal music ensemble for a Fall Concert. The concert event will feature the Eine Kleine Girmusik ensemble under the direction of the outstanding choral conducting skills of well-known musician Donna Tucker. Donna is the founder and artistic director of the Shortgrass School of Music and choral director for the Eine Kleine Girmusik ensemble. Evelyn Barthold will serve as the piano accompanist and also be featured in two piano solo performances.

Evelyn Barthold grew up on a farm in Denton, TX. There, at the University of North Texas, Evelyn received a B.M. degree in piano performance and a B.S. degree in physics. She did graduate work in physics at Columbia University in NYC but chose to return to her family farm in Denton, where she could continue her first love of church music. For nearly three decades, she worked as an organist at various churches in the Denton area. Another love is for her family property and for providing a home for cats, dogs, and sheep there on her farm. When development came too close to this home for comfort, Evelyn moved to the area of Altus, OK, which not only is agricultural but also embraces the artistry of music and art and history. Evelyn is a pianist and organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Altus, accompanies the Eine Kleine Girmusik ensemble, and has enjoyed singing with the Community Chorus.

Mary Runyan, a well-known music educator and appreciated for her musicianship as a flute soloist, will also be featured in the concert. Mary Runyan is a 1975 graduate of Fox High School and a 1979 graduate from the University of Oklahoma. She received her MME from SWOSU in 1987. Mary spent four years (1980-84) in band and vocal music at Velma-Alma Public Schools. In 1984, Mary started teaching in Altus. She taught at Northeast Junior High, Altus Junior High, and in 1997, became the director for "That Altus Band." Mary retired in 2017 after teaching for 37 years. Mary is a member of many professional organizations, including the University of Oklahoma Alumni Band, Oklahoma Music Educator's Association, and Oklahoma Bandmaster's Association, and has held many regional and state offices. She is a National Board Certified Teacher, an OMEA Exemplary Teacher, a 2015 OBA Band Director of the Year, a 2018 OBA Hall of Fame Member, a SWOBDA Band Director of the Year, and a Federated Music Club's State Musician of the Year. Mary is an active band clinician and adjudicator and has a private flute studio. Mary is a member of the local MacDowell Club of Allied Arts, PEO, and is a member of First Baptist Church, where she is a member of the worship team.

Donna Tucker has selected a very enjoyable and diversified selection of music and prepared the ensemble for an enjoyable performance.



Shortgrass School of Music presents a Fall Concert

Eine Kleine Girmusik and Featured Musicians

Sponsored by
Western Oklahoma State College Foundation, Inc.
Friends of WOSC Performing Arts

Thursday, September 28 at 7 PM

Western Oklahoma State College
WOSC Fine Arts Complex Band Hall



The ensemble meets weekly for a rehearsal in the choir room at Western Oklahoma State College, hosted by the Friends of WOSC Performing Arts. The United States Air Force first brought Donna Lamar Tucker and her family to Altus during her high school years. She had already studied piano for seven years and began her vocal studies with Nancy Byram. While at Altus High School, her great love for choral music was awakened under the instruction of Kenneth Cox. She was one of the first recipients of Cox's college scholarship program. From there, she attended Altus Junior College, where she studied under the late Don Sears. Donna continued on to Central State University under the tutelage of Frances Spurlock Brazeal, Dr. Coleman Smith, and Dr. Bobbie Ralph. During her career, she has taught on all levels, from preschool through college, including 22 years in public school. She has directed many community choirs and church choirs at all age levels. Donna currently teaches piano, voice, and general music through her studio, Shortgrass School of Music, and directs the community women's choir Eine Kleine Girmusik.

Chorus members of the Eine Kline Girmusik: Kathy Bayers, Kay Bartlett, Stephanie Bassett, Evelyn Barthold, Barbara Brinkman, Mitsi Bullington, Catherine Coke, Lorraine Hubbard, Darlene Johnson, Jan Johnson, Lynette Kennelly, Akemi Maxwell, Opal Norris, Patricia Reville, Sarah Ringer, Diane Roach, Mary Runyan, Margie VanOostrum, Connie Vaughan, Linda Walker and Robyn Woods.

The Concert is Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the WOSC Fine Arts Complex Band Hall. Funding for the concert is provided by the WOSC Foundation, Inc. Friends of WOSC Performing Arts. The concert is free and open to the public.



Western's Social Affairs Committee Launches "Pioneer Pride"

The Social Affairs Committee at Western is thrilled to announce the launch of a new employee recognition initiative called "Pioneer Pride."

Pioneer Pride aims to honor and appreciate outstanding employees who consistently go above and beyond their regular duties, exemplify exceptional work ethic, and embody unwavering integrity in their roles at the college.

At WOSC, employees are the cornerstone of our success, and Pioneer Pride is a heartfelt effort to recognize their dedication and contributions to the institution's mission of providing quality education and fostering a positive learning environment.

The first group of individuals was selected and recognized this month, which included Shasta Roberts, Bruce Wilson, Cullen Sanders, and Hope Grady. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Western. We are proud to have you on campus!

Have you observed a WOSC employee whose exceptional efforts and commitment deserve recognition? We want to hear from you! Pioneer Pride invites the college community to participate in celebrating the outstanding individuals who make a difference in the life of the college.

To nominate an exceptional WOSC employee, contact Ginger Hill at ginger.hill@wosc.edu to receive a survey link for nomination.



Shasta Roberts, Part-time custodian



Bruce Wilson, Director of Trio Programs



Cullen Sanders, Safety and Security



R to L: Alexis Mills, Success Coach for NASNTI grant and Hope Grady, Nursing Secretary - Lawton Campus

2ND 8 WEEK COURSES BEGIN OCTOBER 10TH

ONLINE

- General Animal Science
- Intro Natural Resources
- Business Communications
- Child Development Professional
- Child Development Capstone Practicum
- Child with Special Needs
- Diversity Early Care
- Survey of American Literature
- American History (1492-1865)
- Personal/Community Health
- Care & Treatment | Athletic Injury
- Sports Officiating II
- Intro to Philosophy
- Federal Government
- Intro to Sociology
- Cultural Diversity

FACE TO FACE

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| • Public Speaking | MWF | 9:00 AM- 9:50 AM | • Bowling |
| • English Comp I | T, TH | 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM | • Weight Training |
| • English Comp II | MWF | 8:00 AM- 8:50 AM | • Cardio- Circuit Training |
| • English Fundamentals | MW | 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM | |

There is still time to enroll!

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