

For immediate release  
Maegan Martin, Public Relations  
580-477-7875  
[maegan.martin@wosc.edu](mailto:maegan.martin@wosc.edu)

### Smith Family Carries on Tradition

ALTUS, Okla. – The Western Oklahoma State College Alumni Association is excited to have Brayden Smith as our newest Lifetime Alumni Member!

Brayden Smith attended Navajo High School and was a concurrent student for two years here at Western. Brayden was an above average student and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Brayden says he immediately felt a connection to campus because both of his parents joined the Alumni Association while employed at the college. Brayden’s father, Guy Smith, was Western’s Rodeo Coach and his mother, Emily Smith, taught in the mathematics department. He says he enjoyed his time at Western and credits Ms. George, Mrs. Purdue and Mrs. Morley as the faculty that stood out the most and helped him through his classes here.

As a concurrent student, Brayden did not earn enough credits to receive a degree before leaving Western, so he took advantage of the “reverse transfer” option. This allows students who have 15 or more credits with Western to transfer back usable hours from another school and receive their associate’s degree. The advantage to this is that universities in the state of Oklahoma must accept the associate degree as satisfaction of the general education requirements. Brayden is now proud to say that he has his AA in Liberal Arts from Western Oklahoma State College.

Brayden is currently a sophomore at Oklahoma State University seeking his degree in Ag Business and Economics. Brayden tells me that attending Western as a concurrent student gave him college experience while he was still in high school and he feels that it has better equipped

him for the larger college classes he takes at OSU. Brayden has continued to excel academically and, on top of taking a full course load at OSU, Brayden is a member of the Spirit Rider Team, the Collegiate Farm Bureau and the College Republicans. Most recently, Brayden traveled to Washington D.C. for an internship with Senator Inhofe.

The Alumni Association is pleased to welcome Brayden Smith and add his leaf to our tree.

Are you interested in transferring back credits to earn a degree at Western? Call our office today and we can provide information on the process. Would you like to be our next leaf on the tree? You do not have to be a graduate of Western to be on our Alumni Tree. We welcome all of Western's friends to share their story with us! If you are interested in joining the Alumni Association, contact our office at (580) 477-7706, visit the website at [wosc.edu](http://wosc.edu) or email us at [alumni@wosc.edu](mailto:alumni@wosc.edu).