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Western continues providing Tuition-free Options for High school Juniors and Seniors

ALTUS, Okla. – Providing concurrent enrollment opportunities has become a proud tradition at Western Oklahoma State College. A tradition that numerous students have taken advantage of over of the past three decades. Not only does this program provide students the ability to finish high school with many college credit hours collected, it has also saved students thousands of dollars.

For the third year in the row, juniors will continue to receive up to nine hours of college tuition covered. This perk was only available to seniors for many years, however Western was proud to be able to offer tuition waivers to juniors in 2019. Seniors will continue to receive eighteen hours of tuition waived each year. Students who take advantage of the program, immediately following their junior year, can graduate from high school saving an estimate of close to \$3,000.

2022 Frederick High School graduate, Rachel Stout, is very familiar with the benefits of concurrent enrollment. Stout began taking college courses through Western her senior year. While at FHS, she was very active in student council, robotics, varsity choir, big topics, as well as participating in multiple leadership positions in the community. “Although my schedule was relatively full, I was easily able to manage and complete my concurrent course work. Taking concurrent classes, is not only cheaper, but a faster way to start your career, by getting your basics out the way,” said Stout.

Stout will be attending Western this fall to finish her associate’s degree and was recently selected to receive a President’s Leadership Scholarship and represent Western as a Western Ambassador. Stout said, “The Western community has helped me prepare for college through concurrent classes and made sure I understood the material and helped me with anything and everything that I needed help with”. With the college credit hours she was able to receive in high school, Stout can lighten her college load each semester, allowing her to have more time to get involved on campus and the community.

While at Western, Stout will be studying biology, with plans to continue towards a bachelor’s degree in molecular biology and potentially work on a master’s in forensics. “I already love the Western community and I am looking forward to being involved with the activities and organizations that Western has to offer” said Stout.

Concurrent enrollment is the opportunity for high school seniors and juniors to earn college credit while still in high school. Concurrent students may attend courses on Western’s campus,

online, or virtually at their own high school (select locations by arrangement). If the student meets the academic requirements, a portion of their tuition is waived. Juniors are eligible for a maximum of nine credit hours of tuition waived and seniors are eligible for a maximum of eighteen credit hours of tuition waived for the academic year. Students are responsible for course fees and textbooks. The program not only helps students get ahead on their college credits, it potentially saves thousands of dollars. If you are interested in learning more about the concurrent enrollment program at Western, visit wosc.edu/concurrent or contact recruiting@wosc.edu.

Western Oklahoma State College is the oldest original municipal two-year college still in existence in the State of Oklahoma. Its mission is to provide high quality education, support student success, and empower individuals to become productive members of local, regional and global communities. Western offers high-quality associate degrees and certificates to students in its five-county service area and beyond. For more information, visit wosc.edu.

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