

Pickerings named Lifetime Alumni

Alyssa and Dean Pickering are the newest Lifetime members of Western Oklahoma State College's Alumni Association.

When asked why they decided to become Lifetime members Dean said, "I want to support Western because of its significance for our family and the students."

Dean is married to Lora Lea Pickering, Western Assistant for Academic Support Services and Reach Higher Coordinator. Lora Lea graduated from Western in 1986 and has worked on campus for eight years. Several other members of Lora Lea's family also attended Western.

Alyssa is the daughter of Dean and Lora Lea, and a 2019 Western graduate. She received her associate's degree in liberal arts.

She was involved on campus with the Navigators, Student Senate, and Pioneer Pride. Alyssa was also a homecoming queen candidate in 2017 and currently works in the Learning Resources Center on campus.

"I enjoyed my time at Western, and I liked how close the faculty were to the students," Alyssa said. "They help you in any way that they can."



Alyssa plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma in the fall to double major in Dance Performance and Kinesiology. She plans to pursue a career in dance physiotherapy. Dance has been an important part of Alyssa's life since she was two years old.

When she is not in school, she can be found dancing at Off the Wall Dance Studio. Spending time with her family, reading and baking are also important to Alyssa.

Dean attended several classes at Western in the late 1980s while he was active duty military at Altus Air Force Base. He went on to graduate with

his bachelor of science degree from Southern Illinois University, where he studied workforce education and development.

He retired from the US Air Force as a Master Sergeant after serving 22 years as a boom operator. He now serves in the civil service as a KC-46 equipment specialist. When he is not working, Dean enjoys endurance biking and baseball.

No matter your connection with Western, consider joining the Alumni Association. It is open to any alumni and friends of Western. If you are interested in becoming a Lifetime Member, contact the Development and Alumni

Office at 580-477-7706. All funds from Lifetime memberships are deposited into the Alumni Association Endowment for perpetuity.

The Western Oklahoma State College Foundation provides the opportunity to invest in the future by offering many ways to give. The WOSC Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 organization and exists to generate support for the students and programs of Western Oklahoma State College. For more information on the WOSC Foundation and ways to give, visit wosc.edu/give.

29th Annual
Jim Holland
Memorial Golf Tournament

The Greens of Altus | Four-Person Scramble | Shotgun Start
August 10, 2019 | 8 a.m.

Be a Part of the Longest Running Golf Tournament at The Greens of Altus!

This is the 29th year for the WOSC Foundation and Western Oklahoma State College sponsored Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament. This year's event will take the Jim Holland Scholarship total over \$295,000.00 in endowment funding! Your tax-deductible gift will truly be appreciated as the WOSC Foundation continues our heritage of awarding needed scholarships in memory of our friend and colleague Jim Holland.

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

- July 29: Summer Semester ends
- August 10: Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament
- August 15: Freshman Connection
- August 16: Freshman Connection
- August 19: Fall Semester begins
- August 19: Party at the Point, 8 p.m.
- August 20: Bowling Night, 8 p.m.
- August 21: Movie Night, 6 p.m.
- August 22: Water Slides, 7 p.m.

Western Board Approves Budget and No Increase to Tuition Fees

The Western Oklahoma State College Board of Regents approved the FY20 budget, which includes raises for faculty, as well as no increase in undergraduate tuition and fees.

Under the approved budget, tuition and mandatory fees will remain flat. In-state tuition remains at \$138.90 per credit hour. Non-resident tuition will remain at \$284.05 per credit hour. Tuition and mandatory fee increases require approval by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

"We are pleased to announce that Western will not be increasing tuition or mandatory fees for the upcoming academic year," said Chad Wiginton, Western president. "Our goal has always been to provide a high

quality affordable education, and the efforts of our legislators and Governor Stitt have provided funding that will allow us to keep tuition and fees flat. After a five-year period of declining or flat state appropriations, Oklahoma higher education received an increase of \$28 million from the legislature."

Wiginton said this increase will benefit Western students and faculty.

"The direct impact to Western Oklahoma State College was an additional \$135,037 in performance funding which was legislatively directed toward a 3.5% salary increase for faculty," Wiginton said. "The legislature also fully funded concurrent enrollment and Western's reimbursement based upon last

year's enrollment was an additional \$89,155. The overall state allocated funds for fiscal year 2020 were \$4,548,372."

For more information on enrollment, tuition and fees at Western Oklahoma State College, visit wosc.edu.

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BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND LEARN MORE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTERN.

July 27 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Chick-Fil-A, face painting, games, & more!

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE RECONNECT
July 27 - August 1

Western WINDS Student receives UCO Scholarship



Shantel Coronado, Western graduate and former WINDS student secretary, was recently awarded a \$1,000 transfer scholarship tuition waiver to attend the University of Central Oklahoma.

During her time at Western, Coronado studied biology and was active in the WINDS program on campus, graduating with her associate's degree in May 2019.

She plans to pursue a biology degree at UCO. Long

term, Coronado hopes to fulfill her goal of becoming a dermatologist by attending the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center upon graduation from UCO.

WINDS program director, Mike Pate, and WINDS clerk, Mark Gonzales, presented the scholarship to Coronado.

For more information on Western Oklahoma State College, and how to apply and enroll, visit wosc.edu/enroll.

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