

Celebrating Mike Schulz: the 2019 WOSC Hall of Fame Inductee

The Western Oklahoma State College Alumni Association, along with family, friends and community members, honored Senator Mike Schultz as the 24th inductee into the Western Alumni Association Hall of Fame on Friday, September 20.

The evening started with dinner music and live entertainment provided by Americana Artist and Oklahoma native, Kyle Brewer. Mike's long-time friend, Representative Charles Ortega gave a glimpse into the life of Mike Schulz, the man and the politician.

Schulz was a graduate of Altus High School and attended Western Oklahoma State College before pursuing a degree in agriculture at Oklahoma State University. Schulz has always had a passion for farming and a passion for the people of Oklahoma.

In a 2006 special election, Schulz was elected to the Senate and served for twelve and a half years as



From left: Colton Thornton, Abby Schulz, Mike Schulz, Reenie Schulz, Emily Schulz, and Ben Schulz.

the Oklahoma Senator for District 38. Throughout his Senate tenure, Schulz served as the majority whip, majority floor leader, and in 2017 was elected President Pro Tempore. Over the years, Schulz has been a crucial part of important legislature here in the state of Oklahoma and has received numerous awards including the 2014 Distinguished Service Award from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Education is important to Schulz.

"Western is an important part of our family," Schulz said. "Both of our children graduated

and truly blossomed during their time on campus. Western helps bridge the gap for students who are not ready for a four-year institution."

Mike also commented on how humbled he was to be added to such a prestigious group of former Hall of Fame inductees like

Senator Robert M. Kerr, who he had the privilege to replace in the Senate.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Chad Wiginton, Western's President, congratulated Mike and told those in attendance that Senator Schulz was very deserving of this honor.

"Whether it is out on

the farm, on the golf course, or at the capitol, Mike Schulz was always the same man, humble and kind," Wiginton said.

Nominations for the 2020 Hall of Fame Inductee are now being accepted. Nominations forms can be found at wosc.edu/alumni or email your nomination along with your contact information to alumni@wosc.edu.

The Western Oklahoma State College Alumni Association joins together all communities of southwest Oklahoma in an effort to enhance the leadership of Western Oklahoma State College in higher education for the students of today and tomorrow. The Western Alumni Association represents outstanding students, staff, faculty, administration, and friends bonding together to instill integrity, pride and dedication to Western Oklahoma State College. For more information on joining the Western Alumni Association, visit wosc.edu/alumni.

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

October 14: Meet the Pioneers

October 18 - 21: Campus Closed for Fall Break

October 22: Spring 2020 Enrollmentn Opens

October 24: Pentathlon Organizational Competition

October 26: Western Agriculture's Pumpkin Patch, 3 - 6 p.m.

October 31: BOO Bash, 4 - 6 p.m.

Pioneer Rodeo Team Starts the Year Strong



The Western Oklahoma State College Men's Rodeo team took 2nd overall, and the Women's team took 3rd overall last weekend at their first college rodeo of the season in Colby, KS!

Individuals on the team also performed and succeeded. Sydney Frey (Marlow, OK) won 1st in Barrels. Stran Morris (Woodward, OK) & Jessen James (Moyers, OK) won

Team Roping.

Colton Kofoed (Evanston, WY) won Tie Down Roping, and Garrett Elmore (Springer, OK) placed 2nd in Tie Down Roping.

Jaci Mcemore (Colony, OK) placed 4th in Goat Tying, and Tyler Scheevel (Lester Prairie, MN) placed 3rd in Steer Wrestling.

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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 its five-county service area and beyond. For more information, visit wosc.edu.

Get Social with Western!



Larry Fisher: I Am Western

Western Oklahoma State College alumni from near and far continue to achieve great heights at the local, state and national levels. As a college, we are incredibly proud of our alumni, and want to highlight some of their greatest achievements.

This campaign, "I am Western," was created in hopes to showcase our incredible alumni family and the opportunities their Western education has given them. This month, we are highlighting Larry Fisher.

"I am Larry Fisher, owner of Big Dog Sportswear in Altus. I started my college life at Western Oklahoma State College in the fall of 1977. I knew that Western would be a good way to get a jump on college, and I was right. Several of my high school friends went to Western at the same time as I did, and transferred on to other universities to finish our bachelor's degrees. Western was the spring board to our educations and futures. I have been lucky to return to Western to take other classes after graduation. Western provides a



great educational opportunity, and we are lucky to have it here in southwest Oklahoma. I am Larry Fisher, and I am Western." 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

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Meet the Pioneers!

Monday, October 14 | 6 p.m.
Western Oklahoma State College Gymnasium

MEET PLAYERS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE
DANCE-OFF WITH PIONEER GUY
SLAM-DUNK CONTEST
PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS
FREE HOT DOGS
FACE PAINTING



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