

Mike & Janet Wagoner Named New Lifetime Alumni Members

Mike and Janet Wagoner joined are the newest Lifetime members of the Western Oklahoma State College Alumni Association.

Mike and Janet have a long and continued history with Western. They attended in 1982 and 1983 and both graduated with their associate degrees. Their son, Braden, also graduated in 2013. Mike continues to support Western through First National Bank with the Agriculture programs, FFA, and 4-H. Janet is a former member of the Alumni Board.

The Wagoners loved their time on campus at Western.

“We love that you get a quality education with personal care and concern,” Janet said.

They also said they

enjoyed all of the activities and events on campus that provided opportunities to make new friends. Janet was involved with Speech and Drama, the music program and Student Senate. She was also crowned Ms. WOSC in 1983. Mike was active with the Agriculture department and the Aggie Club.

When asked why they decided to become Lifetime members, Janet said, “As a former educator, education is very important to us, and we believe Western provides a high quality education for students and allows them to be successful individuals and productive members of our communities. We want to have a small part in that.”

Mike and Janet are very involved with their church, FBC Altus, and enjoy

spending time with family. Mike is an avid hunter and fisherman. Janet is also the proud aunt of Western President, Dr. Chad Wiginton.

If you are interested in joining our Alumni Association please contact Whitney Graham at 477-7706 or email alumni@wosc.edu for more information. 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.



From left: Whitney Graham, development and alumni relations, Mike Wagoner, Janet Wagoner, and Larry Duffy, WOSC Foundation, Inc. executive secretary.

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

November 21 – 23: College Closed, Thanksgiving

December 1: College Cuties, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

December 3: Student Senate, 12 p.m., H-9

December 4: Homecoming & Casino Night, 5 – 11 p.m.

December 7 – 13: Finals Week

December 16 – January 1: College Closed, Winter Break

Valerio named HOSA President

When Kristin Valerio, Altus High School senior, joined HOSA – Future Health Professionals, last year, she had no idea what opportunities it would bring. Since then, the experiences and friendships she has made have been second to none, she said.

“HOSA actually stands for Health Occupations Students of America,” Valerio said. “The new name, HOSA – Future Health Professionals, was just adopted recently. I joined HOSA last year and competed in Researched Persuasive Speaking and Writing at the State Leadership Conference.” Valerio went on to discuss the details of that competition, which included an essay and speech over a topic of her choosing, gene editing.

“I took first place at state and advanced to the International Leadership Conference,” she said. “I had an amazing time there and the Southwest Technology Center staff was so supportive and proud of me.”

Over the last year, Valerio served as an officer for the local HOSA chapter. Valerio said her HOSA adviser, Mrs. Davis, convinced her to run for state office.

“Mrs. Davis encouraged me to support the organization that I had so much love for,” Valerio said.

“I knew I wanted to be a state officer because I saw qualities in the current officers that I knew I had.”

At that point, Valerio started working on the necessary steps to run for HOSA state office. She first made a campaign video, then submitted a résumé and application through STEMPremier. Last month, she traveled to Stillwater to take a written exam over HOSA history and laws, write a sample thank you letter, give an introductory speech, perform a reading of a script, and complete a formal interview.

“After that process, HOSA released a slate of students who could be voted to serve as representatives at the Fall Leadership Conference,” Valerio said. “My name was at the top of that list, meaning I was set to either be president or vice president, depending on the votes.”

She said she was a little surprised when it was announced that she would be the next HOSA president. “I had no idea I would become president,” she said. “Everyone running for office was so intelligent, driven and successful. I’m honored to be able to work with a team of nine other incredible individuals who embody so many wonderful traits.”

Valerio said she didn’t realize what a large organization HOSA really was,

and she credits Western for preparing her for such an honorable role.

“Competing at HOSA really opened my eyes to all of the opportunities the organization offers,” Valerio said. “Western helped prepare me for the responsibilities I will take on as HOSA’s president by providing me resources and encouraging me to be my best under pressure.”

Valerio has big plans after graduating from Altus High School in May. As a high school senior, she has already completed 40 credit hours at Western as a concurrent student, and is excited to further her education.

“I’m thrilled to attend Baylor University next fall,” she said. “My time at Western has prepared me for success, both with HOSA and with furthering my education, and that is something I am incredibly thankful for.”

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Western Oklahoma State College HOMECOMING

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 4

SHOW YOUR PRIDE | GREEN AND GOLD DAY ON TUESDAY

5PM HAMBURGER AND HOT DOG COOKOUT

5PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

CORONATION BETWEEN GAMES

7PM MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

9 – 11PM CASINO NIGHT



High School Seniors, wear your High School t-shirt, sign in, and receive a \$100 scholarship at each event you attend!

For more information contact:
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WINDS Collecting Donations for Project Noel

The Western Oklahoma State College WINDS group is collecting donations for Project Noel this season.

Project Noel Altus is a community-wide project. Their main purpose is to provide Christmas gifts for needy children age birth to high school seniors in Jackson County. The distribution is housed in the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church Altus and is partnered by area churches, DHS, Stride Rite Corporation, and many private and corporate members of our community.

WINDS will be collecting through the end of the fall semester on December 14. For more information, contact Mike Pate at mike.pate@wosc.edu or 580-477-7916.



From left: Tami Tart, vice president, Shantel Coronado, secretary, Juane Russell, student senate representative, and Sierra Rose, president.

PIONEER BASKETBALL

November 24 | 4 p.m. | Western Gymnasium