

## We are Western!

Meet sophomore, Kasandra Chavez! Kasandra graduated from Altus High School in 2019. At Western, she is involved in Student Senate and Plant Based Pioneers.

Why Western: I knew I would be in school for a long time, so I thought it was smarter to get my basics done at a way affordable price! Favorite thing about Western: The instructors really care about our grades. They are always willing to help and truly want the students to succeed.

Plans after Western: Transfer to the University of Central Oklahoma and become an orthodontist.

Is there a person at Western who has made an impact in your life? The two people that have impacted me the most at Western are Lisa Chaney and Maegan Martin. They have guided me into what courses to take to make sure I am prepared for my career path. I know they always have the best interest for me and other fellow pioneers.

What impact has Western made on your life?



It has brought me many friends and colleagues that have helped me become independent and driven in order to achieve the goals I have in life.

Advice to future Pioneer: Go to class! Your GPA does matter and follows you! Also, get involved!!

## UPCOMING AT WESTERN

- Nov. 5: Pioneer Preview
- Nov. 5: Coffee and Canvas
- Nov. 9: Nursing Information Session
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day- Campus Closed
- Nov. 13: World Kindness Day
- Nov. 17: Masked Singer Competition
- Nov. 23-27: Thanksgiving Break

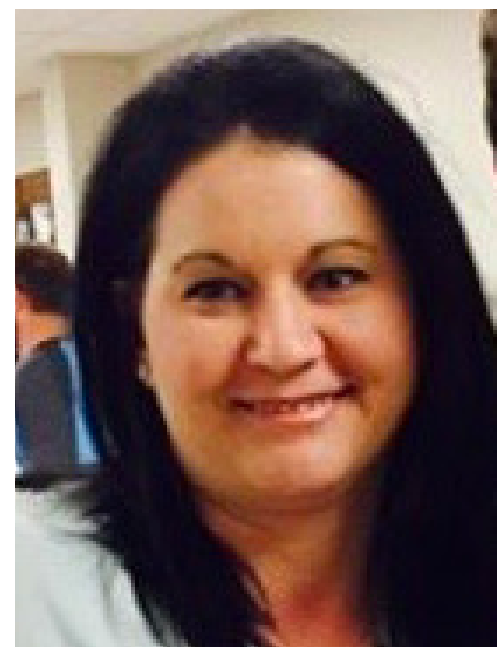
## Tammy Marchall Joins WOSC Alumni Association

Western's Alumni Association is pleased to be adding another leaf to our Lifetime Tree. Tammy Marshall is from Cordell, Oklahoma. Tammy graduated high school in 1998 and enrolled at Western in the fall of 2017. As a non-traditional student, Tammy worked full-time while taking classes full-time so she was not able to be as involved with campus activities as she would have liked. Even though she did not spend much time on the campus, she does have fond memories of the ladies in the testing center. Tammy says that she will never forget how sweet they were. She said that they always made her feel good about herself and that no matter how early in the morning she showed up to test, the ladies always had a smile on their faces.

Tammy graduated from Western in December of 2019 with her Associate of Arts in Behavioral Science. She has been employed at Ray & Martha's Funeral Home for six years where she manages all six locations and runs the Cordell office. Tammy is currently attending the Dallas Institute of Funeral Services with plans to become a funeral director / embalmer.

When asked about the impact that Western had on her, Tammy said, "Western made me feel like I could accomplish anything, it gave me hope. Western is amazing!" Tammy also said that she is proud to be an alumna of Western where her own son now attends. Tammy said that she never thought that college would be a possibility for someone her age and she was a nervous wreck when she enrolled. Western helped her overcome her fears and she says that without Western, she would not be where she is today. Tammy says, "I loved it at Western, I owe everything to them."

We want to hear your Western story! If you are interested in becoming part of the Alumni Association, contact Debbie Valerio at 580-477-7784 or email at alumni@wosc.edu.



## Stewart receives Honor

Christina Stewart has been selected as Western's recipient of the 2020 Oklahoma Association of Community College's Outstanding Support Staff award.

Christina will be honored during the OACC Virtual Support Staff Ceremony on Friday, November 5th, 2020. President Wiginton presented Christina with a gold medallion with the OACC logo on the front and "Outstanding Support Staff" on the back.

Western appreciates all that Christina does on a daily basis to support our faculty, staff and students. She is truly a shining light!



## Buescher scholarship recipient

"Currently pursuing her Associate's Degree, Shaylon plans to earn a doctorate in wildlife biology. Despite growing up in the heavily Christian state of Montana, she grew up mostly agnostic. Her secular upbringing has shaped her values of open-mindedness and equality.

Shaylon is a co-founder of the Secular Student Alliance on her campus and a co-founder of the Adult Atheist Society for her town. She hopes her SSA can be a place free from religious or anti-religious attacks. With many members of her group not wanting their families to know of their atheism and non-religious views, Shaylon puts herself forward to represent the group so others don't feel pressured to be seen. This year, as she works to grow the SSA on campus she is motivated by a desire to see secularism normalized in her community, even if she is in the Bible Belt.

Shaylon is driven by her belief that everyone should be treated equally, especially in this time of crisis. Her activism helps create space on campus and in her community for religious



Shaylon Buescher, Sophomore at Western Oklahoma State College

and non-religious students alike to come together in conversation. She hopes to provide the freedom from judgment she had growing up to those that want it.

Shaylon's scholarship is sponsored by Oklahoma Atheists."

\*Story provided by secularstudents.org

**WESTERN** Department of Nursing Education  
Oklahoma State College

## NURSING INFORMATION SESSION



➤ LPN – RN  
Face to Face, Online,  
& Evening Tracks

➤ General Applicants  
Face to Face &  
Evening Track

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2020 | 10 AM**

Learn about the program requirements, nursing admission testing, application process, the mobility challenge exam for the LPN, and more. Get your questions answered!

R.S.V.P. required due to COVID-19 social distancing precautions. Please call the Nursing Office by Thursday, November 5, 2020 3:30pm CST



The Western Oklahoma State College Associate of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at 2600 Virginia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20037.

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Nursing Info Session Locations:  
Altus Campus, Hershel H. Crow Fine Arts Center, Pioneer Heritage Center (PHC)

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