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UPCOMING AT WESTERN

February 13: Pioneer Preview

February 17: Presidents' Day, College Closed

February 18: Organizational Bowling Competition, 7 p.m.

February 20: Research Paper Writing Workshop in LRC

March 5: Lip Sync Battle

Berfield Joins WOSC Alumni Association



Norman Berfield, Jr., is Western Oklahoma State College's newest Lifetime Alumni member. Norm studied liberal arts and graduated in May 2015 with an associate's degree. Berfield continued his education at the University of Oklahoma and is currently studying cyber security and seeking his bachelor's degree at Western Governor's University.

While attending Western, Berfield was very active on campus. He was a member of both the Rotaract Club and WINDS. He was also in the work study program and proudly said that at one point he held three jobs while juggling a full-time course schedule.

Berfield said some of his favorite memories here on campus were times spent singing in the Western Choir. He felt it was a great

way to relieve stress. He also said he enjoyed spending time with his fellow students shooting pool in Pioneer Point and being involved in campus social events like Spirit Week.

Berfield returned to campus in March of 2019 to take a technical support position in the IT Department. He left in December of that same year and is currently employed at Concentrix as a product support agent, and said he has plans to move into a tech support position.

"Western is what got me my start," Berfield said. "At Western, you always had people to believe in you, even after your long gone. That's why I decided to support the Alumni Association. I was always supported by the college, and I felt I needed to support them back."

If you are interested

Sen. Brent Howard receives Higher Education Distinguished Service Award

Sen. Brent Howard was recognized with the 2019 Distinguished Service Award for Higher Education during a special ceremony today at Western Oklahoma State College. He was honored for his strong support and effective advocacy of higher education during his first term. He is a member of the state Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Agriculture and Wildlife, General Government and Judiciary committees. "Since his election to the State Senate in 2018, Sen. Howard has been a consistent supporter of higher education and an advocate for the state system of higher education's budget request, including increasing faculty pay, fully funding concurrent enrollment for high school seniors and providing additional funds for Section 13 offset monies, which are utilized for deferred maintenance and capital expenditure purposes at our colleges and universities," said Chancellor Glen D. Johnson. "We



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are pleased to honor Sen. Howard today with the 2019 Distinguished Service Award for Higher Education." The Distinguished Service Awards for Higher Education recognize individuals who demonstrate distinguished leadership and support of higher education in Oklahoma during

the legislative session. It is the highest award presented by the State Regents and the Council of College and University Presidents. 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 its five-county service area and beyond. For more information, visit wosc.edu.

Scholarship Applications
due March 2!
wosc.edu/scholarships

North Fork Correctional Center & Western Partnership

Western Oklahoma State College and the North Fork Correctional Center have partnered together to give incarcerated individuals access to higher education. At the end of the fall 2019 semester, Western faculty member, Casey Podoll, had the chance to work with her North Fork English Composition I students to create a video project. This project was inspired by a

self-analysis essay that the students wrote earlier in the semester. Podoll said she was so moved by the essays, that she wanted to be able to share their story on a broader platform. The video project was the perfect way to do that.

The video will be used for teaching purposes and is also a creative project that the students at North Fork

can keep for a lifetime. It is a tool that both Western and North Fork can use for future demonstrations, promotions, and more.

Western highly values the partnership with North Fork and believes the continued opportunities provide incarcerated individuals with the ability to change their life.

WESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE
PIONEER PREVIEW
Feb. 13 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- INFO SESSION
- CAMPUS TOUR
- NETWORK WITH CURRENT STUDENTS, STAFF & FACULTY
- FREE MEAL
- \$100 SCHOLARSHIP

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