

Western's Student Senate creates Pioneer Pantry



During the holidays, Western Oklahoma State College's Student Senate decided to create the Pioneer Pantry. It has been a campus-wide effort, and the Pantry is finally ready to open.

The Pioneer Pantry was designed as a place for those in need to come for food, toiletries and more on campus.

"It has been a campus-wide effort to put this project together, and we are so excited with the progress that has been made," said Terri Pearson, Western Student Support Services vice president.

The Pioneer Pantry should be open this week.

"The students and staff

have been a great help in getting things started," said Kinsey Wilmes, Western Student Senate president. "Everyone from Student Senate is so grateful for everyone's help and cannot wait for the Pioneer Pantry to be up and running!"

Student Senate members were inspired during the holiday season, and they said they are thrilled to finally see the hard work the entire campus has put in pay off.

"It's neat to see students create an idea and have the opportunity to watch it come to fruition," Pearson said. "I'm excited to see what the coming years will bring to the Pioneer Pantry and Western."

For more information regarding the Pioneer Pantry and ways to get involved, contact Terri Pearson at terri.pearson@wosc.edu or 580-477-7918.

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Staff Senate Donates to AHS

Altus High School juniors are preparing to take the ACT exam this week. The Western Oklahoma State College Staff Senate decided to help those students stay on track, and donated drinks and snacks for those students.

Two hundred and thirty two students are testing, beginning on April 2, through the rest of the week.

"This was just a small way we could help AHS juniors prepare for the ACT," said Katie Brewer, Western assistant director of admissions/registrar, testing coordinator, and Staff Senate chair. "We know how stressful testing can be, and we were excited to have the opportunity to provide drinks and snacks to Altus High School."

Western's mission is to provide high quality education, support student



From left: Katie Brewer, Sheryl James, Altus High School counselor, Solimar Nieves, AHS student, and Maegan Martin.

success, and empower individuals to become productive members of local, regional, and global communities. One of the biggest ways to do that is to provide for those right here in southwest Oklahoma.

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WATCH PARTY

April 8 | 8 p.m. | Pioneer Point

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

- April 2: Money Smart Workshop, LRC
- April 3: Student Senate, 12 p.m., H-9
- April 3 - 10: Mr. and Ms. WOSC Voting
- April 4: Intramural Volleyball
- April 11: Job & Career Development Workshop, LRC
- April 12, 13 and 14: Willy Wonka Musical
- April 17: Student Senate, 12 p.m., H-9
- April 19: Campus Closed for Good Friday

Pioneer Baseball

April 3 | 1 & 3 p.m.
vs. Seminole State

Alumni Association hosts Pancake Breakfast

The Western Oklahoma State College Alumni Association and Western's musical cast of Willy Wonka teamed up for a Pancake breakfast last Saturday. The WOSC Alumni Board served the food and helped clear tables. While the guests waited for their food, Mr. Wonka, the Oompa Loompas and various other cast members entertained the crowd. They sang selections from the production and stayed in character as they talked with the guests. "This event was fun and brought together community members, alumni, current and future students," said Katie Brewer, Western assistant director of admissions and registrar and testing coordinator, and alumni board member. "As an Alumni Board Member, Western employee, and



Western president, Chad Wiginton, stopped by the breakfast for pancakes and a chance to spend some time with Wonka's Oompa Loompas.

parent of a cast member it was wonderful to see everyone supporting Western's Alumni Association and Western's Willy Wonka Spring 2019 musical." The Alumni Board was happy to have a chance to

help promote the musical and be in the Altus community. Proceeds from the event benefited the WOSC Alumni Association and the students at Western. If you are interested in supporting the WOSC

Alumni Association, contact Whitney Graham at 477-7706 or whitney.graham@wosc.edu for more information.

Western hosts "Get Ahead. Get Enrolled." Event

Western Oklahoma State College faculty and staff welcomed over 170 students to this semester's enrollment event, "Get Ahead. Get Enrolled." on March 26 and 27.

Current and prospective students visited campus on March 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. and March 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to enroll for Summer and Fall 2019 courses. Those who attended had the opportunity to visit with faculty, staff and students, learn more about campus organizations, enroll in courses, and more. Those who enrolled also received a free T-shirt.

"This enrollment event was designed to put

students at ease, as they navigate the entire enrollment process in one stop," said Terri Pearson, Western Student Support Services vice president. "Students could complete the college application, get financial aid assistance, and meet with an adviser, all in one room."

Students had the chance to choose courses that fit their schedule. Classes do fill up as a new semester draws closer, so attending the event gave them the opportunity to select the exact courses they would prefer.

"Locking in the perfect schedule is one of the most important reasons to enroll

early," said Katie Brewer, Western assistant director of admissions and registrar, and testing coordinator. "Western is known for its small class sizes, which means they do fill up quickly. Attending our enrollment event gave students the chance to not only create that perfect schedule, but also meet with people on campus that will help them succeed."

Students had the chance to choose a major and be matched to an adviser in that academic area. The event gave them the chance to meet their adviser, other faculty that they may have as instructors, staff who will help

them with billing and admissions, and students who will become friends and classmates.

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