

Kid's College Success

Nearly 120 students enrolled in this year's Kid's College during the weeks of June 18 and June 25.

Students ranging in age from 5 to 18 years old had the opportunity to participate in classes including Lego Robotics, Unicorn Poop (Crafts), Programming and Electronics with Raspberry Pi Computers, and Golf.

Nick Cavin, this year's Kid's College coordinator, said the camp was a great success.

"Kid's College is a great way to give back to the southwest Oklahoma community," Cavin said. "I've enjoyed working with students, faculty and staff to make Kid's College a fun experience."

Cavin also said he appreciated all of the effort



Nineteen students participated in this year's Unicorn Poop class during the first week of Kid's College.

local businesses put in.

"The Greens of Altus helped tremendously with our 'Let's Golf' class," he said. "Jackson County Memorial Hospital hosted a cooking class, and Jackson County 4-H put on a science and lego robotics class."

Students who attend Kid's College have the opportunity to learn, make new friends, and get a glimpse of Western Oklahoma State College. For more information on events, campus and activities on campus, visit wosc.edu/calendar.

Students Enroll at "Get the Scoop" On Western Event

New and returning Western Oklahoma State College students had the chance to enroll at this year's first annual "Get the Scoop" on Western enrollment event on June 20.

Students met with their advisors, enrolled for summer and fall courses, and participated in a scavenger hunt.

Ice cream sundaes were provided by the Western faculty and staff, and every student that enrolled received Western decals and phone rings.

Melissa Smith, Western Director of Online Education, helped organize the event.

"This was such a great opportunity to celebrate summer and help students



get enrolled," Smith said. "I am very pleased with how successful the event was this year."

The event was a huge success, with thirty students enrolling in nearly

100 courses. The Western team hopes to build this event to become a tradition every summer! For more information on how to enroll, visit wosc.edu/enroll.

Jay and Myrna Cross Named Western Lifetime Alumni Members



The Western Oklahoma State College Alumni Association is pleased to have Jay and Myrna Cross as the newest Lifetime Alumni Members.

Jay and Myrna have been part of the Western family for many years. Myrna graduated in 1987 with an associate of arts degree. While at Western, Myrna was part of the Prairie Singers and Phi Theta Kappa. She went on to graduate from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in business. In 1988, Myrna began working as the Financial Aid secretary at Western, and in 1995 she became the

Director of Financial Aid. Jay graduated from Western in 1993 with an associate of science degree, and later graduated with his bachelor's degree from Cameron University. Jay played basketball while he was at Western, and he is also a proud participant in our annual Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament. Jay has been part of the winning team three times, so far. Myrna said the decision to become Lifetime Members was evident when she celebrated her 30th work anniversary at Western. "When I realized I had been working at Western for thirty years, I decided it

was time to finally become a Lifetime member," Myrna said. "Western has always been family to us and a major part of our lives. The two met while at Western and actually had their wedding reception at the school. Former President, Randy Cumby, even made Myrna's bouquet. There is no doubt that they are part of the Western family, and it is an honor to have them join the Lifetime Alumni Association. If you are interested in joining Western's Alumni Association, contact Whitney Graham at 580-477-7706, visit the website at wosc.edu or email us at alumni@wosc.edu.

JIM HOLLAND MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by
the WOSC Foundation, Inc. and
Western Oklahoma State College

August 11 | 8 a.m.
The Greens of Altus
Four-Person Scramble
Shotgun Start

Register by August 3

Western Oklahoma State College President Retires

Education Notes, The Oklahoman



From left: Randy Cumby, WOSC's fourth president, Dr. Phil Birdine, WOSC's fifth president, and Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC's sixth president.

Phil Birdine retired Saturday, June 30, as the fifth president of Western Oklahoma State College. Birdine served as president for eight years.

He was named president after serving as vice president for academic and student support services. Before that, he worked at Oklahoma State University, Langston University and

Carl Albert State College.

Birdine is a U.S. Army veteran. He and his wife, Gloria, have four children and 10 grandchildren.

The WOSC Board of Regents selected Chad Wiginton to be the next president effective July 1. He was vice president for student support services, and also worked in student recruitment, student

retention and alumni relations.

Wiginton earned his associate degree in business administration from Western before earning a bachelor's degree at Belmont University, his master's degree at Middle Tennessee State University and his doctoral degree at Northcentral University.

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Come hang with us while meeting new friends and learning about Western!

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- FRIDAY | AUGUST 10 | 9AM
- IN THE PIONEER HERITAGE CENTER

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