

Melissa Maples named New WOSC President's Partner

Melissa Maples is Western Oklahoma State College's newest President's Partner.

The WOSC Foundation, Inc. President's Partners Program is designed to enhance educational opportunities and student learning experiences by providing necessary funding for scholarships, program funding, endowments and other development for the college. Each President's Partner pledges an annual contribution to the WOSC Foundation, Inc. of at least \$1,000 to support college programs.

Melissa is fairly new to southwest Oklahoma and Western Oklahoma State College. She started as the Vice President for Business Affairs on July 1, and said she is excited to be a part of the new executive team at Western.

"I am excited to see

how our faculty, staff and executive team can expand upon the solid foundation that was built before us," Melissa said. "I hope to help students receive a high-quality education and start an adult-life mentally well-equipped and without being overly burdened with debt for many years."

Melissa has a unique background. Prior to her arrival at Western, she worked for BP Energy Partners, a private equity company sponsored by T. Boone Pickens. She was responsible for accounting, information technology, and fund operations functions for BP and its affiliates. She also worked at MUFG Capital Analytics as a fund accountant, after receiving her master's degree from the University of North Texas. Prior to accounting, Melissa managed

several restaurants in the Dallas, Texas area.

Western president, Dr. Chad Wiginton, said although Melissa is new to Western, he considers her part of the Pioneer family.

"Western was extremely fortunate to have attracted an individual for our Vice President of Business Affairs position like Melissa Maples," Dr. Wiginton said. "Coming from the private sector, she has a totally different perspective on issues than many of us who have spent our entire careers in higher education. Her energy, work ethic and passion for serving our students and communities makes her a great fit for Western."

The Western Oklahoma State College Foundation provides the opportunity to invest in the future by offering many ways to give.



From left: Larry Duffy, WOSC Foundation, Inc. executive secretary, Melissa Maples and Dr. Chad Wiginton, Western President.

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Oklahoma State College. For more information on the WOSC Foundation and ways to give, visit wosc.edu/give.

Welcome Week



Students had the opportunity to play pool, ping pong and more at the Party at the Point on Monday night.

To celebrate the first week of the fall semester, Western hosted events each night for Welcome Week.

Students had the chance to make friends at the Party at the Point, Water Slides at

Quartz Mountain, Movie Night, Bowling Night and Parking Lot Party.

Each evening was full of fun, food, games and more.

Western's Student

Services department works diligently to host events like Welcome Week throughout the semester. For a full list of events, visit wosc.edu/calendar.

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