



Western Oklahoma State College hosted its third annual Pioneer Preview on Thursday, February 8. Nearly 200 high school seniors from across the state of Oklahoma attended the event. Students had the opportunity to take a campus tour, hear from current Western faculty and students and enjoy all Western has to offer. This event has grown over the last three years to be a huge tradition on campus!

Miss Altus 2018 Crowned

The annual Miss Altus competition was on Saturday, February 10 in the Western Oklahoma State College auditorium.

Nine young women competed throughout the evening, and seven of those are current Western students.

Miss Altus 2017, Meghan Dorn, is a Western student and Ambassador, and gave away the crown to Loclynn Lively, the new Miss Altus. Lively also studies at Western and serves as an Ambassador.

Current Miss Oklahoma, Triana Browne, attended the event along with Miss Lawton, Lexie Herron, and Miss Elk City, Melanie Mikles. It was an exciting evening for all involved!

For more information on community events, visit wosc.edu/community.



Loclynn Lively was crowned Miss Altus 2018 on February 10. She is originally from Mangum, Okla., and is a current student at Western.

Po6 Supports WOSC Theater Program

Po6 (Power of 6) is a small group of patrons of the arts whose goal is to help art organizations in the southwest Oklahoma area.

The group has pledged a \$1,000 contribution to the Musical Theater Program at Western Oklahoma State College.

If you would like to support a program on campus, please contact the Foundation at 477-7706 or foundation@wosc.edu, or visit wosc.edu.



From left: Larry Duffy, WOSC Foundation, Inc. executive secretary, Po6 members – Cathy Stone, Kathy Hale, Barbara Bureson, Christy Detwiler, Krystal Martin and Donna Tucker (seated).

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

- February 13: Organizational Bowling Competition, 7 p.m.
- February 15: Student Senate, 12:15 p.m., H-9
- February 19: College Closed, President's Day
- March 1: Student Senate, 12:15 p.m., H-9
- March 6: LRC Video Game Tournament, 3 – 5 p.m.
- March 8: Lip Sync Battle, 7 p.m.

Nickel elected Oklahoma Board of Nursing President

Carmen Nickel, MSN, RN, of Bessie, OK was recently elected as the Oklahoma Board of Nursing President. Nickel will have to honor to serve as President from January 2018- January 2019. She was appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing on July 9th, 2015.

Carmen is the Director of Nursing Education at Western Oklahoma State College. She earned her Bachelors of Science in Nursing at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1993. During her 24 years in nursing, she has gained experience in the areas of labor & delivery, home care, hospice, nursing management, marketing, and education.

In addition to her experience, Carmen continued her education at Northeastern State University and obtained a Master's of Science in nursing education degree. This is where she acquired a great interest in cultural diversity and Jean Watson's theory of caring. Her interest in culture has led to the development of an assessment tool to help ensure all patients receive the care they deserve. Carmen's philosophy states caring and treating all patients as individuals separates the excellent from the mediocre nurse.

Carmen has been married to Monte Nickel, her high school sweetheart, for 32 years. Their union has blessed them with three

beautiful children Whitney, Carsen and Camryn. She is the daughter of Gary and Margaret Madison of Cordell, OK.

According to Kim Glazier, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, the board's mission is to safeguard the public's health, safety and welfare through the regulation of nursing practice and nursing education in Oklahoma. "The charge for this board is to ensure that any person who practices registered nursing, practical nursing, or advanced practice registered nursing in this state is competent to do so," Glazier said. "The board is a positive resource for nursing professionals in Oklahoma."

The eleven members of the Board of Nursing are appointed by the Governor, and serve for five years. Six appointees are registered nurses, three are licensed practical nurses, and two are citizens of the State who represent the public.

The Board meets six scheduled times per year, with each meeting lasting three days, during which time the Board conducts business and licensure hearings (for licensed individuals alleged to have violated the Nurse Practice Act). Board members also serve on various committees of the Board.

The functions of the Board include providing consultation, conducting conferences, forums, studies



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and research on nursing education and practice; prescribing standards for educational programs that prepare persons for licensure to practice registered or practical nursing and for certification to practice as an advanced unlicensed assistive person; administering the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered and Practical Nurses; licensing/certifying and renewing the license/certification of duly-qualified applicants.

The Board also develops rules to identify the essential elements of education and practice necessary to protect the public; provides the records for public inspection under the provisions of the Open Records Act; conducts hearings upon charges calling for disciplinary action; and maintains a Peer Assistance Program for nurses whose competency may be compromised by chemical abuse or dependence.

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