

## We Are Western: Angel DeWitt

Coming from a small high school, Angel DeWitt said she is thankful for the easy transition Western gave her.

"I graduated with 36 people, so going from that close-knit, family type of feel, to Western, was such an easy transition," she said.

DeWitt is a current work-study in the Western Oklahoma State College Testing Center. DeWitt credits this opportunity for her connections within the college.

"It has connected me with the people I need to be successful here. I work right across from financial aid, so I get to have a relationship with them. I have benefited from working in the college in so many ways. I get to do my homework during downtime, and there aren't any distractions. I'm right down the hall from the Vice President of Student Services, so I can ask him anything when I need it, and he'll give me a quick, honest answer, so being



blessed with this opportunity has been awesome."

DeWitt plans on continuing her education either at The University of Central Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University with plans to pursue a degree in either Criminal Justice or Business.

"I think Western has given me the opportunity to take courses that are well structured. I can go to my

classes and really feel like I am learning what I want to learn, and I feel like I can take that with me on my next step. I decided to start with Western because it's small, it's affordable, and because of this, I am ready to see what's next in life for me."

For more stories like Angel DeWitt's, visit [wosc.edu/wearewestern](http://wosc.edu/wearewestern).

## Mr. & Ms. WOSC 2018 Luncheon

April 25 | 11:30 a.m.

## UPCOMING AT WESTERN

April 19: Student Senate, 12:15 p.m., H-9

April 25: Mr. & Ms. WOSC Luncheon

April 26: Scooterball Organizational Competition, 7 p.m.

May 1: Intramural Basketball, 6 p.m.

May 3: Student Senate, 12:15 p.m., H-9

May 7 – May 10: Finals Week

May 11: Commencement, 7 p.m., WOSC Gymnasium

## Campus Kudos: Daniel Becerra



This month's Campus Kudos is Daniel Becerra. His nomination is below. I would like to nominate Daniel Becerra, He has worked very hard installing the LED lighting through the hallways at Western. He completes this task in a very timely, safe and effective manner. Daniel is continuously walking the halls looking for ways to improve our college. Jimmy Poe (left) and Anita Miller (right) presented Becerra with his Campus Kudos treat.

Are you "DOG-TIRED" from exams?

## Come Join Us For



## De-stress with Dogs Day!

Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> (10am-12pm)  
North Entrance of WOSC

Western Oklahoma State College is teaming up with local animal shelters to bring some fascinating furry friends for us to meet, pet, play, walk, and unwind with!

## Hoffman finds Comfort in Kansas

By Ted Harbin

ALTUS, Okla. – Jenna Hoffman has been waiting for a moment like she experienced this past weekend.

Hoffman, a freshman at Western Oklahoma State College, has hoped to get in unison with her barrel racing horse, Cooper. After a year of working together, it happened at the Garden City (Kan.) Community College rodeo.

"It was a pretty good weekend," said Hoffman of Sheridan, Wyo. "When I went into the first round, I had a goal to not tip any barrels and have a nice, clean run. Fortunately, we got into the short-go. Once I got there, I wanted to run a 14.8- (second) run, and I was 14.7."

It was the first time all season she had earned a short-round spot in barrel racing, and her 14.76-second run on the final day pushed her to a third-place finish in the round and fourth place overall.

"I had a lot of confidence, and I knew my horse was feeling good," she said of Cooper, an 11-year-old buckskin gelding she acquired a year ago. "We didn't have a very good first semester. I was dealing

with a lot of health issues with him and couldn't run him, but I think this is a very good indicator that he's feeling good and back to where he was before."

Of course, it helped to have a little help from coach Jess Tierney, a lifelong cowboy who has excelled in roping events. Being a solid horseman came in handy for Hoffman.

"For the past couple of weeks, Jess has been helping me tune up my barrel horse," she said. "He actually got on Cooper and got him to listening better to what we needed to do."

It paid off, but Hoffman was always expecting it to happen.

"We had an OK season my senior year of high school," Hoffman said. "We didn't fully click right away. When I got down here, we went to some open rodeos and started clicking pretty good before he had the health issues."

"When you send him into the arena, the harder you push him, the harder he is going to turn. Knowing his is going to go in and do his job makes it to where I don't have to worry about his runs and just have to

focus on riding well."

Hoffman wasn't the only Western athlete to find success in southwest Kansas. She was joined by a trio of tie-down ropers, led by Shane Smith of Wimborne, Alberta, who parlayed a 9.1-second first run (second in the round) and an 8.5-second short-round run (first) to win the average.

He was followed by Colton Kofoed of Evanston, Wyo., who won the opening round with an 8.5, was fourth in the short with a 9.5 and finished second overall. Teammate J.T. Adamson of Cody, Neb., was third in the opener, fifth in the finale and fourth overall.

It's performances like that that helped each athlete realize just why they are attending college in Altus.

"To me, it just seemed like a good fit," Hoffman said. "I didn't meet Jess before I came down here, but I'm very happy I came down here. It's been a great experience so far."

That's just what every student athlete hopes for when they get to college.

For more information on the Western Rodeo team, visit [woscrodeo.com](http://woscrodeo.com).

### Saturday STEM Camp

Western Oklahoma State College  
April 21, 2018

For 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade students  
\$25 per student

Choose one:  
Session 1: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Session 2: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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## 2018 Commencement

May 11  
7:00 p.m.