

We Are Western: Deena Morley

Deena Morley grew up in Weatherford, Oklahoma. She received a bachelor's and master's degree from Oklahoma State University, where she met her husband.

After moving to Lubbock to pursue a job in the research field, Morley knew something was missing. "We lived in Lubbock, and I just wasn't happy there. I wanted to get into education, so we moved to Altus. This is definitely where home is."

Morley is in her third year teaching at Western Oklahoma State College. "It's always been my dream job. I worked as an adjunct professor our first summer here. I loved the environment, and I loved the people I was working with. I felt like even as an adjunct, they respected me



and respected my opinions. From then on, it has been an incredible place to work."

Teaching science courses, Morley sees a lot of faces. She loves the opportunity to make an impact on each of her students.

"Western makes me

want to be a better person. I always want to continue to learn, not only for the benefit of myself, but for the benefit of my students, as well."

For more stories like Deena's, visit wosc.edu/wearewestern.

Earls & George Named Mr. and Ms. WOSC 2018



This year's Mr. and Ms. WOSC Luncheon was Wednesday, April 25. At the luncheon, Garrett Earls and Darcy George were named Mr. and Ms. WOSC 2018.

Mr. and Ms. WOSC candidates must be considered sophomore students,

highly active on campus, and have a 2.5 GPA or higher. Each of the fifteen candidates this year presented those qualities, which was evident by all of the kind words said by those who nominated them.

The luncheon provided

a great opportunity to recognize these students and their accomplishments during their time at Western. For more information on campus events, visit wosc.edu/calendar.

Second-Annual STEM Camp Success



Western Oklahoma State College hosted their second annual STEM Camp on April 21.

This year, Biology II and Chemistry II students worked together to plan and teach hands-on activities to introduce or reinforce

scientific concepts to 17 first through fourth grade students.

Western's STEM Camp is a service-learning project that is part of the science classroom curriculum on campus. Western students use what they have learned

in class to provide a service to the community.

This year's camp raised \$425, which was donated to the Western Science Club.

For more information on STEM Camp or other events, visit wosc.edu/calendar.

Call for Public Comments

Western Oklahoma State College is seeking comments from the public about the college in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. Western will host a visit October 1-2, 2018, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The team will review the institution's ongoing ability

to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation. Western has been accredited by the Commission since 1976.

Comments must be in writing and must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs.

Submit comments to HLC at hlcommission.org/

comment or mail them to the address below. All comments must be received by September 1, 2018.

Public Comment on Western Oklahoma State College
The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

May 7: De-Stress with Dogs, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., North Entrance

May 7 – May 10: Finals Week

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

May 28: College Closed, Memorial Day

Wiginton Named 6th WOSC President

Dr. Chad Wiginton will become the sixth president of Western Oklahoma State College this summer. The Western Board of Regents made the selection in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 17.

Wiginton, a former graduate of Western, was selected following a nationwide search. Wiginton has held numerous positions at the college, including his current role, Vice President of Student Support Services, Dean of Student Support Services, Director of Student Recruitment, Director of Alumni Relations, and WINDS Retention Coordinator. His time with Western dates back over two decades ago, when he completed his associate's degree, majoring in business administration.

"I am honored and humbled, and I thank the Board of Regents for placing their trust in me to be Western Oklahoma State College's sixth president," Wiginton said. "I walked the halls of this institution as a student twenty-three years ago, and, since that time, my respect, fondness and passion for Western has steadily grown. I look forward to serving our students, faculty, staff and communities in this new role and pledge to uphold the qualities of the Pioneers that have come before me."

Wiginton continued his education after Western, completing his bachelor's degree at Belmont University in 1999, his master's degree at Middle



Wiginton will become the sixth president of Western Oklahoma State College this summer, following the retirement of Dr. Phil Birdine.

Tennessee State University in 2001, and his doctorate degree, most recently, at Northcentral University in 2017.

"We are very pleased to announce Dr. Chad Wiginton as the next President of Western Oklahoma State College," said Brent Howard, Chairman of the Board of Regents. "We had a national search with many qualified candidates, but the experience and reputation set Dr. Wiginton apart. In addition, Dr. Wiginton's dedication to Western and the surrounding schools made the choice apparent that he would provide leadership to this college and the community for many

years. The Board looks forward to working with Dr. Wiginton and Dr. Birdine through this transition, as well as building the vision and future for Western with the new administration."

Western Oklahoma State College is the oldest original municipal two-year college still in existence in the state of Oklahoma. Its mission is to provide high quality education, support student success, and empower individuals to become productive members of local, regional and global communities. Western offers high-quality associate degrees and certificates to its five-county service area and beyond.

MAY WE TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH?



TUESDAY MAY 1ST (12:30PM – 1:30PM)
In the Learning Resources Center

Guest Speaker:

Linda Magourik

NAMI (Natl. Alliance on Mental Illness)

All Are Welcome to Join!
Snacks And Drinks Provided!