

## Manos named VP for Student Affairs



Dr. Keila Manos, Vice President for Student Affairs

Effective July 1, Western Oklahoma State College named Dr. Keila Manos Vice President for Student Affairs. Manos, a Navajo High School graduate, brings more than 15 years of higher education experience to Western Oklahoma State College. While at Western Manos has been a valuable asset in student services, serving as the Director of Student Success and Assistant Registrar, as well as, an Adjunct Sociology Instructor. "I am thrilled to be able to move home and serve the community. I look forward to working with the students, faculty, and staff at Western and contributing to southwest Oklahoma's future," said Manos. "When Dr. Manos joined the Western family in 2020, she brought to campus a wealth of experience from her tenure at multiple institutions of higher education. As Western's director of student

success, she has been instrumental in transforming internal processes to provide enhanced services for students. Her innovative spirit and unwavering work ethic will be invaluable to our executive team," said Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President.

Manos began her career in higher education at the College of Arts & Sciences, University of Missouri-Kansas City holding the position of Scholarship Coordinator/Academic Advisor. She continued academic advising at the University of South Carolina Beaufort. After her move back to her home state of Oklahoma, she held the positions of Registrar at Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City and Associate Registrar at Oklahoma State University-Stillwater. Manos earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Oklahoma State University, her master's in education in Educational Leadership from Oklahoma State University and Sociology from Arizona State University and her doctorate in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies from Oklahoma State University.

Reporting directly to the president, Manos will oversee a division composed of multiple departments relating to student services including recruitment, admission, advising, enrollment, financial aid, counseling, federal grants, AAFB relations and student government, while working with faculty and staff to ensure the college's mission is accomplished effectively. One of her many goals include helping Western's students get the most of their Western experience as they prepare for further education or to enter the workforce.

## UPCOMING AT WESTERN

August 12 | Freshman Connection | 1 PM | PHC

August 13 | Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament

August 16 | Classes Begin

August 16-19 | Welcome Week

August 24 | Organization Fair | 9 AM - 12:30 PM

August 25 | Welcome Back Bingo | 6 PM | PHC

August 30 | Chad Cargill ACT Workshop | 8: 30 AM

## Welcome back, PIONEERS

Join us for Welcome Week, August 16-19

**TUESDAY, AUG 16 | PARTY AT THE POINT**  
7 PM - 10 PM | Pioneer Point

**WEDNESDAY, AUG 17 | BOWLING NIGHT**  
7 PM - 9 PM | Town & Country Lanes

**THURSDAY, AUG 18 | MOVIE NIGHT**  
4 PM - 11 PM | Heritage Park Theater  
Pick up movie tickets near front desk

**FRIDAY, AUG 19 | POOL PARTY**  
7 PM - 9 PM | Altus City Pool



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COMING SOON...

**CHAD CARGILL  
ACT TEST PREP  
WORKSHOP**



AUGUST 30, 2022 | 8:30 A.M. | \$30

WESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE  
HERSCHAL H. CROW FINE ARTS CENTER

Chad Cargill took the ACT a total of 18 times in high school raising his score from a 19 to a 32.

## Newest Lifetime Alumni Member



Sherri Dirickson, Lifetime Alumni Member

The Western Oklahoma State College Alumni Association is excited to introduce you to Sherri Dirickson, our newest Lifetime Alumni Member!

Sherri Dirickson is a Pharmacy Buyer and 340B Program Auditor at Jackson County Memorial Hospital. You may recognize her from her numerous parts in the Friends of WOSC Performing Arts Presents: Annie the Musical. Sherri joined her daughter, Zoe, on stage last summer and was a fun addition to the cast.

Sherri began her educational journey at Western as a concurrent student in 2000. After high school, Sherri enrolled full-time here at Western where she received her Associate in Management in 2003.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Cameron and is currently in a master's program at Mid America Christian University.

Sherri enjoyed her time on Western's campus and was certainly diverse in her activities, playing softball, being a Western Review singer and serving as Vice President of Fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa. Sherri tells me that her advisor, Glenna Lunday, was a good mentor to her. Sherri had planned to be an educator and a softball coach and lost that passion. She says that Mrs. Lunday was the one who helped her to move on and focus on a business degree.

Sherri spoke passionately about Western, saying, "I feel like WOSC is the reason I have a college degree. I was not the kind of person who could have gone off and succeeded and Western gave me a fantastic start. I know that, without the support I received at Western, I wouldn't have finished college."

When I asked Sherri why she chose to become a lifetime member, she told me that she had witnessed, through the Friends of WOSC Performing Arts, just how much Western is dedicated to giving back to the community. Sherri said, "I just wanted to be a part of that giving back, in any way that I could."

Would you like to give back to Western? One of the best ways is to join the alumni association! Contact us today and let us share your story. For more information call our office at 580-477-7706, visit the website at wosc.edu or email us at alumni@wosc.edu.

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