“A Tree Grows at Western”

There is a new tree that grows at Western Oklahoma State College. This tree doesn’t need any water, its branches won’t break in the whipping winds, and it can thrive even in the hottest of Oklahoma summers. This tree, displayed in the Higher Learning Center hallway of Western Oklahoma State College, recognizes Lifetime members of the WOSC Alumni Association and bears the names of 158 alumni and friends. Haley Thompson, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, says “the tree formalizes our appreciation of our Lifetime members and recognizes their contributions to the WOSC Foundation, Inc. Alumni Association Endowment Fund. We are well on our way to filling the first tree, which holds 200 leaves, and look forward to seeing a whole grove of trees on the wall someday”. Lifetime membership dues are deposited with the WOSC Foundation, Inc. Alumni Association Endowment and only the interest is used to provide financial support to the Alumni Association. These gifts, much like the tree, will live on in perpetuity. An official unveiling of the tree will be scheduled later in the summer, with special invitations going out to all WOSC Alumni Association Lifetime members. For information on becoming a Lifetime member of the WOSC Alumni Association please email alumni@wosc.edu or call 580-477-7789. Membership is open to alumni and friends of Western Oklahoma State College.

Caption for photo: Dave Madl, Alumni Association Membership Chair, and Chad Wiginton, Dean of Student Support Services, place the engraved leaves on the tree.