Western’s Lifetime Tree project continues to flourish.

The Oklahoma State College Alumni Association has filled its first Alumni Association Lifetime Member Recognition Tree! The names of 200 alumni and friends are engraved on the leaves of the tree displayed in the hallway of the Higher Learning Center at the college. 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. We are so grateful for their financial support and the opportunity to stay connected to them through our Alumni Association.” Two additional trees have since been hung in the hallway and the leaves are quickly filling up with more alumni and friends. It is the hope of the Alumni Association to see a whole grove of trees on the wall someday, and they are well on their way!

Since the 2013 Membership Drive began in January, the Alumni Association has grown by 36 Lifetime Members. The Alumni Association would like to welcome all its newest members; Jason Kruska, Teri Limkeman, Bob Pearson, Carol Kendrix, Donald Frank, Bettychene Frank, Janice Shera, James Shera, Elizabeth Marcha, Daniel Ingram, Fred “Bud” Baker, Charles Jeffries, Katie McAskill, Jake McAskill, Cindy Swearington, R. Kim Hunter, Blake Jackson, Amber Jackson, April Nelson, Dale Latham, Kendall Hurst, Teresa Hurst, Kent Hurst, Melissa Hurst, Ruby Jane Bull, Judith Norton, John Gallagher, Judie Gallagher, Ross Smith, Tommy Abernathy, Kristy Abernathy, John Schuman, Larry Fisher, Terry Bailey, Elisabeth Bledsoe, and Bruce Wilson.

Lifetime membership dues are deposited with the WOSC Foundation, Inc. in the Alumni Association Endowment Fund. Only the interest on these funds is used to provide financial support to the Alumni Association. These gifts, much like the tree, will live on in perpetuity. For more information on joining the WOSC Alumni Association, please visit www.wosc.edu/alumni or call 580-477-7789. Membership is open to all alumni and friends of Western Oklahoma State College.