In 2006 the Western Oklahoma State College Foundation, Inc. launched a new and exciting annual funding program to benefit Western Oklahoma State College. The program is now in its seventh year of providing unrestricted and restricted funding to benefit student activities, academic programs, recruitment, promotions and scholarship funding. The WOSC President’s Partners Program is not a stranger to many of the college’s patrons, students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. From the beginning development of the Partners program, the Foundation has had seventeen dedicated friends that have funded the program continually as annual contributors from 2006 through 2012. These committed supporters are AgPreference, ACA, Bar-S Foods Company, Bunker Hill Drug, Randy and Kyle Cumby, Keith and Judy Dodson, Larry and Sharon Duffy, First National Bank in Altus, First State Bank of Altus, Great Plains National Bank, Winston and Ethelda Higgs, JCMH Health Care Corporation, KEYB/KKRE Media Specialties, Eddie and Judy Mitchell- Eddie Mitchell Insurance Company, NBC Bank, Bill and Ruth Starr, Stockmans Bank, and Jeff and Kim Wilmes- Wilmes Superstore. The program is designed to encourage the discretion of the donor in their choice of continued support on an annual basis. The WOSC President’s Partner Program recognizes and appreciates a total of forty-eight patrons that have become involved at various times and have continued or discontinued their support due to various circumstances. Larry Duffy, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations at Western stated, “all of the support, current and past, has made a tremendous impact on the ability of the WOSC Foundation, Inc. to provide necessary funding for Western that is not provided through the decline of regular college funding.” Currently the WOSC Foundation, Inc. has a total of thirty-three active program participants with a total of seven new 2012 partners. Our 2012 Partner’s, in addition to those previously listed, are Dr. Phil and Gloria Birdine, Jeff and Lisa Greenlee, Doyle and Mary Jencks, Kincannon Funeral Home, Dale and Tricia Latham, Dr. Jason and Stephanie Morrison, Lowell-Tims Funeral Home, MidFirst Bank, Brad and Chrystal Overton, Terri and Bob Pearson, Pickett’s Clinic Pharmacy, Inc., Privett Sales, Shamrock Bank, Matt and Haley Thompson, Chad and Ericka Wiginton, and Tim Wilmes- Wilmes Chevrolet Buick GMC.

In order to become involved in the President’s Partner Program, a donor contributes an annual gift in the amount of one thousand dollars with seven hundred and fifty dollars being deposited in a general unrestricted fund and two hundred and fifty dollars deposited in a restricted President’s Partner Scholarship Endowment. The scholarship endowment is protected funding where only the interest is utilized for annual scholarships. The donor may contribute an outright gift of one thousand dollars or may be billed quarterly in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars. Duffy stated, “several of our college employees, as patrons, actually do a monthly payroll deduction to support the program. The most significant part of the gift is the passion exemplified on the part of the donor to support the college. As the donors demonstrate their benevolence others recognize their own ability to help with the much needed funding for the benefit of our students here at Western.” Those interested in supporting the WOSC President’s Partner Program or interested in knowing more about the Foundation may call 580/477-7706, e-mail foundation@wosc.edu or visit our website at www.wosc.edu.