In 1990, the Western Oklahoma State College Foundation, Inc. established a scholarship endowment in memory of Jim Holland, long-time college faculty member and southwest Oklahoma educator. Jim’s untimely death created a desire for many friends and family members to make contributions to the Western Oklahoma State College Foundation, Inc. in his memory.

With the support of Jim’s family and friends, the WOSC Foundation, Inc. held the first Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament in November of 1991 with the goal of raising $10,000.00. The tradition has continued and after 23 years of fellowship and golf, the funds raised by the tournament have grown the scholarship endowment to over $215,000.00. Over those 23 years, over $100,000.00 in scholarship funds have been awarded in memory of Jim Holland.

The continued success of the tournament is a direct result of the community’s support and commitment to providing scholarships to deserving students. More than 2500 golfers have enjoyed fellowship and friendly competition, some playing each and every year. Over 500 energetic volunteers have worked to prepare the course, work the tournament, bake cookies, serve food, and register teams. More than 700 sponsors have generously supported the tournament, many continuing to support each of those 23 years. Top golfers have also taken home 136 highly coveted trophies and bragging rights. The golfers, volunteers, and sponsors have made it possible for the Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament to become the longest running golf tournament in southwest Oklahoma.

This year the tournament will also include a putting contest honoring the memory of our friend and long-time tournament participant, John Henry, who passed away this last year. John and his sons, Jeffrey and Blake, took home trophies in both the 2005 and 2006 tournaments. In addition to supporting the tournament from the golf course, John and Vickie have also been tournament sponsors each and every year.

The 24th Annual Jim Holland Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 9th, 2014. A four-person scramble shotgun start will begin at 8am at the Greens of Altus. For team and sponsorship opportunities please visit www.wosc.edu/golf2014 or call 580-477-7706. Gifts to the Jim Holland Memorial Scholarship Endowment are also appreciated.