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Johnny and Elisha Rangel Named Newest Lifetime Alumni Members

ALTUS, Okla. – Johnny and Elisha Rangel Join WOSC Alumni Association

Johnny and Elisha Rangel live in Granite, Oklahoma where they own and operate two businesses. They are both currently enrolled at Western Oklahoma State College and the husband and wife team will be graduating together in May 2021. Johnny will graduate with his Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts and is considering his options for continuing his education. Elisha will receive her Associate's Degree in Religion and plans to continue on to Oklahoma Baptist University to pursue a degree in Forensic Psychology.

During her time here at Western, Elisha enrolled in a few business classes and was excited to take what she had learned from those courses and apply them in real-life situations while running her own business. She said that she has learned a lot and one thing she really enjoyed was how her science instructors, Dr. David Goodman and Miss Jessica Seagraves, shared different perspectives on the same subject. This taught her to broaden her own perspective on things.

Johnny tells us that he was strictly online and one class he really appreciated was his capstone class. He felt that it allowed him to speak and share from his own experiences. He said that there was one instructor who really stood out to him during his time at Western and that was Misty George. Johnny said that Mrs. George was an incredibly patient teacher who allowed her students to learn at their own pace and would go above and beyond to offer assistance and make sure that her students were really learning the material.

Being non-traditional students, parents, and business owners, the Rangels did not have much time for campus activities but they did enjoy coming to campus to catch the basketball games.

Johnny and Elisha are graduating from Western as proud Pioneers. Elisha said that this was the beginning for them and they learned a lot from Western. She said, "Joining the Alumni Association was a way of having roots and if we make a sturdy foundation, maybe our children will try to do the same thing." Johnny said, "People shouldn't overlook starting at a smaller school." He said just starting is an important step. "To have a sturdy house, you need that foundation and that starts at a place like this."

Would you like to be our next leaf on the tree? You do not have to be a graduate of Western to be on our Alumni Tree. We welcome all of Western's friends to share your story with us! If you are interested in joining the Alumni Association, contact Debbie Valerio at 580-477-7706, visit the website at [wosc.edu](http://wosc.edu) or email us at [alumni@wosc.edu](mailto:alumni@wosc.edu).

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