WOSC President's Partners Welcomes Mangum Brick Company

Western Oklahoma State College welcomes Mangum Brick Company, Jed and Krystal Winters, as new President's Partners. Jed is a lifelong resident of Altus. Krystal is from Yukon, Oklahoma and met Jed while they were both attending Oklahoma State University. Jed went on to complete his law degree at the University of Oklahoma. Jed and Krystal live in Altus with their two boys, Gage, 14, and Holden, 10.

In 2009, Jed and Krystal purchased Mangum Brick Company. Mangum Brick Company, located in Mangum, Oklahoma, has been in operation since 1902 and serves Oklahoma, Texas and the surrounding areas. They are always open to new challenges and opportunities to meet the needs of new design and architectural demands.

Jed and Krystal are very active in the community and at First Baptist Church of Altus, where they lead Student Ministries. Over the years, they have developed many strong and lasting relationships with the students at Western through church activities and employment opportunities.

Krystal is thankful for Western and appreciates all the programs offered, as well as how involved Western is in partnering with Altus Christian Academy, 4-H activities, use of sporting facilities, and many others. She stated, "even if you don't have kids enrolled at Western, it is a huge asset to the community."

Jed and Krystal feel strongly about helping to bring students to Western and keeping the local students here when they have many other options.

Jed says "Altus is God's country" and he wants to be a part of anything that makes Altus better. He also says, "we are very blessed with our schools." Jed says this of becoming a President's Partner, "there are a lot of opportunities to give, but if you want to make a positive impact in southwest Oklahoma, this is a great place to make an investment."

Western's President, Dr. Chad Wiginton says, "Jed and Krystal are a unique example of two people who really have no connection to Western. However, they are deeply invested in our community and in turn support a wide variety of activities they believe will have a positive impact. We are so appreciative of their trust in what Western is doing to change lives and improve southwest Oklahoma."

Western Oklahoma State College is thankful to Jed and Krystal Winters and all of the President's Partners for providing financial support above and beyond operational funding provided to the college by the Oklahoma Legislature.

The WOSC Foundation, Inc. President's Partner Program is designed to enhance educational opportunities and student-learning experiences at Western Oklahoma State College. Partners make an annual pledge of at least \$1,000 in support. These pledges provide necessary funding

for a variety of purposes, including scholarships, promotions, programs, student and faculty recruitment, facility improvements and initial funding for endowments and endowment development. The President's Partners are made up of community members and businesses in Altus and its surrounding area.

The Western Oklahoma State College Foundation provides the opportunity to invest in the future by offering many ways to give. The WOSC Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 organization and exists to generate support for the students and programs of Western Oklahoma State College. For more information on the President's Partner Program or other ways to support, visit wosc.edu/give or call our office at (580) 477-7706.

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