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WOSC Foundation Awarded the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award

ALTUS, OK – Western Oklahoma State College recognized the Western Oklahoma State College Foundation with the Business Partnership Excellence Award through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The award program annually honors outstanding partnerships that lead to significant contributions in educating and developing Oklahoma’s workforce.

For fifty years, the Western Oklahoma State College Foundation has played a vital role as a strategic partner for Western Oklahoma State College. Established in 1974 as a nonprofit corporation, the Foundation promotes and supports WOSC's educational and cultural initiatives through various means, including endowments, loans, scholarships, and other forms of financial aid.

Under the instrumental leadership of Executive Secretary Larry Duffy since 1991, the Foundation’s total assets have reached more than \$7 million. Duffy's commitment to education, backed by overwhelming support from alumni and friends, has provided over \$4 million in institutional support and scholarships to Western Oklahoma State College and its deserving students.

“Not a day goes by on our campus that a student or a program is not impacted by the work of the WOSC Foundation. The office staff consisting of Larry Duffy, Monica Taylor and Janna Davis has a passion for making a difference. That passion is supported by a wonderful board of trustees and countless individuals and businesses that give generously to a variety of causes. Not only is the Foundation a partner, but a member of the Pioneer family,” said Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President.

The Business Partnership Excellence Award program highlights the significant impact of partnerships between educational institutions and external organizations in fostering workforce development and enhancing educational opportunities across the state. The Western Oklahoma State College Foundation’s longstanding commitment to supporting WOSC’s mission demonstrates its vital role in shaping the future of education in the region.

Western Oklahoma State College is the oldest original municipal two-year college still in existence in the State of Oklahoma. Its mission is to provide high quality education while ensuring equity, supporting student success, and empowering individuals to become productive members of diverse local, regional and global communities. Western offers high-quality associate degrees and certificates to students in its five-county service area and beyond. For more information, visit wosc.edu.

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Photo Caption: The Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award Ceremony March 7, 2024. (L to R) Chancellor Allison Garrett, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Jack Sherry, State Regent Board Member, Ann Holloway, State Regent Board Member, Monica Taylor, Director of Development and Alumni, Larry Duffy, Executive Secretary of WOSC Foundation, Dustin Balderas, WOSC Foundation Trustee, Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President