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Over 300 students Graduate from Western

ALTUS, Okla. – Over 300 students graduated from Western Oklahoma State College this year.

Western faculty and staff were thrilled to congratulate the graduates as they walked the stage at commencement on May 10.

Over 1,500 people attended this year's commencement ceremony to cheer on their student. This year's ceremony was a little bit different than those in the past, highlighting three student speakers, instead of one commencement speaker.

“For my first graduation as President of Western, I wanted to do something outside of the norm,” said Dr. Chad Wiginton, Western President. “I have been an employee of this institution for almost 18 years, and the students that we serve are the reason I continue to be excited about going to work. The opportunity to impact each and every student that walks the halls is a tremendous blessing, and I am so thankful to be a part of a team that is all about changing lives. So, I wanted our guests to have the opportunity to hear from a few of our students that have inspired me, and I knew would inspire them.”

This year's graduating class was one of the largest in the college's history, and included the largest nursing class, totaling 102. Seven students graduated with a perfect grade point average of 4.0, and over 50 students graduated with honors.

“I am so proud of these honor graduates,” said Chrystal Overton, Western Vice President for Academic Affairs. “At Western, many of our students are nontraditional with families, jobs

and an array of responsibilities, therefore it is even more impressive that so many have been able to graduate with honors.”

President Wiginton said commencement is a time for reflection, and forward-thinking. It’s a time to look back on a successful academic year, and look forward to all the great things on the horizon.

For more information on Western Oklahoma State College, and how to apply and enroll, visit [wosc.edu/enroll](http://wosc.edu/enroll).

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, support student success, and empower individuals to become productive members of local, regional and global communities. Western offers high-quality associate degrees and certificates to its five-county service area and beyond. For more information, visit [wosc.edu](http://wosc.edu).

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