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Mendez-Diaz Joins WOSC Alumni Association

Western's newest Lifetime Alumni member is Kenneth Mendez-Diaz. Diaz is the Upward Bound director for Western Oklahoma State College.

Raised in Mexico, Diaz moved to Oregon when he was 17. Diaz served in the army for 13 years reaching the rank of Sergeant First Class before separation. He moved from Oregon to Altus where he began taking classes at Western. He graduated in 2016 with an associate's degree in Liberal Arts.

"I wanted to become a Lifetime Member because I am a proud graduate of Western and the school has been an important part of my life since I moved to Altus," Diaz said.

As a student, Diaz was involved with Western's WINDS program. He regularly used the lab,



participated in events, and even received a scholarship from WINDS. Diaz began working as the secretary for Western's Upward Bound program in 2016. As a first generation college student, Diaz felt a connection with the Upward Bound students. He has a passion for

serving the students and helping them succeed.

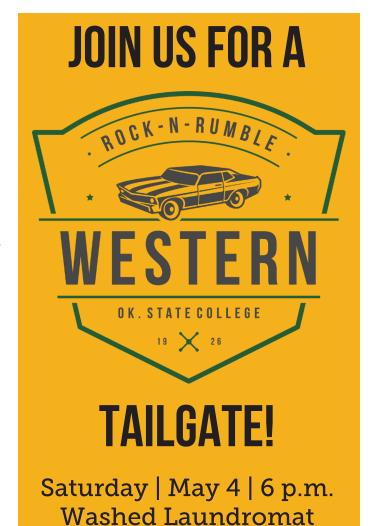
"Western is an important part of our community because it is easily accessible and economical for our students," Diaz said.

When Diaz is not working with the Upward Bound students, he enjoys spending

time with his family. Diaz has three young children. He coaches soccer and they enjoy swimming and trips to Urban Air together.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Alumni Association, contact Whitney Graham at 580-477-7784 or email at alumni@wosc.edu. We would love to hear your story of how Western made a difference in your life!

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 WOSC Foundation and ways to give, visit wosc. edu/give.



Western Students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa



JOIN US AT THE GRADUATION LINEUP & SHOW OFF YOUR DECORATED CAP FOR A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THREE PRIZES FROM THE WESTERN BOOK STORE!





Western Oklahoma State College faculty and staff members honored this year's Phi Theta Kappa inductees at a ceremony on April 25.

To be eligible for membership into Phi Theta Kappa, a student must have completed at least 12 hours of associate degree course work with a cumulative GPA of 3.5. Phi Theta

Kappa's constitution sets minimum standards for membership and gives local chapters the ability to raise these standards. Western's Alpha Theta Mu Chapter ensures those inducted have not only academic excellence, but also high moral character.

Thirty-eight members were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa during the ceremony, and had the chance to celebrate along with their friends and family at a reception after the ceremony.

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Western offers highquality associate degrees and certificates to its fivecounty service area and beyond. For more information, visit wosc.edu.

Goodson and Armstrong named Mr. and Ms. WOSC

Western Oklahoma State College faculty and staff members honored this year's Mr. and Ms. WOSC candidates at a luncheon on April 25. Curtis Goodson and Olivia Armstrong were named Mr. and Ms. WOSC 2019.

Candidates are nominated by faculty and staff, and had the chance to hear from those on campus who think so highly of them.

Mr. and Ms. WOSC candidates must be considered sophomore students, highly active on campus, and have a 2.5 GPA or higher. Each of the 17 candidates this year presented those qualities, which was evident by all of the kind words said by those who nominated them.

The luncheon provided a great opportunity to recognize these students and their accomplishments during their time at Western.



For more information on campus events, visit wosc.edu/calendar.

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May 4: Western's Rock N Rumble Tailgate, Washed Laundromat Parking Lot, 6 p.m.

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

May 6 – 8: Destress with Dogs

May 6 – 10: Book Buy Back in the Western Bookstore

May 9: Nursing Pinning Ceremony

May 10: Commencement

WESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE BOOK BUY BACK



WESTERN BOOK STORE MAY 6 - 9 | 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. MAY 10 | 7:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.





