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Western hosts BOO Bash and Pumpkin Patch

The Western Oklahoma State College faculty and staff hosted their fall events, BOO Bash and Pumpkin Patch. Over 1,600 people visited campus for the events.

This year marked the fourth annual BOO Bash and Pumpkin Patch festival. The events began in 2015 with the hopes of providing a fun, family-friendly environment to celebrate fall and Halloween. Since then, both have grown to events that everyone in southwest Oklahoma can enjoy.

Western's Staff Senate hosts BOO Bash, a free, family-friendly event. Student organizations join in to run games and booths, and everyone on campus donates candy, cookies, and more. This year, Chick-Fil-A travelled to campus to provide sandwiches to anyone interested in purchasing. Over 1,000 people attended the event.

"It's great to see how both the BOO Bash and Pumpkin Patch have grown over the years," said Jimmy Poe, Western safety and security coordinator and Staff



Senate chair. "I love the fact that all of our faculty and staff come together to put on to incredible events and invite so many people to campus and celebrate Halloween and the fall season."

The agriculture department hosts the Pumpkin Patch each year. The event serves as a fundraiser for the department's student organizations. Those who attended had the chance to pick their own pumpkins and enjoy games, food, a petting zoo, and more.

Western Oklahoma State College is the oldest original municipal twoyear 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.



November 12: Video Game Tournament in the LRC

November 14: Coffee & Canvas, 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

November 19: Cheese Making in the LRC, 6:30 p.m.

November 25 – 29: Thanksgiving Break, Campus Closed

Western Oklahoma State College Blood Drive

Wednesday, Nov. 13 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Band Hall

To schedule an appointment, contact Terri Pearson at 580-477-7708.



Kelli Harris honored with Lifetime Alumni Membership





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The Western Oklahoma State College Alumni Association Perks Card blitz ends November 22.

Each year, the Alumni Association partners with student organizations on campus to kick off the Pioneer Perks Card sales with a blitz, beginning November 1, and lasting through November 22. Western students have the opportunity to raise money for their student organizations by selling cards to the community.

Cards are only \$10, and your support during the Pioneer Perks Card Blitz helps provide funds for student organizations on campus.

"Pioneer Perks is one of the Alumni Association's largest fundraisers throughout the year," said Debbie Valerio, Western Development and Alumni Relations specialist. "We are excited about the partnerships we have formed with our local businesses this year and encourage everyone to support our students while taking advantage of some great discounts."

For more information about the Pioneer Perks card, contact the Western Alumni Association at 580-477-7706 or alumni@wosc. edu.



The Western Oklahoma State College Alumni Association joins together all communities of southwest Oklahoma in an effort to enhance the leadership of Western Oklahoma State College in higher education for the students of today and tomorrow. The Western Alumni Association represents outstanding students, staff, faculty, administration, and friends bonding together to instill integrity, pride and dedication to Western Oklahoma State College. For more information on joining the Western Alumni Association, visit wosc.edu/alumni. The Alumni Association was honored to add a new leaf to our Lifetime Membership Tree in memory of former student, Kelli (Braziel) Harris.

Kelli was a graduate of Altus High School and attended Western from 1989 to 1992, graduating with her associate degree. While attending Western, Kelli worked at United Supermarket and stayed active on campus by participating in Student Senate. After graduation, Kelli continued her education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, where she studied criminal justice and completed her bachelor's degree.

Kelli was married to Paul Harris and they had two children, Haylee and Jackson. She was described as being a loving wife and mom, and a kind and nurturing person.

The Lifetime Membership Leaf was donated in Kelli's honor by long-time family friends, Larry and Sharon Duffy.

"Sharon and I spent a lot of time around Kelli and had the chance to watch her grow up," Mr. Duffy said. "She was vivacious, friendly and helpful. She certainly had a sweet spirit, and we were happy to be able to honor her in this way."

Kelli's sister, Jaime Braziel, received the leaf and certificate on behalf of her family.

Western Alumni Association membership is open to any alumni and friends of Western. If you are interested in becoming a Lifetime Member, contact the Development and Alumni Office at 580-477-7706. All funds from Lifetime memberships are deposited into the Alumni Association Endowment for perpetuity.

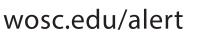
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