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## We Are Western: Kallie Voice

Kallie Voice was born and raised in Altus, Oklahoma. Majoring in Biology, Voice is a member of the WOSC Science Club, Western Navigators, and is currently serving as Sophomore Student Vice President.

"Western was easy choice for me. It's the school in my home town, it's a smaller school, with more one on one time with instructors. I just knew that it made the most sense to stay home and save money." Voice doesn't regret her choice one bit. "My favorite thing about Western is definitely the closeness of every single person on campus. Not only between students, but between students and faculty as well. I just really appreciate the support that everyone shows one another in this facility."

Voice plans on transferring to the University of Central Oklahoma, upon graduation with plans to work toward a Doctorate of



Physical Therapy.

"Western has taught me a lot of things. It's thrown me out of my comfort zone, and really helped me get involved with things I never thought about being involved in." Voice credits the people of Western for pushing her toward her goals. She accents the impact her friends and role models had on her for teaching her about life and helping her along the way.

"I couldn't have done it without the support from my friends and family. I am excited to see what my future holds, but I will definitely miss my family here at Western."

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## Representing WOSC in the Show Ring

Kaylee Baker represented Western Oklahoma State College as an intern at the annual Oklahoma Youth Expo. Ag Youth Magazine contacted Kaylee Baker to participate in this year's

"As a high school student, I wrote articles and took pictures for AgYouth," Baker said. "Now, I am still able to take photos for the magazine when needed. Last year, I applied to be an intern for OYE, but that did not work out."

Baker said she wanted to be involved in the livestock show in some way, and that is when AgYouth Magazine came into the picture. "Ag Youth Magazine reached out to need to put on a smile and me and asked if I could help out, and the rest is history!"

Baker said her experience at OYE has always been incredible, but this year she really learned a lot about herself.

"OYE has taught me so much about responsibility. In high school, I had livestock to tend to and take care of," Baker said. "As a college student, I've learned to be more detail-oriented

help youth succeed." Baker is also involved at WOSC as a Western Ambassador and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, BCM and Student Senate.

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learned that, even when

you are exhausted, you

be the best you can be to

"Organizations here at Western have given me a ton of leadership skills. I've learned a lot about teamwork, which isn't necessarily my strong suit. I've learned how to work well and listen to others."

After graduation, Baker plans on staying on campus and taking ITV Courses Southwestern through Oklahoma State University with aspirations to teach. WOSC is lucky to have students like Kaylee Baker represent the college.

## **UPCOMING AT WESTERN**

**April 3: Cheer Information Meeting** 

April 7: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Applebee's, 8 a.m.

April 9: Blood Drive, Pioneer Heritage Center, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

April 12: Job & Career Development Workshop, LRC, 12 – 1 p.m.

April 19: Student Senate, 12:15 p.m., H-9

April 25: Mr. & Ms. WOSC Luncheon

## Holder Land & Cattle, LLC receive **Business Partnership Excellence Award**



From left: OSRHE Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, Dr. Jennifer Patterson, Mark Holder, Kathy Holder, Haley Pannell and Brent Pannell, Dave Lopez, Oklahoma Secretary of State, Education and Workforce Development, and Dr. Phil Birdine attended the Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award Luncheon on March 13.

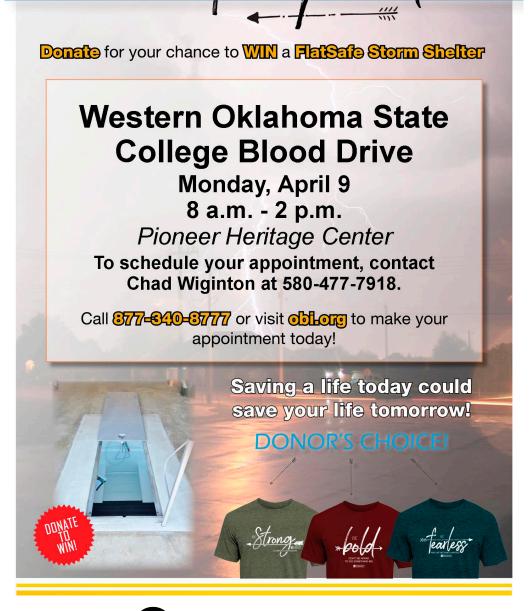
Holder Land and Cattle, LLC was recognized at Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award Luncheon on March 13.

Oklahoma Western State College has a long standing partnership with Holder Land and Cattle, LLC. Holder Land & Cattle, LLC is a commercial and registered Angus cattle operation. It is headquartered near Olustee, Oklahoma with an additional operation in Socorro County, New Mexico. The Holder family settled in southwest Oklahoma in 1902 relocating from Dennison, Texas. The fifth generation currently resides on the origihomestead. Family members include Mark and Kathy Holder along with their children Harrison Holder and Brent and Haley Pannell.

The commercial operation is a cow/calf, backgrounding and feeding operation. The registered operation consists of an embryo and AI program. Registered bulls that are produced are used in the commercial operation as well as marketed to the public. For the past several years, the company has exhibited, displayed and sold registered cattle in the National Western Livestock Show in Denver as well as many other national Angus shows. Through this partnership, Western's

Agriculture Department has been able to offer additional lab opportunities for its students, providing students with a rich experience in animal science procedures.

This partnership has allowed Western to increase the degree options in Agriculture. Western now has the following Associate of Science degree options in Agriculture: Agriculture Agriculture Science, Business, Pre-Veterinary Animal Science, and a Certificate in Farm and Ranch Management. The partnership has resulted in a large cost savings to the college along with preparing graduates for careers in agriculture.





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