

WOSC Division IV CAA National Champion Runner-Up



Left to Right: Jaeden Saavedra, Kya Funkhowser, Mickial Hudgens, Gatlin Jones, Thomas Reimer, Tanner Newton, Rustin Fraser, Baylee Pence, Alex Palmer, Hunter Martinez, Tanner Moles, Tagun Fittje, Jayden Darling, and Coach Jeremy Pence

The Western Oklahoma State College shooting sports team delivered an outstanding performance at the Division IV Collegiate Clay Target Championships, earning the title of National Champion Runner-Up.

Competing against top collegiate teams, Western showcased impressive skills across multiple disciplines, securing high placements in both team and individual events. With multiple top-five finishes and remarkable individual performances, the Pioneers

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

April 3 | Enrollment Event | 1 PM- 6 PM

April 7 | Student Senate Meeting | 12:30 PM

April 9 | Destress with STEM | 12 PM | WINDS lab

April 15 | Scooterball | 6 PM | Gymnasium

April 15 | Ag Scholarships Due

April 17 | Campus-wide Easter Egg Hunt

April 17 | WINDS Grant Aid Due

April 18 | Campus Closed | Good Friday

April 23 | President's Excellence Luncheon

April 30 | WINDS Grant Aid Luncheon

April 30 | Lip Sync Battle | 7 PM | Auditorium

demonstrated their dominance in collegiate shooting sports. The team's hard work, precision, and determination earned them national recognition, solidifying their place among the best in Division IV competition. Their success reflects the dedication of both the athletes and coaching staff in elevating the program to new heights.

To read more about team and individual performances, visit wosc.edu/news.

Western Revives Pioneer Pride Recognition with Record Nominations

Western Oklahoma State College has brought back the Pioneer Pride Recognition Program, and the response has been stronger than ever. This month, 11 employees were recognized for their dedication and hard work—the highest number of nominations in the program's history. Hosted by the Social Affairs Committee, Pioneer Pride allows employees to nominate their colleagues who go above and beyond, demonstrating exceptional work ethic and integrity. Those recognized receive a gift bag as a token of appreciation.

"The compliments given about so many of our employees were really uplifting," said an organizer of the event. "We rise by lifting others," they added, quoting Robert G. Ingersoll.

"It is impressive how highly our Pioneers think of each other!"

The program serves as a reminder of the strong sense of community and support among Western's employees. Nominations remain open for those who want to recognize a colleague making a difference.

Congratulations to the following Pioneers recognized:

Abby Munoz
Amy Cobb
Bruce Wilson
Carmen Julian
Carolyn Estes
David Ducharme

David Philpott
Dolores Simmons
Dominic Julian
Greg Stewart
Maegan Scott



Students Honored at All Oklahoma Academic Team and OACC President's Tuition Waiver Award Ceremony



From left to right: Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President, Miguel Clemente, Rustin Fraser, and Madison Lake

Outstanding students from across Oklahoma were recognized at the All Oklahoma Academic Team and OACC President's Tuition Waiver Award Ceremony, held at the Oklahoma State Capitol. This annual event celebrates academic excellence and leadership among two-year college students and high school seniors planning to further their education.

Representing Western Oklahoma State College, Rustin Fraser and Miguel Clemente were named to the prestigious All Oklahoma Academic Team. Fraser, whose career goal is to become an

orthopedic surgeon, and Clemente, who aspires to be a business owner, earned this recognition through their outstanding academic achievements and leadership. The All Oklahoma Academic Team is selected based on academic excellence, extracurricular involvement, and service to their communities.

Additionally, three outstanding high school seniors were awarded the OACC President's Tuition Waiver, a \$1,000 scholarship applied over the 2025-2026 academic year. The recipients are:

- Madison Lake, senior at Blair High School
- Broc Teel, senior at Granite High School
- Chelsey Fuller, senior at Grandfield High School

Fraser, Clemente, and Lake were present at the ceremony to accept their honors in person.

"The Oklahoma Council of Two-Year College Presidents is proud to recognize these students for their dedication to academic achievement and leadership," said a representative of the OACC. "We are confident they will continue to excel in their educational and professional pursuits."

To be eligible for the All Oklahoma Academic Team, students must have a minimum 3.50 GPA, be on track to graduate in 2025, and be nominated by their college. The OACC President's Tuition Waiver recipients are selected by college presidents based on their academic accomplishments and leadership potential.

This ceremony highlights the vital role of community colleges in fostering student success and preparing future leaders. Congratulations to all the honorees on their achievements!

Wilson Represents Western in Washington D.C.

More than 1,000 TRIO professionals from across the country gathered in the nation's capital March 16-19 for the Council for Opportunity in Education's annual Policy Seminar. Among them were several dedicated advocates from Oklahoma, including Western Oklahoma State College's very own Bruce Wilson, who joined the effort to ensure continued support for programs that provide essential resources to first-generation and low-income students. The seminar featured three days of intensive training, culminating in a day of congressional visits where TRIO representatives met with

lawmakers and their staff to emphasize the importance of educational opportunity programs. Among those engaged in these critical conversations were Oklahoma TRIO professionals, who met with Senator James Lankford's education staffer to discuss the impact of TRIO services on students in the state. Through their participation in the Policy Seminar, TRIO professionals continue to demonstrate their dedication to strengthening educational opportunities, ensuring that doors remain open for students striving to achieve their academic and career goals.



From left to right: Barry Lofton, Executive Director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, University of Central Oklahoma, Rosario Garcia, Financial Literacy and Retention Specialist, Southern Nazarene University, Dr. Kim Rosfeld, Director TRIO Programs, Southern Nazarene University, Bruce Wilson, Director TRIO Programs, Western Oklahoma State College, Matthew Penner, Legislative Assistant to the Honorable James Lankford, U.S. Senator



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APRIL 3, 2025 | 1:00 - 6:00 PM
PIONEER CENTRAL

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7 PM | AUDITORIUM
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- Visit with advisors, faculty, staff, and current students
- Scholarships available for those qualifying for Reach Higher
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- Brand new to Western? Make sure you apply for admission by April 1st and bring all required documents.

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