

Western Staff Spotlight

Meet Western's new Scholar's Coordinator, JoAnn Gray!

JoAnn Gray was born and raised in SW Oklahoma and is proud to call it her home. She enjoys cooking, watching baseball, and spending time with my family.

Why did you choose to work at Western?

"After 32 years in the childcare industry, I saw the opportunity to help childcare caregivers increase their education. I'm a strong believer in the Scholars Program. I received my AS through this same program here at WOSC many years ago."

What is your favorite aspect about Western?

"Everyone from the administration, faculty, staff, and students has been so courteous and helpful. It feels like home."

What advice would you give students to help them succeed?

"Don't be afraid to reach out to your Instructors. They want you to succeed!"

What are you looking forward to most in your position?

"I look forward to helping build this program/department even larger at WOSC and in turn, see the quality of care and



JoAnn Gray, Scholar's Coordinator

education increase for our area's young children."

Tell us about your program:

"I am the Scholars Coordinator for the Child Development Department. I recruit, enroll, and mentor current child care center teachers and family child care home providers. The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program provides scholarships and allows them to work full-time while getting their degree completely online at Western."

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

Oct. 17 | Cookie Bake Off | 10:30-11:30 AM | Pioneer Central

Oct. 18-21 | Fall Break | Campus Closed

Oct. 23 | OK Money Matters | 12 PM | WINDS lab

Oct. 23 | Spring Enrollment Opens

Oct. 24 | Skate Night | 7-9 PM | The Skate Place

Oct 30 | Halloween Party | 6-8 PM | PHC

Oct. 31 | Halloween Events on Campus | 9 AM - 12 PM

Oct. 31 | Trick or Treat with the Pioneers | 5-7 PM | Gym

Nov. 1 | Women's Basketball season opener | 5 PM | Gym

Nov. 5 | Men's Basketball season opener | 5 PM | Gym

Nov. 13 | Enrollment Event | 10 AM - 6 PM | Pioneer Central

Outstanding Faculty and Staff Recognized at OACC Annual Conference



Award recipients from left to right: Jennifer Sommers, Casey Seals, Steve Winters, and Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC president

Each year, the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC) celebrates excellence in education by recognizing outstanding faculty and staff who have made significant contributions to their campuses. Western Oklahoma State College is proud to acknowledge our 2024 honorees, who were

recognized for their dedication and service to the college at the OACC Annual Conference held on Friday, October 4, 2024, at Tulsa Community College Northeast Campus.

Jennifer Sommers, Accounts Payable & Inventory Coordinator, was honored as Western's Outstanding Professional Staff recipient. With 23 years of service at Western, Jennifer's expertise and commitment to managing essential financial processes have ensured the smooth operation of the college, contributing to a strong and supportive campus environment.

Casey Seals, English and Speech Instructor, received the award for Outstanding Faculty. Casey's dedication to student success and her innovative teaching approaches have made a lasting impact on the students at Western for the last 15 years, fostering a love for learning and critical thinking.

Steve Winters, Maintenance Lead, was recognized as Western's Outstanding Support Staff recipient. Steve's tireless efforts in maintaining the campus facilities ensure a safe and welcoming environment for students, faculty, and staff, playing a crucial role in the daily operations of the college.

"It is always a privilege to recognize outstanding employees. Casey, Jennifer, and Steve are wonderful examples of the amazing faculty and staff we have at Western, and we are grateful for all they do to support our mission," said Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President.

These individuals exemplify the values of Western Oklahoma State College, and we are grateful for their hard work and passion. Congratulations to our awardees, and thank you for your continued excellence!

Meet the 2024-25 Western Ambassador Team

The student Ambassador program was established in 2001 as Western's President's Leadership Scholarship program. Their mission is to promote the college through a variety of speaking engagements and special events. Western Ambassadors personally benefit by gaining leadership and public speaking training and experiences. We are proud of these students and their commitment to Western!!



Adrian Gaytan
Frederick HS, 2023
Pre-Education



Alyssa Keck
Duke HS, 2024
Nursing



Ashlynn Majors
Quannah HS, 2023
Nursing



Baylee Pence
Altus HS, 2023
Ag Communications



Cody Bowland
Frederick HS, 2024
Behavioral Science



Crissa Carter
Granite HS, 2023
Pre-Dental



Elena Shimmin
Navajo HS, 2023
Nursing



Holley Garton
Hollis HS, 2023
Liberal Arts



Karis Henricks
Frederick HS, 2024
Nursing



Kenzie Maddox
Thomas HS, 2024
Nursing



Lyndi Duerksen
Weatherford HS, 2023
Plant & Soil Sciences



Madi Barger
Lookeba-Sickles HS
Liberal Arts |Business



Morgan White
Mangum HS, 2024
Kinesiology



Rustin Fraser
Blair HS, 2023
Pre-Medicine



Taytum McIntosh
Hammon HS, 2024
Pre-Education



Thomas Reimer
Cordell HS, 2023
Ag Business



Zoe Grubaugh
Altus HS, 2023
Nursing



FREE FAMILY FUN FOR ALL



TRICK OR TREAT

with the

PIONEERS



OCTOBER 31, 2024 • 5 - 7 P.M.

Door Prizes, Games, Candy, Music & Fun!

Costume Contest at 6:30 P.M.

Western Oklahoma State College
2801 N. Main Street | Gymnasium



Take photos with and get autographs from athletes from all across the world!

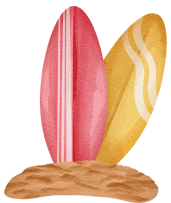


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SPRING SEMESTER

NOVEMBER 13 | 10 A.M.-6 P.M.
PIONEER CENTRAL

- Enroll for the spring semester
- Surf Bar Food Truck will be on campus
- Visit with advisors, faculty, staff, and current students
- All who enroll will receive a **FREE** t-shirt, a Surf Bar smoothie bowl, and have a chance to win gift cards and a tablet!

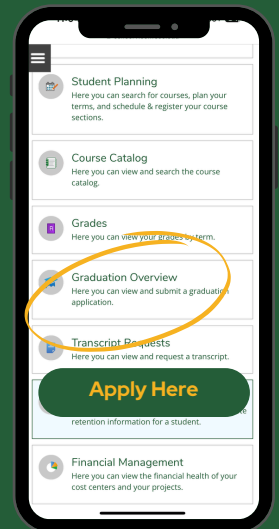


Graduating in December?

APPLY FOR GRADUATION

Applications are due **November 1!**

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Graduation Overview



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