

Pioneer Athletes crowd King and Queen

Western Oklahoma State College Homecoming was held Monday, January 23rd. Current and prospective students, family, faculty, and staff alike attended the event to cheer on the men's and women's basketball teams and find out who would win the titles of Homecoming King and Queen.

Homecoming candidates represented clubs and organizations on campus, as well as athletic teams.

Shyanna Reeves, representing the WOSC Rodeo Team, was named the 2023 Homecoming Queen. Reeves is a sophomore from Boone, Colorado. Kenny Ermat, representing the Men's Basketball Team, took the Homecoming King title. Ermat is a sophomore from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



Left to right: Kenny Ermat and Shyanna Reeves

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

Feb. 12 | Super Bowl Watch Party | 5:30 PM | Pioneer Point

Feb. 13 | Valentines Button Making | 12 PM | LRC

Feb. 14 | Rotaract Soup Fundraiser | 11 AM - 1 PM near Pioneer Central

Feb. 14 | WINDS Money Matters Workshop | 12 PM WINDS lab

Feb. 20 | Presidents Day | Campus Closed

Feb. 21 | Winter Concert | 7 PM | Herschal H. Crow Fine Arts Center

Feb. 21 | Organizational Bowling | 7 PM | Bowling Alley

Feb. 21 Baseball Home Opener | 1 PM

Feb. 23 | DIY Bath Bombs | 1- 3 | LRC

Former Pioneer named Miss Altus 2023



Miss Altus 2023 Kayla Peeler

Both current and former Pioneers were the stars of the 2023 Miss Altus scholarship competition on Saturday, February 4th at Western's Herschal H. Crow Fine Arts Center.

The competition include 6 contestants, all of which have attended or are attending Western.

Western graduate, Kayla Peeler was crowned Miss Altus 2023.

Peeler graduated with her associates degree in December and is now attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University. At Western, Peeler was a Western Ambassador, a Western cheerleader, and was involved in Pioneer Pride, WINDS, and FCA.

She is currently pursuing a bachelors degree in English Education at SWOSU and plans to then pursue a master's degree in school counseling to become a HS Guidance Counselor. Addison Tunstall was named 1st runner up receiving hundreds of dollars in scholarships.

At Western, Tunstall is a Western Ambassador and pursuing a degree in pre-dental. She plans to then transfer to Oklahoma State University to continue with dental school.

Western is a proud sponsor of the Miss Altus and Miss Altus

Teen scholarship competition and thrilled to host the pageant on campus. The Miss Altus organization provides an opportunity for women to grow in leadership, public speaking, and community service. Western is proud of each girl participating and is always #proudtobepioneer.



Left to right: Paige Condon, Addison Tunstall, Miss Altus 2022 Angela Nichols, Miss Altus 2023 Kayla Peeler, Miss Oklahoma 2022 Megan Gold, Mariah Flores, Anna David, Corey Saenz

WOSC President's Partners Welcomes Brad and Wendy Pryor



Left to Right: Larry Duffy, Executive Secretary for WOSC Foundation, Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President, Brad Pryor, Wendy Pryor, and Monica Taylor, Director of Development

Brad and Wendy Pryor become Western Oklahoma State College President's Partners. Brad and Wendy are lifelong southwest Oklahoma residents and live in Olustee with their four boys, Brody – 14, Kooper – 12, Marshall – 10 and Clancy – 8. Brad and Wendy both received their associate's degree from Western in 1998, where they were very active on campus and then continued their education at Oklahoma State University.

Brad refers to himself as a farmer with a passion for Jesus. He is an evangelist and serves as a deacon at Freedom Church of Altus. In 2011, he and Wendy started Cross Brand Ministries at the request of a rodeo team student. They minister weekly to the WOSC Rodeo Team students at their practice arena. Brad says of this ministry, "I believe this age group of students is my calling. It is my desire to help lead them to make positive life decisions." Because of their work with the Rodeo Team and other organizations on campus, Brad and Wendy were honored with a Lifetime Alumni Membership by the Board of Regents in 2017. Wendy was very active on campus while at Western. She served as the Student Senate President, a Western Ambassador, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a member of the Baptist Student Union. She received her bachelor's degree in Education from Oklahoma State University and taught in the Altus Public School system for seven years. She now home schools their four boys. She and Brad had no idea when they graduated from Western that they would be back and as involved as they are.

Dr. Chad Wiginton, Western Oklahoma State College President, says of Brad and Wendy, "I attended Western with Brad and Wendy and have some great memories of our time together. Their passion for serving our rodeo program through Cross Brand Ministries has been a blessing to so many of our students and we are so grateful for their extension of support through our President's Partners program. They truly are a special family and are always looking to put the needs of others before their own."

When asked why they chose to become President's Partners, Brad and Wendy responded with, "we want to help the disadvantaged students to better themselves, especially those who wouldn't have the means to get an education otherwise. This is a beautiful way to invest in those who are the future of our community. And we feel that Dr. Wiginton is one of the best people we know of to partner with." The WOSC Foundation, Inc. President's Partner Program is designed to enhance educational opportunities and student-learning experiences at Western Oklahoma State College. Partners make an annual pledge of at least \$1,000 in support. These pledges provide necessary funding for a variety of purposes, including scholarships, promotions, programs, student and faculty recruitment, facility improvements and initial funding for endowments and endowment development. The President's Partners are made up of community members and businesses in Altus and its surrounding area.

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 President's Partner Program or other ways to support, visit wosc.edu/give or call our office at (580) 477-7706.

PIONEER ATHLETICS AT HOME

2/9/23 | Women | 5:30 PM

2/9/23 | Men | 7:30 PM

2/11/23 | Men | 3 PM

2/14/23 | Women | 5 PM

2/16/23 | Women | 5:30 PM

2/16/23 | Men | 7:30 PM

2/20/23 | Women | 5:30 PM

2/20/23 | Men | 7:30 PM

2/21/23 | Baseball | 1 & 4 PM

2/27/23 | Women | 5:30 PM

2/27/23 | Men | 7:30 PM

ROTARACT SOUP BY THE BOWL fundraiser

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FEB. 14 | 11 AM- 1 PM

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