

2024 Freshman Connection



Photo Caption: Incoming freshman attending the 2024 Freshman Connection. Front row: Members of the Western Ambassador team assisting with campus tours.

With the fall semester about to kick off on Thursday, August 8th, Western welcomed close to 150 bright and eager incoming freshmen at Freshman Connection! Students had the chance to meet new friends, speak to instructors, and learn tips for success at Western.

Students toured the campus and went to individual departments to hear about available services, enabling students to become more familiar with not only the campus but also where to find the offices if they needed the services available. The orientation ended with students being shown where their classes would be held. We can't wait to see how the students grow and get involved on campus!

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

Aug 12 | Classes Begin

Aug 12 - 16 | Welcome Week

Aug. 14 | Pop into WINDS | 8 AM-1 PM | WINDS lab

Aug. 19 | Criterion 2 Overview | 12 PM

Aug. 21 | Organization Fair | 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Aug. 21 | Criterion 2 Overview | 3 PM

Aug. 26 | Chad Cargill ACT test prep | 8:30 AM

Aug. 29 | Welcome Back Bingo | 6 PM | PHC



Photo Caption: Members for the 2024-25 Lady Pioneer's basketball team attending Freshman Connection.

Western President's Partners Fund New Scholarship to Support Concurrent Enrollment Students

The Western Oklahoma State College Foundation is thrilled to announce a new scholarship initiative funded by the WOSC President's Partners. This scholarship is designed to support first-time and first-generation students enrolling in concurrent enrollment courses by covering the costs of fees.

Concurrent enrollment allows high school students to earn college credits while still in high school, providing a head start on their higher education journey. Through the state of Oklahoma's concurrent program, full tuition is waived up to 18 hours for high school seniors and 9 hours for juniors. However, the additional associated costs can be a barrier for many students. The new scholarship aims to alleviate this financial burden, making concurrent enrollment more accessible to students who may otherwise struggle to afford these opportunities. High school counselors have been provided with the necessary applications for students to apply for this scholarship. Eligible students must be first-time college attendees and/or first-generation students. "Concurrent enrollment continues to be a very popular program for high school students wanting to get a head start on their college education. First-generation college students often fall through the cracks and are either unaware or unable to participate due to financial hardships. We are grateful the WOSC Foundation saw this need and has provided funding through the President's Partners program," said

Western President Dr. Chad Wiginton.

Funding for the scholarship is limited, and Western encourages anyone interested in supporting this vital program to contact Monica Taylor at foundation@wosc.edu or 580.477.7706. By contributing, donors can help more students take advantage of concurrent enrollment, setting them on a path toward academic success.

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.



WOSC President's Partners Welcomes Kyle and Nicole Keenum

Western Oklahoma State College is excited to welcome Kyle and Nicole Keenum as President's Partners. Kyle, a proud alumnus, and Nicole, a former faculty member, have deep roots with Western, making their involvement even more meaningful.

Kyle and Nicole have a rich family history in southwest Oklahoma and are proud to call Altus their home. They own and operate Rexco Drug & Gifts and have two children, Harper, 9, and Kolt, 11. Kyle received his associate's degree from Western in 2004 before completing his Doctorate of Pharmacy (PharmD) from the University of Oklahoma in 2009. His degree path was unique because he was able to obtain his doctorate without a bachelor's, leveraging his associate's degree from Western. Nicole received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Northeastern State University. She was a math instructor at Western from 2013 to 2018 and is currently teaching 5th-grade math at Altus Intermediate School.

The Keenums agree that Western is "truly a Smart Start." Kyle says of becoming a President's Partner, "Western is a very important part of the community and one of the biggest draws to our area. We are excited to be a part of this program to support and give back to Western."

Dr. Wiginton, Western Oklahoma State College President, says of this new partnership, "The Keenums are connected to Western in different ways. Dr. Kyle was a student and graduate, while Nicole was a valuable faculty member in our Math department. However, they both have the same strong desire to see the college and our students succeed. They are Pioneers through and through, and we are so grateful for the way they serve and support our community".



Photo Caption: Pictured L-R: Larry Duffy, Executive Secretary for WOSC Foundation Nicole Keenum, Kyle Keenum, Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President and Monica Taylor, Director of Development and Alumni

Western Oklahoma State College is thankful to Kyle and Nicole Keenum, and to all of the President's Partners for providing financial support above and beyond operational funding provided to the college by the Oklahoma Legislature. 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.

Financial Aid Office Set to Host FAFSA Workshops

Have questions? —
FAFSA WORKSHOP

AUGUST 19 | 12:30 PM
AUGUST 22 | 9:00 AM

Location : SSC Activity Center, SSC 202

Do you know anyone looking for help with the FAFSA application process? The Financial Aid Office is hosting two financial aid workshops for students/families to attend to help guide them through the application process, answer your questions, and ensure they are on track to receive the financial aid they deserve.

Workshop Dates:

- August 12th at 12:30 PM
- August 22nd at 9:00 AM
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Location: SSC Activity Center, SSC 202

Whether you are a first-time applicant or need help renewing your FAFSA, these workshops are perfect for you.

Don't miss this opportunity to simplify the FAFSA process and secure your financial future. We look forward to seeing you there!

2024 Welcome Week

MONDAY

12

PARTY AT THE POINT

7-9 P.M.
Pioneer Point

TUESDAY

13

BOWLING NIGHT

7-9 P.M.
Town & Country Lanes

WEDNESDAY

14

MOVE NIGHT

Any movie | 7 PM
Heritage Park Theater

Pick up tickets at Pioneer Central from 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

THURSDAY

15

GAMES ON THE LAWN

7-9 P.M.
In front of gym

FRIDAY

16

PICNIC AT PIONEER CENTRAL

11 A.M. - 1 P.M.
Pioneer Central

All events are **FREE** with a student ID



POP into
WINDS

Aug. 14
8 AM - 1 PM | WINDS lab

WESTERN ORGANIZATION FAIR

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 21
9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Learn about the clubs and
organizations on campus
and let us help you get
involved!

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CHAD CARGILL ACT TEST PREP WORKSHOP

AUGUST 26, 2024 | 8:30 A.M. | \$30

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Chad Cargill took
the ACT a total of
18 times in high
school raising his
score from a 19 to
a 32.

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