

## Western Staff Spotlight

Meet Western's new Biology instructor, Curtis Goodson!

Curtis was born and raised in Southwest Oklahoma. He attended Western as a student and graduated in 2019. During his time at Western, he was a Western Ambassador and was able to build relationships with staff/faculty. "Being involved in the college really helped me build good connections that would later be beneficial in life," said Goodson.

Why did you choose to work at Western?

"I wouldn't say that I chose to work at Western, but I would say Western found me. I have always had great pride in Western since attending here, and I am glad to be back and teaching here."

What is your favorite aspect about Western?

"My favorite thing about Western is how friendly and helpful others are to you. Everyone on this campus wants the other person to succeed. This is a trait that is genuine to Western and not found at most other places."

What advice would you give students to help them succeed?



Curtis Goodson, Biology Instructor

"Go to class!! Something so simple is so beneficial. Being involved in activities that are put on by the campus is worth it. Whether you are here at Western or at a different college, if you aren't involved, your experience will not be as good as if you were involved."

What are you looking forward to most in your position?

"What I look forward to most is being able to interact with students and challenge them to learn and grow as a young adult."

## UPCOMING AT WESTERN

Sept 18 | Importance of Voting | 12 PM | WINDS lab

Sept 19 | Campus Chili Cook-off | 11:30 AM | Larry Duffy Hall

Sept 19 | Scooterball | 6 PM | WOSC gym

Sept. 25 | FAFSA Workshop | 8AM - 12PM | WINDS lab

Sept. 27 | All-Area College Fair | 9 AM - 11:30 AM | PHC

Oct. 2 | "Finding a Job after College" | 12 PM | WINDS lab

Oct. 8 | Coffee and Canvas | 6 PM | Pioneer Central

Oct. 9 | Drug and Alcohol Workshop | 12 PM | WINDS lab

Oct. 10 | Pentathlon Organization Competition | 6 AM |

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Oct. 18-21 | Fall Break | Campus Closed

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

## Student Affairs Hosts Organization Fair

Western hosted its annual Organization Fair on Wednesday, August 21, with over 15 organizations participating. Each organization came together to offer students a fantastic opportunity to explore ways to get involved on campus. Whether a student is looking to join a club, volunteer, or find their community, Western has an opportunity for everyone! Anyone who missed out on the fair can reach out to Shelby Lucas, Recruiter/Student Activities Specialist, at [events@wosc.edu](mailto:events@wosc.edu), and she will provide information about ways to get involved on campus. Congratulations to our competition winners:

Best Food: WINDS

Most Creative: Nursing Club

Best: FCA



L to R: Lakisa Igiede, NASNTI Outreach Specialist, Lindsey Ducharme, Nursing Simulation Coordinator, and members of the Nursing Club | Most Creative



Western cheerleaders at cheer booth



Members of WINDS | Best Food



Kaycee Lookingbill, FCA Sponsor | Best Activity



Rotaract member Crissa Carter and Sponsor Debbie Valerio

# WOSC President's Partners Welcomes Raylon and Michelle Shumaker

Western Oklahoma State College is excited to welcome Raylon and Michelle Shumaker as President's Partners. The Shumaker family have a long history with Western Oklahoma State College, with Raylon and their three children all having attended the institution. Raylon and Michelle met at Southern Nazarene University and came back to Raylon's roots to make Eldorado their home. Raylon built his career at Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, where he has worked for the past 32 years and currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Appraisal, overseeing seven offices. Michelle, after a career in public education teaching in Altus, Eldorado, and Navajo, recently joined Western as the Director of the Learning Resource Center. The Shumakers feel strongly about giving back and helping students prepare for the future. They believe the President's Partner program is a great way for them to bless others as their family has been blessed with their educational experiences while here at Western. Western Oklahoma State College President Dr. Wiginton says of this new partnership, "Beginning in 2013, the Shumakers were regulars on our campus watching their daughters play for the Lady Pioneers basketball team. Raylon has been a longtime Western Ag Advisory Committee member and Michelle was the cheer sponsor for several years. We are so fortunate to now have Michelle and both her daughters (Katelynn Thompson and Kriston Cusher) working side by side on our campus to continue to make this a great place for our students. Families like the Shumakers who jump in and give it all they've got are what make southwest Oklahoma and Western special."



Pictured L-R: Larry Duffy, Executive Secretary for WOSC Foundation Michelle Shumaker, Raylon Shumake, Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President and Monica Taylor, Director of Development and Alumni

Western Oklahoma State College is thankful to Raylon and Michelle and to all of the President's Partners for providing financial support above and beyond the 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 give, visit [wosc.edu/give](http://wosc.edu/give) or call our office at (580) 477-7706.

## Meet the 2024-2025 Ag Ambassador Team

Meet the 2024-25 Ag Ambassador Team! We are proud of these outstanding students and wish them an incredible year ahead!

The Agriculture Student Ambassador Program at Western is a leadership opportunity for students dedicated to serving and representing the Western Agriculture Department and Western. Student ambassadors will serve as representatives for the Agriculture Department and perform duties at various campus and community events.



Abbygale Munoz  
Mangum, OK  
Range & Wildlife  
Management



Baylee Pence  
Olustee, OK  
Ag Ed.,  
Communication  
& Leadership



Braylee Dollins  
Duke, OK  
Ag Business



Dillon Lopez  
Carlsbad, NM  
Animal Science



Isabelle Gloria  
Altus, OK  
Pre- Vet Animal  
Science



Tanner Newton  
Elk City, OK  
Ag Business



Alex Palmer  
Leedey, OK  
Ag Business

## Waibel Recives Delta Dental Scholarship

Congratulations to Halle Waibel. She is a recipient of a \$1,000 Delta Dental of Oklahoma Reach Higher Scholarship. Halle is a sophomore at Western from Woodward, OK. and seeking a Pre-Dental degree at Western. The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation and the State Regents for Higher Education have created scholarships for students seeking a career in the dental field. Five community colleges have been awarded these scholarships, including Western Oklahoma State College.



Pictured L-R: Halle Waibel and Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President

# Chili COOK OFF

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
11:30 A.M.  
LARRY DUFFY HALL

- Fixin's will be provided
- Tasting bowls available at the door
- \$1 per taster
- Winners will receive a Western prize pack and go on to represent Western at the Altus Main Street Chili Cook Off on Saturday, October 5th!

HOSTED BY WESTERN'S STAFF SENATE & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## 2ND 8 WEEK COURSES BEGIN OCTOBER 8TH

### ONLINE

- Art Appreciation
- Business Communications
- The Child Development Professional
- Capstone Practicum
- Diversity Early Care
- English Comp II
- Survey of American Literature
- Cultural Diversity
- American History (1492-1865)
- American History (1865-Pres)
- Weight Training
- Equine Conf & Pre Ev.
- Personal/Community Health
- Bowling
- Care and Treatment of Athletic Injuries
- Nutrition
- Sports Officiating II
- American Popular Music
- Intro to Philosophy
- Dev. Psychology
- Reading Fundamentals
- Intro to Sociology
- Public Speaking

*There is still time to enroll!*

### FACE TO FACE

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|------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| • English Fundamentals | MW  | 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM   Hybrid |
| • English Comp II      | MWF | 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM            |
| • English Comp II      | MWF | 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM          |
| • English Comp II      | MW  | 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM   Hybrid   |
| • General Biology      | TTH | 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM   Hybrid  |
| • Federal Government   | MW  | 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM          |
| • Reading Fundamentals | TTH | 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM            |
| • Public Speaking      | MWF | 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM            |

# WESTERN Oklahoma State College

## INAUGURAL GREEN & GOLD

SCRIMMAGE FRIDAY SEPT. 27  
FREE FUN FOR ALL!

4 PM • Western Softball Field

Contact Janna Davis to sign up as an alumni player:  
[alumni@wosc.edu](mailto:alumni@wosc.edu)

- CHEER ON THE LADY PIONEERS IN THEIR TEAM SCRIMMAGE!
- 3RD INNING: FCA DIZZY GAMES
- 5TH INNING: WESTERN ALUMNI INNING
- HOT DOGS
- TREATS
- KID ACTIVITIES
- ALUMNI ACTIVITIES
- MEET THE 24-25 LADY PIONEERS SOFTBALL TEAM

Bring your lawn chairs or bleacher cushions.

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