

## Western Staff Spotlight

Meet Western's new Biology instructor, Reid Armstrong!

Reid received his master's degree from Midwestern State University, where he did a lipid profile comparison between various species of spiders. "I love doing field work and specimen collections, mostly spiders and beetles," said Armstrong. He has two leopard geckos, Winston and Winifred.

Why did you choose to work at Western?

"The college looked really nice and seemed like a wonderful place to work. From my first emailed application, I've been met with nothing but friendly attitudes that have made me feel incredibly comfortable and welcome!"

What is your favorite aspect about Western?

"The sense of community. I come from larger colleges where you don't really know a lot of the faces that walk past you. It is amazing to see the instructors greeting students in the halls and holding gatherings for them to socialize. It really feels like a family here, and I love that!"



Reid Armstrong, Biology Instructor

What advice would you give students to help them succeed?

"Try your best, but don't be deflated from failure. Use it as a chance to learn and improve."

What are you looking forward to most in your position?

"Helping students develop a passion for biology. Biology is such an amazing branch of science that really allows you to view the world around you in a different way."

## UPCOMING AT WESTERN

- Oct. 8 | 2nd 8 week courses begin
- Oct. 8 | Hot Dog Lunch for students | 10:30a- 1:30p | HLC
- Oct. 8 | Coffee and Canvas | 6 PM | Pioneer Central
- Oct. 9 | Drug and Alcohol Workshop | 12 PM | WINDS lab
- Oct. 10 | Pentathlon Competition | 6 AM | A-wing
- 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. 24 | Skate Night | 7-9 PM | The Skate Place
- Oct. 31 | Halloween Events on Campus | 9 AM - 12 PM
- Oct. 31 | Trick or Treat with the Pioneers | 5-7 PM | Gym

## Western Agriculture Department Celebrate 2024 Scholarship Recipients

The Western Agriculture Department honored numerous deserving students at the 2024 Agriculture Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, September 18. Thanks to the generous support of the Ag Advisory Board and donors from Southwest Oklahoma, 53 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$32,800.

Dr. Hammack addressed over 100 attendees, sharing exciting updates about the department. Record-breaking enrollment was achieved in the spring semester, and this fall has seen a 20% increase in new agriculture students.

Western congratulates its Pioneer scholars and extends heartfelt thanks to those who continue to invest in the future of agriculture.



2024-25 Scholarships Recipients at the Agriculture Scholarship Luncheon

# WOSC President's Partners Welcomes Chad and Maegan Scott

Western Oklahoma State College is proud to welcome Chad and Maegan Scott, Southern Grounds Lawn and Landscape, as the newest WOSC President's Partners.

Maegan is a native of SW Oklahoma, growing up in Blair. She attended Western, then continued her education at UCO and Cameron, obtaining her bachelor's and master's degrees. Maegan came back to Western in 2015 working in Student Services. She is currently the Director of Public Relations. Meeting Chad through mutual friends, they were married in 2022, and are now settled in Blair with their 9-month-old daughter Olivia. Chad owns and operates Southern Grounds Lawn and Landscape. He began the business in 2015 in Ruston, Louisiana near his hometown of Shreveport, and has expanded to a second operation in Southwest Oklahoma.

Becoming President's Partners allows Chad and Maegan to contribute directly to the success of Western students. Maegan shared that she was fortunate to receive scholarship funding during her time at Western, and she is thrilled to now have the opportunity to give back, ensuring other students can benefit from the same life-changing experience. Commenting on their new partnership, "We are incredibly excited that we are a part of the Western family. Giving back to the community and supporting students in their educational journey is something we're both passionate about."

Western Oklahoma State College President Dr. Wiginton says of this new partnership, "Maegan was one of our Western Ambassadors when I served as the advisor to that group years ago. She was a terrific representative for Western and we were thrilled when she made the decision to return as an employee."



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

She and Chad are true Pioneers and we see their support on a daily basis."

The WOSC Foundation, Inc., is grateful to Chad and Maegan and all of the President's Partners for playing a vital role in the success of the college and for their commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for students.

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 how to get involved with the Western Oklahoma State College Foundation or the President's Partner program, visit [wosc.edu/give](http://wosc.edu/give) or call our office at (580) 477-7706.

## Student Affairs Hosts Scooterball

Western hosted its annual Scooterball Organization Competition on Thursday, September 19, with eight organizations participating in a double elimination competition. Several faculty and staff members volunteered at the event as line judges, referees, and miscellaneous help. Western is fortunate to have an outstanding Pioneer family dedicated to making the student experience as exceptional as possible.

1st Place: Hispanic Student Association  
2nd Place: Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
3rd Place: Western Ambassadors



Members of the Hispanic Student Association team winning 1st place.



Members of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries team winning 2nd place.



Members of the Western Ambassador team winning 3rd place.



Students participating in the competition.

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# TRICK OR TREAT

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# 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!

# 2024 SECURITY & CRIME REPORT

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Posted Oct. 1

free **HOT DOG** lunch



**Oct. 8**  
**10:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**HLC lobby**

**WOSC STUDENTS**

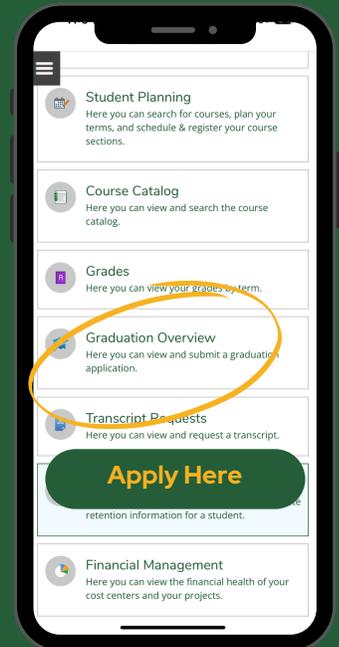
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