

Western Staff Spotlight

Meet Western's new Assistant Director of WINDS, Carolyn Estes!

Carolyn is a graduate of Mangum High School. She grew up in Mangum, OK, after her family retired from the Air Force. After high school, she received her Associate degree from Western Oklahoma State College before obtaining her Bachelor's degree from USAO. She taught for nine years in Mangum before joining the Western family and is currently finishing up her Master's degree from SNHU before hopefully starting on her Ed.S. next year.

Why did you choose to work at Western?
 "Western truly is a great place to work. With its smaller class sizes, it gives me the availability to get to know students on a more individualized basis."

What is your favorite aspect about Western?
 "Western truly feels like a family. Between the staff, faculty, and students, you will always find someone friendly and willing to help you with whatever you need."

What advice would you give students to help them succeed?
 "Communication. It becomes so important to communicate and advocate for yourself. Even if that means finding someone like me to help point you in the right direction, always communicate!"



Carolyn Estes, Assistant Director of WINDS

What most are you looking forward to in your position?
 "I am really looking forward to getting to know the students I work with on an individual basis. In the WINDS department, I get to provide a safe space for students and services specifically to help them succeed."

WINDS is a do-it-all type of program. We provide professional tutoring, we offer academic advising, we foot the bill for fun cultural trips outside of southwest Oklahoma, and we not only help you transfer to a university when you graduate, we help you decide where to go with multiple trips throughout the year to different campuses at no cost to the student. For more information, visit wosc.edu/WINDS or email winds@wosc.edu.

UPCOMING AT WESTERN

- Oct. 30 | Stress Relief Craft Workshop | 12 PM | WINDS
- Oct. 30-3 | Enrollment Week
- Oct. 31 | Halloween Trick or Treat | 9 AM - 12 PM
- Oct. 31 | Halloween Costume Contest | 12 PM
- Nov. 1 | Grant Aid Workshop | 12 PM | WINDS
- Nov. 2 | Enrollment Event | 10 AM - 4 PM | Pioneer Central
- Nov. 10 | Campus Closed | Veteran's Day
- Nov. 13 | Credit Card Workshop | 12 PM | WINDS
- Nov. 14 | Credit Card Workshop | 12 PM | WINDS
- Nov. 16 | Trivia Night | 6 PM | PHC
- Nov. 20-24 | Thanksgiving Break | Campus Closed
- Nov. 30 | 80s Skate Night | 7 PM | The Skate Place

2023 OACC Award Recipients

Each year, outstanding faculty and staff are recognized during the OACC (Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges) annual conference for their impact on their respective campuses. We are proud to acknowledge Western's 2023 winners. Ashton Davis, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, is our Outstanding Professional Staff recipient. Dr. David Goodman, Science Instructor, is our Outstanding Faculty recipient. Kaycee Finch, Testing Specialist, is our Outstanding Support Staff recipient. These individuals were honored at the OACC Annual Conference on Friday, October 6th, 2023, at the Tulsa Community College Northeast Campus. We appreciate each of these Pioneers and thank them for all they do daily to support our students and the institution.



From left to right: Dr. David Goodman, Science Instructor, Ashton Davis, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Kaycee Finch, Testing Specialist, and Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President

“Online Live” Courses coming Spring 2024

With enrollment now open for spring, Western is excited to introduce that we will be piloting 5 “Online Live” courses this spring. These courses will be similar to the virtual seat courses we have had in the past. Through this option, students will receive the flexibility to choose to attend either in person or via Zoom, experiencing a live instructor without having to physically be on campus. They will simply log into Zoom during the designated class period or just show up to class, like a traditional face-to-face course. How it Works:

When you look at the schedule, each class will be labeled online live and have designated meeting times that the students are required to attend. Students will log into their Canvas classes and click the Zoom link that is provided to join the class just like they are in the classroom. Instructors will have expectations posted in the classes, and the students will be required to have a webcam that remains on throughout the class period. Contact your advisor today for more information!

Introducing...

ONLINE *live*

at Western Oklahoma State College

Students can experience a live instructor without physically being on campus!

Pick your location and log into Zoom during the designated class period!

- American History
 - M | 11 AM - 12:15 P.M.
- Federal Government
 - MWF | 10 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.
- Stem College Algebra
 - TTH 8 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.
- English Comp I | (1st 8 weeks)
 - MWF 10 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.
- English Comp II | (2nd 8 weeks)
 - MWF 10 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.

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WINDS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

SEVNN RUSSELL WINDS PRESIDENT



What is your major?
Liberal Arts

Expected graduation date?
December 2023

What are your career goals?

To become the director of a youth center, or become a school counselor.

What do you love about Western?

I love how understanding everyone is and how much the teachers and staff care.

How has WINDS helped you succeed at Western?

In many ways including tours of places I was considering transferring to, workshops (especially the financial ones), and with supplies!

What advice would you give your peers to succeed in college?

Communicate with peers and teachers always, and do not stress yourself out.

What has been your favorite class so far? Why?

There are not many classes I did not like, but the favorite was Intro to Counseling.

Is there anything you wish to share?

College is sometimes a place where you have to realize what works for you and what doesn't. If college is one of those things don't immediately give up, talk to people first and figure out the best course of action for you.



2024 Chili Cookoff Winner, Jeremie Williams and Staff Senate Chair Nick Gavin

Western held their annual campus-wide Chili Cook-off on October 18th. The competition was tough, with a lot of great chili.

The 2023 winner was Jeremie Williams, Admissions and Records Assistant. Jeremie will move on to represent Western and compete at the Farm Fest Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 28th on the Altus City square!

A big thank you to Staff Senate and the Social Affairs committee for hosting such a fun event on campus!

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Enrollment Week | October 30 - November 3

Western will be hosting an enrollment week from October 30 through November 3. Students will have the option to enroll in the winter session courses, which run from December 15- January 6th and/or spring 2024.

There are several formats to choose from, including 16-week and 1st and 2nd 8-week courses with online and face-to-face options.

Thursday, Nov. 2nd, there will be an enrollment event from 10 AM - 4 PM near Pioneer Central with the theme of "Get Caffeinated. Get Motivated. Get Enrolled!" Everyone who enrolls will receive a free shirt while supplies last! There will be free coffee and advisors available to assist in finding the perfect schedule for you! Students are encouraged to schedule an appointment with their advisor if unable to attend the event.



**GET CAFFEINATED.
GET MOTIVATED.
GET ENROLLED!**

Join us for an Enrollment Event!

NOVEMBER 2 | 10 AM - 4 PM

- Enroll for the winter session or spring semester
- Grab a free cup of coffee
- All who enroll will receive a FREE T-shirt!
- Visit with advisors, faculty, and staff.
- Schedule an appointment with your advisor today!



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Community Engagement Service
and Service Learning
BAKE SALE

November 8, 2023 • 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Located near Pioneer Central

Stop by and purchase baked goodies for a good cause!

**INTRODUCING TWO NEW
AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS**
at Western Oklahoma State College

APPLIED ANIMAL SCIENCE, AAS

Associate in Science

ANIMAL HEALTH ASSISTANT

Certificate Program

Students will have the opportunity to gain real-world, hands-on experience through internships, practicum experiences, and courses in animal sciences. Classes are available online or in person!



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Friends of WOSC Performing Arts Announces
WOSC Community Chorus

*Cookies
and
Carols*

A Concert of Christmas Joy

Friday, December 15, 2023 | 7 P.M.
Pioneer Heritage Center

Rehearsals: Monday
Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27
Dec. 4, 11
WOSC Choir Room | 6 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Open to All Singers

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