



# No Excuses WT

## Sept. 2013

THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING INVOLVED

WORD TO THE WISE

## Welcome!

by Brant Nelson

Congratulations on your completion of your first week of classes! Now that you are starting to get settled into your classes and university life in general, I want to let you in on some upcoming events happening this month. It is my plan to have a newsletter each month. Announcements will also be made on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/WTMentoring](https://www.facebook.com/WTMentoring)

The week of September 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> is **Involvement Week (iWeek)**. **iWeek** is a three-day showcase of the many opportunities, resources and services available to WT students and is designed to allow students the opportunity to gather information, explore interests and connect with others at the University and within the Canyon and Amarillo communities. With plenty of giveaways, music, free food and friendly faces, this is one week you do not want to miss!

Your success is your choice. As a part of iWeek, keynote motivational speaker, **Marlon Smith**, will be here September 9<sup>th</sup> to encourage and inspire YOU.

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> I am organizing a **"What I Wish I Knew Back Then"** Q&A series. These Q&A's are specific events for the College Mentoring program. This is YOUR chance to

ask current upperclassmen and WT alumni ANYTHING and EVERYTHING.

I cannot stress enough the importance of getting involved. Your success depends on your engagement. You will receive back only what you are willing to put in.

I highly encourage mentors to push their protégés to seek out opportunities to become involved, particularly students who are commuting. Unlike students living on campus who are more likely to become involved through osmosis, commuters really need to make a conscious effort to become involved.

As always, feel free to come see me if you have any questions or concerns...or if you just want to hang out.

"Eighty percent of success is showing up."

—Woody Allen

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

#### **iSucceed | Student Success Fair**

Monday, Sept. 9th  
Time: 10:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Location: JBK Legacy Hall

#### **Success By Choice | Marlon Smith**

Monday, Sept. 9th  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: JBK Legacy Hall

#### **iBelong | Campus Life Fair**

Tuesday, Sept. 10th  
Time: 10:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Location: JBK Legacy Hall

#### **iCare | Volunteer Fair**

Wednesday, Sept. 10th  
Time: 10:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Location: JBK Legacy Hall

#### **Mentor Roundtable**

Wednesday, Sept. 18th  
Time: Noon—1:00 PM  
Location: Legends

#### **Greenlighting Available**

Tuesday, Sept. 24th  
Location: Advising Services

#### **"What I Wish I Knew Back Then"—Upperclassmen**

Tuesday, Sept. 24th (A)  
Time: 5:30—7:00 p.m.  
Legacy Hall

#### **"What I Wish I Knew Back Then"—Alumni**

Thursday, Sept. 26th  
Time: 5:30—7:00 p.m.  
Location: Legacy Hall

#### **8th Annual COESS Chili Cook-Off**

Thursday, Sept. 26th  
Time: 11:45 AM—1:30 PM  
Location: Pedestrian Mall

#### **Work-a-thon**

Saturday Sept. 28th  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Location: Pedestrian Mall