Mr. and Ms. Connors 2007

Connors State College announced the 2007 Mr. and Ms. Connors at the annual Honors Night ceremony. They are Kiandra Metoyer from New Orleans, Louisiana, and Jared Hershberger from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. and Ms. Connors is selected each year by CSC faculty and administration and is one of the most prestigious awards given to a deserving CSC female and male student.

Kiandra is the daughter of Fay Love and Michael Metoyer and plans to major in broadcast journalism. She came to Connors from New Orleans on a basketball scholarship.

When asked about her motivation for success, she said, “My motivation is being able to bless others. If I work hard to succeed, through the things I accomplish I may use those to be a blessing to others.” She gives the Bible verse, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” as her favorite quote.

In her spare time, Kiandra, better known as KiKi, enjoys playing basketball, attending church functions, “hanging out”, and simply enjoying life.

Jared is the son of Carl Bennett and has plans to pursue a career in business or meteorology. He came to Connors to pitch for the baseball team.

Jared believes that success is an ongoing process - always striving and never satisfied. To illustrate this, he gives a quote by Winston Churchill, “Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” He also lives by the saying, “If you want your dreams to come true, wake up.” He thinks this saying works in the classroom, the baseball field, and life because “no one will just hand things to you—you have to take them yourself.”

Jared enjoys playing baseball, watching movies, and reading.
When asked what his initial reaction was, Bill Lollis, who currently resides in Wagoner, replied, "I was amazed and extremely honored." In 1957, Lollis was selected as the honorary Mr. Connors, at that time known as Joe College.

Although the complete history of the Mr./Ms. Connors tradition is still being researched, it dates back at least to 1952. At this time both an outstanding female and male student were honored. Before 1952, documentation shows that only a female student was chosen yearly as the ConRah! Queen. However, the ConRah! Queen followed a concept similar to Mr. and Ms. Connors today.

Throughout the years, these two distinct positions have undergone several name changes. What began as the ConRah! Queen later became the ConRah! Queen and King. Then from 1954-64, the two honored students were known as Joe College and Betty Coed. Eventually the titles were altered to Mr. and Miss Connors and are presently know as Mr. and Ms. Connors.

Even though many changes have occurred affecting the title and selection process, the significance of the title will always remain the same. Lollis is not the only one that will tell you that receiving the title is a great honor. Gary Hendrix of Ft. Gibson was selected as the 1978 Mr. Connors. He recalls being humbled by receiving the award. He believes as well that his experiences at Connors helped to mold and shape him today. Hendrix now serves as the Athletic Director and boys’ basketball coach at Fort Gibson High School.

Likewise, John Beaver, who is currently the Cultural Protocols Program Specialist at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., says, "I was very honored to be selected as Mr. Connors in 1995, and I am still honored today.” He also believes that Connors helped to give him a great start in his education and his career. Beaver is now completing his Ph.D. in anthropology.

Mr. Lollis came to CSC on a football scholarship in 1956. He returned in 1967 and taught sociology and anthropology at Connors for 23 years. Lollis sums up the meaning of the Mr. and Ms. Connors title best when he said that the award instills a “sense of success and reinforces a feeling of confidence and pride in yourself that will

Who’s Who in American Junior Colleges

Twenty-nine CSC students were named to Who’s Who in American Junior Colleges and announced at Honors Night. The students honored with this award were:

- Tyler Andrews
- Keterah Boyd
- Wanda Brooks
- Paula Chisum
- Shavonne Cragg
- Ashley Creed
- Jennifer Dieter
- Liane Edwards
- Terry Gregory
- Jenny Headrick
- Jarod Hershberger
- Candis Hitchye
- Christopher Hitchcock
- Heather Keith
- Fabiola Kemble
- Jennifer Koziol
- Kiandra Metoyer
- Misti Sharp
- Deanna Smith
- Cambra Soukup
- Rocky Spriggs
- Melissa Stafford
- Wesley Stanley
- Anna Taylor
- Adrian Sarah Unger
- Kyle Upchurch
- Charles Whittaker
- Brandon Wise
- Justin Wood
Honors Night

Many Connors State College students were recognized for their hard work and academic achievements on Thursday evening, May 4th, at the annual Honors Night ceremony. The awards and their recipients were:

**President’s Leadership Class** - Nadia Escalona, Jessilyn Inbody, Jennifer Koziol, Daniel Schmidt, Brent Smith, Brent Womack, Brandon Womack, and Charles Whittaker

**Student Senate** - Daniel Schmidt-President, Cambra Soukop-Vice President, Kristi Goins-Treasurer, Natasha McIntosh-Fall Secretary, Kerrie Jones-Sophomore Representative, and Jeremy Bennett-Freshman Representative

**Nursing** - Amberly Chapman, Lexie Mumm (Most Enthusiastic Learner), Charles Strode (Team Player), and Jenni Campbell (Most Well-Rounded Student)

**Child Development** - Glenda Harris, Terry Gregory (Outstanding Scholastic Achievement), Crystal Owens (Dedication to Professionalism), Jennifer Dieter (Exceptional Progress), Melissa Kathleen Stafford (Distinguished Student), and Jenny Bullard (Outstanding Scholar)

**Math & Science** - Noriko Walters (General Zoology), Stephanie Smith (Human Anatomy), Joyce Bray, Amanda Whitten, Jamie Widenor (Environmental Science), Sarah Quisenberry (Exceptional Mathematical Achievement), Jordan Taylor, Derek Dandridge, and Buffy Hall (Outstanding Student in Math)

**Student Support Services** - Rachel Butler

**Communication & Fine Arts** - Kiandra Metoyer, Amanda Brandyberry, Courtney Chapman (Journalism), Carley Chaney, Stephanie Smith, Lauren Burns, Ashley Scott, David James, Joanie Gilbert (English Composition), Rachel Butler (American Literature), and Jarod Hershberger (Excellence in Literature)

**Business** - Tracy Lontz and Sara Hubler

**Social Science** - Kyle Hash (Early and Modern Civilization Honoree)

**Delta Kappa Gamma** - Rachel Butler

To conclude the evening, Ms. Patsy Wimber recognized Who’s Who and Dr. Nero introduced this year’s Mr. and Ms. Connors, Kiandra Metoyer and Jared Hershberger.

Connors State College
Graduation 2007
Friday, May 11
Melvin Self Fieldhouse
Speaker, Dr. Glen D. Johnson, Chancellor

Reception after Graduation Practice on Thursday, May 10

Caps and gowns must be picked up by noon, Wed., May 9th!

Phi Theta Kappa Induction

The Phi Theta Kappa Spring Induction was held on Thursday evening, April 26. New inductees were:

Jeremy Bennett
Katlyn Blankinship
Michaela Brown

Courtney Chapman
Eamon Darbandi
Stephanie Davis
Jennifer Dieter
Sierra Foster
Keely Gatlin
Kristi Goins
Debra Hood
Jennifer Koziol

Channing Martin
James McCoy, Jr.
Patrick Murphy
Janice Parpart
Sarah Quisenberry
Kyle Ramsey
Lisa Rees
Brent Smith
Jessica Smith

Kyle Smith
Stephanie Smith
Cambra Soukop
Jennifer Spaulding
Donna Thurston
Cara Voight
Charles Whittaker
Brent Womack
Antoinette Woods
So what is the goal for this year’s Cowboys? - to again win Region 2 and the district championship and play again in the NJCAA World Series!

This year’s team has had some big games in this season such as sweeping Rose State. With a 34-14 record at this time, they and NEO A&M are battling neck and neck for the conference title.

Coach Keith commented that the team has been playing well lately with good defensive play and power and speed in the offensive lineup. He also said that the pitching has gotten stronger as the season has progressed.

When asked about individual players, Coach Keith said, “Up and down the line, we are strong. We don’t have to depend on one person to carry the team.”

The Cowboys will be playing at home on April 26th, April 30th, May 1st, and May 5th. The Region II Tournament will be May 10-13.

Come to Biff Thompson Field and root the Cowboys to a return trip to the World Series!