Mr. & Ms. Connors 2008

Mr. and Ms. Connors or Joe College and Betty Coed? The names have changed throughout the years but the honor and prestige of the titles are still the same.

This year’s Mr. and Ms. Connors are Mr. Jeremy Bennett, Yukon, and Ms. Stephanie Hope Smith, Muskogee. Stephanie is the daughter of the late Steve Smith and Rick and Sherry Scott. She is a member of the Cowgirl basketball team, an honor student, and an active part of the BCM at CSC. She plans to be a biochemistry major at OU after graduation from CSC.

One memory that stands out for her while at Connors is the time she and her friend, Leasa, played wall ball with a huge blow-up basketball. It was so big it knocked Leasa down.

Stephanie favorite quote is Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.”

Jeremy Bennett and Stephanie Smith

Jeremy is the son of Sandi and Bill Bennett and is the student body president. Upon graduation from CSC, he plans to continue his education at OSU with an Environmental Science or Policy major and Sociology minor. This summer he will be interning in Washington, D.C. for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

One of Jeremy’s best memories is the basketball games with the half-time show and getting students to face paint and the ag students reading newspapers when the opposing team was announced.

Jeremy comments that he has thoroughly enjoyed working in the recruitment office, speaking to prospective students, and serving as student body president. He says he is thankful he chose CSC and will always remember his two years here.
Honors Night

Many Connors State College students were recognized for their hard work and academic achievements on Monday evening, April 21st, at the annual Honors Night ceremony. The awards and their recipients were:

President's Leadership Class-
Jeremy Bennett, Lindsay Bullard, Meghan Frazier, Cassie Hamm, Rachel Blundell, Nick Pope, Brent Smith, Brandon Womack, Brent Womack, Jessilyn Inbody, Charles Whittaker, Lindsey Treloar, Sunny Son

Student Government- 2007-08
Jeremy Bennett-President
Brent Womack-Vice President
Brandon Womack-Treasurer
Raelynn Elsworth-Secretary
Sierra Foster-Sophomore Rep
Lindsey Treloar-Freshman Rep 2008-09
Raelynn Elsworth-President
Lisa Williams-Vice President
Michael Todd-Treasurer
Katrina Crank-Secretary

Social Science-
Buffy Hall (Outstanding Psychology Student)

Math & Science
Patrick Murphey (Trigonometry) and Stephanie Smith (Physics)

Communication & Fine Arts-
Amanda Dawes (Journalism); Michelle Shoemaker (Creative Writing); Buffy Hall, Briana Bryant, Natalie Sydebotham, Patrick Murphy, Denton George, Jan Glendening, Zach Dunn, Meagan Andrews, April Morris, William Bright, Miranda Prichard, Ashleigh Vaughn, Stephanie Marie Johnson (English Composition); Briana Bryant, Lori Dandrige (American Literature); Briana Bryant, Melanie McClellan, Jessilyn Inbody (World Literature)

Business-
Channing Grinnel, Jannifer Robinson

Nursing-
Celeste Hanson, Amanda Lewis (Academic Excellence in Nursing); Amber Holt (Outstanding Provision of Patient Care, Nurse Practicum I)

Child Development-
Loretta McMillen, Rebecca Cole (Outstanding Scholastic Achievement); Shavonne Cragg, Fabiola Kemble (Dedication to Professionalism); Rocky Spriggs (Exceptional Progress); Jennifer Dieter (Distinguished Student); Jean Parker (Outstanding Scholar)

Delta Kappa Gamma-
Melissa Stafford

To conclude the evening, Ms. Bridget Beaver recognized Who’s Who and Dr. JoLynn Diigranes introduced this year’s Mr. and Ms. Connors, Stephanie Smith and Jeremy Bennett. Also Coach Eddie Kite and Laura Hazen spoke about the outstanding characteristics of the newly chosen Mr. and Ms. Connors.

Who’s Who in American Junior Colleges

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

Jeremy Bennett, Tanner Bennett, Katlyn Blankinship, Lindsay Bullard, Kristina Campbell, Lacie Carlton, Ren-Janette Carter, Kayla Cheatham, Paula Chisum, Rebecca Cole, Tressa Cookson, Shavonne Cragg, Jennifer Dieter, Kimberly Flinn, Keeley Gatlin, Amanda Genn, Jan Glendening, Terry Gregory, Glenda Harris, Michelle Hiebert, Christopher Hitchcock, Jennifer Howard, Jessilyn Inbody, Donna Ingram, Racie Jackson, Whitney Jameson, Sarina Jenkins, Dustin Keith, Fabiola Kemble, Kimberly Little dave, Whitney McCollough, Loretta McMillen, Darla McNac, Kathryn Miller, Melissa Mills, Robyn Murton, Magan Osborne, Mika Osborne, Jean Parker, Kory Ridley, Kenzi Rucker, Brent Smith, Stephanie Smith, Jennifer Spaulding, Radell Stevenson, Cara Voigt, Shad West, Amanda Whitten, Charles Whittaker, Brandon Womack, Brent Womack, Tiffiny Young, and Michael Zurmehly.
Celebrating Children

Child and Connors’ Centennial.
The children’s art/silent auction raised close to $400 for the Child Development Education Foundation.
In addition, over 200 books and stuffed animals were donated and then given to Kids Space, a local non-profit organization that helps children who have been victims of abuse.
Finally, in the fight for literacy, over 100 Connors students read to children throughout the area.

Open House for Bond Projects

CSC celebrated the newly completed Capital Bond Projects by hosting an open house and ribbon cutting on Thursday, March 27th. The Muskogee and Warner Chambers of Commerce assisted with the ribbon cutting and tours of the new facilities.
The Capital Bond projects included Gatlin Hall, the one-stop enrollment center, new equine facilities, new chemistry and physics labs, and renovations and computer lab in the Jacob Johnson Building.
According to Ms. Ann Trzcinski, the chemistry lab is up-to-date with the latest technology and equipment. She is very proud of the change.

Phi Theta Kappa Induction

On March 13th at the Warner library auditorium, thirty-six students were inducted into the Mu Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.
The inductees were:
Sponsors for Phi Theta Kappa are Stan Cowen and Dena Wheeler.
Chili Cook-off a Success

The CSC recruiting department teamed with the Oklahoma National Guard for Muskogee’s Annual Chili Cook-off on April 12th. The National Guard, one of Dale Earnhardt, Jr.’s sponsors, provided one of his race cars for pictures.

While both CSC’s chili and beans (cooks Ron Ramming and Robert Stone) were quite popular with the crowd, it was the dessert that won first place.

Interscholastic Meet 2008

The 24th Annual Interscholastic Competition was held on Tuesday, April 8th, with 24 area schools participating. Students from grades 8th through 12th were divided into three groups comprised of small, medium, and large schools. Tests were given by CSC instructors in 29 academic subjects. Medallions were awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each subject. Sweepstakes winners were:

Division I (Small Schools) 1st-Preston, 2nd-Porter, 3rd-Indianola
Division II (Medium Schools) 1st-Oktaha, 2nd-Gore, 3rd-Adair
Division III (Large Schools) 1st-Wagoner, 2nd-Checotah & Coweta, 3rd-Hilldale

Creative Cabaret

Students will be reading their original selections from this year’s anthology, Kaleidoscope, on April 30th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Warner Student Union Snack Bar.

High Point Team Members:

Sophomores
Justin Reed-Team Roping
Cody Rose-Team Roping

Freshmen
Trevor Beebe-Calf Roping
Ryan Bothum-Team Roping & Calf Roping
Jarrod Floyd-Goat Tying & BAW
Taylor Lang-Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Barrel Racing
Tiffany Lawrence-Barrel Racing
Ryan Richtermeir-Team Roping
Skyler Strassman-Team Roping & Steer Wrestling
Natalie Sydebotham-BAW

Finals Week May 5-9

The 2008 Aggie Day Interscholastic meet hosted 116 schools from both Arkansas and Oklahoma. There were a total of 1160 students from eighth to twelfth grades.