Both the Cowboy and Cowgirl basketball teams captured the NJCAA Region II championship on March 9th. The teams then moved on to the National Tournament. The men’s team played in Hutchinson, Kansas and the women’s team played in Salina, Kansas.

The Cowboys ended their season with a record of 28-9 and a 4th place finish. The Cowgirls completed the season with a record of 30-5.

Congratulations to both teams and coaches on fantastic seasons!
During the month of March, the Math and Science Club and Ag Ambassadors held a “good-natured” competition gathering and recycling paper with lunch and bragging rights at stake.

The Math and Science Club collected a total of 748 pounds of recyclable paper, and the Ambassadors won the competition with a total of 962 pounds of paper. The grand total of paper collected was 1710 pounds. The delivery truck picked it up on March 31st and took it to Georgia Pacific.

The organizations will continue to collect paper for the remainder of the semester. If you would like to contribute to the cause, contact Jake Walker or Dr. Ryan Carlton for more information.
International Dance Performance

An international dance performance was held on February 16th at the Port Campus as part of CSC’s Global Education. Those involved were Ms. Priya Raju, a dance performer, Ms. Keerti Chaturvedula, a dance performer, Mrs. Usha Shanmugamani, the coordinator of makeup and costumes, and Mr. C. Shanmugamani and Ms. Dianne Haralson, organizers of the event.

The first dance was Bharatanatyam Fusion, which is an ancient classical art form of India, being over 2,000 years old. It was performed in traditional dance dress. It also demonstrated that it can be adapted to any music, even hip-hop.

Rajasthani Folk Dance was the second dance, originating from the state of Rajasthan in India. It is known for colorful costumes, expressive facial expressions, and lots of physical movement.

Ms. Raju is Mr. Shanmugamani’s daughter and director of Kripalaya Dance Academy in Tulsa.

CSC Ag Ambassadors

The Agriculture Ambassadors are a select group of agriculture students dedicated to enhancing the image of and interest of the agriculture industry and the Division of Agriculture at Connors State College. Ag Ambassadors serve the agricultural and natural resources industries in Oklahoma in a variety of capacities, including hosting functions to educate students in this industry. Eight to fourteen students are selected to participate in the Ambassador program through application. Applications are available after the 12th week of each semester.

The Ambassador group is a working organization with specific duties and responsibilities accomplished by the members. Schedules vary from week to week and semester to semester. The Ambassadors participate in many different activities in a year including: college fairs, informational workshops, hosting FFA competitive events, back to school socials, high school visits to campuses, setting up display books at events, and conventions and career fairs.

Current Ag Ambassadors in CSC are Sage Shoulders, Josh Cribbs, Ben Scott, Valerie Jones, Brianna Smith, Sarah Bates, Kacie Duncan, Josh Gilstrap, Micheal Hodges, Travis O’Dell, Jacob Shaw, Katie Lents, and Matthew Howeth.
Spring proves to be the busiest time for the members of Connors State rodeo team. Throughout the year the team competes at ten collegiate rodeos within the Central Plains Region, striving to qualify for the College National Finals held in Casper, WY. Seven of these ten rodeos are scheduled during the spring semester. With four rodeos left, the men’s team is standing 11th place and the women’s team is 12th.

Individuals currently ranked within the top ten include: Trevor Beebe, tie down calf roping; West Ratliff, steer wrestling, and Tiffany Lawrence, barrel racing. Much time, practice, and concentration are required in order to competitively compete at a collegiate level. These cowboys and cowgirls meet at the arena for at least twelve hours a week to practice barrel racing, goat tying, calf roping, breakaway roping, steer wrestling, and team roping.

However, it’s not just the rodeos that keep the team busy. A little spring cleaning has taken place at the indoor arena with a new coat and color of paint. The refreshing paint job came just in time for the annual CSC Rodeo Tryout Day held on March 26th. Students came from near and far to show off their events, meet the coaches and team members, tour the campus, and eat pizza! The fall semester will come soon enough and many of these students will be new faces on campus. For now, with the spring semester on the downward slope, rodeo team members plan to finish strong both in and out of the arena.