Mr. & Ms. Connors - 2009

This year’s Mr. & Ms. Connors are Natalie Sydebotham and Andres Caceres. They were recognized on April 23rd at Honors Night.

Both Natalie and Andres are not only serious students at Connors but are on scholarship with their respective activities. Natalie is a member of CSC’s rodeo team and Andres is a member of CSC’s baseball team.

Natalie is the daughter of Tim and Judy Sydebotham and her hometown is Ochelata, Oklahoma. In addition to the rodeo team, Natalie is a member of PTK, PLC, and actively attends the BCM. She mentions both Jake Lawson, rodeo coach, and Rowdy Morris, BCM director, as people who have had an impact on her life while at CSC. She states that attending CSC for her first two years has proven to be the right decision. “I have formed connections with people that I will take with me from this point forward.”

Andres is the son of Andrea Medina and Andres Caceres, Sr. He comes to Warner from Queens, New York, to play baseball for the CSC Cowboys. He states that the “great run to the NJCAA World Series was one of the best experiences of my life.”

Andres mentions not only his parents as having a huge impact on his life but also Coach Perry Keith. He says, “I came to Connors as a kid who didn’t know much but now I’m leaving as a man who learned a lot. He helped me to mature as a person.”

For their favorite quotes, Natalie gave a quote from Aristotle: “The more you know, the more you know you don’t know.” Andres’s favorite quote is from the Bible: “Humble yourself in front of the Lord and He will pick you up.”
Life as a CSC Student . . .

Having lived on campus for four semesters, it seems as though a “typical” day is nonexistent. Each morning is the start of a brand new cycle of events; some are planned, yet most are not. . .but that’s what keeps life exciting.

I’m not necessarily a morning person, but I try to begin my days with a “rise and shine” attitude. Once I’m ready for the day and out the door, the first task is to make sure my two horses at the rodeo barn get fed, hayed, and watered. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, I’m in class until about 1:00. This leaves me an hour of free time before going to work as the student secretary in the rodeo/equine office. How my free time is spent usually varies with one thing constant - to find some food! The Wednesday Noondays at the BCM are always convenient. On Tuesday and Thursday, I clock more hours in the office along with lab, PLC, and Bible study on Tuesday night.

Throughout the week my afternoons and evenings require jeans, boots, and spurs. On Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00, I can most likely be found at the rodeo arena where I practice roping calves and team roping. During the spring semester most of my weeks are cut short because of the rodeo season. Depending on the date, the team and I will leave school on a Thursday or Friday and travel to different colleges in the region to compete through the weekend.

When on campus, the one thing I do experience as a typical CSC resident is dining out in the cafeteria. After dinner, it’s back to the barn to finish chores: clean stalls and again feed, hay, and water the horses. By now it’s dark and time to head in. This is my down time which is usually spent with my roommates or chatting with friends. Also this is when my nerdy side shines the brightest, for nighttime is when I do my homework and studying. Finally, I close my day giving thanks to God and catch a few Zs in preparation for another scheduled, yet unpredictable day.

Aggie Day

On Thursday, April 9th, CSC’s Agriculture Department hosted Aggie Day, an interscholastic contest for FFA and 4-H students. At least 89 different school systems and 1,015 students from Oklahoma and Arkansas participated in the event. The students competed in contests in Entomology, Farm Survey or Soil and Water Conservation, Land, Rangeland, Floriculture, Nursery Landscape, Farm Business Management, Dairy Products, Agronomy, Electricity, and Meats and Livestock Evaluation.
Honors Night

Many Connors State College students were recognized for their hard work and academic achievements on Thursday evening, April 23rd, at the annual Honors Night ceremony. The awards and their recipients were:

**President’s Leadership Class**
- Nick Pope, Lindsey Treloar, Meghan Frazier, Rachel Blundell, Sarah Bates, Natalie Sydebotham, Mariah Norwood, Shiann Wingfield, Logan Pritchett, Brett Isbell, Caitlyn Barnett, Megan Keifer, Blaine Ross

**Student Government**
- Raelynn Elsworth - President
- Brett Isbell - Vice President
- Michael Todd - Treasurer
- Katrina Crank - Secretary

**Social Science**
- Cody Keith, Stacy Blanchard, Jonie Landers (Outstanding Psychology Student)
- Douglas George (Political Science Award)

**Math & Science**
- Phillip Kent Stacy (Trigonometry)
- Natalie Sydebotham (Physics)
- Logan Pritchett, Phillip Stacy, Rachael Guidry, Carolann O’Connor, Peter Bako (Excellence in General Biology)

**Communication & Fine Arts**
- Anita Ture’ (Journalism)
- John Hicks (Creative Writing)
- Linda Overbey, Blaine Ross, Patrick Parker, Phillip Kent Stacy, Kathryn Walker, Chrystal Whisner, Cody Hayes, Candice Greenlee (English Composition)
- Laura Hansen (American Literature)
- Diana Neumeyer, Samantha Hawk, Lane Stephens, Joseph Carter, Jordan Hughes (World Literature)

**Business**
- Michael Todd (PBL Club President)
- Elizabeth Wanger, Denton George (Outstanding Business Graduate)

**Agriculture**
- Darin Annushcat, Sarah Bates, Nick Pope, Ben Scott, Jeremy Tannehill, Joshua Gilstrap (Agriculture Academic Merit Award)

**Child Development**
- Donna Stafford, Nicole Ruffin, Crystal Water, Tracy Harris, Kristy Maez (Outstanding Child Development Student)
- Chellie Roller (Distinguished Child Development Graduate)

**Black Student Society**
- Spencer Nero-President
- Karla Mosley-Vice President
- Lynnette Curry-Treasurer

**Student Support Services**
- Trina Marshall (Student of the Year)

**Delta Kappa Gamma**
- Chellie Roller

To conclude the evening, Ms. Pat Wimber recognized Who’s Who and Dr. Donnie Nero introduced this year’s Mr. and Ms. Connors, Andres Caceres and Natalie Sydebotham.

Three generations of CSC students were present at Honors Night—Caitlin Barnett, Lynn Barnett (former Ms. Connors, 1979), and Betty Barrett.
The baseball bats are swinging and the wins are accumulating as the Connors State Cowboys head to Regional play in May.

Baseball teams members are:

Coaches are Perry Keith and Bobby Foreman.

The games remaining on the schedule are:
April 28, Crowder, 6 p.m. at home
April 30, NEO A&M, 2 p.m. there
May 2nd, NEO A&M, 2 p.m., there
Regionals will be at Bartlesville, May 7-10