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Connors Hosts 75th Annual Aggie Day Interscholastic

The 75th Aggie Day Interscholastic at Connors State College is now in the books. Aggie Day's mission is to provide a Career Development Training Competition for 4H and FFA members in agriculture related industries including: Land Evaluation; Rangeland Management; Soil and Water Conservation; Livestock Judging; Poultry Evaluation; Natural Resources and Ecology Management; Agriculture Communications; Food Science and Safety; Agronomy; Entomology; Farm Business Management; Veterinary Science; Milk Quality and Dairy Foods; Electricity; Meat Evaluation; Floriculture, and Nursery and Landscape.

Over 2100 students were in attendance with advisors, drivers and guests present at this anniversary event. There were 472 teams representing 210 schools in 17 career development events, in 20 contests from 5 states. This was up from 160 schools in 2021. There were schools and 4-H clubs or counties from Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas in competition as well. Results will be posted on our web page and at judgingcard.com.

Grand Sweepstakes was awarded to Silo FFA. Reserve Grand Sweepstakes was awarded to the Vian FFA Chapter; Owasso FFA was 3rd in sweepstakes tied with Morris FFA and followed closely by Cache FFA. Sweepstakes tabulation is based on the number of competitions that each chapter earned points.

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Aside from the opportunities that Aggie Day presents to students, it also provides several opportunities for the College as well.

One of which is the recruitment opportunity that the event provides. "Aggie Day is a great event that showcases just some of the opportunities that students can find at Connors State. Being able to have so many students on campus really gives us an opportunity to maximize our outreach as well." said Jessica Langston, Director of Recruitment & Enrollment Services.

Special thanks regarding the set up of Aggie Day go out to many. Included among those are: Keri, CSC Maintenance, the Athletic Department,, CSC Staff Stars, President's Leadership Class, Mattie English, Calvin Chapman and CSC-IT, Clark Long, and OSDCTE District Supervisor, Tanner Miller.

Connors State would also like to thank the following sponsors:

American Farmers and Ranchers for sponsoring the Livestock Judging Contest, Allen York of OSU IT, for setting up and conducting the Nursery/Landscape Management Competition, and the Walke Brothers of Claremore for processing the carcasses for our meats contest.



Several Members of the CSC community help with the Azalea Clean-Up



CSC Community Participates in Azalea Clean-Up

Sponsored by Connors' Student Government Association, several members of the Connors community made the trip to Muskogee on March 23rd to help with this year's Azalea Clean-Up event. Each year during the last week of March, the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce hosts a city-wide clean up event to make the city look its best for Azalea Festival visitors.

"It is always a goal for Connors State College to engage students in the act of service to our surrounding communities. The Azalea cleanup was a great opportunity for that to happen." said Jake Lawson, CSC Dean of Students. Connors volunteers were responsible for cleaning the area between the Muskogee campus to Casey's General Store.

CSC Hosts Employee Appreciation Night

Connors' Student Government Association and President's Leadership Class hosted Employee Appreciation Night on February 10th. Chris mcBeath, SGA advisor, said "SGA and PLC wanted to thank the faculty and staff for all the support that they provide the students. We were also hoping to get our faculty and staff together for some fellowship and to watch some basketball. We gave out a small gift and provided dinner. Several of the employees commented how much they enjoyed it." SGA and PLC plan on making this an annual event.



CSC President, Dr. Ronald Ramming speaks at Employee Appreciation Night

Connors Students Visit Greenwood Rising

Members of Connors State student body took a trip to on March 24th to visit Tulsa's Greenwood District. While there they visited the Greenwood Rising Black Wall St. Museum & History Center, and took a tour of Oasis Fresh Market. "We took the student's so that they were able to experience the museum and learn about how the Oasis Fresh Market was helping the community. This event was very touching and such a great learning experience for everyone. It went great. I think a lot of the students were surprised at how much they learned about the Tulsa Race Massacre that they did not know [before].", Terin Sparrow.

For more info regarding the Greenwood Rising Museum, go to <https://www.greenwoodrising.org/>.

For more info regarding the Oasis Fresh Market go to <https://www.oasisfreshmarkets.net/>



Owner & Operator of Oasis Fresh Market, Aaron Johnson (Left) and CSC President, Dr. Ronald Ramming (Right) pose for a picture at the Oasis Fresh Market

President's Leadership Class Hosts Spring Formal

Connors State's President's Leadership Class planned and hosted a semi-formal event for members of the CSC student body. The event took place February 11th, 2022 with the intent of providing an environment that encourages social interaction between students, faculty, and staff members at Connors State College.

When asked about the event, CSC sophomore Jayla McGuire said, "The intent of the event was to provide a "prom-like" atmosphere for the sophomores who were not extended the opportunity of prom their senior year due to Covid. I was blown away with the outcome of the Semi-formal. Not only was I able to interact with my fellow PLC members and student body but I was able to socialize with the faculty and staff members outside the normal realm of day-to-day activities. Everyone there had a wonderful time and began making plans to host another dance in the future."



CSC Student, Katelynn Lewis (Left) poses with Sen. Roger Thompson (Right)



CSC Student, Katelynn Lewis speaks at Higher Ed Day

Connors State Well Represented at Higher Ed Day

Students and personnel from Oklahoma's state system institutions gathered at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City Tuesday to demonstrate the value and importance of higher education in the state.

Speakers included Gov. Kevin Stitt, Sec. Ryan Walters, Speaker Charles McCall, Sen. Roger Thompson, Rep. Kevin Wallace, Sen. Adam Pugh, State Regents chair Jeffrey W. Hickman, and Chancellor Allison D. Garrett.

"Students, faculty and staff from Oklahoma's public colleges and universities came together today at our State Capitol to highlight the value of a college degree," said Chancellor Garrett. "Among our state's critical occupations, 47 of the top 50 highest paying jobs require a college degree. U.S. Census Bureau data show that individuals with an associate degree earn almost \$1,000 more per month than those with just a high school diploma, and individuals with a bachelor's degree earn over \$2,000 more per month than high school graduates. Public higher education is critical to strengthening Oklahoma's economy and building our workforce, and must be a top state priority."

Four students also spoke at the event including Connors' own, Katelynn Lewis. These student leaders shared how pursuing a degree at an Oklahoma public college or university has positively impacted their lives

Students Selected to represent Connors State on 2022 OACC All-Oklahoma Academic Team

Connors State College had the honor of having two students selected to this year's OACC All-Oklahoma Academic Team. "Connors is very proud of Jayla McGuire (Oktaha) and Rylie Spaulding (Wagoner) for their outstanding work and wishes them the best in their academic pursuits.", said Dr. Makenna Garrison. 28 Oklahoma Community College students representing 11 colleges were named to the 2022 All-Oklahoma Academic Team in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and service to the community in 2021. Winners were recognized in an award ceremony in the House of Representatives Chamber on March 29, 2022.

Oklahoma is one of 39 states participating in the All-USA Academic Team Program which was introduced in 1994 to provide scholastic recognition to community college students.



Pictured from left to right: Jayla McGuire, Dr. Makenna Garrison, Rylie Spaulding



2022 OCAA All-Oklahoma Academic Team

2021-2022 CSC Men's Basketball Review

2021-2022 was a year of milestones for CSC Men's basketball. Notable events from the year included Coach Muse acquiring his 700th win, and the Cowboys making their first NJCAA tournament appearance since 2018 after winning the Region II championship. The Cowboys finished the year 28-6 after falling to Hutchinson Community College in the first round of this year's NJCAA National Tournament.

The Cowboys were led in scoring by guard Jordan Tillmon (16.6 ppg), who picked up Region II tournament MVP honors this year. With the Cowboys returning several key Freshmen, next year should be full of even more excitement.



CSC Sophomore, Jahcoree Ealy slams home the dunk

2021-2022 CSC Women's Basketball Review



2021-2022 Connors State College Cowgirls Basketball

Connors State Women's basketball wrapped up their season on March 2nd after their contest against Murray State College at Oklahoma Baptist University. The Cowgirls scored 1,724 points this season across 31 games and picked up conference wins against Seminole State and Western Oklahoma State. Leading the team in scoring this season was Sophomore London Scott, who tallied 240 points on the year. Scott also cleaned up the glass this year for the Cowgirls, tallying 153 rebounds on the year while Makayla Adams led the team in assists with 93.

The Cowgirls will miss the presence of sophomore leadership from this year's team that featured 7 second or third year players.



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NEXT ISSUE: Connors' Cheer & Dance teams head to Daytona Beach to compete in the 2022 NDA National Championships