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## Baseball Bash Opens Season

January is a busy month of preparation for the Connors State Baseball program. With the regular season kicking off at the beginning of February, January is time for the team to begin final preparations for the upcoming season.

However, January is also time for the annual Opening Day Bash & Auction. This year marked the 8th year for this event, and it was once again a huge success. The night featured stories shared by former players, good food, and fellowship among the proud supporters of the baseball program.

This year former player Benny Castillo, class of 1986, made an

appearance and shared memories of his time at Connors. The program also recognized long-time supporter Doug Tidwell.

"We are always proud to welcome back former players and listen as they share how our program touched their lives," commented Head Coach Perry Keith.

Coach Keith is always quick to acknowledge that the people associated with the Cowboy Baseball program are what make it so strong.

The silent auction consisted of over 200 items including baseball memorabilia, picture frames, jewelry, gift certificates, and household

decorations. The highlight of the evening was the live auction conducted by the Cowboy's official auctioneer Ira Jackson.

This year's live auction highlighted 18 premium items, including handcrafted specialty wreaths, handcrafted Connors State Baseball cornhole boards, MLB tickets, and two Valentine's Day gift baskets.

This event is a central part of fundraising efforts for the baseball program and has helped fund projects such as refurbishing the indoor facility and installing artificial turf on the infield of Biff Thompson Field at Perry Keith Park. 🐮





# COMMUNITY



## NAACP Chapter Participates in MLK Day Parade

On Martin Luther King Day this year, members of Connors State College's NAACP chapter led a group of students, faculty, and staff in Muskogee's MLK Day parade.

"It is an honor to work with these students and witness their contributions to the campus and community; we have a great group of students with bright futures," said Rev. Carneta Cooper, Connors State College Staff Advisor for the organization.

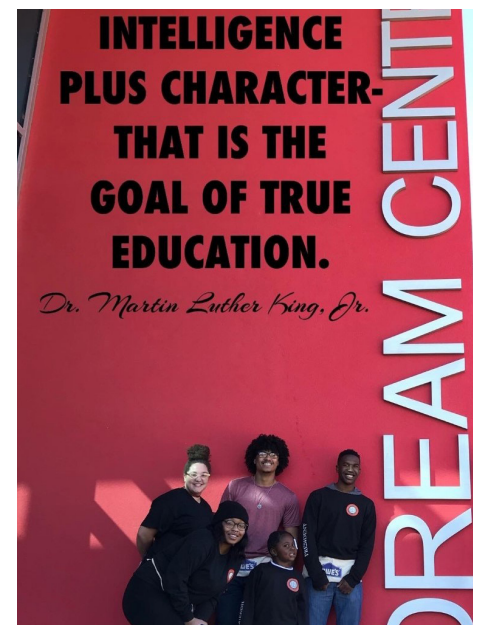
Among those in attendance were Rev. Rodger B. Cutler, President of the NAACP's Muskogee Branch; Rev. Carneta Cooper, Staff Advisor & Administrative Operator at Connors

State; Sir Patrick Davis, President of CSC NAACP; JaNeigh Larkpor, Secretary of CSC NAACP; Hadyn Graham, Treasurer of CSC NAACP; Khyle Flynn, Member of CSC NAACP; Cherish Jones; Jessica Langston, Director of Recruitment; Brooklyn Herriman, College Recruiter; Kimberly Morgan, Student Support Services with her son Wes; and Charlotte Sasser, Assistant Registrar.

This is Connors' first year to have a NAACP chapter on campus and students are excited to have an opportunity to be involved and grow as leaders within this new organization.

"Diversity is a cornerstone of a

quality education," said Dr. Krystle Lane, Executive Director, CSC Development Foundation. "Connors is lucky to have Reverend Cooper sponsoring the organization. Leadership development is a unique opportunity for students across community college campuses and I am thrilled to witness this opportunity for growth and involvement within our student population." ✊





## Softball Legacy Scholarship Created

With the help of alumni donations, Connors State College is proud to announce the creation of the 1990-1992 Softball Legacy Scholarship. The Softball Legacy Scholarship will be given to an incoming freshman member of the CSC Softball program and will be awarded based on financial need. The Connors State softball program has a long history of success both on the field and after graduation,

with this being just another example of that.

This year's team opened the season on February 5th and are led by several returners from last season's squad. The Cowgirls feature players from Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas. There are several opportunities to come out and support the team at home in March, with games on the 3rd, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 26th. 🐾





# CAMPUS LIFE



**AGGIE HOMECOMING** *The 2022 Aggie Homecoming events were held the third week of January. It was filled with activities to celebrate our agriculture programs, students, and staff. The Connors community enjoyed a petting zoo, western movie night, a hat throwing contest, Aggie Olympics and the most anticipated events of all: the coronation ceremony and homecoming dance. Tell Dixon and Anna Lee were crowned the 2022 Aggie Homecoming King and Queen. The events were well attended and enjoyed by many CSC faculty, staff, and students.*





**ALL SCHOOL HOMECOMING** Connors State College celebrated the 2022 All School Homecoming at halftime during the men's basketball game on January 31. Homecoming King and Queen nominees were recognized on the court with Tell Dixon and Cheyenne Fells crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Nominees included: Aggie – Anna Lee & Tell Dixon; Cross Country – Kaylee Moore & Nathaniel Roberts-Harrison; Baseball – Darren Daniels, Softball – Caitlyn Collier; SGA – Shyann Hames & Houston Klump; Cheer – Cheyenne Fells & Sir Patrick Davis; Basketball – Makenna Murdock & Antonio Reed; President's Leadership Class – Jayla McGuire and Colby Cook.





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*Connors students, faculty and staff participate in Muskogee's MLK Day Parade.*