

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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# CONNORS STATE COLLEGE ATHLETIC UPDATES

The 2025-2026 Cowboy and Cowgirl Basketball season is officially in the books. Both programs competed tough but fell short in the Region II tournament. The remainder of the year will be spent in the gym preparing for next season. Sophomore Night was emotional and meaningful as we retired the #20 jersey in honor of fallen Cowboy Ethan Dietz. We were honored to have Ethan's family in attendance as we officially retired his number.



**CONGRATULATIONS KIAYA!**

On behalf of Coach Thompson, Coach Alford, the Cowboys, and the Cowgirls  
Thank you for your support and see you in the Fall!



# CONNORS STATE BASEBALL

**HEAD COACH**  
Perry Keith  
(1900 - 540) 40 YRS

**ASST. COACH**  
Korey Keith

**ASST. COACH**  
Jackson Field

**GRAD ASST.**  
Luis Polanco

**February**

2	Mon	1:00	Ozarks	DH	Warner, OK
4	Wed	1:00	Oklahoma Christian	DH	Warner, OK
7	Sat	1:00	TCS Postgrad	DH	Warner, OK
9	Mon	1:00	Arkansas Tech		Russellville, AR
10	Tue	1:00	Oklahoma Wesleyan		Warner, OK
12	Thu	2:00	Murray State		Tishomingo, OK
14	Sat	1:00	Murray State	DH	Warner, OK
16	Mon	1:00	National Park		Hot Springs, AR
19	Thu	1:00	Carl Albert College		Poteau, OK
20	Fri	1:00	Carl Albert College		Warner, OK
21	Sat	1:00	Carl Albert College		Poteau, OK
23	Mon	12:00	U of A - Mountain Home		Rogers, AR
26	Thu	1:00	NEO A&M		Miami, OK
28	Sat	1:00	NEO A&M	DH	Warner, OK

**March**

3	Tue	1:00	Redlands		Warner, OK
5	Thu	2:00	Rose State		Warner, OK
7	Sat	1:00	Rose State	DH	Midwest City, OK
10	Tue	2:00	Crowder College		Neosho, MO
12	Thu	6:00	Eastern State		Warner, OK
14	Sat	1:00	Eastern State	DH	Wilburton, OK
16	Mon	1:00	Redlands		El Reno, OK
19	Thu	6:00	Seminole State		Warner, OK
21	Sat	1:00	Seminole State	DH	Seminole, OK
24	Tue	6:00	Crowder College		Warner, OK
25	Wed	1:00	Arkansas Tech		Warner, OK
28	Sat	1:00	DFW Postgrad	DH	Warner, OK
30	Mon	4:00	Oklahoma Wesleyan		Warner, OK
31	Tue	6:00	NEO A&M (ONEOK Field)		Tulsa, OK

**April**

4	Sat	1:00	NEO A&M	DH	Miami, OK
6	Mon	1:00	Ozarks		Clarksville, AR
7	Tue	4:00	Oklahoma Christian		Warner, OK
9	Thu	1:00	Rose State		Midwest City, OK
11	Sat	1:00	Rose State	DH	Warner, OK
13	Mon	3:00	TCS Postgrad		Warner, OK
16	Thu	6:00	Eastern State		Wilburton, OK
18	Sat	1:00	Eastern State	DH	Warner, OK
20	Mon	6:00	Carl Albert		Warner, OK
23	Thu	2:00	Seminole State		Seminole, OK
25	Sat	1:00	Seminole State	DH	Warner, OK
27	Mon	1:00	National Park		Warner, OK
29	Wed	1:00	TCS Postgrad		Warner, OK

**May**

1	Fri	1:00	DFW Postgrad		Warner, OK
7th - 10th	Thu-Sun	TBA	Region II Playoffs		Seminole, OK
15th - 16th	Fri-Sat	TBA	South Central District Playoffs		TBA
23rd - 30th	Sat-Sat	TBA	NJCAA World Series		Grand Junction, CO

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The Cowboys and the Cowgirls are in full swing on the diamond! Both of these programs are off to an awesome start for the 2026 season. You can follow both of these amazing teams on Facebook and GameChanger.

## 2026 CONNORS STATE COLLEGE SOFTBALL

# COWGIRLS

**OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN**  
2/8/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**NATIONAL PARK**  
2/11/2026 - 1PM/3PM

**SOUTHERN NAZARENE**  
2/6/2026 - 1PM/3PM

**SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN**  
2/12/2026 - 1PM/4PM

**INDEPENDENCE**  
2/21/2026 - 1PM/3PM

**ALLEN COUNTY**  
2/24/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**NATIONAL PARK**  
2/20/2026 - 1PM/3PM

**OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN**  
3/5/2026 - 21PM/4PM

**CARL ALBERT**  
3/10/2026 - 1PM/3PM

**ALLEN COUNTY**  
3/10/2026 - 1PM/3PM

**MOO-TONKAWA**  
3/10/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**ROSE STATE**  
3/21/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**MURRAY STATE**  
3/23/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**END**  
3/26/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**SEMINOLE**  
3/26/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**INDEPENDENCE**  
3/30/2026 - 1PM/3PM

**EASTERN**  
4/2/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**COFFEYVILLE**  
4/7/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**NEO**  
4/11/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**SOUTHERN NAZARENE**  
4/14/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**MOO-TONKAWA**  
4/16/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**ROSE STATE**  
4/18/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**COFFEYVILLE**  
4/21/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**NEO**  
4/23/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**SEMINOLE**  
4/25/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**SW CHRISTIAN**  
4/27/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**EASTERN**  
4/30/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**NEO**  
5/6/2026 - 2PM/4PM

**REGION II TOURNAMENT**  
5/13-16/2026 - TBD



## CONNORS STATE ARCHERY TEAM



**Ciera Dunn**, a sophomore, recently competed in the Collegiate Female Barebow division at the Oklahoma State Indoor Championship, hosted by H&H Shooting Sports and sanctioned by USA Archery Oklahoma. She set a new personal best in the 60-arrow indoor round, surpassing her previous state record in the same division. The championship, held on January 18, 2026, consisted of 60 arrows shot at 18 meters on a 40 cm target, with the bullseye roughly the size of a thumbnail. Archery Coach Johnny King stated, "Ciera Dunn will graduate this Spring and will be greatly missed. However, we are thankful to have been able to have her as a Connors State College Collegiate Archer. Barebow!!!"



*Ciera Dunn - Champion in the 60-arrow indoor round surpassed her previous state record in the same division!*



## CONNORS STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW TEAM



Stetson May, CSC Farm Manager and Show Team Coach shared the following about their January Competitions: The show team has hit the road running this semester; we just returned from Cattle Congress in Oklahoma City and was back on the road to Ft Worth. The Following are some Highlights from Cattle Congress. (We had many people compliment our improvement on Cattle Quality and also had many compliments on the good Students that we had representing at the show.)

### \*\*\*Show Results Connors Cattle\*\*\*

CSC Miss Thang 3-5N Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in her Class

CSC Buck Shot 9-5N Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in his Class

CSC Power Ball 6-5N Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in his Class

Westbrook Show Cattle - we are showing for him this semester; our kids have been working with them and get to showcase them on the National Level. Westbrook 25-S9 Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her Class.

At Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, the Show Team competed at the National Santa Gertrudis Open Show. The Heifers ended up in the middle of the pack with 15-25 Heifers in each class, and the Bulls did the same with one Bull CSC Power Ball 6-5N placing Second in his class. We had many different compliments on how the kids acted and were willing to help through the whole barn and also had many people comment on the improvements we are making to the show string and how they are improving. -Stetson May

# CONNORS STATE SHOTGUN SPORTS TEAM

Shooting Sports Highlights: **Cale McKinzie**, was the High Freshman Male at the JUCO Prairie League Conference Shoot held in Wichita, Kansas. The Connors State Shotgun Shooting Sports Team received **High Collegiate Team** at the Sand Springs Invitational and the Fall Cowboy Shootout in Stillwater.



**Cale McKinzie**, High Freshman Male - JUCO Prairie League Conference Shoot



Connors State Shotgun Sports Team named **High Collegiate Team** at both the Sand Springs and Stillwater competitions.

# CONNORS STATE MEAT JUDGING TEAM

The Meat Judging Team has been busy in January and February. They traveled to Denver for the **National Western Stock Show** where they brought home the following awards:

- High Overall Team Beef Judging
- Third Overall Team Lamb Judging
- Second Overall Team Pork Judging
- High Overall Team Questions
- Third Overall Team Placings
- Sixth Team Overall

Individual Results:

**Karlee Glover**- 4th High Individual Lamb Judging, 8th High Individual Questions, 8th High Individual Beef Judging, 7th High Individual Overall

**Tucker Cox**- 2nd High Individual Beef Judging, 4th High Individual Questions

**Addison Sarratt**-6th High Individual Beef Judging, 10th High Individual Pork Judging, 6th High Individual Questions

**Sydni Richardson**- 8th High Individual Lamb Judging, 8th High Individual Pork Judging

Their next stop was the **Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo** which resulted in the following awards:

- High Team Overall Pork Judging
- High Team Overall Placing
- Third Overall (Tied with first) Questions 2nd Overall Beef Judging
- 5th Overall

**Addison Sarratt**: High Individual Pork Judging  
3rd High Individual Questions

**Karlee Glover**:

- High Individual Placing
- 5th High Individual Beef Judging
- 6th High Individual Pork Judging

**Sydni Richardson**:

- 5th High Individual Placing



Connors State Meat Judging Team with their awards after a successful showing at the **National Western Stock Show**. Pictured left to right: Coach Sinclair, Sydni Richardson, Karlee Glover, Addison Sarratt, Tucker Cox

**Tucker Cox, Sydni Richardson, Karlee Glover, Addison Sarratt, and Coach Sinclair** with the many awards they won at the **Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo**.



**GO COWBOYS!**

# CONNORS STATE COLLEGE LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM



2<sup>ND</sup> High Team Overall - Pictured left to right: **Seth Meyring, Rebecca Purvine, Calla Higbie, Lacy Conlan, Reid Buellesfeld**

The CSC Livestock Judging Team was very busy during their Winter Workout where they judged over 70 classes and then competed at Griswold Cattle in Stillwater. Out of close to 50 teams from several colleges, all three of the Connors' Teams cracked the top 15!

## GRISWOLD RESULTS

2nd High Team Overall

8th High Team Overall

15th High Team Overall

**Seth Meyring**

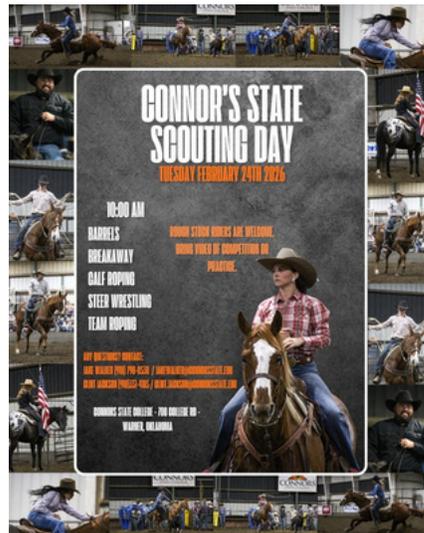
9th High Individual

# CONNORS STATE COLLEGE RODEO TEAM

## Rodeo Scouting Day

- coming up on February 24.

Rodeo Coach Jake Walker stated, "If you are a high school junior or senior, we would welcome the opportunity to visit with you about your future." A great thing about choosing Connors is the strong background in Agriculture you will receive as a student here.



Connors Ag Department offers:

- Hands-on, applied agricultural education
- Opportunities to continue your college rodeo career
- Strong academic programs that transfer or lead directly into the workforce
  - Small class sizes with individualized instruction
- Experienced faculty with real-world industry backgrounds
- A supportive environment focused on student success

## AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Show



Connors State Rodeo hosted their Annual AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Show on January 9 & 10 with competitors from Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Indiana, Texas, and Nevada participating. It was a good turnout considering the show had to be rescheduled from the original November 21-22 date. Pictured is Connors State's own Rodeo Coach, Jake Walker, participating in the Cutting event.



# 2026 AGGIE HOMECOMING KING & QUEEN

The annual Connors State College Aggie Homecoming was held February 5<sup>th</sup> in the Nero Fine Arts Building where Ross Turner and Chloe Silka were crowned the 2026 Aggie Homecoming King and Queen.



*Pictured : Aggie King Ross Turner and Queen Chloe Silka*

## CONNORS STATE OKLAHOMA COLLEGIATE CATTLEWOMEN

The Connors Collegiate CattleWomen are off to another busy semester. Eleven of the CattleWomen were in the Connors Aggie Homecoming; five of our ladies were in the All-School Homecoming representing various teams and organizations on campus.

After our February meeting the Cattlewomen went to the Warner Nursing Home -Countryside Estates, to deliver Valentine Cards to the residents.

Thinking of the farmers and ranchers who faced unimaginable loss in the wildfires, the Collegiate CattleWomen sent a donation to Western Oklahoma to help with the recovery efforts.

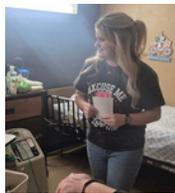
Several of our ladies traveled to Dismukes Angus Charolais Ranch to learn more about all the logistics involved in the Pasture-to-Plate journey. It was a very educational and informative trip.



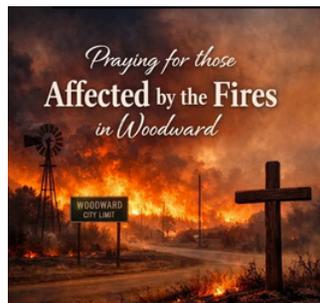
*CattleWomen serving as Aggie Homecoming Candidates - Pictured L to R: Chloe Silka, Whitney Watson, Avery Wisdom, Karlee Glover, Sydni Richardson, Addison Sarratt, Ciera Dunn, Makale Hamil, Calla Higbie, Keeley Ham, Lacy Conlan*



*Pictured left to right are Ciera Dunn, Chloe Silka, Jennifer Carter-Nursing Home Activities Director, Whitney Watson, and Lacy Conlan. Jennifer said what a special time their visit was for the residents. It was a special time for the CattleWomen too!*



*Attending the Dismukes Angus Charolais Ranch Tour were Lacy Conlan, Abby Stephens, Anna Drinkard, Makale Hamil, Baylee Smith, and Whitney Watson.*



*The Connors CattleWomen sent prayers along with their donation to the ranchers in Western Oklahoma who lost so much in the devastating wildfires.*

**EAT BEEF!**

# CAMPUS LIFE UPDATES

## All School Homecoming



Connors State College celebrated a special evening as Ross Turner and Ryleigh Bacon were crowned King and Queen. The event brought together students and faculty to recognize school pride and student leadership.

Turner and Bacon stood out for the way they represented Connors State, showing confidence, respect, and a strong connection to their school community. Their selection reflects the positive impact they have made on campus.

The night highlighted the unity and spirit of Connors State College, with all participants contributing to a supportive and memorable event. It was a proud moment for everyone involved and a great representation of the college.

# HS Recruitment Day



The Spring 2026 High School Recruitment Day at Connors State College proved to be a resounding success, with the event running smoothly from beginning to end. The college welcomed more than 160 high school students on Tuesday, creating an energetic and engaging atmosphere across campus. Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to explore academic programs, connect with faculty and staff, and experience firsthand what Connors State has to offer. The strong turnout reflected a growing interest in the college and its opportunities for future students.

The success of the event was made possible by the efforts of everyone involved, from organizers to participants, who helped ensure a positive and memorable experience for all.



# Black History Program



CONNORS STATE COLLEGE NAACP HOSTED A MEANINGFUL CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY WITH ITS PROGRAM, "FROM LEGACY TO LEADERSHIP." THE EVENT BROUGHT TOGETHER STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO REFLECT ON THE PAST WHILE INSPIRING FUTURE GENERATIONS OF LEADERS.

THROUGH POWERFUL MESSAGES FROM GUEST SPEAKERS, ATTENDEES WERE ENCOURAGED TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE THEM AND TO EMBRACE THEIR OWN ROLES AS LEADERS MOVING FORWARD. THE PROGRAM CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE OF UNITY, REFLECTION, AND EMPOWERMENT. THE EVENT WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS, AND APPRECIATION GOES OUT TO ALL OF THE GUEST SPEAKERS AND EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED FOR MAKING THE CELEBRATION SO IMPACTFUL.



# Connor “The Cowboy” gets a New Look



Connors State College has introduced a bold new look for its mascot, Connor “The Cowboy,” blending tradition with a modern style that reflects the college’s evolving spirit.

The updated design features sharper details, refreshed colors, and a more dynamic and expressive appearance, helping Connor better engage with students, fans, and the community. Built with improved materials for comfort and mobility, the new mascot allows for more energetic performances at events and activities.

The refreshed Connor “The Cowboy” honors the college’s western heritage while serving as a strong, modern symbol of Cowboy pride across campus and beyond.





## ALUMNI UPDATES

by Lori Palmer

### CSC Alumni and Friends Board Member Search

We invite individuals who are passionate about alumni engagement to help shape the future of our alumni community. If you are interested or would like to recommend someone. [Submit Information Here](#)

### Alumni Webpage

Stay connected with the Connors State College community through the Alumni webpage, where you'll find newsletters, alumni interviews, upcoming events, membership benefits, and more. Visit [connorsstate.edu](http://connorsstate.edu) and click on the "Alumni" tab to get started..

### Alumni Interview Project

The Ogdon Family Museum Alumni Interview Project, "Connors Conversations" is preserving the stories of our alumni, students, and faculty. Interested in sharing your Connors experience or know someone with a great CSC story? Contact Dr. Lori Palmer at [lori.palmer@connorsstate.edu](mailto:lori.palmer@connorsstate.edu). View alumni interviews [here](#).

### Alumni Spotlight: Charlotte Beaver

Charlotte Beaver attended Connors State College from 2002–2008, earning multiple degrees including an Associate in Arts (Pre-Education) and a Certificate in Small Business Management. She went on to complete her bachelor's at Northeastern State University and now serves as Assistant Registrar at Connors, helping students navigate their academic journeys.

Charlotte fondly remembers joining the Speech & Debate team, campus Bible study, and making lifelong friendships. Watch the full interview [here](#).



CHARLOTTE'S ADVICE TO STUDENTS:  
*"BE YOURSELF. BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE. MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD. ENJOY YOUR TIME—IT GOES FAST, BUT THOSE MEMORIES STAY WITH YOU."*

# ALUMNI EVENTS

## SOFTBALL PIE AUCTION



THE COWGIRLS ENJOYED A SUCCESSFUL AND EXCITING EVENING AT THEIR RECENT AUCTION, BRINGING TOGETHER SUPPORTERS, ALUMNI, AND FUTURE TEAM MEMBERS FOR A MEMORABLE EVENT. THE NIGHT WAS FILLED WITH ENERGY, GENEROSITY, AND STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

THE TEAM EXTENDS ITS SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND CONTRIBUTED, HELPING MAKE THE EVENT SUCH A SUCCESS. A SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT GOES OUT TO THE ALUMNI WHO RETURNED TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT, AS WELL AS THE INCOMING PLAYERS WHO WILL BE JOINING THE TEAM NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

THE EVENING HIGHLIGHTED THE STRONG SENSE OF CONNECTION AND PRIDE SURROUNDING THE COWGIRLS PROGRAM, SETTING A POSITIVE TONE FOR THE FUTURE.



# ALUMNI EVENTS

## BASEBALL OPENING DAY BASH COACH KEITH RECOGNIZED FOR 1900 WINS



January is a busy and exciting time for the baseball program at Connors State College as preparations ramp up for the February 1 season opener. It also marks the annual Opening Day Bash & Auction, which celebrated its 12th year with former players, supporters, and the Orange Nation gathering for an evening of stories, fellowship, and fundraising. Head Coach Perry Keith continues to emphasize that the people connected to the program are what make it special. This year's event also honored two major milestones. President Dr. Ron Ramming gave his final opening remarks before retiring in June and was presented with an autographed batting helmet. Coach Keith was recognized for reaching 1,900 career wins — the most in NJCAA history — and received a customized bat signed by the team.

The Bash serves as the program's primary annual fundraiser, supporting plans for a new indoor facility and locker room. Held each year on the last Saturday in January, the event continues to be a vital tradition for Cowboy Baseball.

The Connors State Cowgirls celebrated their achievements at their annual pie auction and fundraiser on Saturday, January 26. The event brought together not only team members, but also faculty, staff, alumni, and even prospective freshmen.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 11-14, REGION 2 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, ROUGHER VILLAGE, MUSKOGEE
- MARCH 31, A&M CLASSIC, ONEOK FIELD, TULSA, OK, ALUMNI RECEPTION 5PM, GAME 6PM
- APRIL 2- AGGIE DAY-ON CAMPUS
- APRIL 4-EQUINE/RODEO BANQUET AND FUNDRAISER-STUDENT UNION, 6PM
- APRIL 18-GATOR GIVEAWAY, MUSKOGEE CIVIC CENTER
- MAY 8-GRADUATION-ROUGHER VILLAGE, MUSKOGEE, OK
- MAY 23-DR. RAMMING RETIREMENT CELEBRATION, MUSKOGEE CIVIC CENTER



# ANNUAL A&M CLASSIC

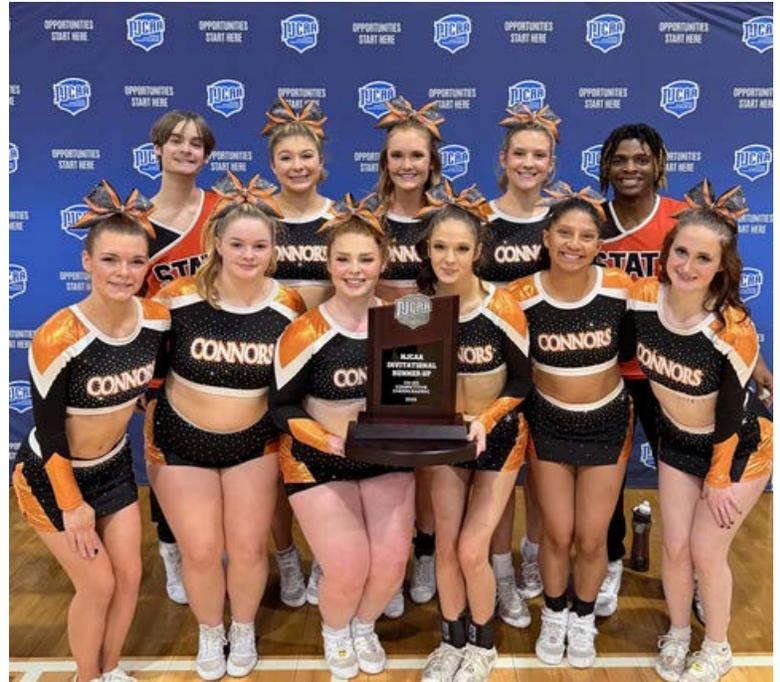
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# A&M CLASSIC

**MARCH 31 | 6PM | ONEOK FIELD | TULSA, OK**



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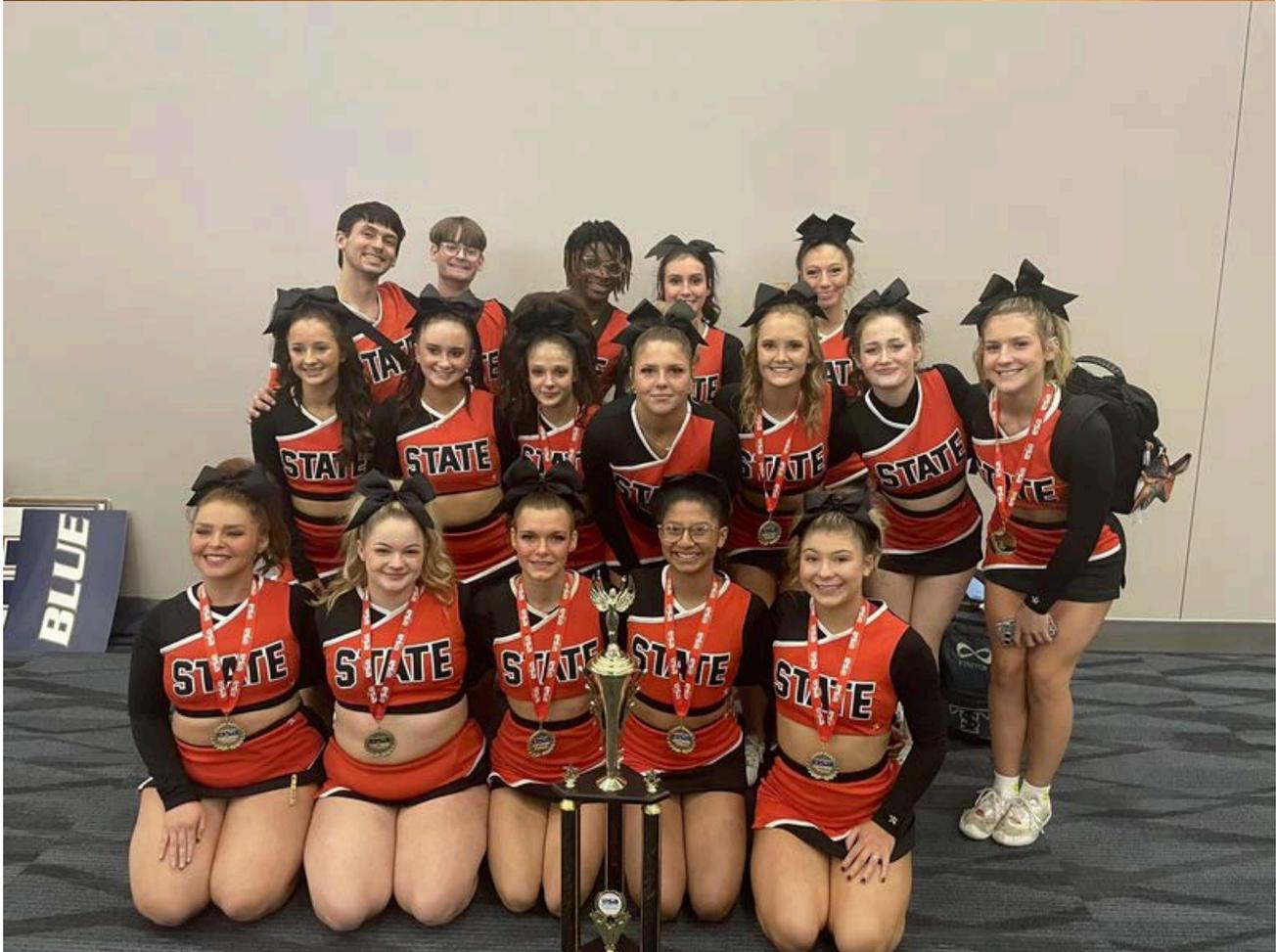


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