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#### WOSC Pioneers End with Historic Season



22-23 Pioneer Basketball Team. Left to Right: Joshua Sasser, J'Kobe Williams, Jayson Garza, Rolanda De La Barrera, head coach, Ruben Barrera, Assistant Coach. CJ Campbell, Jayden Hall. Back row: Chang Hoth, Kenny Ermat, Jaren Phillips, De'Majeigh Hampton, Richard Lowe, Andrew Swanson, Joseph Garringer, Travzden Davis, Jamarian Cato, and Jack Hoth.

### **UPCOMING AT WESTERN**

April 5 | Blood Drive | 10 AM- 3 PM | SSC202

April 7 | Campus Closed | Good Friday

April. 13 | Enrollment Event | 1-6 PM

April 15 | Pioneer Shoot Out

April 17 | WINDS Grant Aid Due

April 19 | Cheer Clinic | wosc.edu/cheertryouts

April 23 | Cheer Tryouts | wosc.edu/cheertryouts

April 29 | Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet

The Western Pioneer men's basketball team finished with a historic season for the men's program. The Pioneers reached the Region 2 finals for the first time since 1980. The team attained the 20-win mark, led the NJCAA in three-pointers per game (13.5), was second in total points per game (98.7), and was in the top 5 in three other offensive categories. Throughout the season

Chang Hoth was named the NJCAA DI Player of the week and the DI Region 2 player of the week twice. Jack Hoth was also named DI Region 2 player of the week once during the season.

As the season wrapped, many Pioneers continued to receive honors. Freshman, Chang Hoth, was named Region 2 Freshman of the Year and made the All-Region First/Second Team!

Chang and Jack Hoth earned Region 2 All-Freshman team honors. Sophomores Joshua Sasser, Richard Lowe, and freshman Jack Hoth earned NJCAA Region II Third Team All-Conference honors. Western's players received Regional and national recognition, and the team earned a reputation as a competitive force in Region 2. "I greatly appreciate the hard work and effort our student-athletes put forth this year. They represented Western well, and their achievement is a direct reflection of their commitment," said Coach De La Barrera.

### WOSC Shooting Team named D4 Classic All American National Champions



22-23 WOSC Shooting Team. Left to Right: Coach Jerimy Pence, Hunter Pence, Brady Reimer, Tucker Colby, Gavin Sirmons, Paris Spraggins, Byron Ford, Blakely Barnett, Shay Skaggs, Aubrey Steward,

The WOSC Shooting Team competed in the ACUI Nationals in San Antonio on March 20-25 and left the competition with the Division 4 Classic All-Around National Champion title!

CAA is the combined team scores for the American singles events of trap, skeet, and sporting clays. They were competing at the ACUI Nationals in San Antonio.

Division 4: Team Awards |

CAA National Champions Skeet 2nd place Trap 4th place Sporting Clays 4th place

Men's CAA Individuals Hunter 7th Brady 12th Byron 15th

Women's CAA Individuals Blakely 4th Shay 7th Aubrey 10th Paris 16th

Skeet-Women's Class A- Aubrey 20th Class B- Paris 5th Trap-Women's
Open Class- Shay 3rd (after a
4-way tie for 3rd, shooting 99/100)

Class A- Blakely 12th

Trap- Men's Class A- Brady 7th

Sporting Clays- Women's Class B- Blakely 7th

Sporting Clays- Men's Class C- Brady 13th



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Western's Shooting team were also successful in Las Vegas, NV, at the National Collegiate Shooting Sports Athletic Association National Championship!

Not only did the Pioneers finish 4th in the Nation, but they also came back to Oklahoma with many honors and accomplishments both as a team and as individual competitors!

WOSC placed 3rd in Trap as a team. Hunter Pence was All-American Honorable Mention. Blakey Barnett was the Women's Runner-up Champion in Trap (after a 3-way tie for first with a 99/100) Shay Skaggs: 3rd in Women's Sporting Clays.

Women's skeet: Blakey Barnett: 5th Aubrey Steward: 6th Shay Skaggs: 7th

Men's Skeet: Hunter Pence: tied for 5th Byron Ford: tied for 8th Tucker Colby: tied for 10th The team ended 5th Women's trap: Blakely Barnett: 2nd Shay Skaggs: 6th Aubrey Steward: 10th Team: 3rd

Sporting Clays| Women: Shay Skaggas: 3rd Blakely Barnett: 7th Aubrey Steward: 9th Paris Spraggins: 10th Team: 7th Highest overall women's: Blakey Barnett: 4th Shay Skaggs: 6th Aubrey Steward: 8th Paris Spraggins: 10th Team 4th



22-23 WOSC Shooting Team at Nationals. Left to Right: Blakely Barnett, Tucker Colby, Gavin Sirmons, Hunter Pence, Byron Ford, Brady Reimer, Paris Spraggins, Aubrey Steward, Shay Skaggs.

Western is so proud of Coach Pence and his team and is excited about the program's future for many years!

The ACUI Nationals in San Antonio ended the season of the collegiate national championships. Hunter Pence, Blakely Barnett, Gavin Sirmons, and Aubrey Steward will the graduating this May. We wish you all success in your future, you have made Western proud!

### Upward Bound Students attend Trio Day



TRIO Upward Bound at the Capitol. Left to Right: Billy Cryer (Tipton HS), Trenton Ervin (Snyder HS), Emely Gutierrez (Altus HS), Hannah Harmon (Snyder HS), Jackie Chandler (Olustee-Eldorado HS), Briella Baldwin (Olustee-Eldorado HS), Karely Mingura (Hollis HS), Sebastian Duran (Hollis HS), Terrance Green (Altus HS), Marceydees Cryer (Tipton HS)

On February 22, ten Upward Bound Students (2 from each target school) attended TRIO Day at the State capitol. Students also had the opportunity to speak with Senator Brent Howard and attend a college fair held at Oklahoma City Community College.

Western's Upward Bound program is a dynamic collegebased program for high school students who attend Altus, Hollis, Olustee - Eldorado, Snyder, and Tipton.



Students Jackie Chandler (Olustee-Eldorado HS) and Hannah Harmon (Snyder HS) listen to information about the University of North Texas with Academic Coach Sarah Bucklew-Higdon

Upward Bound students come from families with limited financial resources and/or have parents who have not received a bachelor's degree. Upward Bound is a TRIO Program, federally funded by the United States Department of Education.

For more information about Western's Upward Bound program contact Bruce Wilson at 580.477.7857 or bruce.wilson@wosc.edu



Terrance Green (Altus HS) tries out a senator's chair with Senator Brent Howard in the background.

#### WOSC President's Partners Welcomes Micky and Georganna Lively



Left to Right: Monica Taylor, Director of Development and Alumni, Micky and Georganna Lively, Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President, Larry Duffy, Executive Secretary for WOSC Foundation

Western Oklahoma State College welcomes Micky and Georganna Lively as new President's Partners. Micky and Georganna are from Mangum, Oklahoma and have two daughters, Lauren and Madi. Micky became an Oklahoma Farm Bureau agent in 2016 and Georganna an esthetician in 2013 after both taught in the Mangum Public Schools for many years. Micky serving as Superintendent the last four of those years. They love their community and stay active by serving on various board and committees to help keep the town progressing.

Micky says of their decision to become

President's Partners, "Because of our background in education we value the asset that Western is to southwest Oklahoma. We are very fortunate to have a quality educational facility within driving distance of Mangum which allows our community members an opportunity to further their education locally. Becoming a president's partner is a great avenue to allow us to provide the much-needed support Western deserves."

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Dr. Wiginton, Western Oklahoma State College President, says of the Livelys, "I have worked with Micky Lively in some capacity for almost my entire career at Western. As a parent, teacher, coach, administrator and community member he has always been an amazing advocate for Western Oklahoma State College. Micky and Georganna's journey with Western began in the mid 90's as students and their confidence in the college extended to both of their children who were members of the President's Academic Leadership Team we refer to as Western Ambassadors. The Livelys are a wonderful family. We are grateful for their constant support but more importantly their friendship." Western Oklahoma State College is thankful to the Livelys and all of the President's Partners for providing financial support above and beyond operational funding provided to the college by the Oklahoma Legislature. Micky added, "I encourage anybody that has the means, to support the President's Partners program. It truly is a way to make a direct impact on the future of southwest Oklahoma."

The Western Oklahoma State College Foundation provides the opportunity to invest in the future by offering many ways to give. The WOSC Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 organization and exists to generate support for the students and programs of Western Oklahoma State College. For more information on the President's Partner Program or other ways to support, visit wosc.edu/give or call our office at (580) 477-7706.

# PIONEER ATHLETICS AT HOME

4/1/23 | softball | 2 PM

4/6/23 | softball | 2 PM

4/8/23 | baseball | 1 PM

4/13/23 | softball | 2 PM

4/14/23 | baseball | 1 PM

4/15/23 | baseball | 1 PM

4/20/23 | softball | 2 PM

4/25/23 | baseball | 1 PM

4/27/23 | softball | 2 PM

4/29/23 | baseball | 1 PM

\*Games are doubleheaders and subject to change due to weather. Make sure you check Western's social media pages for updates!











# SATURDAY APRIL 15TH

**Pryor Shooting Range** 20029 E CR 169 Olustee. OK

#### TEAM ENTRY

\$500

5 man team

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY \$125

10 team limit in each shoot. Pre-register to secure your spot! Morning slots must be filled first.

# PRIZES

- HOA Male
- **HOA** Female
- 1st Place Team
- 2nd Place Team
- \$400 Tuition Scholarship

Highest overall male and female planning to attend Western in 2023-2024

## **EVENTS:**

- 25 Trap Targets
- 25 5-Stand Targets

50/50 pot | \$10/shooter/round

- Flurry
- Wolf Chase

Pre-register at wosc.edu/pioneershoot or by scanning the QR code



Questions about the event: 580.512.1625 Questions about sponsorships: 580.477.7784

# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

#### PIONEER SPONSOR

\$1.000

- Large Banner
- 1 Team Entry

#### GREEN & GOLD SPONSOR \$500

- Medium Banner
- 1 Individual Entry

#### \$250 MASCOT SPONSOR

Small Banner

Contact WOSC Foundation Office for a customized sponsor package.

## PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE **WOSC SHOOTING TEAM**

Hosted by the WOSC Foundation, Inc.

MA8 Registration begins

9 AM- 12 PM Morning shoot Free lunch 12 PM

Afternoon shoot 1 PM - 4 PM

Lunch provided by Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma





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