

## Western Cheer makes History at Nationals



The 2024 Western cheer team in Daytona, FL at the NCA College Nationals (L to R) front row: Juwkan "Svn" Russel, Ariel Browne, Shelby Wilkins, Tarrin Tyler, Crissa Carter, Jade Castillo, Madison Scallion, Macee Belle, Anna Davis, Caroline Gaye. Back row: Rachel Stout, Vastina Chea, Alyssa Hickman, Coach Nichole Turner, Raigan Rodrigues, Raquel Quihui, Halle Waibel, Breanna Dayton, Naomi Cervantes, Chloe Campbell

The 23-24 Western cheer team made school history this spring as the first team in school history to compete at the NCA College Nationals in Daytona, Florida. The team received a bronze bid to the NCA College Nationals in July while attending the NCA Camp without a plan to attend. After practices began and the team grew, they set their sites on Daytona and became more determined than ever.

Thanks to many supporters the team reached their funding goal and headed to Florida.

"Without the constant support of WOSC, the community, our families and our ALUMNI, we would have never made it to that competition floor," said Coach Turner.

Western Cheer placed 5th out of 10 teams, being the only Junior College in a division full of Universities that have attended Nationals many years. An incredible thing to note is that more than half of the team was first time

## UPCOMING AT WESTERN

May 1 | WINDS Hot dog Luncheon | 12 PM | WINDS lab

May 3 | Cinco de Mayo Nacho Bar | Pioneer Central

May 6 | Finals Begin

May 9 | Nursing Pinning | 6 PM | Gym

May 9 | Commencement Practice | 2 PM | Gym

May 10 | Commencement Ceremony | 6 PM | Gym

May 20 | Summer Courses Begin

cheerleaders. There were a few seasoned athletes, but only one had competitive cheer experience.

The cheer tryout link is now live!

Western Cheer and Mascot tryouts will be on Saturday, May 18th. On May 17th, there will be a prep clinic for those wanting to work on tryout material.

\*Western does not have a minimum skill requirement to make the team, and tumbling is not required.

Visit [wosc.edu/cheertryouts](https://wosc.edu/cheertryouts) for more information and registration. If you have any questions about the program or the try-out process, please email us at [cheer@wosc.edu](mailto:cheer@wosc.edu).

## Orick and Kyser Receive President's Excellence Award



L to R: Keegan Kyser, Dr. Chad Wiginton, WOSC President, and Mallory Orick

Faculty and staff members honored the 2024 President's Excellence Award nominees at a luncheon on April 24th in the Pioneer Heritage Center. Nominees must be considered sophomore students, highly active on campus, and have a 2.5 GPA or higher. Nominees were required to submit a video, then the top ten were selected for an interview by a group composed of faculty, staff, and an outstanding freshman. Each of the 15 candidates this year embodied qualities of excellence, which was evident by all of the kind words said by those who nominated them at the luncheon.

Students nominated include:

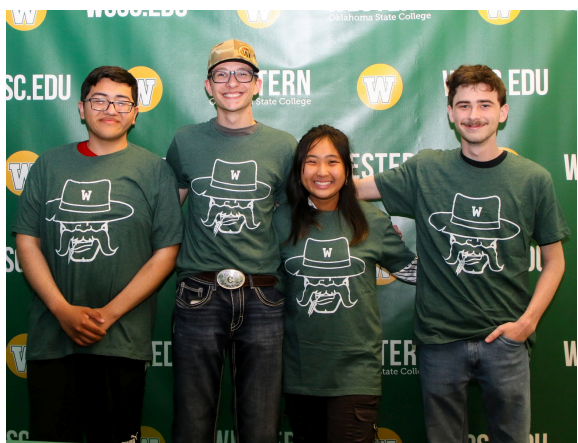
Jade Castillo, Fletcher, OK  
Sawyer Colbert, Joshua, TX  
Daisy Dempsey, Altus, OK  
Lilian Easter, Altus, OK  
Aushae Farris, Edmond, OK  
Tessa Hubanks, Hollis, OK  
Keegan Kyser, Altus, OK  
Gunnar McAlester, Heavener, OK  
William Meinert, Granite, OK  
Mallory Orick, Blair, OK  
Brady Reimer, Cordell, OK  
Shay Skaggs, Nash, OK  
Rachel Stout, Frederick, OK  
Kaeleigh Swain, Altus, OK  
Abby Weber, Lone Wolf, OK



2024 Nominees. Front row, L to R: Jade Castillo, Shay Skaggs, Aushae Farris, Sawyer Colbert, Lilian Easter, Daisy Dempsey. Back Row, L to R: Tessa Hubanks, Abby Weber, Gunnar McAlester, Brady Reimer, Keegan Kyser, Mallory Orick, Kaeleigh Swain, William Meinert, Rachel Stout.

The 2024 President's Excellence Award recipients were Mallory Orick from Blair, OK and Keegan Kyser from Altus, OK.

## Esports Signing Event at Western



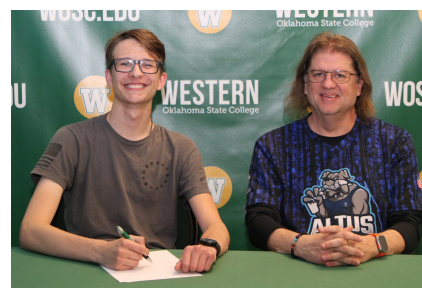
Inaugural members of Western's Esports Team, L to R: Jonathan Hernandez, Conner Doshier, Rachel Stepanek, Kaleb Bomboy.

Western had an exciting day on campus, officially welcoming four new members to Western's very first esports team on April 17. Kaleb Bomboy, Rachel Stepanek, Conner Doshier, and Jonathan Hernandez, all seniors from Altus High School, enthusiastically committed to joining the team starting in the fall of 2024. Western is excited to have esports on campus and looks forward to adding new Pioneers to the family! Congratulations, Bulldogs, and soon to the Pioneers!

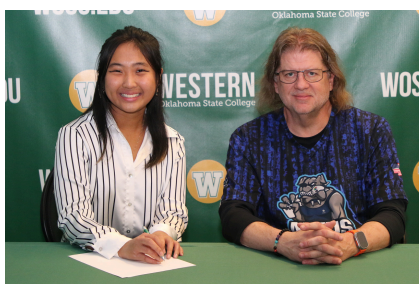
For more information about esports at Western, contact Coach John Wall at [esports@wosc.edu](mailto:esports@wosc.edu)



Jonathan Hernandez and John Wall, WOSC Esport coach



Conner Doshier and John Wall, WOSC Esport coach



Rachel Stepanek and John Wall, WOSC Esport coach



Kaleb Bomboy and John Wall, WOSC Esport coach



## Six Pioneers Heading to CNFR



### PIONEERS HEADING TO THE COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO





**JESSE HOPPER**  
Champion Bull Rider

**STRAN MORRIS**  
Champion Heeler

**CAMDEN HOELTING**  
Reserve champion header

**LJ YEAHQVO**  
Reserve Champion Heeler

**ROWDY JONES**  
3rd place Header

**JESSEN JAMES**  
3rd place Heeler

## CENTRAL PLAINS REGION RESERVE CHAMPION MENS TEAM!

The 23-24 Rodeo season has ended, and Pioneers are headed to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, WY, in June!

The men's team earned the Central Plains Region Reserve Champion Men's Team title for the 23-24 season.

Going into the finals, four Pioneers are currently top 5 in the nation.

Jesse Hopper- #1 Bull Rider  
Stran Morris- #4 Heeler  
LJ Yeahquo- #5 Heeler  
Camden Hoelting- #5 Header



Jesse Hopper | Central Plains Champion Bull Rider | #1 Bull Rider in the nation  
Stran Morris | Central Plains Champion Heeler | #4 Heeler in the nation  
Camden Hoelting | Central Plains Reserve Champion Header | #5 Header in the nation  
L.J. Yeahquo | Central Plains Reserve Champion Heeler | #5 Heeler in the nation  
Rowdy Jones | Central Plains 3rd place Header  
Jessen James | Central Plains 3rd place Heeler

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## FAFSA Application Available

The 24-25 FAFSA application is open. Students planning to attend college in the fall of 2024 need to apply for access to federal grants, scholarships, and work-study programs.

Students needing assistance in completing the application are invited to our financial aid office on campus. Western's staff will be happy to assist through the process. The sooner it is submitted, the more funding is available!

- Even if you think your family earns too much money to qualify for aid, you should still complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA is required for all federal grants, work-study jobs, and some state aid and scholarships!
- Even if you completed the FAFSA for 23-24... you must complete a new application each year!
- Even if you haven't chosen your college yet, you should complete the FAFSA now instead of waiting for your decision.

Learn more about completing the FAFSA and find helpful tools at [startwithfafsaok.org](https://startwithfafsaok.org)

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I am a college student that is responsible for paying for my own education, so I applied for FAFSA my senior year of high school. I got enough **free money** to pay for my college and get **free money** refunded back to me! FAFSA has helped me tremendously when it came to paying for school!

**KEEGAN  
KYSER**  
SOPHOMORE



**APPLY FOR FAFSA  
TODAY!**

## COME TAILGATE WITH US!

Saturday, May 4

Parking Lot of Washed Laundromat, 919 N. Main Street

Grill from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

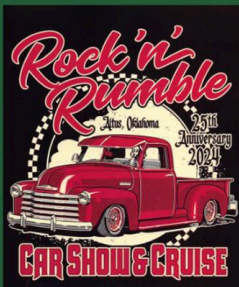
Closed Cruise starts at 5:30 p.m.

Open Cruise starts at 7:00 p.m.

We'll have a few hot dogs & hot links on the grill!

Bring your own drinks & lawn chairs!

Corn Hole & Jenga for the Kids!



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LET'S CELEBRATE

**CINCO DE MAYO**  
**ON MAY 3RD**

Luncheon | 11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.  
Pioneer Central

## 2024 NURSING PINNING

Thursday, May 9 at 6 P.M.

## 2024 COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 10 at 6 P.M.



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