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GRADUATES



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GRADUATES
FROM 23
STATES AND 4
COUNTRIES





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WHERE AFFORDABILITY MEETS QUALITY EDUCATION AT OPSU

In a world where higher education costs seem to skyrocket yearly, finding an affordable college becomes a chore for many students and their families. Amidst this pursuit, Oklahoma Panhandle State University emerges as Oklahoma's most affordable college by NASDAQ.

According to NASDAQ's report on the most affordable colleges in each state, OPSU stands out for its commitment to providing quality education without burdening students with overwhelming tuition fees. With college expenses often being a major concern for prospective students, OPSU's recognition as Oklahoma's most affordable college comes as a reassuring validation of its dedication to accessible education, offering a much-needed relief from the financial stress of higher education.

Dr. Julie Dinger, University President, highlights OPSU's regional impact, stating, "OPSU's affordability isn't just about numbers, it's about serving our community and region. We're proud to be recognized as the most affordable college in Oklahoma, it shows our dedication to offering exceptional educational opportunities accessible to everyone."

The affordability of OPSU extends beyond just tuition fees. The university's cost-effective approach encompasses various aspects of student life, including housing, meal plans, and textbooks, ensuring that students can focus on their studies without being overwhelmed by financial stress.

Dasha Smith, Director of Financial Aid at OPSU, emphasizes their department's commitment to making education attainable for all deserving students. Smith states, "At OPSU, we understand students' financial challenges when pursuing higher education. Our goal is

to alleviate this burden by offering scholarships and financial aid packages that continue to set us up at the top regarding affordability."

The NASDAQ report highlights OPSU's dedication to maintaining low tuition rates while upholding academic excellence. With a range of degree programs across multiple disciplines and a supportive academic community, OPSU allows students to pursue their educational dreams without excessive financial constraints.

For prospective students, choosing OPSU means more than just affordability—it means investing in a quality education that will lay the foundation for a successful future and a path to anywhere. Find out more about how to become an Aggie today, by visiting the website. [P](#)

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FUTURE EDUCATORS

TEACHING PATHWAYS AT OPSU

The College of Arts and Education at OPSU

recently hosted Future Educators Day, an event bringing together current students and aspiring educators from different high schools. Dr. Kimberly Conyers and Mrs. Amber Hollis-Fesmire led the event, which aimed to provide students with insight into the world of education, especially at OPSU, and the opportunities available within the field.

Students learned about practical advice on residential life, admissions procedures, and scholarship opportunities. Among the scholarships, the highlighted OPSU Scholarship was the Panhandle Promise Scholarship. The Panhandle Promise Scholarship, a gap funding scholarship for aspiring teachers, removes the financial barrier and incentivizes students to pursue classroom teacher degrees in exchange for a two-year commitment to teach in an Oklahoma Panhandle public school. The Inspired to Teach scholarship, an initiative by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) designed to support aspiring teachers in their academic pursuits, was also highlighted.

“Our first Panhandle Promise scholarships were offered to five students in 2019-2020. Since then, the scholarship has been awarded to 14 other OPSU education majors—many of whom are still teaching in the Panhandle,” stated Dr. Charla Lewis, Dean of the College of Arts and Education. “Inspired to Teach has been available to education majors since fall 2022. While the commitment for graduates to teach in Oklahoma is five years for this scholarship (three years more than the Panhandle Promise), awardees will get paid an employment incentive for those five years. We’re very lucky to be able to offer these two scholarships to our education students.”

Throughout the event, education staff from diverse disciplines such as agriculture, mathematics, English, health and physical education, and elementary education were on hand to engage with students and shed light on the distinct pathways within the education sector. This multidisciplinary approach ensured that students gained a comprehensive understanding of the educational landscape and the various specializations available to them. They also experienced hands-on learning with technology and engaging in craft activities. These interactive sessions showcased the innovative tools and resources available to students at OPSU.

OPSU elementary education student Ceely Jones shared her experiences and insights, offering a glimpse into the realities of pursuing an education degree at OPSU. Her firsthand accounts gave aspiring educators valuable perspective and inspiration, reaffirming their passion for the profession.

Dr. Conyers emphasized the importance of providing prospective students with opportunities to experience firsthand the dynamic learning environment at OPSU. “It’s important to have days like these where we can showcase our degrees,” she remarked. “The Future Educators Day was the first of what I hope to be many opportunities that we give interested students to let them experience what ‘a day in the life’ of a teaching major would be like at OPSU. We want to make sure students know what we have to offer and that we are the Path to Anywhere.”

With the Panhandle Promise scholarship deadline nearing on June 1st, the event served as a timely reminder for aspiring teachers to explore the scholarship opportunities available to them as they pursue their academic and professional aspirations. OPSU remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing the next generation of educators and empowering them to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. **P**

OPSU STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

AT NACTA CONFERENCE



The OPSU College of Agriculture, Science, and Nursing attended the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Judging conference, where 23 students competed in various competitions. NACTA started in 1955 and has held an annual event each spring where teams of college students in agricultural institutions compete in various contests. This year, the judging conference was held on the campus of Southern Idaho with representatives from across the country and competing schools like Purdue University, Texas Tech University, Oklahoma State University, Kansas State University, and many more.

The Panhandle State team was led by Dean of Agriculture Tracy Kincannon and Agriculture faculty members Dr. Curtis Bensch, Dr. Crystal Tolle, Kathryn Hearn, and Cassidy Tolle-Johnson. Competing in 10 contests over three days, including Agriculture Education, Agriculture Mechanics, Crops Judging, Dairy Judging, Equine Management and Judging, Knowledge Bowl, Livestock Judging, Livestock Management, Natural Resources Management, and Precision Agriculture, the students demonstrated remarkable skill and determination.

While all students achieved notable success, one team rose to the top. The Livestock Management Team was named National Champions. Additionally, Toby McClure earned the distinction of 2nd high individual, with JD Fox placing 3rd high individual and Elizabeth Ross securing 4th high individual. The team's victory, with a margin of 63 points, is an impressive feat in such a competitive environment. Other valuable team members included Makenzie Webster, Austin Jacobs, and Jake Hinds, under the coaching expertise of Kathryn Hearn.

In addition to the national championship, several other teams earned prestigious national standings. The Natural Resources team secured a reserve national title, while the Livestock Judging, Precision Agriculture, Agriculture Mechanics, and Dairy Judging teams earned a 3rd place national finish. The Agriculture Education and Equine Management teams also performed admirably, securing a 4th place national finish.

Dean Tracy Kincannon stated, "This group of NACTA Judging rookies worked very hard and missed taking down the defending sweepstakes champion by just a few points."

This year's achievements reflect the student's and faculty's dedication and hard work. They eagerly anticipate another exciting year and hope for further success at the event next April at West Texas A&M University. **P**



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HEAD WOMEN'S RODEO COACH CLINCHES FOURTH CONSECUTIVE NIRA CENTRAL PLAINS COACH OF THE YEAR TITLE

For four consecutive years, Shelbie Rose, the Women's Rodeo Coach at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, has earned the NIRA Central Plains Coach of the Year title. This achievement highlights her dedication, experience, and passion for the sport. In a sport where every second counts and every move matters, Rose has strived to teach her students the fundamentals and knowledge to ensure their success.

"We are incredibly proud to have Coach Rose leading our Women's Rodeo team at OPSU. Her commitment to her athletes and the sport of rodeo is unmatched, and we are grateful for all that she does," stated Dr. Julie Dinger, University President. "Coach Rose not only cultivates champions in the arena but also mentors and inspires young men and women to reach their full potential in and out of the arena. She is a true asset to our university, and we are honored to have her as a part of the OPSU family."

Raised in the rodeo industry, Rose learned from an early age that success is not handed out freely; it's earned through sweat, sacrifice, and an unyielding resolve to overcome any obstacle in her path. This spirit has been the driving force behind her journey in the rodeo world, and it's a legacy she proudly passes on to her athletes.

Head Men's Rodeo Coach Robert Etbauer stated, "Shelbie is a big part of the Panhandle State Rodeo team. I am proud to

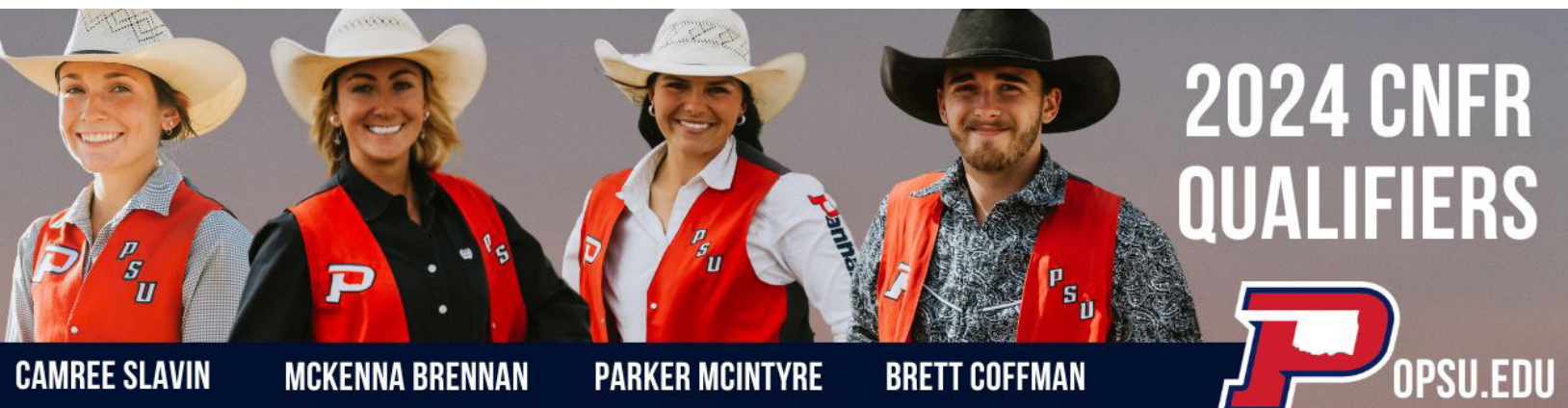
have coached her while she was a student-athlete here at OPSU, and I am proud to coach alongside her."

Under her guidance, her team has become champions in the arena and leaders in their communities, embodying the values of perseverance, resilience, and sportsmanship. Rose's coaching philosophy is simple yet profound: dedication, discipline, and determination. She instills in her athletes the belief that success is not given; it's earned through relentless hard work and unwavering commitment. And it's this mindset that has set her apart as a coach of unparalleled caliber.

The OPSU Rodeo Team will send four athletes to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming, from June 9 to 15. The OPSU competitors and their events are: Parker McIntyre in Goat Tying, McKenna Brennan in Goat Tying and Breakaway, Brett Coffman in Saddle Bronc Riding, and Camree Slavin in Breakaway. **P**

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NO MAN'S LAND

READING SERIES
HOSTED AUTHOR
DAVID HESKA
WANBLI WEIDEN



Author, **David Heska Wanbli Weiden**

Each spring semester, the OPSU Department of English hosts the annual No Man's Land Reading Series, an event funded by the Masonic Endowment for Cultural Enrichment. This series invites notable writers to engage with the community through readings, lectures, and discussions of their work. This year, the series proudly featured David Heska Wanbli Weiden, a Lakota American author of crime and thriller novels and a professor of Native American studies at Metropolitan State University of Denver. Dr. Weiden is known for his debut novel, *Winter Counts*, which won an Anthony Award, Lefty Award, ITW Thriller Award, Barry Award, and Macavity Award.

The No Man's Land Reading Series serves as a cultural event for OPSU and the surrounding communities. It aims to provide a cultural outlet that extends beyond the university, benefiting the students and the artistic community at large. Each event typically concludes with a Q&A session, giving attendees a chance to interact with the author. This is

followed by book sales and signings, creating a personal and engaging experience for all participants.

Dr. Jarrett Kaufman, Assistant Professor of English and the director of the series, emphasizes the event's educational value. "It is my hope that the No Man's Land Reading Series will become a valuable part of our students' education." He continued, "This event is a collaborative effort in which faculty and students work together to bring to the OPSU campus and the area award winning writers who will share their works that would both educate and entertain our audiences."

Bringing the No Man's Land Reading Series to the Panhandle ensures that high-quality cultural and educational experiences are accessible to all. The ongoing support from the Masonic Endowment for Cultural Enrichment plays a crucial role in sustaining this invaluable tradition, enriching the lives of students, faculty, and community members. **P**



OPSU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE, AND NURSING

HONORS TOP STUDENTS AND CELEBRATES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Oklahoma Panhandle State University's College of Agriculture, Science, and Nursing (COASN) has had a remarkable year, marked by national achievements and strengthened regional partnerships. The recent Annual Awards Ceremony highlighted these accomplishments, celebrating its students' and faculty's dedication and talent. The ceremony's highlight was the presentation of the Dean's Servant Heart Award, awarded to student Natalie Nordmann for her outstanding service and commitment to the community.

Ms. Nordmann demonstrated exceptional leadership and compassion this past year by coordinating OPSU's donations to the Texas Panhandle fire victims. Nordmann's hard work and dedication made it possible for OPSU to donate several thousands of dollars worth of much-needed supplies to fire victims. Nordmann's initiative not only brought relief to many in need but also exemplified the spirit of service and generosity that defines the OPSU community.

Dean Tracy Kincannon praised Nordmann's efforts, stating, "This year, we decided to give the first-ever Servant Heart Award to showcase an amazing young lady that every Aggie will be proud of. Natalie Nordmann exemplifies what it means to be an Aggie."

In addition to Nordmann's recognition, the OPSU Show Team celebrated their exceptional performance in their inaugural year. The team, comprised of 16 members from Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, and Canada, achieved national champion status by winning the overall Hampshire ewe division at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO. The team, including ten first-time and six continuing students, set a goal to recruit ten new members for the upcoming year and is well on meeting this objective.

The banquet also honored students with departmental awards for outstanding academic performance in their respective programs. Team awards were given to students who excelled in their extracurricular activities throughout the year.

Concluding the spring semester, Dean Kincannon was presented the Lamar Community College Premiere Partner Award for 2023-2024. This award recognizes the outstanding collaboration between OPSU Agriculture College and Lamar Community College in hosting the Colorado FFA Southeast District Contest. This past spring, with the support of OPSU professors and students, Lamar Community College successfully hosted over 900 students from across Southern Colorado for FFA career development events. OPSU played a significant role in assisting with the livestock and meat judging contests. While assisting those contests, our faculty and students helped organize livestock and meat judging classes and organized the officials for each contest. This served as a great opportunity to build our connection with Lamar Community College and connect with students from all over southern Colorado.

"Dean Kincannon and the entire faculty and staff have worked so hard this last year, devoting their time to promoting agricultural excellence regionally and nationally. Their achievements showcase the talent within our programs and highlight our commitment to serving and partnering with our community. I could not be more proud of their hard work and the positive impact they have made," said Dr. Julie Dinger, University President. **P**



NAMED TOP IN THE NATION

IN THE COLLEGIATE ADVERTISING AWARDS PROGRAM

The OPSU Communications Department has been recognized for the 2023 Collegiate Advertising Awards, securing placement in the top 5% nationwide across various categories. The University's Communication Department's creativity and strategic marketing efforts have garnered Gold and Silver awards for outstanding achievements in advertising and promotion. The Collegiate Advertising Awards (CAA) is an elite program recognizing higher education organizations for excellence in communications, marketing, advertising, and promotion of universities nationwide.

Dr. Ryan Blanton, Vice President of Advancement, stated, "Congratulations to our Communications Department. This recognition of their hard work and ingenuity is well deserved."

OPSU secured gold placements in the categories of Billboard Design, Recruitment, and Website Design. A Silver placement was made under the category of Special Video Production. OPSU shares the Website Design recognition with the design agency Juicebox Interactive, which helped redesign the OPSU website in 2023. OPSU shares the Special Video Production award with videographer Chase Davis and Middle House Film.

Gold Awards:

Billboard Design: "In No Man's Land, Find Your Path to Anywhere." This billboard series captivates audiences and effectively communicates the University's uniqueness to the region and commitment to fostering personal and academic growth.

Recruitment: OPSU's Viewbooks for the Admissions Office have the design, content, and overall effectiveness in attracting prospective students. These viewbooks serve as a comprehensive guide, offering insights into the University's academic programs and campus life.

Website Design: OPSU's website was redesigned and launched in March 2023 with a new look and feel. This new website is modern, easy



Billboard Series, "In No Man's Land, Find your Path to Anywhere"

to navigate for prospective students, and vibrantly highlights campus. Silver Award:

Special Video Production: OPSU partnered with Chase Davis and Middle House Film to create a promotional video for the OPSU Rodeo Team. This film was showcased during the College Rodeo and the Professional Rodeo during Pioneer Days in Guymon, Oklahoma.

The OPSU Communications Department is a team of Natasha Eidson and Lauren McBee. Natasha Eidson is the Director of Communications, and Lauren McBee is the Marketing Coordinator. These two oversee campus communication, marketing, advertising, social media, graphic design, and website.

Dr. Julie Dinger, President of Oklahoma Panhandle State University, expressed her pride in this achievement, stating, "I am so proud of Mrs. Eidson and Mrs. McBee for their hard work in the Communications Department, their innovative strategies have effectively communicated OPSU's unique strengths and opportunities to a local and national audience. I'm so happy to see their hard work recognized."

Natasha Eidson, Director of Communications, commented, "Working alongside Lauren, we strive to highlight all aspects of the OPSU community and have worked hard to become strategic in our marketing efforts. This honor shows the power of teamwork in showcasing the University's strengths within our community. The Advancement team continues to elevate OPSU and its marketing to future students, current students, alumni, business leaders, and the community."

For more information about the OPSU Communications Department and its award-winning initiatives, visit the website. **P**

OPSU PBL SECURE TWELVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

AT STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Oklahoma Panhandle State University

Panhandle Business Leaders (PBL) traveled to the Future Business Leaders of America-Collegiate State Leadership Conference (SLC) hosted on UCO's campus in Edmond, OK. They secured 12 State Championships and 6 State Runner-Ups. The seven collegiate competitors from OPSU were Carlos Flores, Senior, Texhoma, OK; Hunter Harris, Senior, Guymon, OK; Julie Johnson, Senior, Guymon, OK; Madison Galvin, Sophomore, Guymon, OK; Daniel Byers, Senior, Panhandle, TX; Ryan Sinclair, Senior, Elkhart, KS; Salma Ramirez, Junior, Guymon, OK.

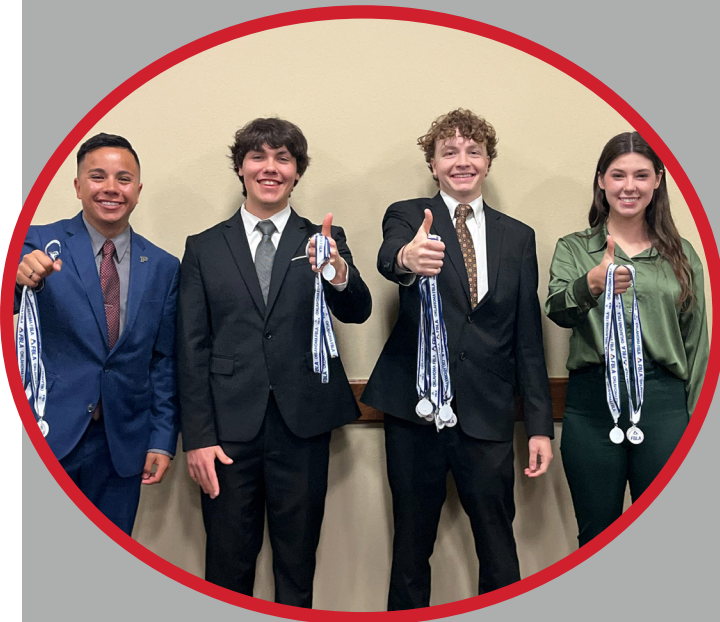
OPSU PBL State Competition Results were, Foundations of Communication - 1st Madison Galvin, Foundations of Communication - 2nd Ryan Sinclair, Foundations of Computer Science - 1st Julie Johnson, Foundations of Computer Science

- 2nd Alan Anchondo, Foundations of Computer Science - 4th Daniel Byers, Foundations of Economics - 1st Alan Anchondo, Foundations of Management - 4th Place Julie Johnson, Foundations of Marketing - 1st Julie Johnson, Foundations of Marketing - 2nd Ryan Sinclair, Foundations of Selling - 3rd Ryan Sinclair, Foundations of Technology - 1st Hunter Harris, Foundations of Technology - 2nd Alan Anchondo, Foundations of Technology - 3rd Julie Johnson, Foundations of Technology - 4th Daniel Byers, Future Business Educator - 1st Madison Galvin, Future Business Executive - 1st Carlos Flores, Job Interview - 1st Carlos Flores, Organizational Behavior & Leadership - 4th Carlos Flores, Parliamentary Procedure - 1st Alan Anchondo, Parliamentary Procedure - 2nd Daniel Byers, Project Management - 1st Madison Galvin, Project Management - 2nd Alan Anchondo, State of Chapter Presentation - 1st Hunter, Ryan, and Madison, Technology and Computer Science Case Study - 1st Ryan and Hunter.

Student Hunter Harris commented, "State Leadership Conference has been an amazing opportunity to showcase our dedication to our field of study. This was my third SLC, and I always love the competition. Coming home with 10+ State Championships every year showcases the success that is formed in Carter Hall. Every PBL member is excited to compete at Nationals in Orlando, FL, this summer. We hope to add to the impressive number of top-10 finishes competing with much larger colleges and, most importantly, beating them."

Student Carlos Flores stated, "FBLA has been a platform for me to grow professionally and learn from others. At SLC, we were able to perform with our talents and skills, and we are proudly representing OPSU. To see our successes is beyond gratifying and rewarding for the work that is put in day in and day out."

Panhandle Business leaders are excited about their 2024 state results, continuing the excellence. They will attend the National Leadership Conference (NLC) hosted in Orlando, Florida, June 24-27, 2024. **P**



OPSU PBL students, left to right: **Carlos Flores, Ryan Sinclair, Hunter Harris, and Madison Galvin.**

DR. LECRETA BOWEN

NAMED OPSU ATHLETIC TRAINER



“I strive to provide the best care to improve functional outcomes and educate student athletes to prevent injury or re-injury.”

— Dr. LeCreta Bowen

Oklahoma Panhandle State University is excited to welcome Dr. LaCreta Bowen as the Athletic Trainer, bringing with her a wealth of experience, education, and passion to the community.

Originally from Silo, Oklahoma, Dr. Bowen graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Athletic Training. She went on to complete her Master's in Athletic Training at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 2014. In 2021, Dr. Bowen completed a Doctorate in Athletic Training with a focus in Educational Leadership and Sports Rehabilitation from A.T. Still University of Health Science.

Dr. Bowen's inspiration to become an athletic trainer is rooted in her experiences and background. Growing up in a family of teachers and coaches, she always aspired to be involved in the school system. The turning point came in high school when an athletic trainer spoke to her biology class, shedding light on a career that would blend her interests in the medical field and education while excelling in a field that Oklahoma has seen a shortage of in recent years.

At OPSU, Dr. Bowen aims to make a significant impact. “With the shortage of athletic trainers, I would like to inspire others to look into the field and pursue their Master's in Athletic Training. I also know the importance of educating future teachers/coaches about Athletic Training and giving them the tools to help their future students in case their program doesn't have an athletic trainer,” she stated. “I strive to provide the best care to improve functional outcomes and educate student athletes to prevent injury or re-injury. To also help the student athletes maintain performance and return to the sport they love during the injury process.”

University President, Dr. Julie Dinger stated, “Dr. Bowen is a great addition to our team. She is dedicated to students, and I believe will make a big impact on the sidelines and in our community.”

Building positive relationships within the university and the local community is a key goal for Dr. Bowen. She aims to foster growth and inspire future athletic trainers, coaches, and other sports-related professionals while promoting OPSU.

“I am very excited to be here and to do my best for OPSU and the community,” Dr. Bowen says. Athletic Director, Victor Esparza adds, “The athletic department is thrilled to welcome Dr. Bowen to the OPSU family as our new Athletic Trainer. Dr. Bowen brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to athletes' health and wellness. Her expertise will undoubtedly enhance our sports program and ensure our athletes receive the best care possible. We are confident that Dr. Bowen's innovative approach and dedication will contribute significantly to the success and well-being of our student athletes.” **P**

KAMRON NEAL

PLACES THIRD IN NAIA OUTDOOR
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR
THE MEN'S 200 METER



The Aggies Men's Track Team traveled to Marion, Indiana, to compete in the NAIA Outdoor National Championships, hosted by Indiana Wesleyan University. The championship competition spans three days. Kamron Neal, a freshman from Houston, Texas, with a position of running sprints on the OPSU Men's Track Team, secured a strong third-place finish in the men's 200-meter final. Neal saw a personal best on the first day of the championship in the 200 meters.

Neal stated, "The National meet went smoothly. I'm proud of myself as a freshman, but finishing in third place motivated me to work even harder the next year. I promised myself that the following year, I wouldn't lose. Furthermore, I truly value my teammate's encouragement. They were always there to support me when I saw them both before and after the event, and that helped a lot."

Head Coach Cyrus Hall stated, "Kamron ran phenomenally at the meet! His first 100m-120m was incredible! He has an uncanny ability to bounce back from adversity. He did that today in a big-time way! I couldn't be prouder of the year he had. 3rd in the nation as a freshman is fantastic! We thought he'd have a chance to win, and he went for it. Aggie Nation should be proud."

Neal had a full scholarship to another school in Kansas, but when there was a coaching change, and the new coaching staff decided not to honor the scholarship he was given, he started looking at other options. OPSU quarterback and friend of Neal's, Brandon Stephens, connected him with Head Football Coach Cory Miller. Coach Miller offered Neal a scholarship, but Neal also wanted to run track. Coach Miller and Coach Hall offered Neal an opportunity to play football and run track at OPSU. **P**



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