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Photo by Houston Bova

Cisco College Wranglers proudly carry the Texas and U.S. flags into Chesley Stadium at the Homecoming game October 14.

# Sports Pave Way to Education

For hundreds of students who attend Cisco College, sports paves the way to a priceless education. This issue proudly presents stories about fall sports and the students who carry the sports banner for the college. We have stories on volleyball, soccer,

football, and rodeo. Other sports (baseball, softball, and basketball) will be covered in the spring edition. All students interviewed stressed the educational value of their sports commitments; education is the goal.

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**HOUSTON BOVA** 

#### From the Editor

Hello and welcome back! Once again, the *Wrangler Express* is here to bring you some great stories and some fantastic news.

I myself am fairly new to the area. I transitioned from the U.S. Army in January of this year and decided to buckle down and hit the books. Fixing weapons of all sorts had its perks, but the dangers in the service of this great country became all too real to me after I was wounded. This is my first semester as a college student, and I am very honored to be a part of the team that brought you this newspaper.

In my travels, I have never come across such a sports-oriented community. It was such a joy to be elected the editor because now I get to show you what I've seen as an outsider coming in. This issue particularly focuses on athletes in the fall sports. My fellow classmates all work so hard at what they do, both on the field and in the classroom, that I thought their voices should be heard.

This year's Homecoming theme was "A Proud Past, A Promising Future." The students featured here and so many others at Cisco College have carried this theme to their hearts. So ladies and gentlemen, please enjoy the stories of my peers and see just how proud these students are of their families and how much we all thank you for your support of our futures.

Are you interested in joining the Wrangler Express team for the next edition? We are always looking for eager, aspiring photographers, writers and reporters to help bring the news to the public. It's always nice to have one more thing to add to your resume for that promising future.

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# Drew Kirk, Founding Wrangler Express Co-Editor, Dies at 23

(Editor's Note: Drew Kirk, who was co-editor with Susan Young when the Wrangler Express began in the fall of 2015, passed away August 16 in a hospital after an illness. His memorial service was held August 21 in Abilene. He was a student at Abilene Christian University at the time of his death, having graduated from Cisco College the previous year. His co-editor Susan Young wrote the following tribute.

#### By SUSAN YOUNG

#### Former Wrangler Express Editor

Drew Kirk will forever fill the halls of Cisco College with the words "I CAN." Drew had brittle bone disease, but he never let that stop him. His determination and strength touched everyone from students, to faculty and staff, on both of our campuses. Just one of his accomplishments was the Wrangler Express. Late hours, ideas, and creating through the night, Drew and I had so much fun and lots of help making the student newspaper a reality. The following paragraph gives a little background on the newspaper and how much it meant to Drew and

This paragraph is from the inaugural edition:

"Long-time friends, brother and sister and partners in crime, are just a few titles associated with your editors Susan Young and Drew Kirk (or Drew Kirk and Susan Young, depending on whom you asked first). After getting the thumbs up, we began brainstorming ideas for columns, artistic layout and reaching out to students, faculty, and staff for support. We never anticipated (though we had hoped) that it would skyrocket into existence, bringing both campuses together."

Drew had the best of the qualities of a true "West Texas Gentleman" and



#### **DREW KIRK**

a Cisco College Wrangler. He would rush to open a door for someone (even at the risk of breaking a bone), never allowing you to walk by yourself to the parking lot after a late class, and waiting until you were in the car safely and pulling out before he would leave.

When Drew set his mind to accomplish something, there was never a doubt that it would get done. Not only would he succeed at what he did, he would strive to be the best as well, many times achieving his goal with one or more broken bones. Drew was an inspiration to me and many more; he set the "bar" high.

Drew took the "dis" out of disability; it was all about the "ability" to reach and achieve all goals he set for himself.

Following his lead, I am determined to not only accomplish my goal of graduating in the spring of 2018, but to continue to represent and make sure that every Cisco College student knows they have the "ABIL-ITY" to achieve and be successful at whatever they set their mind to.

#### Valentina of Brazil Makes Name At Cisco

Valentina Bulhoes of Brazil is making a name for herself at Cisco College. She is a volleyball star, having been named NJCAA Player of the Week the last week in September. She also won NJCAA First Team Academics for Volleyball with a 4.0 gradepoint average. Then, she made Second Team All Conference for Athletics.

To top it all off, she was crowned Homecoming Queen at Cisco College in October.

It was volleyball that brought her to Cisco. She had offers from several schools, "but this one was the full scholarship; I got a full ride," she said. "That's why I chose Cisco College."

Valentina said that she was "really scared" when she came to Cisco. "You go to a different country. You don't have anybody you can trust, and you don't really know English very well. It was scary."

However, it turns out she loved Texas and fit right in. "I like this area. Now I have friends, and I really like Texas. I'm not trying to move." She said her favorite Texas expressions are "Y'all" and "Dang right."

Valentina is a setter in volleyball, and is one of the team captains. Last semester the team went to  $2^{\rm nd}$  place in the conference, and this semester they won  $4^{\rm th}$  place but still qualified to go to regionals.



Photo by Kaitlin Berry VALENTINA BULHOES

From her coach, Susan Moore, Valentina said she has learned "about respect, responsibility and having a good mindset."

She plans to become a mechanical engineer. "I'm

already taking my courses. They're hard, but I'm doing well. I pretty much study all the time." She said she plans to go for a master's and a doctorate degree. "I want to live here," she said. "But if by chance I go back to Brazil, you don't have a chance of getting a job if you don't have your doctorate."

Her native language is Portuguese, but she also speaks Italian, French, Spanish, and English. She explained that Italian and Spanish are similar to Portuguese. She learned French because she enjoyed a trip to France and then watched French TV and read French books. Her mother also knows the same languages, she said.

"My mom is very proud of me. She loves the idea that I am doing well here and I have a future starting from here," she said. "My family always supports me in every decision I make. For me to be here by myself and doing well, they are very happy."

One of the things she misses about her home country is the food: "Healthy food, such as salads, fresh juices in all flavors, rice, beans, salad, steak and especially seafood."

Valentina's second-year season is about to be over, and afterwards she will begin emailing coaches about transferring to a four-year school after she graduates from Cisco College. This Brazilian girl is definitely following the American dream.

## Education is Goal for Serbian Player

By HOUSTON BOVA
Wrangler Express Editor

Coming to the United States has been a dream for many foreigners. Sara Andric had the very same dream, only she had a plan. Her dream was to come to the U.S. from Serbia and play volleyball and attain an American education.

Her pursuit began at an early age when she began playing club volleyball, eventually working her way to playing in high school. Her educators began telling her of opportunities of being accepted by an American college if she played well.

"I come from a really small country and nobody goes to America. America is like a dream. We only see it in movies and on TV. Being here is something" i. Every time I play, I play for him and I always think about him. When I'm at the court, I picture him at the sideline watching me, guiding me, and helping

big," Sara said. She went through the long process to get to the U.S. and was eventually recruited by Susan Moore here at Cisco College.

Now that Sara has made it one step further in her goals, she continues to strive for greatness in her studies and with her team. Her plan is to complete her studies at Cisco College and move on to a larger university with the full intention of becoming an American citizen.

In many, motivation is the key to success. Sara had someone who drove her forward and inspired her every action. "My biggest inspiration is my dad. . . Every time I play, I play for him and I always think about him. When I'm at the court, I picture him at the sideline watching me, guiding me, and helping

me through everything. After every game, I have to call him and talk about the game with him."

This drive from her family was only reinforced when she arrived and met her new family here in the States. Sara stated that the greatest difference in playing volleyball in Serbia versus the U.S. was the team aspects.

"Here, the team bonds. We do a lot of things together. Back there, we're a team at the court, but off the court, we don't know each other. We all go our own ways."

The greatest connection she made with one of her team members was with our other international student, Valentina. Paired together, these two are unstoppable in the game and in their studies.



SARA ANDRIC

#### Soccer Team 'Figures Out' Team Ritual

What a difference a year makes.

When Faith Thurman was hired in late June of 2016 to be the new head soccer coach at Cisco College, she had only six students in the program from the year before, and little time to recruit a new team. Things didn't go well that year.

But this year, 2017, Faith Thurman has been named Coach of the Year by the National Junior College Athletic Association, an award voted by other coaches of the Region V conference. From a season of no wins, to a season ending as second in the conference, was quite an accomplishment.

"I ended up recruiting 22 new freshmen," she said. "That's what so cool about the year, that there was a bunch of freshmen that never played college soccer come together, and in a couple of months, figure it out." The team ended this season with a record of 6-7-1.

When asked about her coaching philosophy, Coach Thurman said she is still trying to figure that out. "But I know what I want out of kids that I recruit. And that's character. I'm looking for character kids that know what they want. Not necessarily know what they want to do when they grow up, but they're driven. They have goals in mind; they don't want to just settle."

"I found over the years of coaching that those kids are the ones that you go the distance with," she said. "They figure it out and it becomes that Cinderella season. There's something about kids that are really talented, versus kids that work really hard and that have that character. They may not be as talented, but they have that work ethic. That's



HEAD COACH FAITH THURMAN NJCAA Region V Coach of the Year

where you can build. That's where you have a foundation, and that's where your culture is developed."

She said, "It's not about wins or losses. To me it's about, did the team get along? Do they love each other off the field? Do they live together well? That's what makes the year a good year. "

The beginning of the year had its challenges, but Thurman said there was a definite turning point. "There was a moment, it was after the second time we played Hill, and they creamed us, really just creamed us in the first half," she said. "But there was a moment after that that we had a team meeting. We talked about what we needed, individually and as a team to find the consistency, or find that motivation to finish the season well. The meeting went on for about two

hours. I think that was our turning point."

She said the girls figured out that they wanted to be here. "They figured out that they weren't finding joy in the game. It was just getting monotonous and they were going through the motions. And we weren't focused when we showed up to practice or to games. "

She said the team created a little team ritual that they do before games. "They figured out, once you step on the field, your mind should be on the game, and not anything else. They do a little ritual right before games where they intentionally change their minds over to playing soccer. And after that, we did really well the rest of the season."

Thurman has played soccer since she was 8 years old. Originally from Tyler, she went to high school in Arlington, played in Arkansas, and now her family lives in Fort Worth. Her coaching career started at John Brown University, where she played for four years and then was an assistant coach for two seasons. She received a master's degree there in Leadership and Ethics.

Hill College is Cisco's biggest competitor. But Thurman said, "All of our games are pretty close. We played Ranger, beat them by 1 point, both games. And then Western Texas College, we tied them the first game, and then the next two games, we came from behind and beat them by 1 point. Very close games."

But Hill is the team to beat. "They're definitely a good program," she said. "If we get to where we can beat Hill again in the future, then we will be running with the elite again. That is the ultimate goal."



Tristan Escamilla, #3 in white, goes after the ball for Cisco.



Guadalupe Vazquez, #13, and Micaela Rodriquez, #23, are thick in midfield action against WTC.



Tristan Escamilla, #3, runs away with the ball.

#### LADY WRANGLERS SOCCER TEAM

TOP ROW FROM LEFT: Kaitlyn Shepard, Guadalupe Vazquez, Elizabeth Mulando, Sofie Gomez, Roshonda Blackwood, Gisel Alvarado, Alex Hajek, Tristan Escamilla.

SECOND ROW FROM LEFT: Samantha Orozco, Briana Garfias.

THIRD ROW FROM LEFT: Elisa Puente, Astrid Mendez, Daniela Garfias, Natalie de las Cruz, Lisa Gallegos.

BOTTOM ROW FROM LEFT: Iliana Lara, Gabriela Garfias, Ashley Flores, Alexus Espinosa, Jessica Cornejo, Margarita Jimenez. Not pictured: Cierra Ciszecky, Micaela Rodriguez.



Soccer photos by Houston Bova

## Soccer Team Takes 2nd in Conference

See additional soccer story on p. 11.



Cisco player Elisa Puente, left, in midfield action.



Briana Garfias, #18 for Cisco, controls the ball.

# Homecoming 2017



Rowdy the Wrangler with the cheerleaders.



The Wrangler Band played an amazing arrangement of "My Country Tis of Thee" with an intricate marching pattern. It was flawless. Kudos to Band Director Manny Martinez.



Joshua Brannon, center, is flanked by two members of the Wrangler Band's Color Guard.

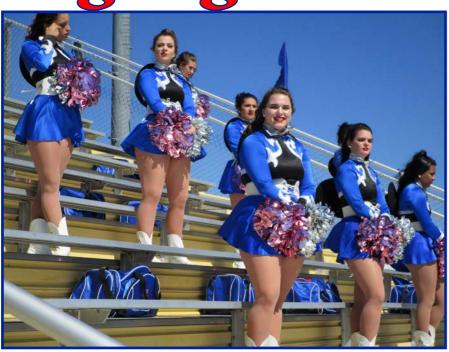






Drum section of the mighty Wrangler Band. Eurtis Downs is on drums at right.

Highlights



Volleyball star Valentina Bulhoes of Brazil was named Homecoming Queen. She is escorted by Cody Jay of Arlington.

Most photos on Homecoming by Houston Bova



Wrangler Belles

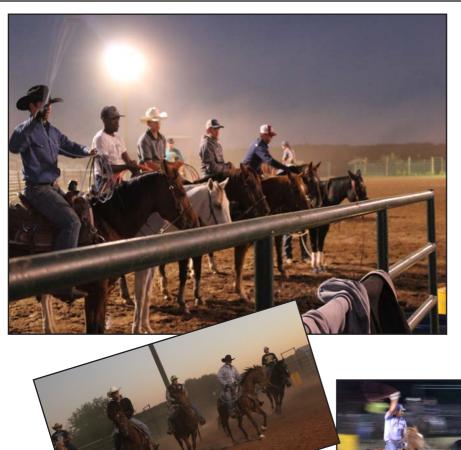
Ivy and Myia Cole, left, used an umbrella to stay cool in the hot sun. They were at the game against Arkansas Baptist College to support their uncle, #28, Wrangler running back Greg Garner.



Andre Johnson, #5, benefits from good blocking.



Trainer Benjamin Flores helps #5, Andre Johnson, with a leg cramp.

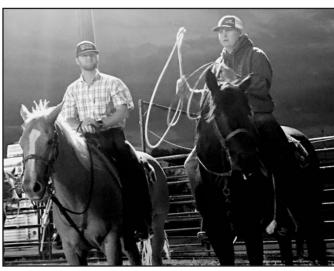






Students participate in a jackpot rodeo at the Cisco College rodeo grounds. People come from arround the state to participate in a jackpot competition. Everyone donates \$20, and the winner takes the pot.





Teagan brandon, left, and Dax Stokes

#### Team Ropers Work Towards Future with Horses

By HOUSTON BOVA Wrangler Express Editor

Dax Stokes and Teagan Brandon are but two of the many team ropers in Don Eddleman's rodeo program here at Cisco College. They both have extensive history in the sport.

Tasked with "heeling," roping the feet of the steer, Stokes has been in rodeo from an early age. Pushing his 13th year in the sport, he reports that he fully enjoys what he does.

Originally a header in team roping (which means roping the head of a steer), Stokes had just recently started heeling when he became a part of Eddleman's program. Constantly pushing his limits and raising the expectations of performance are but two of the ways Eddleman pushes his ropers' abilities. Even with the training and coaching given to him by his well-seasoned coach Jay Waller, Stokes is constantly striving to improve both mind and body.

Stokes hopes that in future years he can complete his basic education and move on to be an auctioneer and study veterinary medicine to become a horse chiropractor.

Stokes and Brandon both were asked about the rigors that impact them in the sport. Both stressed the importance of the quality of life of the animals they work with over their own. "It doesn't really matter what happens to us because at the end of the day, we care more about our horses than ourselves." Brandon stated. Stokes immediately agreed, saying, "The horses make our living, not us."

Neither gentleman claimed to have much physical difficulty in the sport as it was mostly a mental stress to them.

Teagan Brandon, also a heeler, has followed a longstanding family love and tradition in rodeo. His father and brothers also participated in the sport.

Brandon has spent more time roping calves than he has team roping. With some coaching from Eddleman and a great team to work with, Brandon happily hung up calf roping for team roping. He admitted that team roping more often does result in higher revenue.

Claiming his father to be a great inspiration to him, Brandon hopes to continue pursuing his rodeo dreams. To aid in the success of his goal, Brandon works as a horse dentist.

Stokes and Brandon were only two of the many hard-working young men and women out in the practice pen at the Cisco College rodeo arena on Highway 6, honing their craft. Don Eddleman maintains a fatherly level of respect with his students as he pushes their abilities and coaches them in more aspects than just sport.

#### Homecoming Ceremonies Honor Late CC Employees

As part of the Homecoming theme of "A Proud Past, A Promising Future," three employees who gave longtime distinguished service to Cisco College were honored posthumously, with their families in attendance.

The honorees were Emma Watts, who worked for the college for 45 years, from 1954 to 1999, before retiring; Eris Ritchie, who worked as PR director for the college from 1960 to 1977, and who arranged for the Band and Belles to participate in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; and Pat Owens, who served as Director of the Wrangler Belles Drill Team from 1968 to 1983.

#### Sophomore Football Players Reminisce

#### By HOUSTON NOVA Wrangler Express Editor

Colton Tuiasosopo and Elise "EJ" Gisa are two of the sophomores who are close to completing their time at Cisco College. Tuiasosopo has played as a full-back for the offense, and Gisa played defensive line. Both report having greatly enjoyed their time in Coach Russell Thompson's football program.

Both young men transferred from Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas, along with a few of the coaching staff and fellow players. Improvements to the program didn't seem to reflect on the scoreboard too much this year, but there is great promise for the future.

"I feel like we laid down a good base for the rest of the seasons. We set the tone that Cisco is not just a doormat. We can still play. It's just going to be up to the new sophomores and the freshmen coming in to pick up where we left off and get some more wins," Tuiasosopo stated. Gisa had many of the same views and both are confident for the future of Cisco College football.

For many students in the football program, Junior College level is simply the building block that paves the way to the next level in college football. Tuiasosopo and Gisa both intend to continue their long history of football. "We're just here to take care of grades and be a qualifier to transfer to

the next level," Gisa said. Tuiasosopo agreed: "That's what this is for. To get you ready for the next level. A lot of people don't think of Junior College level. There's a lot of Division 1 players down here that people don't know about, but their grades is what held them back from going to Division 1 out of high school. Junior College is not easy. It's hard work."

The players who persevered over the near 50% attrition rate take their studies just as seriously as their football careers. Head Coach Thompson's coaching ethics carry down to each individual coach and assistant to instill in the players. Some players were adamant in noting that Cisco College football was not for the feint of heart. The coaches all press their players to be the very best in academics and on the field.

The players in the program deeply bonded through their struggles and difficulties during their time here. "All of us as a team, we've gotten closer since we first got here. I feel like I'm really close to a lot of people on the team. We're brothers almost," Tui-asosopo mentions. "We have good times, we have bad times, but we get over it. You have to live together and at the end of the day you have to come back here and see them. It really helps with the team chemistry, too."



The family of Emma Watts, who worked for Cisco College for 45 years, from 1954 to 1999.



The family of the late Eris Ritchie, who served as PR director of Cisco College and helped arrange appearances of the Band and Belles at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



The family of Pat Owens, late director of the Wrangler Belles drill team. *Photos by Houston Nova*.



Winners on Cisco College's Meat Judging Team include, from left, Kyler Conde, Hannah Griffith, Centre Parks, Araceli Cardona, and Branson Keeney.

#### Meat-Judging Team Ranks Fourth at National Contest

The 2017 Cisco College Meats Team made an impressive showing of fourth place overall Sunday, October 29, with the A-Division Nationals, Cargill High Plains Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest, which concludes the season.

Hannah Griffith received the Rachel Hamilton Memorial "Spirit" Award for Cisco College, which is a prestigious honor voted on by her peers. It was established to honor a member of each team whose winning approach exemplifies Rachel's love of meats judging and makes them the teammate we all want to have.

Hannah also made Cisco College history by being named Second Team All American. All American Teams recognize individuals for their total achievements in meat judging and their academic performance.

The team had three Top 5 team finishes, one Top 10 Individual overall contest finish, and a Second Team All American for the season.

Agricultural Professor Brandi
Terry expressed thanks "to the parents, alumni, and friends who have followed us throughout the season. The 2017 judging season has officially come to an end, but the friendships and memories will last a lifetime," she said. "We appreciate all you do for our team, and are grateful for your continued support." The 2018 Meat Judging season will begin again in January.

For more information regarding the Meat Judging Program please contact Brandi Terry, brandi.terry@cisco.edu. The program can be followed on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/CiscoCollegeMeatJudging/.

# Writing Centers At Both Campuses Help With Assignments

One of the great services that Cisco College provides is the Writing Center, which helps students with their writing assignments for any class.

These assignments have included research papers, book reports, lab reports, bibliographies, and online discussion responses. Students can come by for help with every stage of the writing process, including (but not limited to) understanding assignments, getting started, outlines, paragraph development, editing, grammar, style, and documentation formats such as MLA, APA, and CSE.

Writing Centers exist at both campuses and are manned by professional, degreed writing instructors, either currently teaching or retired. The Cisco Writing Center is located in Maner Memorial Library on the Cisco campus; patrons may ask the front desk to be directed to the Center. The Abilene Writing Center is located in Room 122 of the Abilene Education Center (AEC).

According to Catherine Mullinax, director of the Writing Center at Cisco, more than 300 students have been helped with over 200 hours of tutoring time logged in the 2016-2017 academic year.

Tutoring sessions can take anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour. The Writing Center in Cisco has two computers and a printer for patrons to use during their visit.

Kimberly Torres, director of the Writing Center at Abilene, recommends that students visit at least 24 hours before an assignment is due. "Students often come in asking us to edit papers for them," she said. "We do not correct papers for them; we are here to work with them in correcting their own essays."

Students at both campuses may contact the Writing Center at writing-

center@cisco.edu, or send a message to the Writing Center through Canvas. This is especially useful for students taking online classes.

The current Writing Center schedule at Cisco for fall is Monday 1:00-2:30 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Tuesday 2:00-3:30 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Wednesday 10:00 a.m.-2:30.p.m.; and Thursday 11:00 a.m.-3:30 pm. Additional hours are offered during finals week to help with final writing projects. The Finals Week schedule will be posted on Writing Center door the week prior to finals.

The Cisco center is not open during summer or mini-mesters, but the Abilene center is. Both centers observe all college holidays and between-semester breaks.

The Abilene schedule is Monday 10:00-4:30 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Tuesday 8:30-9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:15-4:30 p.m.; and Thursday 8:30-9:45 a.m and 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. The schedule is posted in Canvas on the Writing Center page, which is found by clicking "Student Resources" in the main menu. During the Fall and Spring semesters, the Abilene WC opens the 2nd week of class, and is open on Monday and Tuesday of Finals Week.

The services of the Writing Center in Cisco are also extended to the local community. Patrons may receive help with any type of writing such as resumes, job application letters, or personal creative projects. For example, tutors have helped a local app developer with the written aspects of promoting his app.

For more information about the Writing Center, contact Catherine Mullinax at 254-442-5171 or Kimberly Torres at 325-794-4535 or email writingcenter@cisco.edu.



The Abilene campus of Cisco College had some scary-looking characters during their Halloween festivities. This photo was provided by former *Wrangler Express* co-editor Susan Young, but she would only identify the students as Bo, Rush, Brian, Adam, Tamara(witch) and Tristen (on floor). The "cloud" on left is unidentified.

Rebecca "Ree"
Farmer, right,
from Elgin,
warms up for the
basketball season, which is just
now beginning.
The Wrangler
Express will have
more basketball
coverage in the
next edition.

Photo by Houston Bova.



## Soccer Girls Assess Team Life

By HOUSTON BOVA

Wrangler Express Editor

Being a part of an amazing team like Coach Faith Thurman's women's soccer is a challenge for all involved. The players feel the greatest effect from this as Thurman pushes them out of their comfort zones and into a more versatile state. Changing their positions on the field, pushing their limits in conditioning, and bringing a higher degree of competitive behavior all drive the students to do better.

The bond between these young ladies created throughout their brief time at Cisco College has forged an unmistakable line they all walk together. Alexandria Hajek, Kaitlyn Shepard, and Tristan Escamilla are three freshmen players who have aided each other and their fellow peers throughout the season. "I have to say, there's not much here to do in Cisco, but if I didn't have the team that I do, I wouldn't have enjoyed it and wanted to stay. It's really the girls that make the experience here," Hajek said.

The coaches surely didn't allow their students to falter. All of the players respect and love their coach's understanding to the challenges presented. "It's a lot harder on us because we have to be very adaptable to what [Coach Thurman] wants. You may be coming in as a forward from high school, but now you're playing defense," Hajek mentioned. Escamilla agreed with her, but explained of their coaches' dedication to their players' opinions: "It's also easier because she understands. She gives us time to learn the position and not just dogging us down and making us feel bad because we don't understand the position yet. She does let us talk to her about things. We can send our

opinions in and she listens to us."

The teachers who educate these student athletes are just as understanding as the coaches. All of the professors at Cisco College are dedicated to their students' educations. They understand that as student athletes, there are days missed. In those days could be simple daily assignments or major tests. No matter the case, they remain flexible and strive for the success of their students. "All of our teachers are really understanding about assignments. They all understand that we're student athletes. They definitely give us enough time to come in and do our work," Escamilla explained.

This season was not a perfect one in score, but to the players, it was fantastic development among the team. Having a long roster of new players to the team made it difficult in the beginning, but bonds were forged and the team came together better than ever.

Shepard summed up their experience at Cisco College as follows:

Shepard: "I think we definitely transitioned as a team from the beginning of the year. We played good, but we were all individually good. For me, and even the coach has said it before, seeing the transition of being able to shift the field together or any of the other small things like defending was really cool. The little things have progressed from day one to when we had our last game. It's the coolest thing to be able to see that we're becoming better as a team, not just as individual players. We all have so much skill individually, but it takes a lot of work to try and put that together especially with everyone being new to one another. Nobody knew how anyone was going to play."



Photos by Angela Sylva

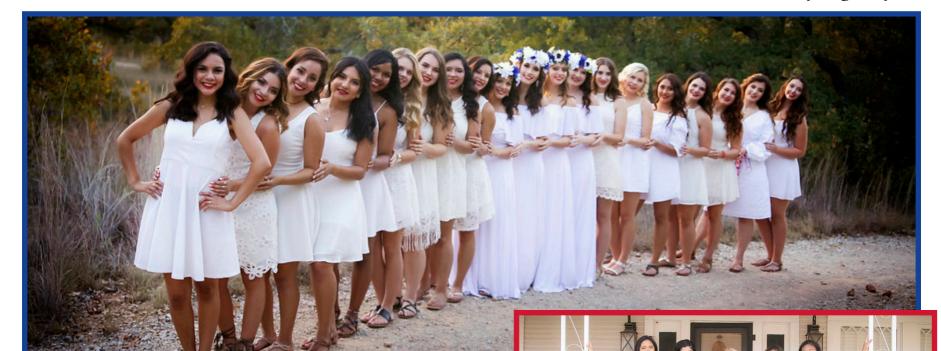


PHOTO ABOVE: The Wrangler Belles of Cisco College are, from left, Alyssa Coronado, Taylor Flores, Milli Olavarria, Monica Perez, Katarina Bryant, Mallory Lucas, Ashley Featherston, Kaley Ortega, Destiny Arroyo, Sydney Tapia, Noel Marzullo, Jordan Brashear, Jasmine Clayborn, Destiney Fisher, Taylor Petty, Jennifer Lomas, Clara Holiman, Rhaymee Putman, Kai Magwire, Haley Osborne.

SIDE PHOTO: The Cisco College Cheerleaders are, ladies from left, Mercy Daniels, Cheyenne Rodriguez, Sanjuana Lopez, Celeste Hernandez, Brooke Roberts, Shatara Francis, Mikaela Sanders, Madison Lemaster, Makela Kibble; and men from left, are Mark Burrola, Garrett Tucker, Jose Ortiz Lopez.