

The Amazing Race Stars to Speak at SWOSU Mass Orientation

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The Amazing Race stars Jet and Cord McCoy will be keynote speakers for a gathering of Southwestern Oklahoma State University freshmen and transfer students on Tuesday, August 17, on the Weatherford campus.

The McCoy's, who have become quite famous because of the CBS reality show, are both SWOSU graduates. They are coming back to SWOSU to be part of the university's Mass Orientation that will take place from 2-4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

Shelby Unruh, coordinator of the New Student Orientation program at SWOSU, said Mass O is required for all freshmen and this year transfer students are also being invited. Plus, 300 free tickets are available for other SWOSU students and area residents who would like to attend. The tickets will be available starting August 6 in the NSO office, located in Room 209 of the Stafford Center.

Unruh said freshmen and transfer students will be receiving a postcard in the mail along with a ticket.

Both Jet and Cord were stars of the SWOSU rodeo team during their years at SWOSU. Both earned their degrees from SWOSU in 2003. They finished most recently as runner-up in the 16th season of *The Amazing Race*. Over 10 million households across the United States watched the show's finale.

The McCoy's were widely considered the show's fan favorites for their integrity, humor and character.

Both Jet and Cord are active in the rodeo circuits. Jet has earned five world championships from the International Pro Rodeo Association and is a 12-time International Finals Rodeo qualifier, while Cord is a four-time Professional Bull Riding World Finals qualifier and a 2005 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo qualifier.