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The top picture with white fleece ewe on the cover is a partnership with Kim and Cody Burns. This ewe has won Champion Any Other Wool Breed Ewe, Supreme Champion Wool Breeds Ewe and Champion Ewe Category 1 White Hand Spinning at the 2020 National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado.

The group shot on the cover is of a flock partnership with Eastern Wyoming College and SPY Club Lambs and Blair and Cooper Sanchez. Awards this flock has won include: Champion Category 1 Natural Colored Hand Spinning (Ewe and Flock), Reserve Champion Category 1 Natural Colored Hand Spinning (Ewe and Ram) at the 2020 National Western Stock Show. Other awards include the Best Fleece Natural Colored Cotswold, 1st Place Natural Colored Cotswold Flock and Premier Cotswold Exhibitor at the 2019 NAILE, and Premier Cotswold Exhibitor in 2018 at NAILE.

Eastern Wyoming College's Lancer Show Team was organized in 2014 to provide students with the opportunity to experience the livestock show world through fitting and showing livestock. EWC has partnered with producers in Wyoming, South Dakota, and Colorado to provide sheep, cattle, goats and swine for students to fit and show. Although team members have the opportunity to show all species, the focus has been more on sheep due to current partnerships.

During their six years showing sheep, the college has partnered with the following producers at some point in time: SS Livestock (Dorsets), Powell, Wyo.; Griffith Dorsets, Riverton, Wyo.; SPY Club Lambs (Hampshires and Cotswolds), Evanston, Wyo.; Steinmetz Rambouillets, S.D.; Cody and Kim Burns (Cotswolds), Colo.; and Bomberger and Lambert Show Lambs (Dorsets), Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

The team is not just about showing but also about educating future Ag Leaders. The primary goal of the program is to give students the chance to meet and network with influential people in the industry while gaining hands on experience feeding, fitting and showing livestock using the latest techniques. According to former EWC Show Team member Hunter Hill, "I participated to learn to show livestock that I had not shown previously so I could help my students when I become an Ag Instructor."

Currently, the team exhibits at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO and the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. In addition, team members have chances to show at the Northern International Livestock Exposition in Billings, Mont. and Western Junior Livestock Show in Rapid City, S.D.

Along with the show team, EWC has a livestock judging team that competes at regional and national competitions throughout the year. Students gain skills in leadership, decision making and communications, but also skills they can use to build a career judging livestock shows and jackpots. Students are exposed to some of the top livestock produced throughout the United States and the individuals raising them. The team has grown and become more competitive over the last few years.

Two years ago they added Zane Mackey of Stonecypher Show Sheep to the staff as the assistant coach. Mackey had formally judged for the University of Wyoming. For more information or for scholarship opportunities contact Dr. Georgia A. Younglove, Georgia.younglove@ewc.wy.edu. GO Lancers!!!!

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