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Oller named Coming Home King at WKU

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Grant Oller was crowned WKU's 2024 Coming Home King.

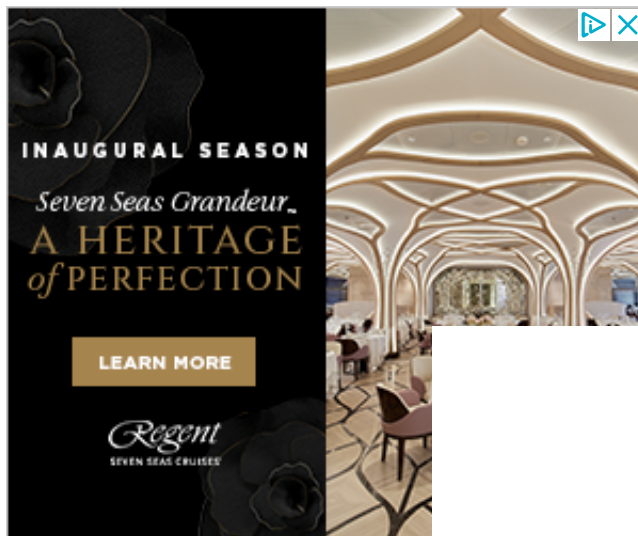
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Grant Oller's involvement in numerous organizations at Western Kentucky University helped him be named WKU's Coming Home King on Thursday during halftime of a men's basketball game at E.A. Diddle Arena.

Oller, a Daviess County High School graduate, beat out 21 other candidates for the honor during WKU Homecoming activities.

WKU refers to its top male vote recipient with the different title of "Coming Home King" while the top female vote recipient is crowned "Homecoming Queen."

"I was very fortunate and blessed enough to be in the No. 1 spot this year," he said. "It was really, really awesome. It was pretty out of the blue. There are some pictures and videos of when they announced my name, and my jaw is on the floor, for sure. I didn't really expect a lot going in, so it was a shock hearing your name called over the PA system in Diddle Arena while lined up with so many great candidates. A really good feeling."



Nominees were selected by WKU student organizations, service organizations, clubs, sororities and fraternities.

Oller was nominated by Phi Mu sorority.

“My girlfriend Erin (Cheek) is in the sorority, and that was my first introduction to them,” he said. “I’ve gotten to know a lot of her friends in the sorority.”

Oller, the son of Nick and Kelly Oller, had a full week of activities leading up to his big night. Voting was held Monday, he had a 15-minute interview with a four-person panel representing different areas of the campus Tuesday, then had practice for the ceremony Wednesday.

Thursday’s festivities began with a banquet honoring the nominees prior to the game.

Oller said his win was aided by his involvement in WKU activities. He co-chairs Dance Big Red, which raises money for pediatric medical care, and is involved in a lot of campus

organizations. He's also a campus tour guide and helps with the summer orientation program.

"It's cool to be recognized by your peers and be able to represent WKU in that way," Oller said. "It is an honor."

Oller expects to attend graduate school following his graduation in May.

"I'm hoping to go into the medical field," he said. "That's the plan right now."
