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EWC LADY LANCER BASKETBALL 2024-2025



No. 0 – Leamsi Acuna

Hometown: Tucson, Arizona

Leamsi Acuna is a freshman guard and is majoring in sciences. In high school, Leamsi captured all-conference honors twice. Her basketball team was the state runner-up two years in a row. Hobbies include weight lifting, cooking and baking. Leamsi looks forward to continuing her basketball and junior college journey at EWC while playing for her former AAU coach, Tim Larsen.

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No. 1 – Boden Liljedahl

Hometown: Cheyenne, Wyoming

Boden Liljedahl is a sophomore guard and is majoring in pre-health sciences. High school achievements included three consecutive all-state and all-conference awards.

Boden is a four-time varsity letter award winner and served as varsity captain for three years. Her team won the state title twice and holds the Wyoming record for consecutive games won. Boden joined the 1,000 points club her junior year and was nominated as a Gatorade Player of the Year twice. Boden holds her high school's record for season 3-pointers, career 3-pointers and career free throws. She is ranked among the top five in Wyoming history for 3-pointers in a season and was the MVP in both of her team's state title runs. In her free time, Boden enjoys games, crafts and drawing and outdoor activities. She chose EWC to start her career at a smaller college and because of the teammates – "I love them all!"



No. 2 – Rhia Saggar

Hometown: London, United Kingdom

Rhia Saggar is a freshman wing and is majoring in social sciences. In the United Kingdom, Rhia's basketball team earned the national Division I championship and the U18 national title. The team also won the Women's Elite Academy Basketball League championship twice. Hobbies include music. Rhia chose EWC because of its culture and the competition that will "prepare me for the next level."

**"Great players are willing to
give up their own personal
achievement for the
achievement of the group. It
enhances everybody"
~ Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**

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No. 3 – Tawny Rodriguez

Hometown: Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Tawny Rodriguez is a sophomore forward and is majoring in social sciences. High school achievements included membership in the National Honor Society at Lakota Tech High School and the Gifted and Talented Program at Pine Ridge High School. Tawny made the honor roll all four years of high school. Tawny's high school basketball team played in the 2019 Lakota Nation Invitational Tournament and snagged the 2022 Lakota Nation Invitational runner-up title in 2022 and 2023. The team also placed eighth at the 2022 and 2023 state "A" championships. Tawny enjoys listening to music, hanging out with her family, going outside with her dog Pebbles and sleeping. Tawny chose EWC because it is close to home and she is "surrounded by a supportive community, staff and students. It's a great atmosphere to be a part of."

SWISH!



No. 10 – Luna Moreno

Hometown: El Paso, Texas

Luna Moreno is a sophomore point guard and is majoring in accounting. In high school, Luna earned all-conference honors. Hobbies consist of watching movies, spending time with family and building with Legos. Luna chose EWC because it provided the "best" opportunities to achieve her athletic and academic goals.



No. 11 – Lucy Devoy

Hometown: Limerick, Ireland

Lucy Devoy is a freshman guard and is majoring in general studies/social sciences. In Ireland, Lucy's basketball team won the All-Ireland National Cup. Lucy was named the MVP for the Cork League five times and was a standout Irish player for the NL Women's League of Ireland. Lucy played for the U16 and U18 Irish national team and was named to the second team, all-star National League twice. Hobbies include cooking, going to the cinema, hanging out with friends and swimming in the sea. Lucy chose EWC because "I had good conversations with coach Tim (Larsen) and knew it was the best fit for me."



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No. 12 – Ariadna Martinez

Hometown: Tarragona, Spain

Ariadna Martinez is a freshman forward and is majoring in pre-health sciences. In Spain, Ariadna was named the MVP in two games of the Catalonia final four. Her team was also third in the state. Ariadna enjoys music, watching movies and hiking. Ariadna chose EWC when former student athletes told her about the kind and helpful community – “In the end, you all become a family, which was what I was looking for.”



No. 13 – Josephine Vourliotis

Hometown: Manchester, United Kingdom

Josephine Vourliotis is a sophomore guard and forward. Josephine’s basketball team in the United Kingdom won the U14 national and regional titles. Hobbies include drawing and painting. Josephine is majoring in art and she chose EWC because she had a “good conversation” with coach Tim Larsen and the college “seemed like the best fit for me.”



No. 15 – Nikolina Vukcevic

Hometown: Podgorica, Montenegro

Nikolina Vukcevic is a sophomore and plays small and power forward. In Montenegro, Nikolina’s basketball team were the Grind Session champions. Nikolina enjoys hanging out with friends and sleeping. Nikolina is majoring in interdisciplinary studies and chose EWC because it offered “great opportunities” for basketball and academics and the college “felt like a family environment.”

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No. 20 – Aliya Tripp

Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah

Aliya Tripp is a sophomore shooting guard and is majoring in pre-health sciences. High school achievements include second team all-state honors and membership in the 1,000-point club. Aliya was named a Utah Top 50 player, a Region A player of the week and the regional MVP her junior and senior year. Aliya enjoys hiking, cooking and art. Aliyah chose EWC for the coaching staff and because it was a “good fit athletically and academically.”



No. 21 – Yaiza Paredes

Hometown: Madrid, Spain

Yaiza Paredes is a freshman guard and is majoring in general studies. In Spain, Yaiza’s team captured second place in the Ahorramas League of Madrid in 2023-2024 and fourth place in the Spanish national championships in 2023-2024. The team also placed third in the Madrid League five times. Hobbies include hanging out with friends and listening to music. Yaiza chose EWC because it offered a “great opportunity to improve my skills.”



No. 22 – Kacey Parks

Hometown: Casper, Wyoming

Kacey Parks is a freshman guard and is majoring in interdisciplinary studies. Hobbies include spending time with family and being outside. Kacey chose EWC to continue her basketball career and because “the family environment was very appealing.”



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No. 23 – Gwendolyn Icanberry
Hometown: Kaycee, Wyoming



Head Coach Tim Larsen

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~ Dean Smith



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2024-2025 Lady Lancers basketball schedule

Nov. 1-2	Otero Classic Tournament	TBA	Jan. 14	at Gillette College	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	at North Platte C.C.	4 p.m.	Jan. 16	at LCCC	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	at McCook C.C.	1 p.m.	Jan. 24	Home vs. Central Wyoming	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 12	Home vs. Western Nebraska	5:30 p.m.	Jan. 25	Home vs. Northwest College	2 p.m.
Nov. 15-16	WNCC Tournament	TBA	Jan. 31	Home vs. Casper College	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 21-22	Northeastern Jr. College tourney	TBA	Feb. 1	Home vs. WWCC	2 p.m.
Nov. 29-30	Central Wyoming Classic	TBA	Feb. 7	at Northwest College	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	at Northeastern Jr. College	5:30 p.m.	Feb. 8	at Central Wyoming	2 p.m.
Dec. 6	Home vs. North Platte C.C.	5 p.m.	Feb. 15	Home vs. LCCC	2 p.m.
Dec. 7	Home vs. McCook C.C.	5 p.m.	Feb. 22	Home vs. Gillette College	2 p.m.
Dec. 13	Wyoming all-stars	7 p.m.	Feb. 28	at WWCC	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Nebraska all-stars	2 p.m.	March 1	at Casper College	2 p.m.
Jan. 8	Home vs. Northeastern	5:30 p.m.			

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No. 1 – Ryan Aye

Hometown: Annemasse, France



No. 2 – Jumarion Weh

Hometown: Minneapolis, Minnesota



No. 3 – Jouk Mayan

Hometown: Amarillo, Texas

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

~ Michael Jordan

Jumerian Weh is a freshman point guard and shooting guard. In high school, Jumerian bagged all-conference and all-metro honors. His team won 20 games for the first season in school history, including a victory against a school the team hadn't beaten in 30 years. Jumerian and his team secured the conference championship.

Hobbies include playing video games, listening to music, hanging out with friends and getting dressed in nice clothing. Jumerian is a psychology major and chose EWC because of the coach and for a new experience in a community "different from home."



Jouk Mayan is a freshman guard and wing player. Jouk received all-district honors in high school. In his free time, Jouk enjoys fishing, hiking, playing basketball and going on bike rides. Jouk is majoring in nursing and chose EWC to play with two of his high school teammates.

"It's not whether you get knocked down. It's whether you get up again."

~ Vince Lombardi

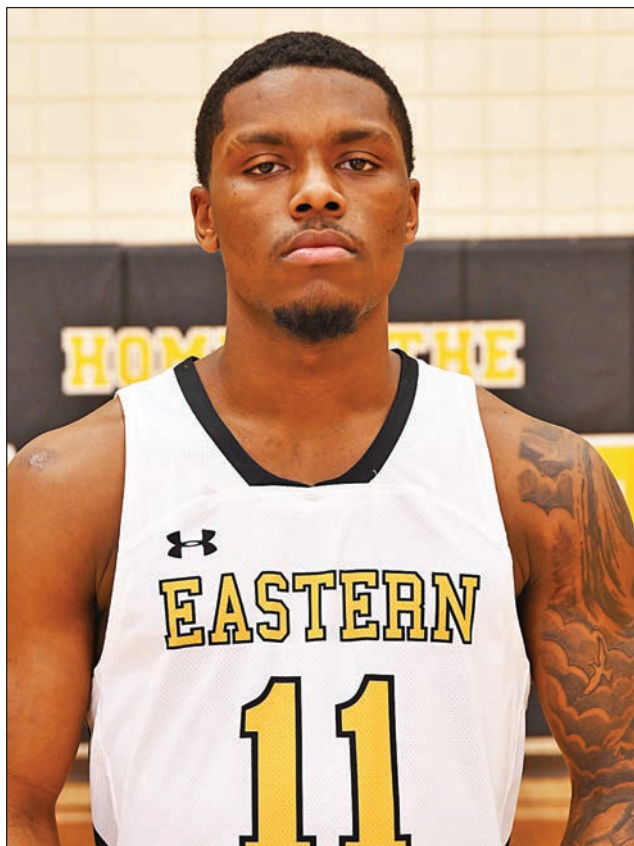
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No. 4 – Khayree Rashed

Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona

Khayree Rashed is a sophomore forward and is majoring in general studies. Hobbies include training, traveling and gaming. Khayree chose EWC because the school offered a full-ride scholarship.



No. 11 – Jaironn Speights

Hometown: Deerfield Beach, Florida

Jaironn Speights is a freshman point guard and is majoring in business management. In high school, Jaironn's team earned the district championship three times in 6A and 7A. Hobbies consist of video games, playing basketball and watching anime. Jaironn chose EWC to play basketball "at the next level and better my skillset."



No. 16 – Bilal Cisse

Hometown: New York City, New York

Bilal Cisse is a sophomore guard and is majoring in business communication and radiology. Bilal clinched multiple honors in high school, including most valuable player his freshman year, the No. 1 scorer in his league as a freshman, the No. 5 rebounder as a junior and the No. 3 scorer as a sophomore. Bilal's team went undefeated during the regular season his senior year and advanced to the final four. In his free time, Bilal enjoys reading poems, enjoying nature and traveling, watching sports, playing video games, board surfing, skydiving, ziplining and snowboarding. Bilal chose EWC to improve his basketball and academic opportunities.

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Good Luck this season.

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“The idea is not to block every shot. The idea is to make your opponent believe that you might block every shot”
~ Bill Russell

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No. 20 – LaThario Miller, Jr.

Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida

LaThario Miller, Jr. is a freshman guard and is majoring in communications. LaThario snagged the North Florida all-star MVP award in high school. He was also an Sunshine Independent Athletic Association slam dunk champion and earned all-SIAA first-team regional division recognition. Hobbies include listening to Rod Wave, writing, taste testing food and roller skating. LaThario chose EWC to “enter a new scene” and for the opportunity to chase his dreams.

“Before I’d get in the ring, I’d have already won or lost it on the road. The real part is won or lost somewhere far away from witnesses – behind the lines, in the gym and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights.”

~ Muhammad All



No. 21 – Eli Igiranez

Hometown: Amarillo, Texas

Eli Igiranez is a freshman guard and shooting guard. High school honors include receiving all-region honors and winning the district title. In his free time, Eli enjoys drawing, TikTok, chess, fishing and hiking. Eli is majoring in business and economics and chose EWC because the school “felt like home.”



No. 22 – Alain Nziza

Hometown: Amarillo, Texas

Alain Nziza is a freshman shooting guard and is majoring in business administration. In high school, Alain clinched first team, all-district and all-region honors. He also scored eight threes in one game. Alain’s hobbies include music, piano, biking, soccer, reading, painting, baseball, tennis, fishing, skating, pickle ball, swimming and surfing. Alain chose EWC to play with high school teammates.

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No. 23 – Javier Gonzalez
Hometown: Mallorca, Spain

Javier Gonzalez is a freshman guard and is majoring in business. During his studies in Spain, Javier's team captured first place in the Balearic League four times. The team also made it to the national championships four years in a row. Javier also participated in an NBA Academy in Spain. Hobbies include time with friends and family, music, sports, traveling, movies and eating. Javier chose EWC because "I saw a good opportunity to develop my level as a player."

"I treated it like every day was my last day with a basketball."
~ LeBron James



No. 24 – Vukasin Spasojevic
Hometown: Kraljevo, Serbia

Vukasin Spasojevic is a freshman and plays power forward and center. In Serbia, Vukasin was named to the top five in the First Junior Serbian League. In his free time, Vukasin enjoys hanging out with people. Vukasin chose EWC to follow in the footsteps of other athletes from Serbia who played for the Lancers and "said nice things about EWC."



No. 30 – Russell Moorner
Hometown: Crestview, Florida

Russell Moorner is a sophomore guard and is majoring in ag business and science. In high school, Russell's team won the 6A district title in 2022. Hobbies include growing plants, reading books and playing NBA 2K with teammates. Russell chose EWC to play for the new head coach Bill Engel.

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No. 31 – Nathan Mirich

Hometown: Cheyenne, Wyoming

Nathan Mirich is a freshman shooting guard and is majoring in business administration. Nathan's high school achievements include first-team all-state honors in football two years and second team all-state in basketball. Nathan's basketball team snagged the 2023 Wyoming state title. In his free time, Nathan enjoys playing video games, chess and boxing. Nathan chose EWC to develop his basketball skills and study business administration.



No. 32 – Rodrigo Sanchez

Hometown: Madrid, Spain

Rodrigo Sanchez is a sophomore and plays small forward and power forward. In secondary school in Spain, Rodrigo's team advanced to the Spanish national tournament twice and was third in Madrid two years. Hobbies consist of making music, playing soccer and PS4. Rodrigo is majoring in business and chose EWC to "develop my basketball and student skills."

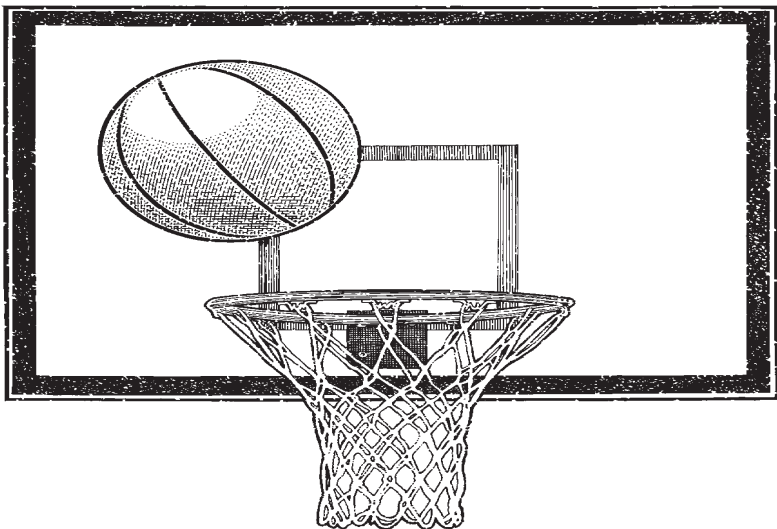


No. 35 – Chris Pitts

Hometown: Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Chris Pitts is a freshman 4-5 and is majoring in business. Chris' hobbies include spending time outside, playing video games and traveling. Chris chose EWC because it was a "better option" and offered a full-ride scholarship.

Alley-oop!



"I just love the game of basketball so much. The game! I don't need the 18,000 people screaming and all the peripheral things. To me, the most enjoyable part is the practice and preparation"

~ Bob Knight

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Jaden Carter

Hometown: Killeen, Texas

Jaden Carter is a freshman guard and is majoring in cyber security. In high school, Jaden earned all-district recognition and was an assistant leader at the school. Hobbies consist of playing games, listening to music, cooking, mud riding and hunting. Jaden chose EWC for a “new experience” and to “see a new place and meet new people.”



Charlie Schowengerdt

Hometown: Glenrock, Wyoming

Charlie Schowengerdt is a freshman guard and is majoring in business. Charlie received honorable mention, all-conference his junior year and was named athlete of the year as a senior. In his free time, Charlie enjoys games, playing the piano and hanging out with friends and family. Charlie chose EWC because it is close to home and provided an opportunity to play basketball. He also “liked what the school had to offer.”



Coach Bill Engel



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2024-2025 Lancer men's basketball schedule

Nov. 1	Home vs. North Platte C.C.	6:30 p.m.	Jan. 14	at Gillette College	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Home vs. McCook C.C.	TBA	Jan. 16	at LCCC	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	at WNCC	6 p.m.	Jan. 24	Home vs. Central Wyoming	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	at Yavapai College (Salt Lake)	6 p.m.	Jan. 25	Home vs. Northwest College	4 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Trinidad State College	7 p.m.	Jan. 31	Home vs. Casper College	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	at Otero College	TBA	Feb. 1	Home vs. WWCC	TBA
Dec. 3	at Northeastern Jr. College	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 7	at Northwest College	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	at North Platte C.C.	6 p.m.	Feb. 8	at Central Wyoming	4 p.m.
Dec. 7	at McCook C.C.	3 p.m.	Feb. 15	Home vs. LCCC	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Otero College	12 p.m.	Feb. 22	Home vs. Gillette College	4 p.m.
Dec. 14	at North Platte C.C.	2:30 p.m.	Feb. 28	at WWCC	TBA
Jan. 8	Home vs. Northeastern	7:30 p.m.	March 1	at Casper College	4 p.m.

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