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Cisco College Rodeo Sends Four Students to College National Finals Rodeo

Cisco, Texas (June 4, 2018) – Four Cisco College Rodeo athletes will be making their way to Casper, Wyoming later this month to participate in the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR.)

The CNFR is the best of the best in college rodeo where the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association crowns individual event champions in saddle bronc riding, bare back riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, ream roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying. More than 400 cowboys and cowgirls from hundreds of colleges and universities compete in Casper each year, and this year four Cisco College students will be among them.

To qualify these students had to place in the top three of their event for the entire National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Southwest Region, which is no easy feat.

Ty Harris will represent Cisco College in Calf Roping. Although Harris has been roping since the age of four, this is his first appearance at the CNFR. He is looking forward to honing his skills and competing against the best of the best in this highly competitive event.

“It’s a very tough sport. It takes pretty good athletes because it’s just a very tough sport; there’s a lot of variables,” Harris said.

Madison Milligan will also make her first appearance at the CNFR in Breakaway Roping. She’s been roping for years and looks forward to the tough competition she will face from all over the nation.

“I love being able to ride a horse that I trained on my own and be successful at it,” said Milligan. “It’s pretty cool. I only did Rodeo for a semester this year and I qualified. The fact that I made it in just one semester is pretty exciting.”

Together Lane Goebel and Justice Thompson will represent Cisco College in Team Roping, and they hope to make Wrangler nation proud.

“Competing at that high of a level is just something you always strive for, and just to be able to go is an amazing opportunity,” said Thompson. “I hope that I just get some great experience and hopefully do my best and learn something.”

Although the school year has ended and they live in different states, Goebel and Thompson practice just about everyday to prepare. “It’s just something that I love to do. It’s my hobby and I just love to go rodeo every weekend, it’s always a good time,” said Thompson.

“We are so very proud of these students and their accomplishments,” said Cisco College Rodeo Coach Don Eddleman. “I know that they will represent us well in Wyoming; I just can’t wait to see them in action.”

The CNFR kicks off Friday, June 8th at 7:30am. Streaming of the events will be available on WatchESPN and results will be posted online at <http://www.collegerodeo.com/cnfr/>.

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Madison Milligan ropes a calf in a Breakaway Roping contest earlier this season.



Ty Harris ropes a calf in a rodeo contest earlier this season.