



**Contact:** Colton Wedeking - Director of Marketing & Public Relations

**Phone:** 325-442-5013

**Email:** colton.wedeking@cisco.edu

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Cisco College Rodeo Coach Earns Regional Coach of the Year Award as Team Members Qualify for College National Finals Rodeo**

*Cisco, Texas - April 24, 2023* – Cisco College's Head Rodeo Coach Don Ed Eddleman was named regional Coach of the Year, and four members of Cisco's Rodeo Team qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) this past weekend at the Tarleton State Rodeo in Stephenville.

The four qualifiers headed to the national finals are: Payton Scalzo, Tyler Bauerle, Dylan Hancock, and Cooper Freeman. They will compete June 11-17 in Casper, Wyoming.

Payton Scalzo of Stephenville is a CNFR qualifier in the Breakaway Roping. She is currently a Senior at Cisco College and has been a vital part of the team for the past two years. After this weekend's rodeo at Tarleton State University, Payton is sitting Third in the Breakaway Roping.

Tyler Bauerle of Jourdanton is a CNFR qualifier in the Steer Wrestling. He is going into the CNFR sitting second in the Southwest Region. Tyler has been a team member for the last two years and will be back again next year.

Cooper Freeman of Carthage, Missouri, is a CNFR qualifier in the Team Roping (Heeler). Cooper finished second in the Southwest Region. He will be returning to Cisco next year to compete on the Rodeo Team.

Dylan Hancock of San Angelo is a CNFR qualifier in the Team Roping (Heeler). He and his Team Roping partner, Will Eddleman, both ended up third in the Region. Dylan is a Freshman at Cisco College and will be back next year on the Cisco College Rodeo Team.

Four former Cisco College Rodeo Team athletes also qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo.

Will Eddleman, now a Senior at Sul Ross State University, finished third in the region in the Team Roping. Will is the son of Don Ed Eddleman and Pamala Eddleman, the Head and Assistant Rodeo Coaches at Cisco. He is the header for Dylan Hancock, a Cisco athlete, in the Team Roping. Will was a Cisco College Rodeo member for two years.

Wyatt Bray, a Senior at Tarleton State University, finished first in the region in the Team Roping on the Head side. Wyatt attended Cisco College and was a team member of the Rodeo Team for two years before transferring to Tarleton.

Korbin Rice, a Junior at Tarleton, finished second in the Team Roping on the Head side, right behind his teammate, Wyatt Bray. Korbin attended Cisco College and was a part of the Rodeo Team for two years before transferring to Tarleton.

Quade Hiatt, a Senior at West Texas A&M University, not only finished first in the Southwest Region in the Tie-Down Roping, but also claimed the title of Men's All Around in the Region. Quade was a member of the Cisco College Rodeo Team for two years, before transferring to West Texas A&M University.

Head Coach Eddleman has played a huge role in these athletes' success and continues to do so. The Wrangler Express would like to congratulate him for winning the award of "Coach of the Year" and for the successes of his current and former athletes.

Congratulations to these eight athletes and their coaches, and best of luck at the College National Finals Rodeo!

Winners pictured from left to right are Korbin Rice, Quade Hiatt, Will Eddleman, Coach Don Ed Eddleman, Cooper Freeman, Coach Pamala Eddleman, Dylan Hancock, Payton Scalzo, Wyatt Bray, and Tyler Bauerle.

###

### ***About Cisco College***

Since first admitting students in 1940, Cisco College has offered programs and activities intended to encourage lifelong learning and enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves.

As a member of the Texas state system of publicly supported institutions of higher education, Cisco College maintains an open-door admissions policy and provides an array of learning, skill development and life experiences to motivate and challenge students. Classes are offered at two primary locations, Cisco and Abilene, in addition to several other off-campus sites. The College strives to maintain a student/faculty ratio which facilitates close interaction between faculty and students.

Cisco College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate level degrees.