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Cisco College Rodeo Team Receives Honors from 74th College Finals Rodeo

Abilene/Cisco, Texas - June 22, 2022 - The Cisco College Rodeo Team has returned with high honors from the recent 74th College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming.

Riley Kittle, a Cisco College sophomore, won the National Team Roper Header title. This past year Kittle graduated from HVAC and Welding I programs at Cisco, and will continue to work on his Associate's degree this coming year. He is from Woodland, Alabama. His team roping patterned was Jace Helton of Weatherford College; he is from California.

Trevor Hale of Perryton, Texas, was the Reserve National Champion Tie Down Roper. A freshman at Cisco, he set the arena record with 7.1 seconds. Hale was also the 2022 Tie-Down Rookie of the Year.

The third CNFR qualifier from Cisco was Delani Wood of Grandview, Texas. She ended up 20th in the nation in Breakaway Roping. She was 6.5 on three hands of calves, which would have put her Number 1 in the nation; however, broken Barries dropped her scores. Miss Wood graduated from Cisco College this spring, receiving an Associate's degree and a Certificate in Business Management.

Cisco's rodeo program director and Head Coach Don Ed Eddleman was proud of his team's performance and was quick to express appreciation to the college.

"We could not have done this without the support of the administration, faculty, and staff of Cisco College," he said. "The support system we have at Cisco is second to none. We have people in the community who have invested time and money into our facility and our students."

He also praised his assistant coaches. “We could not have the success and academic record without Coaches Chad Biesmeyer, Pam Eddleman, and Kaitlyn Doughty.”

“This is a total team effort,” he said. “It takes all of us to get these athletes qualified for the National Finals,” he said.

He concluded: “We have the most functional college rodeo practice facility in the nation. A complete package.”

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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.