Cisco College Meats Team Concludes Successful 2017 Season

Cisco, Texas (November 3, 2017) – The Cisco College Meat Judging team has just wrapped up a successful 2017 season, and made Cisco College history as the first student ever, Hannah Griffith, was named a Second Team All American!

The Meat Judging Team kicked off the 2017 season with a grueling eight day competition run at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado where the team received 6th place overall. Center Parks earned a 4th place individual award in Beef Grading and overall the team finished 4th in Beef Grading and 5th in Overall Beef.

Additional awards included:
Beef Judging Team – 6th place
Lamb Judging Team – 7th place
Pork Judging Team – 6th place
Total Placing Team – 6th place
Total Questions Team – 6th place

On January 29th, the Meats Team competed at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo Southwestern Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest where the team received 7th place overall. This was Cisco’s first top-five team finish in beef grading of the season.

Additional awards included:
Beef Grading Individuals – Hannah Griffith, 12th place
Beef Grading Teams – 5th place
Lamb Judging Individuals – Jurnee Thomas, 11th place
Total Placing Individual – Jurnee Thomas, 9th place
Total Placing Teams – 6th place
Beef Judging Teams – 5th place
Alternates Contest:
Araceli Cardona – 16th place
Shelby Smith – 19th place
Kyler Conde – 20th place

The Cisco College also had a strong showing at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest. The Cisco students were split into two teams at this event. The Blue Team had a 6th place Overall Team finish and the Black Team finished in 7th.

Additional awards included:
Beef Grading Teams – 5th place
Lamb Judging Teams – 5th Place
Lamb Judging Individuals – Hannah Griffith, 5th Place
Total Placing Individual – Shelby Smith, 2nd place
Beef Judging Teams – 5th place

The Cisco College Meat Judging team started off the Fall 2017 judging season by competing at Beef Empire Days. This event was held at Garden City Community College in Garden City, Ks. The team placed 4th overall at this event.

Additional awards included:
Beef Grading Teams – 3rd place
Beef Grading Individual – Hannah Griffith, 3rd place
Beef Judging Teams – 4th place
Lamb Judging Teams – 4th place
Pork Judging Teams – 4th place
Total Questions Teams – 4th place
Total Placing Teams – 4th place
Alternates Contest – 4th Overall - Araceli Cardona

The Cisco College Meat Judging Team also competed at the American Royal in Omaha, Neb. and placed 4th in the Total Contest. The team also had its very first TOP 10 Individual finish of the season, Hannah Griffith in 6th place.

Additional awards included:
Beef Grading Teams – 3rd place
Beef Grading Individual – Hannah Griffith, 5th place
Beef Judging Teams – 4th place
Lamb Judging Teams – 4th place
Pork Judging Teams – 4th place
Total Questions Teams – 4th place
Total Placing Teams – 4th place
The 2017 Intercollegiate Meat Judging contest season concluded on Sunday, Oct. 29th with the Cargill High Plains A-Division National Championship contest in Friona, Tx. Cisco College had several Top Five Team finishes, and placed 4th in the Total Contest.

Hannah Griffith received the Rachel Hamilton Memorial "Spirit" Award for Cisco College, which is a prestigious honor voted on by her peers. It was established to honor a member of each team whose winning approach exemplifies Rachel's love of meats judging and makes them the teammate we all want to have.

Griffith also made Cisco College history named Second Team All American. All American Teams recognize individuals for their total achievements in meat judging and their academic performance.

“Thank you to the parents, alumni, and friends who have followed us throughout the season. The 2017 judging season has officially come to an end, but the friendships and memories will last a lifetime,” said sponsor Brandi Terry. “We appreciate all you do for our team, and are grateful for your continued support!”

The 2018 Meat Judging season will begin again in January. For more information regarding the Meat Judging Program please contact Brandi Terry at brandi.terry@cisco.edu or follow the Meat Judging Team on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/CiscoCollegeMeatJudging/.

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