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## Five BMCC rodeo student-athletes qualify for College National Finals

PENDLETON, Ore. – The Blue Mountain Community College men’s and women’s rodeo teams may have ended the season in third place in the Northwest Region standings of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, but five Timberwolf student-athletes will head to Casper, Wyo., in June for the College National Finals Rodeo.

Clay Hall, a freshman from Toowoomba, Australia, will compete at CNFR in bull riding, in which he’s ranked first in the Northwest region.

Preston Pederson, a sophomore from Hermiston, will compete at CNFR in Tie-Down Roping, the event in which he’s ranked first in the Northwest region and second in the national standings.

Kolby Currin, a freshman from Heppner, leads the nation and the Northwest region standings in steer wrestling as he heads to CNFR.

Cole White, a third-year student-athlete from Hermiston, finished second in the Northwest region and seventh in the national standings for Team Roping (header).

Kaylee Aldrich, a sophomore from Terrebonne, Ore., heads to CNFR ranked first in the Northwest region and third in the national standings in Breakaway Roping.

The women’s team ended the year ranked fourth in the national standings, while the men’s team landed in 17<sup>th</sup>. CNFR takes place June 10-16 at the Casper Events Center in Casper, Wyo.

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