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## BMCC rodeo teams sitting high on national standings

PENDLETON, Ore. – After a successful showing at the Walla Walla Community College Rodeo March 13-15, the Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) men’s and women’s rodeo teams are currently sitting high on the national standings in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. The men’s team is currently 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation, while the women’s team is 8<sup>th</sup>. Both are currently sitting in the No. 1 spot in the Northwest Region standings. No other Oregon community college team currently sits in the national rankings.

BMCC also has individuals in the Top 25 All-Around National rankings, with Chase Hansen, Clayton Hansen, and Jared Parke in the Men’s All-Around. Jared Parke and Clayton Hansen are also in the Top 25 for Tie Down Roping, while Clayton Hansen and Jordan Tye are in the Top 25 for Team Roping Header and Chase Hansen and Austin Thompson are in the Top 25 for Team Roping Heeler.

Chase and Clayton Hansen, followed by Parke, lead the Northwest Region in the All-Around standings.

Both the men’s and women’s team won the WWCC Rodeo last weekend, with Austin Thompson and Michael Wade leading the Men’s All-Around, respectively (Parke placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Tyler Potter 6<sup>th</sup>), and Danyelle Jo Williams, Makenzie Fuller and Madison Pendergrass placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, respectively, in the Women’s All-Around.

BMCC has competed in four rodeos so far this season, and will have three more double-header weekends, concluding May 1-2 in Hermiston with the BMCC-hosted rodeo.

### Upcoming Rodeos

April 18-19 Eastern Washington University Rodeo, Spokane Valley, Wash.  
April 25-26 Central Washington University Rodeo, Ellensburg, Wash.  
May 1-2 BMCC Rodeo, Hermiston, Ore.

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