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In 1922, the Colorado A&M Aggies hosted the its first collegiate campus rodeo they called the “Kow College Karnival”. Originally, the Colorado State University Livestock Club hosted the rodeo as a fundraiser. The rodeo was a major hit and quickly became an annual event. In 1926, the first version of the Skyline Stampede was born. For roughly the next twenty years, the Livestock Club hosted the Stampede and spearheaded the movement of college rodeo at Colorado A&M. By the mid-1940’s the Rodeo Club, as a branch of the Livestock Club, was formed.

College rodeo across the country was gaining in popularity and soon enough colleges began competing against each other. When the decision was made that a governing body was needed, Colorado A&M was one of twelve of institutions involved in organizing the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association in the late ‘40’s. In 1950, Colorado A&M hosted the very first National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association sanctioned rodeo in the nation. The Skyline Stampede was reborn. By 1952, our Aggies had won their first National Team Championship.

Throughout the following years, Colorado A&M, then Colorado State University, continued the tradition of success in the rodeo arena on a national level. Accolades of the accomplishments of CSU’s rodeo athletes can be seen proudly displayed on the Rodeo Wall of Fame that was established in 2017. Today, members of the Colorado State University Rodeo Club proudly work to continue the tradition. Still completely produced by the members of the Rodeo Club 93 years after the Skyline Stampede was coined, the rodeo is celebrating its 69th year as an NIRA sanctioned rodeo. The Rodeo Club couldn’t be prouder of the heritage of the program and strives to live up to the legacy of our founding members.

As an integral part of the student experience at CSU, the Rodeo Club strives to provide an avenue for students to build upon their education outside of the classroom. Community, Industry, and Competition are the three main focuses of the Colorado State University Rodeo program today. Members have the opportunity to connect with community members through service and outreach, develop lifelong industry connections through production, and refine their skill in and out of the arena. The Colorado State University Rodeo Club is coached by Brandon Ferguson and advised by the Director of Development for the College of Ag Science, Keely Mendicino.
On behalf of the Equine Sciences students, faculty and staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the participants and fans of the 69th Skyline Stampede Rodeo. We are proud to annually host this rodeo at the Pickett Equine Center in support of our Colorado State University Rodeo Club. The Rodeo Club is one of the oldest student organizations at CSU and of course we are very proud to have produced the first college rodeo in 1950. I can personally speak to the traditions of the club having been an active member in the late 1960’s while attending veterinary school here at CSU. Many of us will remember the weekends of CSU College Days including the parade, outdoor rodeos and dances at the student center.

The Skyline Stampede offers a unique experience for Rodeo Club members to take part in the planning and production of the event. Many of our students have chosen careers in event management and are now part of the production teams of major rodeos and livestock shows across the country. Many significant developments have happened in the past year with the reorganization of the club advisory board and the start of major funding campaigns to insure the future of the sport we all love at Colorado State University. Many thanks to the Rodeo Club officers, with the help of the advisory board, for their leadership in initiating the funding campaigns. A special thanks goes out to Nikki Halle, a member of the advisory board, for her significant efforts in organizing the fundraising campaign. The initial response from all of you that support the CSU Rodeo Team and Club has been phenomenal.

Again, welcome to the 69th Skyline Stampede Rodeo. Have a great weekend and Go Rams!!

Dr. Jerry Black

Hello and welcome to the Skyline Stampede.

My name is Branden Ferguson, and this is my second year as the rodeo coach for Colorado State University. This position has given me the opportunity to stay involved in the sport that I love and have been involved in for more than 26 years. The biggest difference from being a contestant to supporting the production of a successful rodeo has boiled down to one major factor, and that is time. From the people that handed you this program down to the people helping load livestock—students and volunteers behind the scenes have given more time than can be counted to help this rodeo to be the best it can be. Some of them started investing the time almost a year ago to help put on a rodeo that is both successful and entertaining. So as the coach of these students, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and determination and I hope that you get to do the same. Thank you again for coming and I hope to see you down the road.

Coach Branden Ferguson
The Colorado Cattlemen’s Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) and the California Rangeland Trust (CRT) conserve working farms and ranches across Colorado and California, conserving western heritage, open space and natural habitats for the benefit of future generations. Combined, CCALT and CRT have conserved more than 900,000 acres of ranchland in California and Colorado.
THE TEAM

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Alyson Tackitt
Elena Pinckard
Erica Sinclair
Farris Smith
Fernanda De Filippo
Gabrielle Banter
Katie Drosihn
Kelsey Story
Kristen Egger
Lake Mehalic
Maddi Wesselink
Rachel Jackson
Rileigh Wullbrandt
Sara Liberatore
Taryn Boxleitner

Men’s Team
Cody Compton
Aukai Kaai
Austin Reynolds
Everett Loftus
Reid Perkins

Team Roster
Aleigha Alexander
Allie Drosihn
Ali Gallaty
Andy Harding
Aukai Kaai
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Alyson Tackitt
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Bailee Jones
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MARILYN SCOTT PAINTER FREIMARK

Though a Wyoming native, Marilyn Scott Painter Freimark started school at Colorado State University in 1955. Her majors were Business and Mass Communication. Marilyn was very involved in several student organizations at CSU, including the Rodeo Club. While still attending CSU, she became the very first Miss Rodeo America in 1956. Marilyn had the opportunity to meet some of the great hallmarks of the Western movie genre, including Roy Rogers and Dale Evans during her time as Miss Rodeo America. She championed for the sport of rodeo all across the US while still managing to take college courses throughout her reign. She has stayed involved in the rodeo industry over the years through her family and by training and inspiring rodeo queens through various clinics. Marilyn will be formally honored at the 2019 Alumni and Donor Banquet as an inductee to the CSU Rodeo Wall of Fame.

BOB SCHILD

Bob Schild was born in Rexburg, ID. Times weren’t easy, but Bob’s high school Ag teacher encouraged him to go to college. He started school at the University of Idaho but decided to transfer to Colorado A&M because of the rodeo program. Bob majored in Animal Science and competed for Colorado A&M’s (now CSU) rodeo team. In 1954, Bob made history by becoming the College National Champion in both Saddle Bronc and Bareback Riding. He was also the Reserve National All Around Cowboy and one of the members of the National Championship Team. After graduating from COAM (CSU) Bob went on to rodeo professionally until 1961. He then opened up a saddlery in back in ID. His true mark in history, though, lies with his words. Bob became a poetry enthusiast on the rodeo road and used his talents to contribute to make his mark on Cowboy Poetry. His poems describe the life of a rodeo man as accurately as anyone ever has. Bob will be formally honored at the 2019 Alumni and Donor Banquet as an inductee to the CSU Rodeo Wall of Fame.
ROY W. LILLEY

As a Larimer County native, Roy W. Lilley graduated from Cache la Poudre High School in LaPorte, Colorado in 1948. After graduating from high school, Roy began attending Colorado A&M (now Colorado State University) and joined the Rodeo Club as a competing member. During Roy’s time at Colorado State University he was a College National Finals Qualifier for Saddle Bronc Riding in 1951. In 1952, he proved his worth as an all-around cowboy by qualifying for the CNFR in all three rough stock events: saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, and bull riding. After graduation, Roy made his mark in the beef cattle industry in a big way. Throughout his career, Roy served as the Assistant Executive Secretary of the American National Cattlemens Association, Executive Vice President of the International Brangus Association, and Executive Vice President of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association/Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association. In recent years, Roy has become a published author for his book “Just As I am” in 2018. Roy will be formally honored at the 2019 Alumni and Donor Banquet as an inductee to the CSU Rodeo Wall of Fame.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT

BARB FREESE JOLLY

Barbara Freese Jolly graduated from Colorado A&M (now CSU) in 1956. During her time at CO A&M, she was very active in the Rodeo Club. She now deems herself the “unofficial historian of the CSU Rodeo Club.” Official or not, Barb is responsible for keeping the tradition of CSU Rodeo alive. She has put together an annual newsletter for all of the CSU Rodeo Alumni since the early 1970’s. In addition, she coordinates an annual alumnus gathering in Laughlin, NV. Barb has been instrumental in ensuring that the “Ol’ Gang”, as she fondly refers to her fellow club members, stays close to each other and their Alma Matter. Barb has also worked tirelessly to maintain the rodeo history in the CSU Archives. The Colorado State University Club is so thankful for all of the work that Barb has done. Barb will be formally honored at the 2019 Alumni and Donor Banquet.
GOAT TYING

Contestants enter the arena horseback and run toward the goat. Time starts when the horse and rider cross the start line and then the contestant dismounts their horse. If the horse touches the lead-line or the goat, there will be a ten-second penalty. The contestant must then flank the goat, cross and tie three legs (usually two hind legs and one front), then throw their hands to signal to the judge that they are calling time. If the goat remains tied for the full six seconds, the time qualifies. If the goat gets up during that time, the result is a disqualification. The fastest time wins.

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BAREBACK RIDING

The rider mounts the horse in the chutes and nods his head when ready to begin the ride. The free hand of the rider cannot touch any part of the horse at any time after the rider nods. Once the horse breaks the plane of the chute, the countdown of eight seconds starts. When the horse’s feet land on the first move out of the chute, the rider’s spurs must be in contact with the horse above the shoulder. This rule is called the mark out rule. Failure to “mark the horse out” results in a disqualified ride, signified by a flag on the ground. The mark out rule can be waived if the horse stalls in the chute after the cowboy nods. Each judge can award a total of fifty points toward the ride: twenty-five to the horse and twenty-five to the rider totaling to a maximum-possible score of 100 points. The highest score wins.

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STEER WRESTLING

The contestant is allowed to have one helper in this event, known as the hazer. The hazer must also be an NIRA member. The contestant nods his head from the left side box to call for the steer. The steer has a designated head start before the steer wrestler can leave the box. If the rider leaves prematurely, the horse will break the barrier stretched across the front of the box before the automatic release is triggered by the steer. If the barrier is broken, the contestant is given a ten second penalty. Once they have left the box, the steer wrestler must catch the steer and “jump” from the running horse while hooking the steers horn, then the steer wrestler must change the steer’s direction or bring it to a stop then twist the steer so it is lying either flat with all four feet and head straight. Steer wrestlers have twenty-five seconds to complete their run. The fastest time wins.

The steer wrestling is brought to you by ASAP Construction.

DALLY TEAM ROPING

The team roping requires two contestants: a header and a heeler. The header initiates the run with a nod of the head. If the header crosses the start line before the appropriate head start of the steer, they will break the barrier and a ten second penalty will result. The header must then rope the head/horns of the steer. There are three legal head catches known as “slick horns”, “half head”, and “neck”. If the heeler throws their rope before a complete change of direction, the team will be disqualified for “cross fire”. The heeler must then rope both hind feet. If only one foot is roped, a five second penalty will be assessed. The judge will drop a flag to indicate that time has stopped only after both ropers are facing the steer and both ropes are tight. There is a time limit of twenty five seconds. The fastest time wins.

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SADDLE BRONC RIDING

The free hand of the rider cannot touch any part of the horse at any time after the rider nods and begins the ride. Once the horse breaks the plane of the chute, the countdown of eight seconds starts. Failure to mark the horse out results in a disqualified ride. One judge indicates mark out failure with a flag thrown on the ground. The mark out rule can be waived if the horse stalls in the chute after the cowboy nods. Each judge can award a total of fifty points toward the ride: twenty-five to the horse and twenty-five to the rider totaling to a maximum possible score of 100 points. The highest score wins.

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BREAKAWAY ROPING

The contestant must begin their run from the right-hand box. The contestant must use a rope with a flag that is tied securely to the saddle horn with a nylon string. The roper nods her head to call for her calf. The barrier rule applies to the breakaway roping. Failure to grant the head start will result in a ten-second penalty for the contestant. After the run begins, the contestant must rope the neck of the calf. Only catches of the whole head (including the ears) with no extremities qualify as a fair catch. Once caught, the calf must break the nylon string attaching the rope to the saddle horn. The contestant is not allowed to break the string herself. Time stops when the rope breaks from the saddle horn and the judge’s flag drops. Contestants have twenty-five seconds and one loop to complete their run. Fastest time wins.

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TIE DOWN ROPING

The contestant must begin their run from the right-hand box using a rope that is attached securely to the saddle horn. The roper nods his head to call for his calf. The barrier rule applies to the tie-down roping as it does the steer wrestling and other roping events. Any catch counts. The roper must then dismount his horse to tie the calf. If the calf is already down when the roper arrives at the calf, the contestant must get the calf back up and re-flank it. Then, the contestant must gather and cross any three feet to be tied with at least one wrap. The tie is secured by a half-hitch or “hooey”. The roper signals to the judge that they are calling “time”. The judge will drop the flag to stop the time clock. The roper then must remount his horse and ride forward to put slack in the rope, then the judge will begin the six second countdown. The calf must remain securely tied for the entire six seconds. If the calf gets up, the contestant is disqualified. Contestants have twenty-five seconds and one loop to complete their run. Fastest time wins.

The tie-down roping is brought to you by CSU Rodeo Club.

BARREL RACING

Contestants must complete the clover leaf pattern, consisting of either one right turn and two left turns or one left turn and two right turns in the fastest time possible. The rider can come into contact with or tip the barrels as long as the barrel is not knocked over. Each knocked over barrel results in a five second penalty. Time begins and ends when the horses nose crosses the line. The fastest time wins.

The barrel racing is brought to you by Cedar Grove Stables. A special thanks goes out to Helen Lay from all of the students you have taught and nurtured.
ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

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The Colorado State University (CSU) Rodeo Team & Club provides student members many opportunities to develop in areas such as: leadership, communication, ethics, business management, and athletics, all of which provide experiences beneficial to the overall education of students.
BULL RIDING

Contestants use a rope wrapped around the bull and held with one hand. The free hand cannot come into contact with the bull or equipment at any point after the bull rider nods his head to begin the ride. The bull rider must ride for a complete eight seconds to make a qualified ride. The two judges score the bull and rider with the same system that they score the other rough stock event. The highest score wins.

The bull riding is brought to you by Chancellor Consulting Group

COSTUME RIBBON ROPING

The costume ribbon roping is a special event that does not count for points for the NIRA. The event pays homage to the historical ribbon roping that used to be a NIRA event, as well as provides a good laugh for all involved.

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Letter from the President

Hi All! Thank you all for being here and supporting the Colorado State University Rodeo Club. Our rodeo program has an incredible legacy here at CSU and we are working hard to reinvest energy in cultivating our roots—an area where we may have been unintentionally neglectful. We are sorry we allowed this to happen, but our program is in the best position that we’ve ever been to revive the heritage that is CSU Rodeo. We’ve gained the partnership of key individuals—both faculty and volunteers. I couldn’t be more thankful to have gotten to work besides these wonderful individuals to start relaying the foundation of this amazing program. We have lofty goals, but we also have the right people in the right places to help us achieve them. You all, here filling our seats, are instrumental in helping us achieve our goals too. I hope you all enjoy the rodeo and appreciate all the hard work that our members, coaches, and various supporters have dedicated to making this possible.

God Bless,

Erica
The 2018-2019 year has brought about some exciting changes. One of those being the reestablishment of our Volunteer Advisory Committee. The committee is spearheading the 2MM by 2020 campaign and helping us build a bridge between current members, alumni, and supporters. Their wisdom, guidance, and efforts are invaluable to the Colorado State University Rodeo Team and Club. If you have any questions about the advisory committee or are interested in becoming a part of this team, please contact Nikki Halle, CSURodeo Advisory Committee Chair at nikkitrt@aol.com.

CSU Rodeo Volunteer Advisory Committee Members

Nikki Halle
Chip Wullbrandt
Eric & Kelly Drosihn

Amy Larkin
Laura & George Livermore
Dan Jackson

Earl & Karlene Story
Rick Rolph

COACHES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Head Coach: Branden Ferguson
Assistant Barrel Racing Coach: Dammy Johnson
Faculty Advisor: Keely Mendicino

Branden Ferguson has been the head coach of the Colorado State University Team and Club since 2017. Originally from Deer Trail, CO, Branden grew up in the rodeo industry. He rode bareback horses in the PRCA for 16 years before taking the position as coach.

Dammy Johnson has been involved with Colorado State University’s rodeo program for the past several years. She volunteers her time and expertise to coach our barrel racers. She qualified for the NFR 3 times in the barrel racing and has been involved in the rodeo industry most of her life.

Keely Mendicino is the Director of Development for CSU’s College of Ag. She has been a part of our program since 2018 and offers a wealth of knowledge in financial services and donor relations. In her role as faculty advisor, Keely has helped CSU Rodeo reconnect with our alumni and supporters.
The Colorado State University Rodeo Club and Team would like to extend a special thank you to all the individuals that helped make this rodeo and this rodeo program possible. We truly appreciate our sponsors and supporters. We couldn’t do this without you. Sponsors of this rodeo not only allow us to continue the tradition of the SkylineStampede that stretches back to 1926, but also support the members of the Colorado State University Rodeo Club and Team throughout the year. Student fundraising and sponsorship solely fund the CSU Rodeo Program. We are thankful to live in a community that believes in the work we do and is willing to invest their time, talent and treasure in the future success of our program. We hope you enjoy the rodeo and are sincerely happy that you are here. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
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- **Seed money for Endowment**
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