



NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF TECHNICAL AGRICULTURE

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Ranch Horse Team wins at McCook; next up in Texas

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CURTIS, Neb. – Hosts of the recent Punchy in Pink Spring Roundup in McCook rode away as collegiate champions of their annual ranch and stock horse contest.

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Ranch Horse Team won among four colleges.

Jo Hergenreder, NCTA professor and coach, deemed the 2022 Spring Roundup a huge success.

“This year was as smoothly run as any we have hosted thus far, all in all due to the students’ efforts and all of our supporters such as Slidin Daze Enterprises and the AQHA,” Hergenreder said of two stock horse member entities.

The agriculture students, many of whom are equine industry management majors, hosted the three-day contest for open class and college divisions in reining, cutting/herd work, ranch trail, ranch riding and versatility ranch horse conformation.

Versatility Ranch Horse is an American Quarter Horse Association program. Members qualify for national points in sanctioned contests such as the NCTA Spring Roundup.

Over 100 exhibitors entered more than four classes, with most entering six throughout the weekend. Proceeds from entry fees and donations went to the Punchy in Pink campaign of the Working Ranch Cowboys Association.

The NCTA Aggie placings at Punchy in Pink were:

Cauy Bennet, Elwood, on Katy Sugar Lena, ended as the Collegiate Non Pro All-Around Champion with 1st places in trail class and pleasure, and 4th place in both reining and cow work.

Cauy also competed in the Collegiate Limited Non Pro on his younger mare, Easy Street Lady, finishing 7th in the All-Around with 4th in trail, 5th in both pleasure and cow work, and 7th in reining.

Connor Crumbliss, Fairfield, on Blues Sweet Sofia, was 4th in the All-Around of the Collegiate Non-Pro division. He Was 2nd in cow work, 3rd in reining, and 5th in pleasure and trail classes.

Ayden Long, Lebanon, Kansas, aboard Peptos Seven Six, finished 3rd in the Collegiate Non Pro All-Around. Ayden also competed on his younger gelding, Ima Royal Highbrow, in the Collegiate Junior Horse Division and finished 3rd in reining and 1st in cow work.

Macy Zentner, Cedar Rapids, and her gelding, Blue, were 5th in the Collegiate Limited Non Pro All Around, placing 8th in trail, 12th in pleasure, and riding well in both reining and cow work.

Devry Bellomy, Keyes, Oklahoma, and CD Bar Booger 3, made huge strides in building the gelding’s show experience, said Hergenreder. They placed 12th in reining, cow work and pleasure.

Emma Hollenback, Ewing, and JND Command Seeker, made improvements in their second show as well finishing 8th in the All Around of the Collegiate Limited Non Pro, with 1st place on cow work and 3rd in reining.

Kirstin Cawthra, Benkelman, on Oxbow Dynamite, competed in the Collegiate Novice and finished 6th in the All Around with a 1st in trail, 4th in pleasure, 6th in reining, and 12th in cow work.

Gwen Olberding, Falls City, and I Make It Look EZ, competed in the Collegiate Novice. They were 13th in the All Around with 11th in trail, 12th in both reining and pleasure, and 14th in cow work.

Casey Podsobinski of Curtis, and Dixie Darlin, also competed in Collegiate Novice, placing 15th in the All Around with 11th in trail, 14th in reining, and 15th in cow work.

Eight of these students will compete April 19 and 20 at Amarillo, Texas in the National Intercollegiate Ranch and Stock Horse Association Championships.

The academic year ends with NCTA graduation on May 5. Some Aggies will continue to compete through the summer, including the Slidin' Daze Palooza in the Pines at Elbert, Colorado on May 6 to May 8.

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The Ranch Horse Team from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture hosted the 2022 PUNCHY in Pink Spring Roundup in McCook. The April 8-10 show drew more than 100 exhibitors. (NCTA RHT photo)

Part of the University of Nebraska system, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is a two-year institution with a statewide mission of preparing students for successful careers in agriculture, veterinary technology and related industries. NCTA is known for its affordable tuition, high job-placement rate for its graduates, and for the success of student teams in competitive activities including crops judging, ranch horse events, livestock judging, shotgun sports, stock dog trials, and intercollegiate rodeo. The college is consistently ranked as one of the best two-year schools in the nation.

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