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Colorado hosts opener for Ranch Horse Team

ELBERT, Colo. – Nebraskans riding in their first collegiate stock horse show in early October brought awards home to the Aggie campus in Curtis.

The Ranch Horse Team of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture competed in the Slidin' Daze Fall Classic at Elbert, Colorado.



Wyatt Siwinski and Chrome compete in ranch trail class at Elbert, Colorado. The NCTA freshman from Central City, Nebraska, was one of seven Aggies competing in the show on Oct. 3-4. (Kelley Bennett photo for NCTA)

Three sophomores and four freshmen competed, while another five freshmen attended in ground support to their teammates, assisting with tack, saddling, filming and photography, and taking in the first collegiate contest of the fall semester.

“This show was an incredible first show back for our sophomores and a great first experience for our new members,” said Joanna Hergenreder, NCTA equine professor and team coach.

Students ride their own horses or can use one provided by college or community members. The western and stock horse riding style evaluates rider and horse in skills used on a cattle ranch. Events are ranch pleasure, ranch trail, working cow, and reining.

Results from the Elbert contest:

Cauy Bennett, Elwood, and his mare Katy Sugar Lena finished as the All Around Reserve Champion Non Pro with a 1st in Ranch Pleasure, 1st in Ranch Trail, 4th in Working Cow and 5th in Reining.

Ayden Long of Lebanon, Kansas, and his young mare Peptos Seven Six finished 5th in the All Around Non Pro with a reserve champion win in Ranch Pleasure, 4th on Ranch Trail, 7th in Working Cow and 8th in Reining.

Wyatt Siwinski, Central City, and his gelding Shiney Chrome Color finished 7th in the All-Around Limited Non Pro with a 6th in Ranch Pleasure, 7th in Working Cow, 8th in Ranch Trail and 12th in Reining.

Connor Crumbliss, Crete, and his mare PR She's Packin finished 9th All Around Limited Non Pro with a 7th in Ranch Trail, 8th in Ranch Pleasure, and 11th in Reining.

Addison Villwok, Randolph, and her gelding Watch Me Fool Them finished 10th All Around Limited Non Pro with a 6th in Working Cow, 10th in Ranch Pleasure and Trail, and 15th in Reining

Annie Bassett, Gothenburg, and her mare Annabelle finished 9th All Around Novice with a 9th in Working Cow, 12th in Ranch Pleasure, and 14th in Reining and Ranch Trail.

Jessica Burghardt, Fedora, S.D., and her gelding Rem competed in three of the four with a 13th in Ranch Pleasure, 15th in Reining and 16th in Ranch Trail.

“All riders hit HUGE milestones and made smart choices in the show pen,” Hergenreder said. “We look forward to polishing our strengths and improving the areas that need it.”

The next contest is tentative for Nov. 6-8 at Torrington, Wyoming where Northeastern Junior College (Colorado) Ranch Horse Versatility Team hosts their Fall Showdown.

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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