**Peterson and Docheff Take the Reins of the CSU Rodeo Team**

Colorado State University is pleased to announce Seth Peterson and Chisum Docheff as the new coaches for the historic Colorado State University Rodeo Team. These two rodeo professionals are stalwart competitors on the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit and have agreed to recruit, teach, and train Colorado State University student athletes with a goal to inspire a competitive rodeo spirit.

Seth Peterson, the new CSU Rodeo Team Head Coach, is a resident of Wellington, Colorado, and a 2021 graduate of the University of Wyoming. Peterson is a three-time Collegiate National Final Qualifier and the 2021 Reserve Champion All-Around Cowboy at the Collegiate National Finals held in Casper, Wyoming. Peterson extended his rodeo success to the pro ranks where he is a two-time PRCA Mountain State Circuit Finalist. In 2021, Peterson was the Champion Steer Wrestler for the region. When he is not on the road riding and competing at PRCA events, Peterson is a professional horseman training performance horses.

Assistant Coach Chisum Docheff competed collegiately at Northeastern Colorado Junior College. Docheff graduated in 2012 before turning professional where he has been a five-time PRCA Mountain State Circuit Finals qualifier in steer wrestling. In 2019, Docheff was named the Mountain State Circuit Final Champion. Docheff was honored to receive the award for Steer Wrestling Horse of the Year for the Mountain States Circuit in 2019 and 2021. In between his rodeo seasons, Docheff is a fifth-generation dairyman and has returned to the family dairy, Blue Sky Dairy, located in Mead, Colorado.

“Growing up on a dairy farm has been my number one teacher on the meaning of true work ethic,” says Docheff. “Commitment, hard work and a competitive positive attitude is what drives success. That is what I hope Seth and I can bring to CSU Rodeo Team.”

“Both Seth and Chisum are outstanding horsemen and young men of high character,” says Craig Huffhines, Colorado State University Director of Equine Sciences Programs. “Bringing two professional athletes on board is a gamechanger for the CSU Rodeo Team. These coaches will be outstanding role models for our student athletes. They possess a keen understanding of the challenges of academic life where the classroom comes first. In addition, they understand that hard work and a focus on personal wellness and fitness is key to being successful for both the contestants and their horses.”

“Collegiate rodeo shaped my life,” says Peterson. “We hope to instill in our student athletes an understanding of what it means to be excellent at everything we do - from providing great care of our horses and making sure our trucks and trailers are clean and operative to being a good roommate and prioritizing great study habits. Attention to every detail helps students become better rodeo athletes and better future professionals regardless of what career journey they pursue. Under this type of mindset and commitment, the Colorado State University Rodeo Team can be competitive at the Collegiate National Finals level.”