

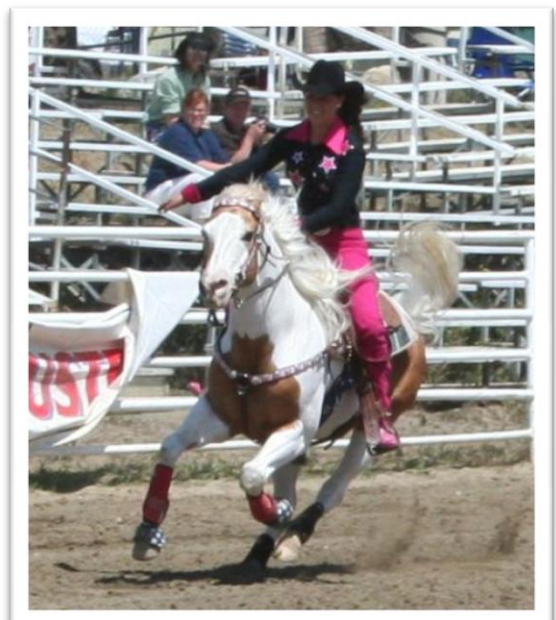
PRESS RELEASE:

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Four Mount Boucherie Students Qualify for Provincials!

BC HIGH SCHOOL RODEO FINALS - June 12-14, 2009 - Merritt, BC

Four Mount Boucherie Secondary Students have qualified for and will be competing in the BC High School Rodeo Association "Championship Finals Rodeo" this June 12 -14, 2009 in Merritt, BC! The Championship Finals Rodeo takes the top 12 competitors in each event from a series of 20-24 regular season rodeos held throughout the Province to compete for a chance to be British Columbia Champions. Also at stake this coming weekend are qualifying positions to the Canadian Championships in Williams Lake, Silver State Invitational Rodeo in Fallon, Nevada and the National High School Rodeo Finals in Farmington, New Mexico as well as, unlimited scholarship opportunities.



Grade 12 graduating students Bailey Woods and Kyla Simmons will end their High School Rodeo careers with great season ending results.

Bailey Woods of Peachland qualified in 4 of 5 events, finishing the regular season provincial standings, 5th in the Barrel Racing, 8th in the Breakaway Roping, 9th in the Team Roping, 11th in the Pole Bending and 6th in the All Around Cowgirl standings. As well, Woods also finished just out of the qualifying spot with a 14th place final standing in the Goat Tying. This marks Woods third trip to the Provincial Championship in four years. Woods was also recently awarded a certificate for the "Highest Ranking Rodeo Team Member" of the Mount Boucherie Rodeo Team at the recent MBSS Athletic Awards night.

Reining BC Rodeo Princess Kyla Simmons of West Kelowna also had a very successful season qualifying in 2nd position in the provincial Pole Bending standings. Simmons also competes in barrel racing, but has proven the tough Pole Bending event to be her strongest.

Rookie grade 10 cowgirls, both from Peachland, Candace Chevallier and Shay Sutherland also finished a very successful first year competing in the High School Rodeo ranks.

Chevallier qualified for two of her five events with a 10th place season finish in the Breakaway Roping and 12th place in the Team Roping. She was also just out of the qualifying position with a 16th place finish in the Goat Tying.

Sutherland had a strong rookie finish with 9th in the Pole Bending. Both these competitors have been very successful throughout their Little Britches rodeo careers prior to advancing to the High School Rodeo level.



Other MBSS students who have been very successful this year, but were just shy of the qualifying positions are Katie Craig of Peachland with a strong 14th place finish in the Breakaway Roping, 22nd in the province in the Barrel Racing and Pole Bending and 26th in the Goat Tying. Brianna Pastor, another rookie and also from Peachland, finished 28th in the Breakaway Roping and was also recently awarded a certificate for the "Most Improved Team Member" at the recent MBSS Athletic Awards.