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### **Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Pageant Extends Titleholder Roles Through 2021**

WOODWARD, OKLA. – MAY 30, 2020 – The Oklahoma Rodeo Pageants Council, the nonprofit organization that conducts the Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant, will not host a pageant in 2020. The membership on May 30 unanimously voted to extend the contracts of its 2020 titleholders throughout 2021. This decision follows the cancellation of many rodeos and event appearances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the recent announcement that the 2021 Miss Rodeo America Pageant will not be held in Las Vegas this December, as originally scheduled.

The next MRO pageant is anticipated to be held in June 2021 in conjunction with the Woodward Elks Rodeo in Woodward, Okla. This rodeo, sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and the Woodward Convention & Visitors Bureau welcome pageant participants and fans to their robust community in northwest Oklahoma as ORPC platinum sponsors. Additional ORPC Platinum sponsors include Arrowhead Now, Montana Silversmiths, Red Dirt Couture, Hampton Inn, Waste Connections and Wyndham Garden Airport-Oklahoma City.

“These are challenging times for our organization, rodeo and our communities. We cherish our titleholders and want them to experience a full year of rodeos and events that we believe add to their education and development. That is the heart of our mission,” said Kathy Shumway, ORPC president. “We are thankful to our many sponsors and supporters who have indicated their plans to stick with us as we navigate the road ahead.

“We can now provide the opportunity for Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Kylie Myers of Moore, Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Teen Rebeka Breger of Cashion and Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Princess McKynlie Bowers of Woodward to continue their work as ambassadors for rodeo, the western way of life and our beloved state,” Shumway added.

“We’re already hard at work preparing for the next Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant,” said McKayla Plett, ORPC vice president and pageant director. “Our organization has been providing opportunities for young women for more than six decades, and we cannot wait to welcome the next group preparing for the opportunity to participate in our state’s pageant.”

Details and additional updates will be posted on the [ORPC Facebook page](#) and the Miss Rodeo Oklahoma website, [missrodeooklahoma.com](http://missrodeooklahoma.com).

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The ORPC is a volunteer, nonprofit organization responsible for conducting the Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Scholarship Pageant. The organization is committed to providing diverse opportunities for the development of young women of Oklahoma to maximize their education potential while promoting the sport of rodeo, the state and its legacy, and the western way of life. The MRO Pageant invites Oklahoma’s young women to compete in four age divisions and selects the state’s representative to the Miss Rodeo America Pageant held in Las Vegas as part of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.