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Lindale Area High School Senior Signs with Hill College Rodeo Team

LINDALE, TEXAS —Gracie Gambino, a local member of the Senior Class of 2020, has signed a letter of intent, committing to join the Women's College Rodeo Team at Hill College in Hillsboro, Texas. The Signing Day was hosted at her family's ranch in Red Springs, Texas and Coach Paul Brown, Hill College Athletic Director and Head Rodeo Coach, was in attendance for the special occasion.

Gracie is an East Texas Cowgirl that loves all things rodeo and horses. She lives in the Red Springs community, just outside of Lindale, on her family's ranch. She participates in many different events within rodeos and other equestrian competitions. Gracie is extremely appreciative of everyone who has supported her along her journey. She has many teachers, coaches, sponsors, and cheerleaders that have made it possible for her to live her dreams inside the arena.

"I am looking forward to beginning this next chapter of my life and am excited to be able to join the Rodeo Team at Hill College," states Gracie. "I look forward to learning from Coach Paul Brown and hope to be a contributor next year in both the barrel racing and roping events."

Gracie has a talented string of horses that she plans to take to college with her in August. Grayman, registered name Stylish Especial, is an 8-year-old AQHA gelding that is an amazing all-around horse. Gracie credits him with much of her success in the calf roping and barrel racing arenas as well as in the goat tying. She has owned Grayman for the last two years and won many saddles, buckles, and prizes on him. Klancy is her team roping horse and Velvet is another All-Around Horse that she also rides in several events.

Gracie has competed in many youth and high school associations over the last four years and is thankful for the opportunity to become a National Intercollegiate Rodeo Athlete next year. She is a multiyear Texas State High School Finals qualifier in barrels, break away, goat tying and team roping. Additionally, she has placed in both the goat tying and break away at the International Finals Youth Rodeo, one of the largest youth rodeos held each year in Shawnee with over 200 contestants per event. Gracie also competes in the Women's Professional Rodeo Association and is the reigning World Champion Tie Down Roper as well as a Top 5 All Around Cowgirl.

"I am extremely blessed to have the support of our community, family, and friends. It takes a village of people to make this dream happen," Gracie said. "I am blessed and give all the glory to Jesus Christ, my savior, for this incredible opportunity."

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