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Odessa College hires new head rodeo coach

ODESSA (August 18, 2018) – Odessa College has a new head rodeo coach! OC Wranglers Rodeo Team Head Coach Tom Kelly comes to OC from Laramie County Community College (LCCC) in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and will officially begin his duties with the Odessa College Wranglers men’s and women’s rodeo teams on September 4.

Coach Kelly served as an assistant rodeo coach to both men’s and women’s teams at Laramie County Community College, where he has also been the Agricultural/Equine Facilities Manager since 2014. During that time, he supervised both day-to-day operations of the agricultural/equine facilities and managed numerous special events, including the 2nd largest World Series Team Roping event and the National Ranch Sorting Finals.

OC athletic director Wayne Baker said, “We are extremely pleased to have Coach Kelly. He has experience in coaching and mentoring both men’s and women’s college rodeo teams and a sound knowledge of the sport of rodeo and ranch management. We think he is the best individual to take the reins of the OC rodeo program and to continue to build on the success of the program that Coach Aragon developed.”

In July, Coach CJ Aragon resigned as head coach of the OC Rodeo program in order to pursue other professional interests. The College immediately began a nationwide search to locate and hire the best individual to be the next OC Wranglers Rodeo Coach – a search which has culminated in the hiring of new OC Wranglers Rodeo Team Head Coach Tom Kelly.