

# New Season, New Finals, New Faces for 2020

*Five staffers at Lincoln facility with NHSFR experience*

By Chas Skillett, Lancaster Event Center Operations Manager & NHSFR Alum



Lancaster Event Center staff who have also been NHSFR contestants include Chas Skillett, Masen Maher and Hoyt Kraeger.



Chas Skillett, Lancaster Event Center Operations Manager & NHSFR alumnus at the 2002 Bullriders of America Finals in Mark Twain Lake, Missouri.

**T**he Finals are over and it's time to gear up for a new season. Whether you're coming from the junior high level or coming back for round two, three or four - it's a new season. A fresh start. Another chance to prove yourself. Another chance to qualify for a championship buckle.

As a NHSFR alum (Bull Riding, 2001), I have a good idea of the hard work you put into caring for your animals, all the practice, rough falls, losses and wins of every competition throughout the year. I know the support that comes from your family, like bucking the barrel for you late at night, driving to rodeos and taking video so you can see what you're doing right and wrong. I get it and so does the team at the Lancaster Event Center (LEC).

The Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, is the chosen location for the next two years' finals. With five LEC staff having NHSFR experience and our know-how hosting national horse shows, I'm confident that we have what it takes to put on a smooth-running quality, national rodeo. We are proud to announce that Greg Rook, who worked with 13 NHSFRs in Gillette, Wyoming, has just joined our team as Operations Director. We'll make sure contestants are moved in safely, panels are set up to stock contractors' and directors' liking, and the footing in the arenas is ready.

Our friendly, professional team is here to make sure spectators, contestants and exhibitors have what they need. That's just what we do year-round for 320 events, including Nebraska's largest county fair put on entirely by our staff over 10 days each August. From the front office to operations, and from the General Store to the cafés, our entire team at the Lancaster Event Center is committed to giving you the best rodeo experience come July 2020.

So, while you work, train and compete during this new season, know you're not just working to qualify for the NHSFR. You're qualifying for a new Finals in a new location with new faces who are experienced and ready to help you be all you can be. Learn more about NHSFR 2020 by visiting [NHSFRLincoln.org](https://NHSFRLincoln.org) or following us on social media @NHSFRLincoln. 🤠



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With 5,000+ hotel rooms, 900 restaurants and lots of fun things to do, in town and within a short drive, Lincoln is your perfect rodeo destination.

**WE'LL BE READY.  
NOW ALL YOU HAVE TO DO  
IS QUALIFY.**



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*Pictured: Masen, LEC Operations Crew  
Member and 2016, 2017 NHSFR Alum.*



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