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Successful Show Season for IHSA

The English IHSA team wrapped up their regular show season with a horse show hosted by Ohio University. Although they lost the lead in the region, the team had a very successful weekend with many people qualifying for regionals. The following team members qualified for regionals as an individual over the season: Michelle Swaro, Codi Bair, Michelle Heinz, Katie Stockdale, Taylor Stewart, Chelsey Wolterman, Chan Car-

man, Erin Daring, Brittany Ferguson, Courtney Newby, Stephanie Papais, Lisa Toulan, Hilary Costa, Val Davis, Kate Hanneman, Corinne Lane, Erika Sargent, Nicole VanDyke and Nicole DiCorti. Also qualified is Lake Erie College alum rider Allison Eneguess who qualified in both flat and fences.

A special Congratulations to Nicole DiCorti who not only double qualified in flat and fences but is this region's Cacchione Cup rider. Qualifying for the Cacchione Cup is reserved only for the riders in the IHSA Open division. Being the rider for the Cacchione Cup is an honor and DiCorti is guaranteed to ride at IHSA Nationals for the Cup against other regional



Nicole VanDyke, Chelsey Wolterman, Rachele Mosholder, and High Point Rider, Jessie Rothberg.

qualifiers.

IHSA Team members are now preparing for regionals that will be held Sunday March 14th at the Lake Erie College Equestrian Center. Please come out and show the teams your support for all of the hard work that they have put in over this season! (Ferguson)

IDA Show Results

With the majority of the IDA veteran riders graduating last year, IDA had a young team this year with a lot of new riders. The team had a great year placing third in the region overall. The team missed qualifying for IDA Nationals by 1 point but they already have their sights set on next year's Nationals. Many of the team's members placed in the top five of their divisions in the region, with Intro rider Meghan Marcinkewicz ending the year as Intro level Champion. The team wishes Marcinkewicz good luck as she will be attending IDA Nationals at the end of April. (Ertas)

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Calendar of Events: 2010

- ◆ March 14, IHSA Regionals hosted at LEC
- ◆ March 19-21, Dressage Winter Series
- ◆ March 27-28, Hunter/Jumper Winter Series
- ◆ April 9-11, Dressage Prix de Ville
- ◆ April 16-18, Jumper Prix de Ville

EAGALA Demonstration

On Tuesday February 2nd Lake Erie students, staff and other members of the community gathered together in the bull pen to learn more about Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA). Presenters Rob Pliskin and Jackie Stevenson did an hour presentation introducing what EAGALA is and how useful horses can be in the mental health field. EAGALA's mission statement includes providing education, standards, innovation, and support to professionals providing services in Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) and learning around the world. Attendees had the opportunity to get close with two Lake Erie College owned horses by volunteering to participate in one of the two demonstrations. The demonstrations showed how horses could be used in ways to do therapy and team building/leadership training. In EAGALA work is done in a three member team and that team works with a client or clients. This team consists of a mental health professional, an equine professional and a horse. Horses have been considered the real experts and teachers in this work and by partnering with them we bridge the gap between the human and horse world.

Currently Lake Erie College offers a certification process called *Experiential Learning with Horses* through the Center for Leadership and Professional Development. This certification does not certify you for EAGALA but teaches many of the same principles and procedures and can prepare for the certification process. The college is also in the process of adding additional classes on EAGALA and learning with horses for undergraduate students. (Scott)

Nicole DiCorti Cacchione Cup Preparations

During spring break senior Nicole DiCorti was given the opportunity to take a trip to Wellington, Florida through contacts Keeley and Jeff Gogul in order to prepare for her ride in the Cacchione Cup in May. The Cacchione Cup is a specific class that will take place at IHSA Nationals at the Kentucky Horse Park in which one representative from every region is invited to compete. DiCorti is the first Lake Erie College rider to advance to the IHSA Nationals Cacchione Cup Competition since Patricia Swift in 1998.



Nicole DiCorti on Lake Erie College School Horse Skye.

While in Wellington DiCorti was able to take lessons and observe medal and equitation classes along with World Equestrian Game qualifier classes. DiCorti lessoned with several professionals including Kim (Peters) Barone, a graduate from Lake Erie College and former winner of the Cacchione Cup, Ken Smith also a former Lake Erie College graduate, Stacia Madden and David Nations. (Wolterman)

“ This was a great educational opportunity to not only watch talented riders, but learn how every moment (and every footstep) on the horse counts. I am extremely grateful for the connections I have made and the skills I have learned over my weekend in Wellington.” - Nicole DiCorti



New Horse Spotlight

Wild Whim, a five year old registered thoroughbred mare was donated to Lake Erie College by Kentucky Equine Humane Rescue in December 2009. Whim is in foal to Western Expression and is joining both our breeding program and eventually our riding program as well. She is out of Wild Wonder



“George”

and Wealthia with some impressive names in her pedigree as well. Whim is due to foal around mid April, so look out for a cute new face in the barn!

Curious George is not a new horse by any means to the Lake Erie College Riding program, in fact he is now 25 years old and has been in the program since 1996. George is a Quarter Horse

that just will not quit, taking countless riders patiently around jump courses and being in more IHSA shows than any one of us. He has given something special to every student who has ever had the pleasure of meeting this fellow. We are sad to see him leave Lake Erie but pleased to say that he has found a wonderful home to retire with Sue Coen, former Dean of Equestrian Studies. (Wolterman)



“Whim”

New Faces in the Faculty

Karen Lenehan is a new adjunct faculty member in the equine department, she is currently teaching a Riding Skills III class as well as Intro to Hunters. Lenehan grew up riding western then got into hunt seat and fox hunting because of her friends. Later, Lenehan went to a private racetrack in Southern Pines, North Carolina where she worked breaking and breezing thoroughbreds. She then joined the DP Lenehan and Sons in North Carolina where she dealt exclusively with hunters and jumpers. Lenehan as well as many of her students have competed in numerous major shows and events through the years. Lenehan has won several zone championships at several different levels as well as a mini prix championship in the mid 90's.

Lenehan started Woodsway, a teaching and training business, on her own in 1997. Through Woodsway, she works out of different barns and teaches clinics and lessons from Ohio to West Virginia. Lenehan also has a son, Rory Lenehan, who is now a professional rider in Aiken, South Carolina with Daniel Gietner Stables. We are excited and honored to have Karen Lenehan teaching at Lake Erie College and becoming a part of our community. (Sullivan)

Employment Opportunities

- ◆ Brown Ledge Camp located in Colchester, Vermont is seeking an applicant for their horsemanship department. If you are interested please see Karen Davis for a full application to submit.