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Intercollegiate Team Success!

This semester at Lake Erie College, Intercollegiate teams have been creating success stories. Recently, members of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) team participated in the Regional IHSA competition at Scion Farm. Meagan Bento, Hillary Costa, Nicole, DiCorti, Ashley Downer, Courtney Ellenburg, Brittany Ferguson, Kendra Hurrell, Jessica Pacheco, Sam Tepley, and Alana Yourkevich showed in Flat and Over Fences classes, and Katie Hodakievich competed in Western events. Lake Erie's IHSA team doubled their number of qualifiers from last year. Team members moving onto Zones, to be held at the University of Findley, are Nicole DiCorti in Open Flat, Alana Yourkevich in Intermediate Flat, Meagan Bento in Novice Flat, Hillary Costa in Novice Fences, and Courtney Ellenburg in Adv. Walk-Trot-Canter. In addition, team member Hillary Costa won a Charles Owen helmet

due to her qualification to ride on the traveling team in the fall as a freshman, attending practices without fail, and qualifying for Regionals in two classes. On the Western IHSA team, Katie Hodakievich team garnered an impressive list of accomplishments. She qualified for Regionals in Western Horsemanship at the Intermediate level, and at the Western IHSA Semi-Finals held in Cazenovia, New York, on March 29-30, she won her class. Now, Katie moves onto the National competition in Burbank, California, May 8-11.

The Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) is also having great success this spring. Cumulative points have placed the team as the Reserve Champions of their region. Junior Ashley Watson earned 19 points this year with a 1st at the Albion College IDA show, and a 6th, 3rd, and 1st at two Lake Erie College IDA shows.

Her average score was a 64.36% at Low Training Level. Her cumulative points earned her the Champion spot in the Region, and she now moves onto the National competition in South Hadley, Massachusetts, hosted by Mount Holyoke College. Anna Boelter and Mandy Williams finished both as Reserve Champions at First Level and at Low Training Level, respectively.

The EQ Newsletter would like to congratulate each and every team and team member on their great success thus far this year, and only wishes it had the space to recognize each and every individual. Each team represents Lake Erie College well, and their hard work, dedication, and focus on excellence provided a winning foundation for this show season. Congratulations to all!

Calendar of Events:

- **4/4—4/6: LEC 40th Annual Jumper Prix de Villes**
- **4/10—4/13: Kentucky Field Trip w/Mary Pardee**
- **4/13: Jane Savoie Clinic**
- **4/18—4/20: LEC Dressage Prix de Villes**
- **4/25: Mane Event**

Lake Erie to Host 40th Annual Prix de Villes

The Lake Erie College equestrian program has much to celebrate this spring - the center is hosting the 40th annual Prix De Villes of North America, which will include a groundbreaking ceremony for the new learning facility.

This event begins and ends with two exciting international equestrian competitions that showcase the disciplines of show jumping and dressage. The Jumper Prix de Villes, to be held April 4-6, attracts top local and out-of-state-competitors who will vie for the top prize in individual and team show jumping events. This year's Jumper Prix de Villes will feature the area debut of a high-performance hunter derby, sponsored by Corrigan Trailer Sales.

The Dressage Prix de Villes, slated for April 18-20, features the grace and athleticism of individual and team dressage competitors. A dressage freestyle, sponsored by Western Reserve Farm Cooperative, has been added to this year's line-up.

In addition to celebrating the Prix de Villes 40th anniversary, the Lake Erie College equestrian program will be celebrating 50 years at Morley Farm. To commemorate these achievements, the College will be honoring legendary local horse people who have been instrumental in the ongoing success of the Prix de Villes. As part of a new tradition, Lake Erie College will be designating an equine-based beneficiary

to receive a portion of the funds raised from the Prix de Villes. This year, Fieldstone Farms Therapeutic Riding Center will be the beneficiary.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the EQ office at 440.375.8000 or sarpke@lec.edu.



Where Are They Now? Equestrian Alumni: *Marlynna Pellegrini*

Featured this month in our *Where Are They Now?* segment is Marlynna Pellegrini, class of 2001. Marlynna graduated from Lake Erie College with a Stud Farm Management focus, and set out into the breeding and dressage world with her own business, Pferd Stables, which has recently moved facilities and is now located in Kirtland, OH. Marlynna has studied with equine professionals from all over the country, and is currently working on achieving her USDF Silver Medal. She currently stands two stallions: Rachmaninov, a 2002 17.2 hand bay Holsteiner by the famous Riverman, was approved with the American Holsteiner Horse Association in 2006, and was the 2005 American Warmblood

Society's Stallion of the Year; Ravel, a 1989 16.1 hand dark bay Holsteiner by the great stallion Rantares, is approved with the American Warmblood Society as an Elite stallion, and has competed through Intermediate I. Marlynna states that her favorite horse of all time is Lake Erie's own Willie (Wellington), now retired. Marlynna's advise to all those considering an equine career is that all things are possible with motivation and drive but an equine education will take a person the furthest, and that each individual is responsible for their own success and can be the only one determining what can be taken away from each life lesson!



Marlynna and her Holsteiner stallion Ravel

Great Success for the Competition Dressage Class!



Andrea Galbraith and her Holsteiner mare Gogo Fatale

On March 14th through the 16th, Lake Erie College hosted the last Winter Series Dressage show of the school year, and several students made excellent showings. Representing the Competition Dressage class, varying in levels from Training through Second, were Andrea Galbraith, Darcy Bornemann, Annie Banaszak, Anna Boelter, Holly Bordeaux, and Natalie Wolfer, coached by new dressage professor Barb Soukup. Each and every rider had a stellar showing, and each placed highly in almost every single class entered. Holly Bordeaux and her young Paint mare Too Lagit To Quit (Willow) showed in Training Level Tests 1 and 2, and earned a 2nd place with a 62.6% and a 3rd with a 61.8%. Natalie Wolfer and her recently purchased KWPN gelding Asher showed First Level Test 1 and earned 4th place with a 61.0%, and also showed First Level Test 2, winning the class with a 65.5%. Anna Boelter and the school-owned gelding

Pushkin showed First Level Test 1 with a 3rd place and a fabulous 67.0%, and Second Level Test 1 with a 2nd place and a 58.4%. Darcy Bornemann and her wonderful Appaloosa/Thoroughbred cross gelding Joker showed First Level Test 4, earning 2nd place with a 62.4%, and won their Second Level Test 1 class with a 61.8%. Annie Banaszak and the newly acquired school horse Dolce Mio (Mio) placed 5th in their First Level Test 1 class with a 62.0, and won their Training Level Test 4 class with an impressive 68.8%. Andrea Galbraith and her young Holsteiner mare Gogo Fatale (Gogo) showed in Training Level Test 3 with a 65.2% (2nd), Training Level Test 4 with a 66.0% (4th), First Level Test 1 with a fantastic 69.6% (1st), and First Level Test 2 with a 63.8% (2nd). In addition, Andrea and Gogo won Reserve Champion for First Level, Gogo's first time out showing at that level. Congratulations to all riders for such a stellar showing, and wish them luck as they campaign towards the Prix de Villes!

School Horse Spotlight: *Dulce*



In our School Horse Spotlight this month, the EQ Newsletter features Sheza Bit Smashed, or Dulce, one of everyone's favorite school horses. Dulce is a 1997 bay tobiano registered Paint with a unique lightning bolt marking on one haunch. Before her donation in 2004, Dulce had started her career as a barrel racer, but had also been trained in hunters and dressage. Dulce is currently one of our best confidence building jumpers, and is often used in IHSA as well as IDA. She is easy to handle in the barn, and is very sweet and good-natured, making her one of the barn favorites here at LEC.

Support LEC at Schneiders

Schneiders Saddlery, an excellent tack store in Chagrin Falls, is a favorite place for students to shop for all things equine, especially signature Schneider's blankets. When shopping at Schneiders, remember to mention your affiliation with Lake Erie College. This aids in the customer tracking process, which in turn leads to potential donations to Lake Erie College equine events. Schneiders has always been an essential asset to Lake Erie activities, and their continued support is greatly valued by our staff and students. Most recently, Schneiders graciously donated a Pinnacle saddle as a prize for the new Prix de Villes Hunter Derby event. Visit www.sstack.com for more information!

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The Internship Experience: Andrea Galbraith, Iron Spring Farm

Each month, the EQ Newsletter focuses on highlights from our students' internship experiences around the world. This month we feature Andrea Galbraith, Class of 2008, who interned with Iron Spring Farm in the summer of 2006. Iron Spring Farm is an internationally acclaimed KWPN and Friesian breeding farm in Coatesville, PA, and currently stands 11 top stallions. Year after year, ISF produces Devon champions, USDF Breeders Championship champions, and Keurw champions of both breeds.

"In the summer of 2006, I interned with Iron Spring Farm in Coatesville, PA, and what a life-altering experience it was. I was terrified to work at such a huge and prestigious place- what did I know as an incoming intern compared to everyone there? It was a perfect set up; I had my own apartment included with the deal, but spent almost all of my time outdoors in the beautiful weather with the horses. The internship was also paid, which was helpful as I also had the opportunity to travel to places such as Gettysburg, Chincoteague Island for the annual Pony Pen-

ning, Atlantic City, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and many, many other places. My intern responsibilities included taking baby temps, giving meds, turning out horses, helping collect stallions, processing semen, assisting with vetwork, and helping out with foal watch. A typical day began with giving meds and taking temps of each baby (there were over 20), and then heading over to the lab to assist with collections. We shipped over 25 Equitainers almost every single day; Sir Sinclair, one of their upcoming stallions, had over 80 mares in his book. From there, we helped out with daily breeding vetwork, which included ultrasounds, palpations, and inseminations on the main farm and on three satellite farms also owned by ISF. There were over 120 horses on the 2000 acre property, not including client owned mares-it was hard to keep track of everybody! Afternoons consisted of turnouts, miscellaneous lab work such as checking 24 hour and 48 hour motilities, and caring for any sick or injured horses, and evenings consisted of some night feeds at 8PM, occasional foal watch, and many late nights with sick babies. I learned so much in my time there, and got to experience firsthand the myriad of things that come with owning an enormous property-I cared for a young horse with a

paralyzed suprascapular nerve, a colt with Salmonella, a filly who developed an allergy to her mother's milk and subsequently had to be orphaned and bucket-fed, a Friesian with kidney disease, a filly with a fractured skull, and so much more. I cannot believe the wealth of knowledge I had the chance and ability to learn. It was truly the chance of a lifetime, and the best summer I've had yet. I love checking up on my 'kids' from ISF-this year at Devon, one of our broodmares was Grand Champion for the third year in a row, and the 2007 Colt Champion and Filly Champion were both yearlings that I helped foal out in 2006. Many thanks to Dr. Giedt for helping me acquire this internship!"



Andrea, Dr. Giedt, Chantel Cray, and stallion Consul

New Herd Additions: Robert

In December of last year, Lake Erie College received an equine donation by the name of Robert, registered as "Jetting Robert." He is a 16 hand 19 year-old dark bay Thoroughbred, and before his donation competed and schooled in dressage, eventing, and jumpers. At the LEC February Hunter/Jumper show,

Robert and Tovah Abrams represented the Competition Stadium class in the Novice Jumper division, placing well in all of their classes. Robert is now being used in the upper-level jumper, dressage and eventing classes, and is a valuable new asset to our school barn program.



Rest In Peace, Van Gogh

It is with saddest regrets that the EQ Newsletter announces the passing of Van Gogh, one of the favorite school barn cats. A black cat of indefinite old age, Van Gogh was trademarked by his famous missing ear and wily character, and had been a barn cat at LEC for over 10 years. Rumored to have been found with a missing ear right after Halloween, former EQ Dean Sue Coen brought him to LEC from Wooster after a vet had found him and had been looking for a permanent home for him. Formerly wary of humans, over the years Van Gogh developed

a sweet nature, and was adored for his squeaky meow. In his old age, Van Gogh befriended the black and white stray Panda, and the two became inseparable, spending much time sleeping together in the hay. Van Gogh began to show his old age in early March, and quietly slipped away to be alone on March 13th. He will be sorely missed by everyone.



Comedy Central!

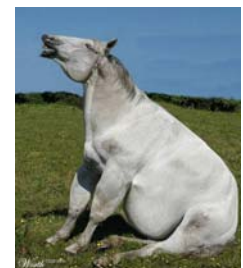


Murphy's Horse Laws:

There is no such thing as a sterile barn cat.
No one ever notices how you ride until you fall off.
The least useful horse in the barn will eat the most, require shoes every four weeks, and need the vet at least once a month.
A horse's misbehavior will be in

direct proportion to the number of people who are watching.
Your favorite tack always gets chewed on, and your new blanket gets torn.
Tack you hate will never wear out and blankets you hate cannot be destroyed.
Horses you hate cannot be sold and will outlive you.
Clipper blades will become dull when your horse is half clipped.

If you approach within fifty feet of the barn in clean clothes, you will get dirty.
The number of horses you own will increase in direct relation to the number of stalls in your barn.
Hoof picks always run away from home.
If you fall off, you will land on the site of your most recent injury.



Now, what did Dr. Giedt tell you about BCS?

Senior in Focus: Nicole Claire Redman

Nicole Redman is originally from Sacramento, California, where she has been riding hunters since the age of 9. As a freshman, she founded Lake Erie College Students Acting For the Environment (SAFE) and organized the College's first Earth Day celebration. She is also involved with Students in Free Enterprise and the Intercollegiate Dressage Association, where she rides at Low Training level. Last year, she spent a semester studying abroad in New Zealand, which she says "was absolutely the most amazing experience of my life." A combined Teacher/Trainer and Facility Management major with a General Busi-

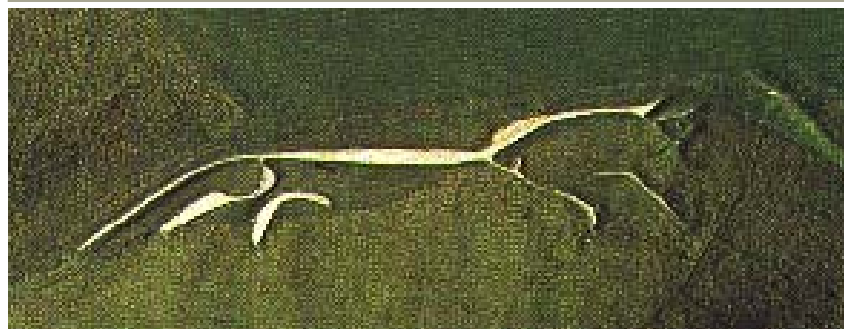
ness concentration, Nicole is currently juggling 21 credit-hours and part-time work in the LEC bookstore with her club and team commitments. This semester she is proud to be part of the Competition Stadium class, and is greatly looking forward to competing in the 40th Annual Jumper Prix de Villes with LEC-owned school horse Vertigo, also known as Sparty. After graduation, Nicole hopes to move back to New Zealand and become a hermit. Congratulations on your upcoming graduation, Nicole!



Nicole Redman and Joker competing at the November Winter Series Dressage Show

Naming Contest! Naming Contest!

The EQ Newsletter still needs a name! Send your submissions to agalbraith@lec.edu! Please e-mail all suggestions prior to *April 20, 2008*.



"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes."

Marcel Proust

Employment Central

Private VA Eventing Barn

Private upper level eventing barn looking for a Barn Manager/Groom. Daily care of horses, grooming at competitions (including 3-days), & riding duties. Will train right person, but basic skills in barn duties & some riding ability necessary. Must handle all aspects of barn & horse management, have cheerful personality & be willing to travel. Modern, easy to work in, 8 stall facility in Northern VA. Winters at our private farm in Ocala, FL. Benefits: salary, beautiful furnished apt, utilities. Non-smoker. No pets/horses.

Please email or call 352-369-3485 if interested.

H/I Barn, NY

Hunter/jumper show barn based out of East Aurora, NY seeks show groom. 20-25 horses, a mixture of A/O and junior hunters as well as Grand Prix, A/O and adult jumpers. We spend November through April in Wellington, Florida. We do about 6-8 weeks of showing during the summer and fall. Housing, health insurance and 401k are offered with the position.

Contact Kristin Mauks at 561-762-1962, or kmauks@yahoo.com.

Deer Valley YMCA Camp

Seeking Horse Barn Director and a Horse Barn Assistant Director for the summer camping season. Should be familiar with general equine health as well as care, maintenance, and management of 11-horse barn. First week in June through mid-August and has the possibility to be increased in length for the right person. Room and board provided to both candidates. Pay determined by experience.

Contact Chris Kaminski at ckaminski@ymcapgh.org or 1-800-YMCA-FUN x 15.

Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc

Seeking intern for immersion in MD horse rescue operation. Interns work with 50-70 rescue and rehabilitation equine cases, learning to rescue equine abuse, rehabilitate horses, and learn general equine care. Internship is residential, and interns receive weekly stipend of \$75. Must be 18 or older.

Contact 301.854.5037, Brittney@defhr.org, or see www.defhr.org.

Calvary Camp

Residential camp in Conneaut, OH seeks students for summer counselor, children ages 8-16, teaching basic horseback riding, trail rides, pony rides. Room and board included.

Contact PJ Williamson at 440.563.4381, or see website at www.calvarycamp.org.

Top Notch Farm

Seeking summer intern. Duties include working with some of owner's horses, cleaning stalls once a week might also be necessary. Learning about keeping the books of a facility and some teaching is also an option.

Contact Debbie Pizzino at 440.729.5241.