



VANDERBILT EQUESTRIAN TEAM NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE TEAM!

Greetings to all our family and friends! We hope this newsletter finds everyone well in the Holiday season. We had a very good response from the first newsletter, so decided to continue and publish a second. We have had numerous events since the last newsletter, including horseshows and group fundraisers. Also you will find the team history, our team statistics compared to the other schools in the region along with other articles that our executive board members have written. We hope you all enjoy!



THE HISTORY OF THE VANDERBILT EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Founded in the 1980s as a club sport, VET did not become competitive in the IHSA until 1999 under the leadership of Maggie Bagwell ('01). At its debut, VET earned the honor of high-point team for the weekend of showing, much to the dismay of regional powerhouses like MSU and MTSU. During its stunning first year of competition, VET found itself invited to the University of South Carolina's NCAA Invitational Tournament, where members competed against varsity teams from all over the country. After several riders qualified for regional and zones, Brittany Harrison ('01) gave VET its first win at Nationals in Intermediate Fences.



Brittany Harrison ('00)

The following season, Mawghan McCabe ('03) took the same honor of a 1st place win at Nationals in Intermediate Fences. Julie Neumann ('03) rounded out the 2001-2002 season with a well-earned 9th place finish in the Cacchione Cup competition.

VET took the honor of high-point team at several shows in the 2004-2005 season, including Maryville, Sewanee, and MTSU's show co-hosted with VET. Several riders qualified for and competed in Regionals, and two (Mawghan McCabe and Kristen Heck) went on to Zones. Mawghan McCabe ('03) topped off the year with yet another qualification for Nationals, both on the flat and over fences in the Alumni division.

As VET looked to the 2005-2006 season, summer gave members time to focus on their riding and offered an opportunity for fundraising in hopes of furthering the team's bid for varsity status. We began this season strong, and so far are in second place in the region. As riders graduate and pass on the legacy of hard work and discipline that VET's founders began with in the 1980s, the Vanderbilt Equestrian Team continues to retain a high position in regional standings, attracting new members each season.

FALL HORSE SHOWS

THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, NC DEC 3RD, 2005

Vanderbilt Equestrian was invited to the prestigious Tournament of Champions this winter along with twenty-eight of the top teams from the country. This show usually features many of the same riders who will advance to Nationals on the flat or over fences. Vanderbilt fielded a team of seven riders including



Emilie Carroll ('07)

sophomore Meaghan Patten, freshman Megan Hines, junior Emily Burrows, senior Lindsay Avocato, sophomore Julia Barlett, sophomore Zoe Bibb as well as alumni coach Mawghan McCabe. Riders were selected based on highest points earned this season. All riders rode as well as they always do and did not let the stiff competition get to them.

Senior Lindsay Avocato from Texas won her over fences class qualifying her for the Championship class where she competed against all the first place winners of the Open and Intermediate level classes. She placed fourth in this class of the "best of the best" riders making us very proud. Zoe Bibb of New York went on to place fourth in the open jumping division out of a

field of fourteen of the top riders in the country. Later in the day, Meaghan Patten of Indiana placed sixth in her walk trot division and Emily Burrows of Alabama placed sixth in her novice flat division. All riders rode wonderfully proving Vanderbilt to be one of the most competitive teams in the country. The day ended with Mawghan McCabe placing fourth in the Alumni Medal class. Special thanks to the Patten Family for lending their van to the team for the weekend, it turned out to be very valuable.

MARYVILLE COLLEGE HORSESHOW

OCTOBER 22-23RD, 2005

The Maryville College Horse Show over our fall break was a huge success. On the first day every one rode incredibly well, either winning or placing top 5 in their class. We were able to break our record of points for one day, with 40 total points. We were the Overall High Point Team on Saturday. On top of that, Open rider Emilie Carroll, who won both her classes, was the Overall High Point Rider for the day. The second day wasn't quite as successful, although everyone rode well; every team saw their competition and stepped it up on Sunday, making it hard for us to really shine. Overall, it was a great weekend that proved that we are a team to be reckoned with.

Upcoming Shows:

February 25-26
MTSU / Vanderbilt
Horse Show

March 4-5
Murray State Horse
Show

March 25
Regionals at Sewanee

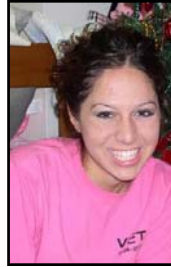
May 4-7
Nationals
Harrisburg, PA



SPOTLIGHT ON THE BOARD



Catherine Domanska is a senior from Philadelphia. She coordinates Vanderbilt's annual spring show co-hosted with MTSU as the VET Show Chair. In addition, Cat organizes away shows to Maryville, Sewanee, and Murray. Cat has been riding Hunter Jumpers for fifteen years, but she also exercised racehorses this summer. She rides in IHSA's Intermediate division for both flat and fences. Rebound is her favorite horse at Hunters Court.



Yasmin Maqsood, VET's Social and Scheduling Chair plans team social events such as dinners, game nights, and movie nights. She also organizes lesson schedules at the start of every semester. Yasmin is a junior from Plano, Texas. She has been riding Hunter Jumpers, Dressage, and Western for eleven years, competing in the Novice division for the IHSA. Her favorite horse at Hunters Court is Tom.



Haylie Gomez is co-chair of VET fundraising. In addition, Haylie Co-Chairs Membership Education, as she helped to put together the first team educational retreat to orient new members. Haylie is a senior from Arlington, Texas. She has been riding for eighteen years, beginning with western, and then learning Hunter Jumpers. She rides in the Advanced Walk, Trot, Canter division of IHSA. Her favorite horse at Hunters Court is Lance.



Elizabeth Rohr, a sophomore from Easton, Connecticut, is the Vanderbilt Equestrian Team's Finance Chair. She is responsible for the collecting dues and donations, preparing the yearly budget, and tracking expenditures for shows, lessons, and team activities. Liz has been riding Hunter Jumpers for thirteen years, and she competes in Novice Fences and Intermediate Flat for the IHSA. Her favorite horse at Hunters Court is Tina.



Emilie Carroll, a junior from Winnetka, Illinois, has been riding Hunter Jumpers for thirteen years. She is in the Open flat and fences division of the IHSA. Emilie is Co-Chair of Fundraising for the team. She created the Newsletter and is currently the Editor-In-Chief. She also organized the magazine drive, through which the team raised \$2000. Emilie's favorite horse at Hunters Court is Canada.



Kristen Heck is Co-Chair of New Member Education, and she performs the duties of the Secretary Chair, taking board-meeting minutes and making sure everyone is up-to-date on team goings on. Kristen, a sophomore, is from Marietta, Georgia. She has been riding Hunter Jumpers for nine years, and she now rides Novice Fences and Intermediate Flat at IHSA competitions. Her favorite horse at Hunters Court is Wilson.



Alexandra Moses is a junior from New York City. She will be studying abroad in London next semester, but will back in time to compete in Regionals. She has been riding Hunter Jumpers for sixteen years, and she rides for the Open Flat and Novice Fences division in IHSA. Alexandra is in charge of PR and apparel, designing team T-shirts. Her favorite horse at Hunters Court is Elway.



Mawghan McCabe, originally from Southhampton, NY, is the Director. She graduated from Vanderbilt in 2003 and currently lives and works in Nashville. She has been riding for twenty years and currently shows in the Alumni Division. While in her undergraduate studies, she competed abroad in the International Intercollegiate Association Nation's Cup. She also won the Intermediate Division at Nationals in 2001. She now enjoys foxhunting regularly with the Hillsboro Hounds. Her favorite horse at Hunter's Court is Cassius.

WE PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING!



This past month, we have really been working hard on our fundraising. Since we are incredibly low on funds for next semester, we decided to do a team fundraiser of selling magazines through an outside company. We were able to sell 101 subscriptions and able to make close to \$2000! Thank you to all of you who supported our team and bought subscriptions. Without your help, we wouldn't have been able to reach our goal. Another fundraiser we are in the midst of is our t-shirt sale. Each member is required to sell 5 shirts, and so far we have been very successful in our sales. The design is our classic "We only ride the best" on the back with our logo on the front. Thanks again to everyone who has supported us through our fundraising endeavors!

We would like to extend a special "thank-you" to those who donated through our last newsletter. We raised a total of \$1670!! Donors include Charlene Avocato, Tom Brandt, Martha Braun, Mary Burrows, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll, Fleda Espy Gillard, Marshall Nelson, Dallas Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Nelson, Lisa Hale, Blanche McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rohr.

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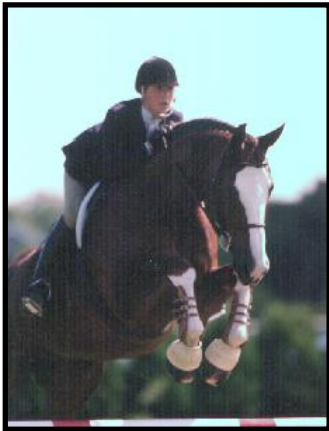
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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Vanderbilt contributes approximately \$7,500 to the team for the year. This only covers 1/3 of our expenses. Currently we need to raise \$10,000 to continue our two lessons a week as we strive for High Point Team, which would qualify us for Zones and potentially for Nationals. We are only twenty points away from the goal. Please help us achieve our monetary goal. We greatly appreciate any contribution you can make. Thank you for your generosity:



Mawghan McCabe ('03)

- ___ \$150 - One month of lessons for one rider
- ___ \$300 - Team banquet
- ___ \$500 - Horse show prizes
- ___ \$750 - Expenses for the Vanderbilt/MTSU spring show
- ___ \$2,000 - Team show entry fees
- ___ \$10,000 – **GOAL AMOUNT**
- Other: \$_____

Please make checks payable to "Vanderbilt Equestrian Team" and send them to our business manager, Liz Rohr, 2301 Vanderbilt Place VU Station B #351231 Nashville, TN 37235. Please remember to include your name, address, and email address.

Thank you so much for your support of the Vanderbilt Equestrian Team. If you'd like your contribution to be tax deductible, you can make your check out to "Vanderbilt University" and write "Equestrian Team" in the subject line.



If you have any questions or if you would like to receive our newsletter, feel free to contact our Director, Mawghan McCabe, mmccabe@eakinpartners.com (615) 566-3282.

For More Info on the Team:

Our Website

www.vanderbilt.edu/CampusRecreation/clubs/Equestrian.html

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

05-'06 Hunter Seat Team Points

	Maryville	Maryville	Sewanee	Sewanee	Maryville	Maryville	TOTAL
1. Maryville College	29	34	37	26	27	28	181
1T. University of the South	25	31	24	31	28	42	181
2. Vanderbilt University	33	23	18	30	40	17	161
3. Murray State	20	27	32	19	30	23	151
4. University of Tennessee	19	23	22	23	27	23	137
5. MTSU	19	25	15	11	29	38	137
6. Univ. of Tenn.-Martin	4	8	11	9	12	11	55
5. Mississippi State	DNS	DNS	9	21	13	9	52
6. Tennessee Tech	6	3	3	4	9	5	30
7. Rhodes College	DNS	DNS	6	9	DNS	DNS	15

We are very proud, so far, to have three girls going to Regionals this spring! Julia Bartlett is new to the team this year and has proven to be a very strong open rider, especially on the flat where she has won almost every class. Liz Rohr has been on the team for two years and qualified for regionals on the flat at the Sewanee show in October; although she is having knee surgery in January she will be back in shape and ready to win by Regionals! Alexandra Moses has been on the team for three years and has progressed from novice to open on the flat, qualifying for intermediate flat on our first day of showing! Good luck to all of our Regionals competitors! We have other riders who are very close to qualifying and four show days left this spring – we will be well represented at Regionals and hopefully at Zones and Nationals in Pennsylvania! GO VANDY!

FLAT RIDERS POINTS

Brandt, Lander	Walk/Trot	17
Hunt, Kathryn	Walk/Trot	2
Patten, Meghan	Walk/Trot	31
Gillard, Amy Lee	Beg. WTC	24
Gomez, Haylie	Adv. WTC	4
Hines, Megan	Adv. WTC	20
Hoyt, Amanda	Adv. WTC	31
Mouser, Megan	Adv. WTC	0
Nelson, Alli	Adv. WTC	1
Maqsood, Yasmin	Novice	13
Moses, Alexandra	Intermediate	39
Snow, Corinne	Open	2

OVER FENCES / FLAT RIDERS POINTS

Burrows, Emily	Novice	23 / 7
Dornfeld, Lauren	Novice	15 / 4
Heck, Kristen	Intermediate/Novice	28 / 25
Rohr, Liz	Novice	41 / 17
Avocato, Lindsay	Intermediate	16 / 19
Domanska, Cat	Intermediate	22 / 25
Bartlett, Julia	Open	33 / 10
Bibb, Zoe	Open	25 / 18
Carroll, Emilie	Open	18 / 17
Jones, Caroline	Open	20 / 8

To Stay Updated on Points Visit:

www.campusequestrian.com/zone/5zone/5z1r/5z1r.index.html

