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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

2009-10 JACKRABBIT EQUESTRIAN
Megan McGee

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Megan (pronounced MEE-gan) McGee returns for her fifth year guiding the South Dakota State University Equestrian Team. The only head coach in the five-year history of the program, McGee brings a wealth of horsemanship and collegiate coaching experience. After being named the first equestrian coach at South Dakota State on Aug. 31, 2004, she began working to assemble a roster of student-athletes capable of qualifying both individually and as a team for postseason competition.

During the 2006-07 season, the Jackrabbit Western team qualified for the Varsity Equestrian National Championships. In addition, seven Western riders qualified individually for IHSA regional competition, with two advancing to the National Western Semi-Finals. On the English side, a pair of McGee-coached riders competed at the IHSA Zone Championships, with one advancing to the IHSA National Finals.

Under McGee’s guidance, 11 Jackrabbit riders qualified for regional competition during the 2007-08 season, three of which advanced to nationals. In addition to the honors earned in the ring, 21 SDSU competitors earned academic accolades on the Equestrian Coaches’ Honor Roll, as the Jackrabbits posted the second highest grade-point average among all Varsity Equestrian programs.

Following the 2008-09 regular season, SDSU sent 21 riders to postseason competition, four at the IHSA Western National semi-finals and three English riders at the IHSA National Finals in Murfreesboro, Tenn. SDSU’s Western team qualified and participated at the Varsity National Equestrian Championships, placing 12th in the team competition.

Before taking over the program at South Dakota State, McGee developed Fresno State into a successful collegiate equestrian program, only the third program in the US to declare Equestrian as a NCAA varsity sport, then guiding the Bulldogs for seven seasons as head coach. In those seven seasons, McGee led the Bulldog equestrian team to seven straight Inter-collegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Na-
Joe Humphrey brought national championship experience to the South Dakota State equestrian program and continues to build the Jackrabbits into a national contender in the Western events.

A Kevil, Ky., native, Humphrey guided the 2008-09 SDSU Western team to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Waco, Texas. One of just 12 teams to earn an invitation to the event, the Jackrabbits eventually fell to the reserve national champion Texas Christian University.

In addition to the Varsity Equestrian Championships, 10 Humphrey coached Western riders qualified for the International Horse Show Regional show in River Falls, Wis., three of which advanced to the IHSA Western Semi Finals in Findlay, Ohio.

The success continued into the summer, when Helen Lauth earned a selection to compete at the National Reining Horse Association Derby in the Collegiate Championship class in Oklahoma City, Okla., where she finished eighth overall.

Under Humphrey’s leadership, the Western squad put together a solid season in 2007-08, sending eight riders to postseason competition, two of which advanced to the IHSA Western Semi Final, including Abby Knobbe, who won the open reining horsemanship class.

The two semi-final riders then qualified for the IHSA National Championship Show held at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center, one of which earned a selection to compete at the Varsity Equestrian Championships in reining.

During the 2006-07 season the Jackrabbit Western team garnered a selection to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships for the first time in school history, and seven Humphrey-coached riders qualified individually for IHSA Regional competition, with two riders advancing to Western Semi Finals competition hosted by Cal-Poly, Pomona.

Prior to joining the Jackrabbits for their inaugural campaign during the 2005-06 season, Humphrey served as assistant coach in charge of the Western discipline at South Carolina for three seasons. The Gamecocks finished fifth in the Western standings at the 2005 Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Santa Fe, N.M., and then added a first-place finish in the Hunt Seat standings to win the overall national championship.

Before his days at South Carolina, Humphrey served as graduate assistant coach of the Western Kentucky University equestrian club team in Bowling Green, Ky, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in animal science in 2000 and a master’s degree in agriculture in 2002.

As a member of the Western Kentucky equestrian team, Humphrey won the American Quarter Horse Association open reining class at the 1999 IHSA Nationals in Cazensonia, N.Y., and earned Reserve National Champion in open reining in 1997 and open western horsemanship in 1996 at the IHSA level.

In addition to his riding skills, Humphrey also judged on the winning team in the junior division of the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Judging contest in 1995, placing ninth individually.

A member of the Varsity Steering Committee for equestrian since 2001, Humphrey served on the competition committee from 2002-08 and the championship selection committee from 2007-08. He began serving on the Promotions committee in 2008 and continues to serve as the chairman for the 2009-10 season. In addition to all of the committees, Humphrey works with the new school task force.

Before Humphrey started his coaching career, he managed the West Kentucky Exposition Center in Murray, Ky., for one year. He plays an active role of numerous equine-related organizations and also judges and announces horse shows of all levels.

**HOMETOWN**
Kevil, Ky.

**EDUCATION**
B.S. Animal Science – Western Kentucky, 2000
M.S. Agriculture – Western Kentucky, 2002

**COACHING CAREER**
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH – SOUTH DAKOTA STATE, 2008-PRESENT
ASSISTANT COACH – SOUTH DAKOTA STATE, 2005-08
ASSISTANT COACH – SOUTH CAROLINA, 2001-05
Laura Hoff
Student Assistant Coach

Monticello, Minn., native Laura Hoff makes the transition from student-athlete to student assistant coach for the 2009-10 season as she finishes her degree in animal science at SDSU. A four-year letterwinner with the Jackrabbits, Hoff won two events during her senior year in equitation over fences and brought home a pair of second place finishes in equitation on the flat, including a regional qualifying mark in a show at Wisconsin.

As a junior in 2007-08, Hoff advanced to the Zone 9 English Championships, placing third in novice equitation over fences and claimed an IHSA regional title in novice equitation over fences. Hoff honed her riding skills during her freshman and sophomore seasons at SDSU competing in different events at different shows throughout the country. She also excelled in the classroom, earning Equestrian Coaches’ Honor Roll honors for academic excellence during her freshman year.

Before joining the Jackrabbit equestrian team in 2005, Hoff placed third in her division at the Junior Young Rider Region Four Team Championships and participated in the Central States Dressage and Eventing Association Championships. She also participated in several Arabian horse shows, including Sahara Sands, Great Arabian Get Together, Double the Fun and Northern Lights Dressage show.

More than just a rider, Hoff also participated in marching band, cross country and track at Monticello High School, where she earned a North Suburban academic all-conference selection in track in 2005.

Owen Stanley
Head Athletic Trainer

Owen Stanley brought a wealth of professional collegiate experience with him when he joined the South Dakota State staff in July 2009, where he oversees an athletic training staff that includes five assistant trainers and five graduate assistants. A native of Macungie, Pa., Stanley earned a bachelor’s degree in athletic training from West Chester University (Pa.) in 2002. He went on to earn a master’s degree in kinesiology and health promotion at the University of Kentucky in 2005, while serving as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the Wildcats’ football and baseball teams.

Upon graduating from Kentucky, Stanley joined the athletic training staff at the University of Northern Iowa in 2005, working as the assistant director of athletic training and head football athletic trainer. In 2007, Stanley accepted the position of assistant athletic trainer for the National Football League’s Kansas City Chiefs, where he worked until joining the Jackrabbits.

Stanley’s other professional experience includes internships with the NFL’s New York Jets and the Philadelphia Wings of the Professional Indoor Lacrosse league. In addition to his athletic training experience, Stanley gave presentations at the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Annual Meeting and the Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association Symposium. He also chaired the Young Professionals Committee of the Missouri Athletic Trainers Association and served as an E-Mentor for NATA.

Martin Hanson
Barn Manager

Martin Hanson returns for his third year as the SDSU equestrian barn manager, where manages the day-to-day operations of the Nathelle and Lawrence DeHaan Equestrian Center and the 150 acres of land it sits on, as well as the care and welfare of South Dakota State’s stable of more than 40 horses.

In addition to his daily duties, Hanson maintains and supervises a staff of 10-15 student employees and aids in the design and implementation of capital improvements for the facility. Born and raised in Elk Point, S.D., Hanson graduated from South Dakota State University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science.

Later that same year, Hanson went to work for the United States Department of Agriculture in Bellingham, Wash., primarily with the Veterinary Services, specializing in disease education and surveillance. While working with the USDA, Hanson assisted U.S. Customs and Border Protection with import/export inspections of animals and equipment crossing the border from Canada.

While working on the U.S./Canadian border, Hanson trained with the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security for emergency agricultural terrorism response and preparedness, he also trained and worked with the Department of the Interior as an inspector for the Bureau of Land Management, Wild Horse and Burro Program.

Hanson returned home to South Dakota in 2006 to work as a veterinary assistant at the Dakota Large Animal Clinic in Harrisburg, S.D., before joining the SDSU staff full time in January 2008.

Nathan Moe
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach

Nathan Moe joined the Jackrabbit coaching staff as head strength and conditioning coach in August 2005, after heading the strength and conditioning program at Eastern Illinois University for three years.

Before EIU, Moe worked as the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Rice University in Houston, Texas, where he worked with the football program, while being directly responsible for at least five other sports, something he also does at SDSU.

From 1997 through the spring of 1999, Moe worked as a graduate assistant in the strength and conditioning program at the University of Texas in Austin.

A certified strength and conditioning specialist, Moe is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, USA Weightlifting and the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

Moe graduated from Moorhead State University (Minn.) in 1997, where he earned all-conference honors as a linebacker for the 1995 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference champion Dragons.

Moe and his wife Colleen have one son, Zachary, and one daughter Kylie.
A 1969 graduate of South Dakota State, Dr. David Chicoine took over as the 19th President in SDSU history on January 1, 2007.

Prior to his return to SDSU, the Elk Point native served as the vice president for technology and economic development at the University of Illinois.

In addition to his agribusiness degree from SDSU, Chicoine holds master’s degrees in economics from Western Illinois University and in agriculture economics from the University of Delaware. He earned his Ph.D. in agriculture economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

An accomplished applied economics scholar, Chicoine earned recognition and numerous awards in writing more than 100 scholarly publications. He also sat on the board of trustees for the Chicago-based Farm Foundation and served as a trustee of Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois. He also served on the board of the John Warner Bank in Clinton, Illinois, and as a board member of the Champaign County Community Foundation.

Chicoine’s father, Roland, who served 18 years in the South Dakota Legislature, attended SDSU prior to World War II. All seven of Chicoine’s siblings also attended SDSU. In 1986, South Dakota State honored the Roland and Evelyn Chicoine family by naming them the SDSU Family of the Year.

Justin Sell became the 12th director of athletics at South Dakota State on May 29, 2009, taking over for Dr. Fred Oien, who retired on April 8, 2009 after 18 years.

Sell joined the Jackrabbits after 10 years at the University of Northern Iowa, most recently as the senior associate athletic director for the Panthers.

Responsible for community relations in the areas of economic development, tourism and the Chamber of Commerce, Sell played a vital role in community engagement for UNI athletics. As president and co-founder of the Cedar Valley Sports and Entertainment Commission, he designed, implemented and managed a fundraising plan that raised more than $260,000 to bid and attract statewide, regional and national level events to the area.

Sell came to UNI in May 1999 as the operations manager for athletic facilities before earning a promotion to assistant athletic director for operations in 2000.

He worked his way up to associate athletic director in 2002, where he began sport management of nine sports and direct oversight of more than 100 employees.

Prior to UNI, Sell worked as the director of ticket operations and assistant facility director and intramural director at Villanova from 1995-99, where he oversaw facility capital projects.

Before arriving at Villanova, he worked at Syracuse University and Ohio State.

Sell graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1991, earning a degree in Sport Management. He received his master’s in Sport Administration in 1992 from Ohio State, where he worked as a graduate assistant for facilities, summer camps and compliance.

Sell and his wife, Jennie, live in Brookings with their four children; Abbie, Zach, Josh and Eric.

Dr. Mylo Hellickson, a 1964 graduate of the University of North Dakota, started at SDSU in 1977 as the faculty representative to the NCAA and the North Central Conference. He has served in that role ever since.

He was named interim Athletic Director in January of 2009, and was officially named Athletic Director on May 29, 2009.

Prior to his time at SDSU, Hellickson spent 18 years at North Dakota State University as a professor of agricultural engineering. He also spent three years at North Dakota State University as a professor of agricultural economics.

Hellickson earned his bachelor’s degree in agricultural engineering from North Dakota State University in 1964, and his master’s degree in agricultural engineering from North Dakota State University in 1966. He also earned his Ph.D. in engineering from the University of Virginia in 1969.

During his time at SDSU, Hellickson has served as the faculty representative to the NCAA and the North Central Conference. He has also served as the faculty representative for the US Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee.

Hellickson has also been involved in the community, serving as a board member for the Chamber of Commerce and the United Way.

He is the father of four children and has two grandchildren.
The 2009-10 South Dakota State equestrian team features a good mix of youth and experience as it welcomes back 11 juniors and 10 seniors, as well as a solid group of underclassmen.

On the English side, juniors Ashley Marrin and Molly Ryan, lead the group of returners. Marrin won the intermediate equitation on the flat championship at the IHSA Zone Finals last season to qualify for the National Finals at Murfreesboro, Tenn., where she placed fourth in her division.

Ryan won the intermediate equitation over fences competition at the IHSA Regional Finals in late February, then earned reserve champion honors in the same division at the Zone Finals, and later adding an eighth-place finish in an extremely competitive division at the National Finals.

Senior Melissa Zajac won the reserve champion title at the Zone Finals in the open equitation on the flat competition. Zajac then placed 11th in the same division at the IHSA National Finals and returns to compete in both the IHSA and varsity format competitions for her final year of eligibility.

“Having a larger group of veterans return each year after facing competition at the National Finals brings another dimension of experience to our team,” said fifth-year head coach Megan McGee.

“Student-athletes who faced the excitement and added pressure of competing under a national spotlight can share their experience with younger team members and give our program the added boost of confidence to bring an even larger squad to that same level of national competition for next season.”

McGee expects to see senior Kristen Carlson complete her final year of eligibility as a competitive Western rider. Carlson qualified for regional finals in both Western and English events in 2009, just missing the cut in both divisions for the Zone Championship.

“In addition to competing on the Jackrabbit equestrian team, MEGAN SHIFERL serves as an at-large member in the SDSU student senate. “Kristen brings a quiet dedication to the team that serves as a great model for younger team members to follow,” said McGee.

Megan Schiferl’s busy freshman season included both English and Western events. She finished the season in good shape with her first performance in varsity competition in equitation over fences. Schiferl can expect to see the championship arena this season, as she stands to qualify early in fall for both English events in the IHSA novice divisions.

McGee says that Schiferl is “a go-getter” and should stay busy on campus as well, serving as an at-large member of the SDSU Student Senate.

Sophomore Angie Noyes should be another English rider to qualify early in the season from her IHSA division.

“The breadth of experience these riders brought with them to SDSU can be quite varied, with experience from their own horses, their local 4-H groups, and showing on the open circuit,” McGee said. “It’s gratifying to see their success in collegiate competitions, based on their effort, adaptability and sometimes sheer determination.”

The Jackrabbit Western team competed at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships last year in Waco, Texas, for the second time in three years. SDSU, along with 11 other Division I schools, competed at this event, where the Jacks lost to South Carolina in the first round. Angela Gebhart, Abby Knobbe, Helen Lauth and Lydia Placzek comprised the reining team, with Jordanne Blair, Ashlie Centa, Kaylee Mundwiler, and Placzek making up the horsemanship side. Centa represented the lone Jackrabbit to win a head-to-head matchup, while Mundwiler’s match ended in a tie.

Mundwiler returns to the squad as a senior in 2009-10 along with fellow senior Western riders Carlson, Jessica Carr and Trisha Smeenk.

“Kaylee Mundwiler competed for us in the Varsity events since her freshman year and always performs well for us,” said associate head coach Joe Humphrey. “She worked through some illness issues her sophomore year that kept her from seeing a lot of action, but came back very strong last year, finishing 5-3 with an MVP award in a varsity event.”

Humphrey also sees the potential for the other three senior Western riders to share their knowledge and lead the Western side.

“Trisha Smeenk barely missed qualifying for the postseason again in IHSA competition, so she should accomplish that early on this fall. Injuries forced Jessica to miss most of last season, but along with Kristen, who competes solely in Western events, they bring quite a bit of experience to the Western side.”

Juniors Lydia Placzek, Angie Gebhart and sophomore Helen Lauth all return with plenty of experience and success on the reining side, while Maggie Holzworth and Brita Barta should compete in horsemanship. Lauth placed eighth in her class at the National Reining Horse Association Collegiate Reining Championships over the summer.

The experience they bring to the team benefits our entire program for many years and I feel confident that our veterans are prepared to lead the way, while these recruits have the opportunity to develop into nationally competitive student-athletes at the Division I level.”

Unlike most sports at SDSU, equestrian student-athletes rarely compete at the high school level, but McGee sees that as a chance for the riders to challenge themselves.

“Many top equestrian athletes rarely have the opportunity to participate in varsity sports programs in high school, so adapting to the collegiate environment takes a bit of time, but these riders are more than up to the challenge. These groups of young women are great additions to our program and to SDSU.”
VISION, MISSION AND VALUES OF THE SDSU ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Every undertaking of South Dakota State University is driven by a common force — a relentless commitment to excellence. The Athletic Department measures excellence by much more than wins and losses. We commit ourselves to providing each and every student-athlete with a comprehensive collegiate experience that ranks second to none. Every decision that guides our program is made with the student-athlete in mind. Is athletic achievement important? Yes, because it’s the fundamental purpose of the student-athlete experience. Is Social Responsibility a vital component? Yes, we expect to contribute to the well-being of our campus, community and state. How about Positive Student-Athlete Experiences and Competitive Success? Those also define our program as an integral component to the student athlete’s growth. That is what student-centered means, and why our vision is:

VISION: To be a premier student-centered collegiate athletic program.

How will SDSU Athletics achieve that vision? By working tirelessly to create a special place where student-athletes who share our drive and determination can develop life skills that lead not only to athletic success, but pave the way for victories long into their lives. The important work of creating that setting is the heart of our mission:

MISSION: To passionately and relentlessly create an environment, rooted in sportsmanship and ethical conduct, where motivated student-athletes can develop into lifelong champions.

To become a lifelong champion, one must maintain a discipline of taking the highest road. Similarly, SDSU is guided by a stringent value set that will not be compromised:

VALUES: Honesty, equity, academic integrity, fiscal integrity and social responsibility with the expectation of competing at the highest level.
Britta Barta
Jr., Western
Glyndon, Minn.
Oak Grove Lutheran High School
Major: Early Childhood Education

2008-09: Finished second in novice horsemanship at the IHSA regional in River Falls, Wis. to advance to the IHSA Western Semifinals (2/28) ... member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) ... also a coach for the Minnesota Special Olympics equestrian team

2007-08: Britta got a taste of collegiate competition during her freshman season, competing in two IHSA events during the fall season ... made collegiate debut at multi-team meet hosted by Nebraska, claiming a section title in novice horsemanship and third-place finish in open horsemanship ... won a section title and added a runner-up finish in novice horsemanship during two-day competition hosted by North Dakota State in November

Before SDSU: Britta won multiple Clay County 4-H Horse Show individual and all-around Grand and Reserve Champion titles ... at the Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show, was Showmanship and Horsemanship Champion ... North Dakota Novice All-Around Champion and Reserve Champion ... member of the North Dakota Quarter Horse Youth Association ... lettered in basketball three times at Oak Grove Lutheran High School in Fargo, N.D.

Jana Basler
Fr., Western
Chester, S.D.
Chester Area High School
Major: Undecided

Before SDSU: Before SDSU: 2008 South Dakota Quarter HorseYouth Association high-point winner in Western Pleasure ... 2008 Palomino Horse Breeders Association Youth World Championship in Western Pleasure ... finished in the top-10 at the 2007 Reichert Celebration in Tulsa, Okla. ... 2007 Region 2 American Quarter Horse Association Experience Champion in Novice/Youth Western Pleasure ... top-five finish at the 2007 Palomino Horse Breeders Association Youth World Show ... also earned four varsity letters and qualified for the state meet in track and cross country at Chester Area High School

Hillery Baysinger
Fr., Western
Rapid City, S.D.
Stevens High School
Major: Animal Science

Before SDSU: Senior Trail Reserve Champion at the State Horse Show ... Three-year member of the National Honor Society ... Four-year honor roll student ... earned Student of Achievement honors at Stevens High School in 2009

Leah Bohlander
So., Western
Britton, S.D.
Britton-Hecla High School
Major: Journalism

2008-09: Earned a second and a third place finish in Novice Horsemanship at NDSU ... added another fifth place finish at UW-River Falls

2007-08: Competed in various Western shows throughout the season

Before SDSU: Made numerous finals appearances in Western Showmanship at state 4-H shows ... earned grand champion honors once and reserve champion honors twice in Western Pleasure Driving ... class salutatorian at Britton-Hecla High School

Jenna Boscardin
Fr., English
North Kingstown, R.I.
North Kingstown High School
Major: English

Before SDSU: Qualified for medal finals in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and throughout New England from 2005-08 ... finished third in Rhode Island Equitation Finals Horsemanship in 2008 ... earned Chef d’Equi honors at the New England Equitation Finals in 2008 ... competed throughout New England on her horse Death by Chocolate (aka Hershey) for the last five years in ‘AA’ and ‘A’ rated United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) shows and medal Equitation Finals ... spent the summer of 2009 riding and traveling in the South Pacific countries of Fiji, New Zealand and Australia as well as Hawaii ... also participated in volleyball and track and field in high school ... four-year honor roll student ... earned numerous Academic Excellence awards in high school ... 2009 Rhode Island Junior Scholar Award winner

Kelsey Byrnes
Fr., English
Plantation, Fla.
American Heritage High School
Major: Dairy Science

Before SDSU: Earned South Florida Hunter Jumper Association Grand Champion in 2009 ... started riding horses at four years old ... enjoys lobster and spear fishing and riding ATVs ... double majoring in dairy production and dairy manufacturing
KRISTEN CARLSON  
Sr., Western  
Westminster, Colo.  
Standley Lake High School  
Major: Clinical Lab Sciences  

2008-09: Finished third in novice equitation on the flat at the season opening competition at Wisconsin to qualify for regionals (9/28) ... picked-up the only win for the Jacks on day two as she took first in novice western horsemanship during an IHSA competition (11/16) ... qualified for the IHSA Regional competition by winning her section of novice horsemanship at North Dakota State (11/22) ... placed third in novice horsemanship at the IHSA regional (2/28)  

2007-08: Runner-up in section of novice horsemanship on the second day of competition at Nebraska in February ... runner-up in novice horsemanship in multi-team meets hosted by Minnesota-Crookston in February ... overall, rode in eight different competitions ... named to Equestrian Coaches Honor Roll for academic excellence  

2006-07: Won her sections of novice equitation on the flat both days during the team’s season-opening meet at Wisconsin-River Falls in her SDSU debut  

BEFORE SDSU: Winner of the USEF Regional Western Pleasure and USEF National Western Pleasure championships in 2005 ... won Rocky Mountain Horse Show Association High Point honors in 2004 and 2005 ... USEF Regional Western Pleasure Champion in 2005 ... placed third for the USEF National Western Pleasure in 2004 ... USEF regional champion for Western Pleasure and Reserve Champion for Zone 8 Western Pleasure in 2004 ... received several high-point awards in Western pleasure, hunt seat pleasure, hunt seat equitation and Western seat equitation from the Rocky Mountain Horse Show Association ... academic letterwinner and member of the National Honor Society  

JESSICA CARR  
Sr., Western  
Renner, S.D.  
Baltic High School  
Major: Education  

2008-09: Earned a fourth and a fifth place finish in novice horsemanship at UW-River Falls IHSA horse show  

2007-08: Jessica earned a spot in the IHSA regional meet in intermediate horsemanship ... met regional qualifying standard by placing first in section of novice horsemanship and second in section of intermediate horsemanship during two-day Western competition at Minnesota-Crookston in February ... posted first- and third-place finishes in sections of intermediate horsemanship at Nebraska ... added section title in intermediate horsemanship at North Dakota State ... made appearances in a total of five competitions  

2006-07: Competed in various Western shows throughout the season  

BEFORE SDSU: Earned South Dakota Pony of the Americas Junior Pony High Point honors twice ... placed third in the 13-18 track competition and eighth in Showmanship at 2005 Midwest Regional POA show ... 2003 SDPOA Reserve equitation champion ... was named Reserve High Point Champion in both pony and equitation in 2005 ... received the sportsmanship award after collecting high point honors in equitation in 2004 ... was a member of the Trailblazers 4-H, earning 2006 Grand Champion honors in English Showmanship ... was a Reserve Champion in both trail and reining in the senior division ... received second-place honors in horse judging at the South Dakota Horse Fair ... was a member of state 4-H horse judging team ... competed in volleyball, track and basketball at Baltic High School ... member of the National Honor Society  

KELSEY CHAMPAGNE  
So., Western  
Jamestown, N.D.  
Jamestown High School  
Major: Nursing  

BEFORE SDSU: Transferred to SDSU from Valley City State (N.D.) ... six time world champion and five time reserve world champion in various Pinto Horse Association events at the Pinto World Championships ... Reserve all-around champion in equitation, horsemanship and hunter under saddle at the 2009 Iowa Memorial Day Classic Paint Show ... American Paint Horse Association Youth champion ... earned a top-five finish at the 2007 Point Horse Congress ... fourth place all-around finish at the 2008 and 2009 Pinto World Championship ... American Paint Horse Association scholarship recipient ... four-year honor roll student ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated from Jamestown High School with honors  

JULIE CORCORAN  
Jr., Western  
Aurora, S.D.  
Brookings High School  
Major: Consumer Affairs/Global Studies  

2008-09: Picked-up a pair of victories in beginner horsemanship at a IHSA meet at Wisconsin-River Falls (10/4) ... qualified for regionals with a third place finish in beginner horsemanship at North Dakota State (11/22) ... placed third in beginner horsemanship at the IHSA regional (2/28)  

2007-08: A late addition to the Jackrabbit roster, made debut at IHSA competition hosted by Minnesota-Crookston in February, placing third in section of beginner horsemanship ... won section titles in beginner horsemanship during both sessions of spring competition at Nebraska  

BEFORE SDSU: Attended Greely West High School in Colorado as a freshman, before finishing up at Brookings High School ... a biology major ... member of National Honor Society  

ASHTON DEARING  
So., English  
Westerville, Ohio  
St. Francis DeSales High School  
Major: Pharmacy  

2008-09: Runner-up in her section of novice equitation over fences and placed third in novice equitation on the flat at Minnesota Crookston (10/25-26) ... opened the meet at Wisconsin with a victory in novice equitation over fences (2/21)  

BEFORE SDSU: Competed extensively in the hunter-jumper events, moving recently to the 3-foot division ... recorded third-place finish at tri-state meet in two-foot division ... also participated in marching and concert band in high school ... three-year member of the drama club ... four-year honor roll student ... member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with honors
**BRITTANY ENTSMINGER**  
Jr., Western  
Battle Creek, Mich.  
Pennfield High School  
**Major: Wildlife & Fisheries**

2008-09: Helped the Jacks to finish second with a first-place finish in novice horsemanship at UW-River Falls (10/5) ... won her section of novice horsemanship at North Dakota State (11/22) ... claimed her section of novice horsemanship each day at Minnesota-Crookston (2/7-8) ... finished fourth in novice horsemanship at the IHSA regional (2/28)

**BEFORE SDSU:** Transferred to SDSU from Kellogg Community College in her native Michigan ... earned numerous awards from the Michigan Paint Horse Association ... honored as reserve high-point rider by the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association in 2006 ... all-conference cheerleader at Pennfield High School ... member of FFA horse judging team that placed fourth in state on two separate occasions ... four-year honor roll student ... perfect attendance in 2005-06

**ANGELA gebhart**  
Jr., Western  
Maple Grove, Minn.  
Maple Grove High School  
**Major: Biology/Spanish**

2008-09: Claimed high-point honors in a sweep of the open reining and open horsemanship events at North Dakota State (11/22-23) ... claimed MVP honors in reining with a score of 68.5 vs. UT-Martin (2/22) ... competed for the Jacks at the 2009 Varsity Equestrian National Championships

2007-08: Earned a spot in the regular lineup for Varsity Equestrian competitions during her freshman season ... made collegiate debut in head-to-head matchup against Kansas State and came away with a victory in reining after recording a score of 70.5 ... helped team sweep the Western events in head-to-head competition with Minnesota-Crookston by winning reining matchup with score of 68 ... in IHSA competition, finished as runner-up in section of open reining at spring competition hosted by Minnesota-Crookston ... named to Equestrian Coaches Honor Roll

**BEFORE SDSU:** NRHA Central Affiliate Finals Non-Pro Freestyle Champion in 2006 and Reserve Champion in 2005 ... NRHA Central Affiliate Finals Youth 14-18 Division Champion in 2005 ... North Central Reining Horse Association Youth Saddle Circuit Champion 2002-05 ... 2007 National Merit Scholar ... three-year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with high honors

**MAGGIE HOlzworTH**  
So., Western  
Webster, S.D.  
Webster High School  
**Major: Economics/English**

**BEFORE SDSU:** Transfer from Augustana College ... earned South Dakota 4-H State Horse Show Grand Champion honors in hunter over fences in 2007 and 2008 ... also earned four varsity letters in basketball and three varsity letters in volleyball in high school ... four-time academic letterwinner ... four-year honor roll student ... four-year member of the Key Club ... three-year member of the National Honor Society ... 2008 Wendy's High School Heisman Award winner ... Governor’s Excellence Award winner in 2005
Gina Jespersen
So., Western
Hemingford, Neb.
Hemingford High School
Major: Early Childhood Education

2008-09: Competed in English shows at Minnesota-Crookston, UW-River Falls and Wisconsin ... also competed in western events at Minnesota-Crookston and NDSU ... won 2009 Miss Rodeo Nebraska competition

Before SDSU: Earned numerous awards at the 4-H level in Nebraska ... honored as reserve champion in English pleasure at the 2008 Nebraska State 4H Horse Show, placed third in English equitation and fifth in showmanship ... qualified for American Quarter Horse Youth Association Youth World Show in performance halter category in 2007 ... reserve champion in English Pleasure at Ak-Sar-Ben in 2005 ... crowned Box Butte County Fair all-around champion nine consecutive years ... three-year member of the National Honor Society ... 2008 class president ... also participated in basketball, band, drama and FCCLA in high school

Lauren Kerr
Fr., English
Granville, Ohio
Granville High School
Major: History/Education

Before SDSU: Interscholastic Equestrian Association national qualifier in 2008 and 2009 ... Interscholastic Equestrian Association Varsity open Reserve Champion in 2009 ... Tri-State Horse Show Association children’s hunter reserve champion in 2008 ... four-year honor roll student ... three-year member of the Spanish National Honor Society ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated cum laude

Katelyn Knudsen
Sr., English
Lincoln, Neb.
Lincoln Southwest High School
Major: Sociology

2008-09: Finished second in walk-trot-canter equitation at Minnesota Crookston (10/25)

2007-08: Performed in four competitions ... helped team to runner-up finish at IHSA English meet hosted by Wisconsin with third-place finish in section of walk-trot-canter ... also rode in IHSA competitions at Minnesota-Crookston and two at UW-River Falls

2006-07: Competed in three English meets during freshman season ... placed second in walk-trot division at Minnesota-Crookston in November ... contributed fourth- and fifth-place finishes in walk-trot at season opener hosted by Wisconsin-River Falls

Before SDSU: Competed in United States Pony Club shows for 11 years ... competed at the 4-H level with the Hunters Pride Club ... qualified for the USEF National Games in 2004 and 2005 ... member of the Cornhusker Pony Club ... also participated in speech and debate at Lincoln Southwest High School ... member of the National Honor Society

Amy Mandelke
So., Western
Dalton, Minn.
Fergus Falls High School
Major: Psychology

2008-09: Competed in various Western shows throughout the season

Before SDSU: Brings extensive show experience at the 4-H level and as a member of the Minnesota Quarter Horse Association ... recorded victories in western pleasure, hunt seat equitation and showmanship at MQHA competitions ... served as president of Minnesota Quarter Horse Youth Association in 2008 ... also competed in swimming at Fergus Falls High School ... three-year honor roll student ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with honors

Ashley Marrin
Jr., English
Palos Heights, Ill.
Marist High School
Major: Landscape Design

2008-09: Qualified for the regionals at the first competition of the season at Wisconsin with a fourth place finish in equitation on the flat and added a section title in novice equitation over fences (9/27) ... won in equestrian over fences vs. Minnesota-Crookston (10/12) ... posted winning rides in both novice equitation over fences and intermediate equitation on the flat to advance to the IHSA Hunt Seat Zone Finals (3/1) ... won the intermediate equitation on the flat competition at the IHSA Zone Finals to reach nationals (3/28) ... placed fourth at nationals in intermediate equitation on the flat (4/23-26)

2007-08: Won Champion Rider honors after ride-off in multi-team meet to close fall season at Wisconsin-River Falls, winning section titles in intermediate equitation on the flat and novice equitation over fences ... placed second in both intermediate equitation and novice fences to share reserve high-point honors at UW-River Falls ... won section of intermediate equitation on both days of fall competition at Minnesota-Crookston ... notched ties in equitation during head-to-head competitions against Kansas State and Stephen F. Austin

Before SDSU: Qualified for the ‘A’ show mini medal finals ... Southside Summer Series champion ... all-star rider at Jim Arrigons Equestrian Talent Search in spring of 2006 and reserve champion high-point rider in fall of 2006 ... attended Marist High School in Illinois ... golf medalist in fall of 2006
**Angela Noyes**  
So., English  
Sioux Falls, S.D.  
O’Gorman High School  
Major: Economics

2008-09: Earned first place in the advanced walk-trot-canter equitation competition during an IHSA competition (11/15)

**Before SDSU:** Angela previously competed as a member of The Arabian Horse Association and The Arabian Horse Society of South Dakota ... earned high-point awards in TAHSSD competitions, including a championship in the 14-18 Performance/Equititation Open Show and also placed in the top-five in the Halter Open Show ... honor roll student and National Honor Society member at O’Gorman High School

**Victoria Pecak**  
So., English  
Maple City, Mich.  
Glen Lake High School  
Major: Biology/Pre-Vet

2008-09: Finished first in equitation over fences vs. Fresno State (10/11) ... second-place effort in intermediate equitation over fences at Minnesota-Crookston (10/26)

**Before SDSU:** Added depth in the English events for the 2008-09 season ... also competed in volleyball and track ... qualified for state track and field meet four times ... four-year honor roll student ... Presidential scholar

**Kaylee Mundwiler**  
Sr., Western  
Milbank, S.D.  
Milbank High School  
Major: Spanish/Global Studies

2008-09: Placed first in open horsemanship at UW-River Falls (10/4) ... recorded a score of 80.5 in horsemanship win and earned MVP honors vs. Fresno State (10/11) ... won a section of open horsemanship at North Dakota State (11/23) ... won in western horsemanship against UT-Martin and TCU in Fresno, Calif. (2/14-15) ... earned MVP honors in horsemanship with a score of 73.5 vs. UT-Martin (2/22) ... tied in her head-to-head ride against South Carolina with 141.5 points at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships (4/23)

2007-08: Helped Jacks sweep western events against Minnesota-Crookston in March, winning head-to-head matchup with score of 74 ... also competed in head-to-head events against Stephen F. Austin and Kansas State ... placed second in lone IHSA competition in her section of open horsemanship at fall meet hosted by North Dakota State ... member of the Equestrian Coaches Honor Roll

2006-07: Placed fifth in open rail competition at Ihsa regional meet ... competed in horsemanship at Varsity Equestrian National Championships ... qualified for IHSAs regionals after winning section of open horsemanship at Nebraska in February ... also won open horsemanship section at fall meet hosted by Nebraska ... turned in runner-up finishes in section of horsemanship on both days of competition hosted by North Dakota State

**Before SDSU:** earned numerous American Quarter Horse Youth Association awards ... captain for 2005 AQHYA Reserve World Champion team ... recognized as AQHA Open Performance and AQHYA Performance and Halter Register of Merit ... also competed in gymnastics ... member of the National Honor Society

**Lydia Placzek**  
Jr., Western  
Kearney, Neb.  
Kearney High School  
Major: Ag Business

2008-09: Claimed section titles in open horsemanship and led an SDSU sweep of the three section titles in open horsemanship at UW-River Falls (10/4-5) ... turned in the high score in reining with a mark of 78 vs. Fresno State (10/11) ... won in reining against UT-Martin and TCU at Fresno, Calif. (2/14) ... posted scores of 70.5 in horsemanship and 70 in reining vs. UT-Martin (2/22) to win both competitions ... advanced to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships in reining

2007-08: Made an immediate impact on the western squad, earning the right to compete individually in reining at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships, where she finished fourth ... earned reining MVP honors with score of 70 in head-to-head victory over Minnesota-Crookston ... also earned head-to-head victories in reining against South Carolina and New Mexico State ... rode in a team-best 10 competitions ... marked return to home state by tying for reserve high-point rider honors at spring meet at Nebraska after winning section title in open reining and fourth in open horsemanship ... earned spot on Equestrian Coaches Honor Roll

**Before SDSU:** Competed in multiple state and world championships in the western events prior to enrolling at SDSU ... four-year honor roll student ... member of National Honor Society

**Marian Michalson**  
Jr., English  
Columbia, Mo.  
David H. Hickman High School  
Major: Spanish

2008-09: Won first-place on both days in open equitation on the flat and first-place in open equitation over fences at Wisconsin (9/28) ... earned MVP honors in equitation on the flat with vs. Fresno State (10/11) ... won in open equitation over fences at Minnesota-Crookston (10/25-26) ... won in over fences against TCU in Fresno, Calif. (2/14) ... earned high-point rider honors on Sunday with wins in both equitation over fences and equitation on the flat and qualified for the regional meet for the second consecutive season at Wisconsin (2/22) ... won first-place in open equitation on the flat to advance to the IHSA Hunter Seat Zone Finals (3/1)

2007-08: Earned a trip to IHSA Nationals in open equitation over fences ... won regional title in April, then won reserve champion in the Zone 9 Championships ... reached regional qualifying standard in March at UW-River Falls ... won section of fences and placed second in equitation on the flat at Wisconsin ... claimed high-point rider honors at Minnesota-Crookston after winning ride-off ... won section titles in both fences and equitation at Minnesota-Crookston ... recorded team-best scores of 80 in fences and 77 in equitation in Varsity Equestrian head-to-head competition against South Carolina ... picked up victories in fences in head-to-head competitions versus Kansas State (76) and Stephen F Austin (72) ... named to Equestrian Coaches Honor Roll

**Before SDSU:** Won numerous championships and Zone 7 awards in the jumper division on the ‘A’ circuit ... member of the National Honor Society
Tory Ruppert
Sr., Western
Currie, Minn.
Tracy Area High School
Major: Pharmacy

2008-09: Played a part in the SDSU sweep of the three sections of novice horsemanship at UW-River Falls where the Jackrabbits finished second (10/5) ... finished first in novice horsemanship at Minnesota-Crookston to qualify for regionals (2/8) ... won in novice horsemanship at the IHSA regional in River Falls, Wis., to advance to the IHSA National Western Semifinals (2/28)

2007-08: Qualified for IHSA western regional competition in intermediate horsemanship ... met qualifying standard after pair of fourth-place finishes in multi-team meet at Minnesota-Crookston ... claimed pair of section titles in novice horsemanship runner-up in intermediate horsemanship at fall meet hosted by North Dakota State ... saw action in five IHSA competitions ... member of the Equestrian Coaches Honor Roll

2006-07: Competed in four meets during freshman season ... placed third in section of walk-trot-canter at October competition hosted by UW-River Falls ... claimed section title in intermediate horsemanship on final day of competition and third-place finish on opening day at multi-team meet hosted by Nebraska in February

Before SDSU: Recorded top-10 finishes in Showmanship and English Pleasure at 2005 Minnesota State Fair ... earned several titles, including English Pleasure, English champion and Reserve English champion at Murray County Fair between 2004 and 2006 ... 4-H officer and member of Minnesota state first-place FFA horse judging team ... earned individual gold awards in horse judging at state and national levels in 2005 and 2006 ... also active in cheerleading, where she earned All-American cheerleader honors in 2005-06 and performed at the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla. ... member of the National Honor Society

Molly Ryan
Jr., English
Carmel, Ind.
Carmel High School
Major: Ag Journalism

2008-09: Reached her qualifying mark for regionals at the first competition of the season at Wisconsin with a third-place finish in her section of equitation on the flat (9/27) ... won the intermediate equitation over fences during an IHSA competition (11/15) ... met qualifying standards in equitation over fences at Wisconsin (2/22) ... finished second in intermediate equitation over fences to advance to the IHSA Hunt Seat Zone Finals and placed third in intermediate equitation on the flat (3/1) ... won the intermediate equitation over fences competition at the IHSA Zone Finals to reach nationals (3/28) ... finished eighth at nationals in intermediate equitation over fences (4/23-26)

2007-08: Contributed in the English events during her freshman season ... won section titles in equitation over fences and intermediate equitation on the flat at fall meet hosted by Minnesota-Crookston ... added section title in intermediate equitation at Wisconsin in February ... runner-up in intermediate equitation in multi-team spring meet at UW-River Falls ... made collegiate debut in Varsity Equestrian head-to-head meet against Stephen F. Austin

Before SDSU: List of honors include winning Amateur Adult Hunter championship at Lake St. Louis Horse Show ... competed in ‘A’ and ‘AA’ rated shows ... qualified for the Indiana Hunter Jumper Association Adult Medal Finals in 2007 ... also competed in numerous Ariat Adult Medals and adult classics

Meredith Sauer
So., English
Fishers, Ind.
Northpoint Homeschool
Major: Chemistry/Pre-Med

2008-09: Picked-up a win in equitation over fences vs. Fresno State (10/11) ... won open equitation on the flat during a IHSA competition (11/15) ... won a head-to-head competition at UT-Martin in equitation over fences (2/22)

Before SDSU: Compiled an impressive list of accolades at the youth level while competing in the English jumping events ... claimed victories in the NAL/WIHS Children’ Hunter Classic and 2007 Kentucky Nationals in 3-foot and 2-5-foot divisions, respectively ... also recorded numerous other top-three finishes in AA-rated shows ... graduated with honors through Northpoint Homeschool Classes

Leslie Sauter
Jr., English
Columbus, Ohio
Upper Arlington High School
Major: Nursing

2008-09: Won her section of intermediate equitation over fences and also notched a second-place finish in her section of intermediate equitation on the flat (9/27) ... qualified for regionals with a third-place finish in intermediate equitation over fences at Minnesota-Crookston (10/25) ... won a head-to-head competition at UT-Martin in equitation over fences (2/22) ... placed third in intermediate equitation over fences at the IHSA regional (3/1)

2007-08: Recorded team-best score of 73 in equitation over fences during Varsity Equestrian head-to-head competition against Stephen F. Austin ... runner-up in section of fences at IHSA meet hosted by Minnesota-Crookston in October ... won section of intermediate fences and placed second in intermediate equitation on the flat in fall finale at UW-River Falls ... earned high-point rider honors after winning intermediate fences and placing fourth in intermediate equitation during spring meet at River Falls

Before SDSU: Qualified for the Ohio Hunter/Jumper Association (OHJA) Finals four times ... won Reserve Champion honors in the OHJA Children’s Hunters division in 2004 and 15-17 equitation age division in 2005 ... competed in United States Equestrian Federation shows since 1997
Megan Schiferl  
So., English  
FORDYCE, NEB.  
CROFTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
MAJOR: PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDIES  

2008-09: Placed third in novice equitation over fences at Minnesota-Crookston (10/26) ... put together a pair of strong performances by winning novice equitation over fences and placing second in novice equitation on the flat ... one of three riders to compete in a ride-off for the reserve champion title at Wisconsin (2/22) ... served as Grand Poobah for 2009 Hobo Week festivities  

BEFORE SDSU: Competing for more than a decade at the 4-H level ... qualified for numerous state competitions, including recording a third-place finish in hunter under saddle event at 2008 4-H State Horse Show ... also earned youth champion honors in Mid-States Competitive Trail competition ... academic all-state selection at Crofton Community High School ... four year member of the National Honor Society ... NHS vice president in 2007-08  

PERSONAL: Brother Tyler ran track at SDSU and graduated in 2009  

Megan Schiffman  
Fr., English  
LYNDEN, WASH.  
LYNDEN HIGH SCHOOL  
MAJOR: BUSINESS  

BEFORE SDSU: Works as a barn assistant at her home barn in Lynden, Wash. ... Local equitation champion over fences and on the flat ... 2008 FFA National Champion ... four year honor roll student ... graduated with honors  

Jenna Sneek  
Fr., Western  
NEWELL, S.D.  
NEWELL HIGH SCHOOL  
MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE  

BEFORE SDSU: Named 2007 Junior Miss Rodeo South Dakota ... 2007 South Dakota High School Rodeo Association state champion ... two-time barrel racing national qualifier in 2006 and 2007 ... three-time flag carrier at the National Finals Rodeo ... four year member of the National Honor Society  

PERSONAL: Serves as a Senior Airman in the South Dakota Air National Guard as a weather forcaster  

DIANA SNEEVE  
Sr., English  
SIOUX FALLS, S.D.  
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL  
MAJOR: ANIMAL SCIENCE/PRE-VET  

2008-09: Competed in both English and Western shows throughout the season  

2007-08: Saw action in the English events at four different competitions ... participated in meets at Minnesota-Crookston and UW-River Falls during fall season and at Wisconsin and UW-River Falls in the spring  

2006-07: In limited action, posted runner-up finish in beginner walk-trot-canter competition at Wisconsin-River Falls during fall season  

BEFORE SDSU: Active in theatre all four years of high school ... member of National Honor Society
SARA STIRTON
Sr., English
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
A.E. Peacock Collegiate
Major: Envimontal Management

2008-09: Won the intermediate equitation on the flat competition during an IHSA competition (11/15) ... won a head-to-head ride at UT-Martin in equitation on the flat (2/22)

2007-08: Compeited only during the fall season ... appeared in Varsity Equestrian head-to-head competitions against Kansas State and South Carolina ... also competed at IHSA meet hosted by UW-River Falls in December

2006-07: Won a matchup in equitation on the flat vs. Southern Methodist at Best of the West Tournament during spring season ... won section of intermediate equitation on the flat at UW-River Falls during the fall portion of competition

BEFORE SDSU: Transferred to SDSU from the University of Saskatchewan ... garnered many province awards on the Saskatchewan Heritage Circuit ... placed third in five-bar competition at Mid-Summer Masters jumping competition ... won Junior Heritage Horse and Rider combination title in 2000 and 2001 ... also competed in volleyball, soccer, basketball and women’s soccer ... four year honor roll student

HANNAH STONE
Fr., Western
Prosper, Texas
Texas Tech High School
Major: Human Development

BEFORE SDSU: Volunteers at a therapeutic riding center working with children ... student counselor in a youth and adult equine program ... certified in horse safety ... completed course work in training and horse behavior psychology at Equine In Line Horse School ... participated in track and volleyball in high school

ELIZABETH SYKES
So., English
Sioux City, Iowa
North High School
Major: Spanish/Nutrition

2008-09: In addition to riding on the Jackrabbit equestrian team, she plays in the Pride of the Dakotas marching band

BEFORE SDSU: Earned reserve national champion honors in five-gaited horsemanship at the National Show Horse Finals by posting top-10 finishes in five-gaited amateur, five-gaited open and five-gaited grand championship competitions ... placed first in five-gaited open and Arabian hunter pleasure competitions at Great Plains Arabian Classic show ... also recorded numerous other first-place finishes in regional competitions ... also active in jazz, concert and marching band ... four year honor roll student ... member of the National Honor Society

MEGAN VIOLAND
Fr., English
Moorpark, Calif.
Moorpark High School
Major: Animal Science

BEFORE SDSU: Earned reserve national champion honors in working hunter over fences at the Arabian Horse Association Youth Nationals in 2009 ... finished in the top-10 in equitation on the flat and equitation over fences at the 2008 Arabian Youth Nationals ... also competed in track and cross country in high school ... earned all-league honors in track in 2007

MELISSA ZAJAC
Sr., English
Rochester, Mich.
Stoney Creek High School
Major: Global Studies

2008-09: Earned reserve high-point rider honors after posting runner-up finishes in both open equitation over fences and open equitation on the flat (9/27) ... finished first in equitation over fences vs. Fresno State (10/11) ... claimed her first collegiate title in open equitation on the flat at Minnesota Crookston (10/26) ... won the open equitation over fences competition and placed fourth in open equitation on the flat during an IHSA competition (11/15) ... met qualifying standards in equitation on the flat at Wisconsin (2/22) ... placed third in open equitation at the IHSA regional (3/1) ... won reserve champion honors in open equitation on the flat at the IHSA Zone Finals to reach nationals (3/28)

2007-08: Won three-way ride-off to earn reserve high-point rider honors at multi-team IHSA competition at UW-River Falls in March ... won open equitation over fences and finished fifth in open equitation on the flat on the first day of competition, placed second in open equitation on the flat during the second day of the meet ... competed in Varsity Equestrian head-to-head matchups against Stephen F. Austin, Kansas State and South Carolina in the fall and against Minnesota-Crookston and Sacred Heart during the spring

2006-07: Competed in various English shows throughout the season

BEFORE SDSU: Joined the Jackrabbits after an extensive English competition career with the Michigan Hunter Jumper Association ... placed first in the limited and novice adult equitation on the flat and adult equitation over fences in 2006 ... placed first in primary and intermediate junior hunter and primary junior equitation over fences classes in 2005 ... competed on varsity equestrian team at prep level at Adams High School for one season and two seasons at Stoney Creek High School ... also participated in soccer and band in high school ... three year member of the National Honor Society ... 2005 Michigan Merit Award winner

2009-10 Jackrabbit Equestrian
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Year of Birth: 1998  
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Breed: Appendix Quarter Horse  
Donor: Jan Lundgren

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Barn Name: John  
Year of Birth: 1991  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Appaloosa  
Donor: Daniel & Dorine Bennett

**JBAR JEWELS TARDY**
Barn Name: Leo  
Year of Birth: 2004  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Donor: Double W Ranch/Richard & Jo Waldner

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Barn Name: Jet  
Year of Birth: 2001  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Appendix Quarter Horse  
Donor: Bob Braunschmidt

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Barn Name: Judd  
Year of Birth: 1994  
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Breed: Thoroughbred  
Owner: Stephen F. Austin State University

**TWO TONE**
Barn Name: Oreo  
Year of Birth: 2002  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Pinto  
Seller: Kathlene Gaddis

**JIGGITY DECK**
Barn Name: Jiggy  
Year of Birth: 1994  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Paint  
Seller: Bernard & Debra Miller

**LM FAIR SOCKS**
Barn Name: Legs  
Year of Birth: 2003  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Seller: Double W Ranch/Richard & Jo Waldner

**LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE**
Barn Name: Patch  
Year of Birth: 1993  
Sex: Mare  
Breed: Dutch Warmblood  
Owner: Whitney Snyder
### Stormy's Royal Shadow
- **Barn Name:** Shadow
- **Year of Birth:** 1995
- **Sex:** Gelding
- **Breed:** Quarter Horse
- **Owner:** Gina Jespersen

### Hickory's Glory Shot
- **Barn Name:** Sport
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- **Breed:** Quarter Horse
- **Owner:** Britta Barta

### Whoa and Go
- **Barn Name:** Whoa
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- **Breed:** Thoroughbred
- **Seller:** Rancho Del Sol/Don & Kamber Ulmer

### Spirit
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- **Breed:** Buckskin
- **Seller:** Robert Genetsky

### Tuff Flower to A Tee
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- **Owner:** Dave Sweet

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- **Sex:** Gelding
- **Breed:** Quarter Horse
- **Owner:** Whitney Snyder

### Horse Breeds
- **American Paint Horse** – While the colorful coat pattern essentially identifies the breed, American Paint Horses must adhere to strict bloodline requirements and a distinctive body type.
- **Appendix Quarter Horse** – A quarter horse and thoroughbred cross.
- **Appaloosa** – Noted by its distinctive spotted coat, developed by the Nez Perce people of northeast Oregon in the 18th century. French trappers named it for the Palouse River in neighboring southeast Washington.
- **Arabian** – A breed that originated in the Middle East. Noted by its head shape and high tail carriage.
- **Buckskin** – Defined by color rather than genetics, a Buckskin is known for its endurance, sure footing and the hardness of its hooves.
- **Dutch Warmblood** – Developed through a breeding program that started in the 1960s, they can be identified by its thoroughbred type head, strong neck, compact deep body, good hooves and good legs.
- **Half-Arabian** – A cross between an Arabian and another breed. Sometimes done to improve a horses' constitution, soundness and endurance capabilities or to gain Arabian type in a particular color, such as Pinto or Appaloosa.
- **Paint** – APHA-registered horses that can prove parentage from one of the three approved registries AQHA, TB and APHA, as well as meet a minimum color requirement.
- **Pinto** – Defined by color rather than genetic ancestry. Pintos have a dark background coloring and upon this color random patches of white.
- **Quarter Horse** – One of a breed of strong saddle horses developed in the western United States.
- **Thoroughbred** – A pedigreed animal of unmixed lineage.
- **Trakhener** – Once known as the East Prussian horse, a breed of riding horse. Many consider it the ideal competition horse and Europe’s best warmblood (a horse displaying the lighter, faster qualities of the Arabian and other desert horses).

### Definition of Terms
- **Gelding** – A castrated male horse. Unless used for breeding purposes, male horses should be castrated. This can make for a more even tempered animal.
- **Mare** – A female horse over the age of four. A female horse over the age of four is known as a philly.
Located along the U.S. Highway 14 Bypass north and east of the SDSU campus, the Nathelle and Lawrence DeHaan Equestrian Center became the new home for Jackrabbit Equestrian at South Dakota State University when it opened in the fall of 2008.

Dedicated on Oct. 15, 2008, project benefactor Nathelle DeHaan’s avid support of South Dakota State University and love for horses grew to make the SDSU Equestrian program and the Nathelle and Lawrence DeHaan Equestrian Center a reality.

A 1937 graduate of South Dakota State, Nathelle DeHaan provided the initial gift to build the facility. For nearly five decades, she and her late husband, Lawrence, played an active role in the local horse community, traveling to judge and show quarter horses.

She always dreamed of the day when young women could attend college, compete at the highest level and create experiences and memories that last a lifetime.

“The Equestrian program provides a wonderful opportunity for young women,” she says. “I’m excited about the future of the SDSU Equestrian team.”

Completion of the building in the spring of 2008 more than tripled the team’s previous training facilities. At nearly 26,000 square feet, the $3.6 million climate-controlled facility features an indoor riding arena, 42 stalls with additional areas for grooming, washing and preparing the horses, as well as separate on-site work areas for veterinarians and farriers. In addition, the additional area for the horses, the building houses a team locker room equipped with a study area.

“Being able to move to this expanded facility enables us to enhance the practices and increase the student-athletes’ preparedness,” head coach Megan McGee said. “It makes the flow of operation much, much smoother.”

The additional space allows the team’s roster to eventually grow to 60 riders while continuing to offer the NCAA-maximum 15 full scholarships. The proximity of the Nathelle and Lawrence DeHaan Equestrian Center to the main SDSU campus makes it unique in the collegiate equestrian ranks and should allow for the equestrian program to become further ingrained in the SDSU Athletic Department as it continues to mature.

Once the SDSU Foundation completes fund-raising for Phase I, planning begins for the second phase of the project. Phase II includes the addition of a stall barn, a large outdoor riding arena, viewing rooms, coaching offices, a meeting room and trophy room.

“That next component will be necessary in order to maintain a competitive squad,” McGee said.

For more information on the SDSU Equestrian team, or to make a donation for scholarship support or facilities, contact Associate Athletic Director for Development Mike Burgers at the SDSU Foundation (605-697-7475).
SWIFTEL CENTER

The municipally operated Swiftel Center continues to serve as the main home competition venue for the Jackrabbit equestrian team. A multi-purpose facility, Swiftel Center features a 30,000 square-foot arena floor, seating for about 2,000 spectators and other amenities for an equestrian event.

A holding barn that sits adjacent to the Swiftel Center serves as an auxiliary competition and training facility.

OTHER FACILITIES

Schematic design of Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center scheduled for completion in the fall of 2009. The Dykhouse Center sits in the north end zone of Coughlin-Alumni Stadium and houses an academic center for all Jackrabbit teams.

The new Community Fitness Wellness Center that opened on the South Dakota State campus in the fall of 2008. The 73,000-square-foot facility features three basketball courts, a rock climbing wall, running track, workout areas and also houses SDSU student health and counseling services.
A new era of athletic competition at South Dakota State University began in the fall of 2005 as the Jackrabbits fielded their first varsity equestrian team.

Equestrian emerged as a natural fit with SDSU’s status as a Land-Grant institution with strong ties to agriculture. SDSU currently offers majors in pre-veterinary and animal science within its College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, while offering coursework in equine studies.

The SDSU Athletic Department program formed in the spring of 2004, making equestrian the 21st varsity sport at SDSU, 10 sports for men and 11 for women.

Megan McGee came on board as the program’s first head coach on Aug. 31, 2004, with Joe Humphrey joining the coaching staff in the spring of 2005.

During the inaugural 2005-06 season, the Jackrabbits put together a schedule that included head-to-head competitions against some of the top Varsity Equestrian programs in the country, including opening competition Oct. 1, 2005, at Kansas State. SDSU filled out its schedule by competing in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association events — a trend that continues today.

During the 2006-07 season, Kaylee DeVries became the first Jackrabbit rider to qualify for national competition, earning a trip to IHSA Nationals in intermediate equitation on the flat. Also during the spring of 2007, the Jackrabbit Western squad earned a selection to compete in the Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Waco, Texas.

The SDSU equestrian program continues its rise in the collegiate equestrian ranks to this day. Eleven riders qualified for regional competition during the 2007-08 season, with four earning trips to national competition. The 2008-09 season saw 10 Jackrabbit riders qualify for regional events, and a school-record eight riders that moved on to national competition.

In addition to their accolades in the ring, SDSU riders also excel in the classroom. The Jackrabbits combined for the second-best team grade-point average among Varsity Equestrian teams during the 2007 calendar year, posting a team GPA of 3.34.

### All-Time Jackrabbit Equestrian Award Winners

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**JACKRABBIT WESTERN RIDERS**

Hillary Siebels, Brianna Grohs, Anna Taylor, Abby Knobbe, Katie Hendrickson, Molly Seidel, Kaylee Mundwiler and associate head coach Joe Humphrey represented SDSU at the 2007 Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Waco, Texas.
With a record enrollment of 12,376 students in the fall of 2009, South Dakota State remains the state’s largest institution of higher learning.

**SDSU Early History**

Located in Brookings, the Territorial Legislative Assembly authorized SDSU in 1881 to serve as the state’s land grant institution. Territorial Council member John O’Brien Scobey managed to secure Dakota Agricultural College for his city.

Although allocations fell short of the actual cost, the school did open in the fall of 1884 because the president, George Lilley, advanced $500 — one-third of his salary — to finish three rooms in the new Central Building. “Old Central” was soon joined by South (1885) and North (1887), forming the nucleus of campus for a decade and a half.

During the first year of operation, the college only held preparatory classes. College classes started in 1885 with five teachers, 17 freshman and 61 preparatory students.

Growth stayed slow and erratic for many years, but by the turn of the 20th century, 242 students enrolled and by 1990, SDSU enrollment grew to more than 9,000 students.

**Colleges Established**

SDSU granted nearly 70,000 degrees since its charter in 1881.

The structure of the college became more complex as enrollments increased. The first nine chairs of instruction established in 1884 included agriculture, science, mathematics, English, modern languages, military tactics, veterinary science, practical business, political & domestic economy and music.

By 1907, the year the name of the institution changed to South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, there were 22 departments on campus.

Reorganization into the five divisions that formed the basis for the designation of colleges was completed under President Charles W. Pugsley in 1923.

In 1964, when “State College” became South Dakota State University, the school included six colleges. Now, students can earn degrees offered through eight colleges.

**The Eight Colleges Include:**

- Agricultural and Biological Sciences
- Arts and Science
- Education and Counseling
- Engineering
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- General Registration
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Graduate School

Students can choose from more than 200 majors, minors and options at SDSU with more than 2,500 different course offerings.

Master’s degrees can be earned in more than 30 areas, with doctorates available in eight fields.

SDSU also offers degree programs through the South Dakota Public Universities and Research Center in Sioux Falls. The Office of Academic Affairs and Outreach coordinates evening, RDTN, Internet and off-campus courses.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools accredits SDSU, while numerous departments on campus hold accreditation from various other agencies.

SDSU celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2006, a yearlong event that culminated with the 2006 Hobo Day football game.

Over those 125 years, SDSU grew from a campus of 80 acres in 1881 to a 271-acre campus with facilities worth more than $220 million.

The university owns or leases another 15,000 acres for research throughout the state.

The Printing and Journalism Building — now named Anson and Ada May Yeager Hall — underwent a $2.1 million expansion and renovation project.

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Other recent campus construction projects include a $7 million expansion to Crothers Engineering Hall, the renovation of Solberg Hall and the building of a $9 million performing arts center, which opened in the fall of 2002.

A new residence hall (Caldwell Hall) and the University Student Union expansion and renovation opened in the fall of 2005, and the Enterprise Institute, located on the southwest corner of campus opened in 2004.

In 2005, SDSU spent more than $3 million to install new state of the art video scoreboards in Frost Arena and at Coughlin Alumni Stadium.

**Agricultural Research**

The university reaches all corners of the state through the Cooperative Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station, offering service to improve the quality of rural life.

SDSU also sponsors the Center for Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship; Engineering Experiment Station, Office of Remote Sensing; Water Resources Institute; Engineering and Environmental Research Center; Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory; and Northern Grain Insect Research Laboratory. These units help strengthen the university’s growing commitment to research and support of state and local economic development efforts. The Northern Great Plains Biostress Laboratory, dedicated in 1993, houses scientists who focus on research aimed at developing new technologies to protect crops and livestock.

SDSU is also one of just five universities to serve as a regional center for the Sun Grant Initiative, which is a concept to solve America’s energy needs and revitalize rural communities with Land-Grant university research, education and Extension programs on renewable energy and bio-based non-food industries.

The Harding Distinguished Lecture Series, the F.O. Butler Lectures, the Lusk Lecture and the Amdahl, Schultz-Werth and Griffiths endowments all supplement classroom instruction.

Students can also choose from more than 100 clubs and organizations on campus.

**Museums & Attractions**

The educational opportunities do not end in the classroom or laboratory, as South Dakota State University houses several facilities, including museums and gardens.

Dedicated in 1970, and expanded in 2000, the South Dakota Federation of Women’s Club first envisioned the South Dakota Art Museum in 1949.

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The museum's collections include early Sioux Indian tribal art, the famed Harvey Dunn paintings of pioneer life and the exclusive Vera Way Marghab linens.

The State Agricultural Heritage Museum transformed the former Stock Judging Pavilion into a home for exhibits that record and preserve the agrarian heritage of South Dakota.

The 70-acre McCrory Gardens and South Dakota Arboretum, located south and east of campus, provide a beautiful setting for area residents and tourists to enjoy a stroll through the radiant colors and fragrances of one of the top 10 small ornamental gardens in the nation.

It is also recognized as an All-American Display Garden, one of only 13 in the nation. In 1993 McCrory Gardens was designated an All-American Judging Garden to conduct research on annual flowers.

Since 1985, private contributions made many new gardens possible including the Rose, Rock, Centennial Prairie, Iris, True Lily, Mum, Native Prairie Collection, Oak Tree Memorial Garden, All-Red Specialty Garden, Peony Garden, Shrub Rose Collection, and Children’s Maze.

In August 1994, McCrory Gardens dedicated the Mickelson Grove Memorial in honor of former governor and Brookings resident George S. Mickelson.

In 1982, they dedicated the area north of the formal garden to the planting and testing of ornamental trees and shrubs. The 45-acre site was designated the South Dakota State Arboretum in 1988.

The arboretum’s purpose is to test woody plants needed to protect agricultural fields and livestock from the region’s harsh environment, to provide hardy trees to shade our towns and cities, and to test ornamental shrubs for both durability and beauty.

SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Department manage the arboretum and gardens.

McCrory Gardens continues to develop more gardens, tree and shrub collections.

The Coughlin Campanile
South Dakota State’s most recognizable landmark may be the 165-foot Coughlin Campanile, the state’s largest chimes tower. A climb of 179 steps leads to a panoramic view of the city.

1909 Engineering graduate Charles Coughlin, who later went on to become head of the Briggs & Stratton Corporation, donated the statuesque structure on the west end of campus at a cost of $65,000.

Coughlin laid the campanile’s cornerstone on June 10, 1929. Since then, its chimes call students to classes with the famous Westminster peals.

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An alumni-sponsored project to restore the campanile was completed in the summer of 2001. Named after a former SDSU President, The Hilton M. Briggs Library, the state’s largest, opened in 1977 and joined South Dakota’s statewide automated library network in 1988. Through the library, users can access holdings from all 10 of the state’s libraries, including official documents and more than 1 million other holdings at Briggs. Adjacent to the campanile, Coolidge-Sylvan Theatre provides a restful, green haven for students since its dedication by President Calvin Coolidge in September 1927.

Over the years the outdoor amphitheater hosted concerts, graduations and inaugurations for university presidents. Woodbine Cottage, the home of the university president, is a charming example of Queen Anne architecture. Built in 1887 by South Dakota Agricultural College’s second president, Dr. Lewis McLouth, the home is crowned by multiple rooflines. The house also served as a women’s dormitory, music hall and infirmary.

**The Jackrabbits**

Two theories exist as to how and why SDSU’s athletic teams became known as the “Jackrabbits.”

Most believe that the name “Jackrabbits” came from a story and cartoon sketch that appeared in a Minneapolis newspaper following a 1905 football game between the University of Minnesota and South Dakota State College. Many believe that a reporter for the newspaper, knowing of the preponderance of jackrabbits in the Brookings area, wrote that the SDSC team was as quick as jackrabbits. Many people believe that the school adopted the Jackrabbits as its official nickname from that beginning.

The other theory about the origin of the nickname came in *The Jackrabbit*, SDSU’s yearbook. A poem in the 1907 yearbook puts forth the idea that the yearbook calls itself The Jackrabbit because a group of juniors wished to immortalize themselves by changing the name of the yearbook. Athletic teams followed suit, adopting the nickname.

Prior to the adoption of the Jackrabbit nickname, fans knew the school athletic teams as the Barn Yard Cadets, as SDSU was known as South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1907.

The Jackrabbit can run at speeds of 30-to-35 miles per hour, with bursts up to 45, making it the second fastest animal in North America, second only to the pronghorn antelope, which can run at speeds up to 60 miles per hour.

Jackrabbits are, properly speaking, not rabbits but hares, with longer feet and longer ears than rabbits. Most hares live in open country, whereas rabbits - like cottontails - live in brushy habitats.

Jackrabbits can grow up to two feet long, weigh from six to nine pounds, with ears up to eight inches long. Hares are vegetarians, eating tender herbs in summer, and woody twigs and bark in the winter.

**Brookings, South Dakota**

Named after W.W. Brookings, who came to the area in 1857. That winter, his legs froze badly enough to force doctors to amputate them. Undaunted, Brookings stayed and eventually became president of the territorial council and a judge in the state supreme court. In honor of his support of railroad construction, and possibly because of his stalwart nature, South Dakota named its first locomotive the “Judge Brookings.”

Situated at the intersection of U.S. Highway 14 and Interstate 29, about 20 miles west of the Minnesota border and 50 miles north of Sioux Falls, the Brookings community of about 18,500 people continues to grow. The community also houses several recognizable companies including Rainbow Play Systems, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M medical products), Larson Manufacturing (doors and windows) and Daktronics, a leading manufacturer of scoreboards and display systems. The largest gasohol production plant in South Dakota (Vera Sun Energy) sits just east of Brookings while a soybean production plant operates just west of the city.
The following list includes the more than 200 majors, minors and options available in the classroom at South Dakota State University:

- Indicates options within the major

**College of General Studies and Outreach Programs**

General Registration — the most popular freshman option

Liberal Studies (B.S.)

General Studies (A.A.)

Applied Technical Science (B.A.T.S.)

Applied Agriculture

General Supervision

General Technology

Industrial Sales

Industrial Supervision

Pre-Professional Programs

Pre-Chiropractic

Pre-Dental

Pre-Law

Pre-Medicine

Pre-Ministerial

Pre-Mortuary Science

Pre-Optometry

Pre-Physical Therapy

Pre-Physician’s Assistant

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

**College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences**

Ag Business (B.S., Minor)

Ag & Resources Economics (B.S.)

• Environmental Economics

Ag Education (B.S.)

Ag Journalism (B.S.)

Ag Marketing (Minor)

Ag Systems Technology (B.S., Minor)

• Business

• Environmental Systems

• Processing

• Production

Agronomy (B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Minor)

• Business

• Production

• Science

Animal Sciences (B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Minor)

• Business and Production

• Science

Atmospheric, Environmental and Water Resources (Ph.D.)

Biological Sciences (B.S.)

• Biology

• Ecology

• Molecular/Cellular

• Organismal

• Pre-Professional

Botany (Minor)

Business Area Studies

Dairy Manufacturing (B.S.)

Dairy Production (B.S.)

• Business

• Science

Dairy Science (M.S.)

Entomology

Environmental Management (B.S.)

General Agriculture (A.S., B.S.)

Horticulture (B.S.)

• Business

• Production

• Science

International Agricultural Specialization

Landscape Architecture (B.S.)

Microbiology (B.S., Minor)

• Applied/Environmental

• Infectious Disease

• Molecular Biology

Park Management (B.S., Minor)

Pest Management (Minor)

Plant Pathology (M.S.)

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Range Science (B.S., Minor)

• Range Livestock Production

• Rangeland Ecology & Habitat Management

• Rangeland Resource Conservation

Rural Sociology (M.S., Minor)

Zoology (Minor)

**College of Arts and Science**

Accounting (Minor)

Aerospace Studies (Minor)

American Indian Studies (Minor)

Art (B.A., B.S., Minor)

• Art Education

• Fine Arts

• Painting/Printmaking

• Ceramics/Sculpture

Athletic Training (B.S.)

Biology (B.S., M.S., Minor)

• Ecology

• Molecular/Cellular

• Organismal

• Pre-Professional

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Business (Minor)

Chemistry (B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Minor)

Clinical Lab Technology

Communication Studies and Theatre (B.A., B.S., Minor)

• Radio, TV and Film

• Speech Communications

• Speech Education

• Theatre

Communication Studies and Journalism (M.S.)

Criminal Justice (Minor)

Economics (B.A., B.S., M.S., Minor)

• Business Economics

English (B.A., M.A., Minor)

European Studies Program

French (B.A., Minor)

Geographic Information Systems (B.S., Minor)

Geography (B.S., M.S., Minor)

• Environmental Planning & Management

• Technical Geography - Science

German (B.A., Minor)

Global Studies

Graphic Design (B.A., B.S., Minor)

Health Education (Minor)

Health, Physical Education and Recreation (B.S., M.S., Minor)

Health Promotion (B.S.)

History (B.A., B.S., Minor)

Journalism (B.A., B.S., Minor)

• Advertising

• Broadcast Journalism

• News-Editorial

Latin America Area Studies

Mathematics (B.S., M.S., Minor)

• Mathematics

• Business

• Mathematics

• Modern Language Business-Economics

Specialization

Music (B.A., Minor)

• Choral Music

• Instrumental Music

• Music Education (B.M.E.)

Music Merchandising (B.S.)

Philosophy (Minor)

Political Science (B.A., B.S., Minor)

Pre-Occupational Therapy

Pre-Physical Therapy

Psychology (B.A., Minor)

• Applied Option

• Pre-Professional

• Psychological Services

• Teaching

Public Recreation (B.S., Minor)

Religion (Minor)

Sociology (B.A., B.S., Ph.D., Minor)

• Human Services

• Human Resources

• Social Work

Spanish (B.A., Minor)

Women’s Studies (Minor)

**College of Education and Counseling**

Aviation

Career and Technical Education (B.S.)

• Aviation

Counseling and Human Resource Development (M.S.)

Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.)

Career and Technical Education (B.S.)

Secondary Education Certification

Agriculture

Art (K-12)

Biological Sciences (B.A., B.S., M.S., Minor)

Business (Minor)

Chemistry (B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Minor)

Clinical Lab Technology

Communication Studies and Theatre (B.A., B.S., Minor)

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Religion (Minor)

Sociology (B.A., B.S., Ph.D., Minor)

• Human Services

• Human Resources

• Social Work

Spanish (B.A., Minor)

Women’s Studies (Minor)

**College of Family and Consumer Sciences**

Apparel Merchandising (B.S., Minor)

Consumer Affairs (B.S., Minor)

Early Childhood Education (B.S.)

• Birth to age 8

• Cooperative programs in elementary education

Family and Consumer Sciences (M.S.)

Gerontology (Minor)

Hotel and Food Service Management (B.S.)

• Food Service Management

• Hotel and Hospitality Management

Human Development and Family Studies (B.S.)

Human Development, Child and Family Studies (Minor)

Interior Design (B.S., Minor)

Nutrition, Food Science (B.S., Minor)

• Dietetics

• Food Science

• Nutrition

**College of Nursing**

Nursing (B.S., M.S.)

• Accelerated Program

• RN Upward Mobility

Health Science (Minor)

Gerontology (Minor)

**College of Pharmacy**

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2009-10 South Dakota State Equestrian
October 03-04 @ Wisconsin (Hunt Seat), Madison, WI
October 03 @ TCU/Delaware State (Western), DeHaan Center, 9 am
October 10-11 @ Wisconsin-River Falls (Western), River Falls, WI
OCTOBER 30-31 IHSA WESTERN, SWIFTEL CENTER
OCTOBER 31 IHSA HUNT SEAT, SWIFTEL CENTER
NOVEMBER 01 IHSA HUNT SEAT, SWIFTEL CENTER
November 07-08 @ Minnesota-Crookston (Hunt Seat), Crookston, MN
November 21 @ Texas A&M, College Station, TX
November 22 @ SMU, Dallas, TX, 10 am
December 05-06 @ Minnesota-Crookston (Western), Crookston, MN

JANUARY 30-31 VS. SACRED HEART, DEHAAN CENTER
February 06-07 @ North Dakota State (Western), Fargo, ND
February 13-14 @ Wisconsin-River Falls (Hunt Seat), River Falls, WI
February 27-28 @ Wisconsin, Madison, WI
March 06 @ IHSA Regionals (Hunt Seat), Crookston, MN
March 07 @ IHSA Regionals (Western), Crookston, MN
March 27 @ IHSA Western Semifinals, Pomona, CA
April 10 @ IHSA Hunt Seat Zone Finals, DeKalb, IL
April 15-17 @ Varsity Equestrian Championships, Waco, TX
May 06-09 @ IHSA National Championships, KY

ALL HOME EVENTS LISTED IN YELLOW. All times local to game location. Schedule subject to change. *Conference Games