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SR., AURORA, S.D.

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ASHLEY MARRIN
SR., PALOS HEIGHTS, ILL.

LYDIA PLACZEK
SR., KEARNEY, NEB.

MOLLY RYAN
SR., CARMEL, IND.

LESLIE SAUTER
SR., COLUMBUS, OHIO

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Joe Humphrey brought national championship experience to South Dakota State when he joined equestrian program as an assistant in 2005, and continues to build the Jackrabbits into a national contender after taking over the program in the fall of 2010.

A Kevil, Ky., native, Humphrey guided the 2007, 2009 and 2010 SDSU Western teams to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships, and coached a total of 20 Western riders in his tenure that qualified for Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Regional shows. Of those 20 riders, six qualified in multiple years, including Tory Ruppert, who qualified for the regional show three times. Humphrey also coached four riders that advanced to the IHSA Western National show.

The success of Humphrey coached riders continues into the summer, as Helen Lauth earned a selection to compete at the National Reining Horse Association Derby in the Collegiate Championship class in Oklahoma City, Okla., in both 2009 and 2010, finishing eighth overall in 2009 and sixth in 2010.

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.

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. Two other Jackrabbit riders also represented SDSU at the Varsity Equestrian Championships in reining.

Humphrey guided four individual riders to the IHSA Regional during the 2008-09 season, led by Ruppert, who advanced to IHSA Nationals. 2008-09 also saw the Western team return to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Waco, Texas, for the second time in school history.

Humphrey’s success continued into the 2009-10 season, when seven riders qualified for the IHSA Regional show in Crookston, Minn. Angela Gebhart led the way for the Jackrabbits with a win in open reining to advance to the IHSA Western Semifinals in Pomona, Calif., where she finished fourth. From there, Gebhart went on to IHSA Nationals at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky., where she finished ninth in the nation.

The Jackrabbit Western team qualified for the Varsity Equestrian National Championships in 2009-10 for the second straight year and third time overall. The Jacks rode well at nationals in Waco, Texas, but fell to defending national champion Georgia in the first round.

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., while combining with a first-place effort in the Hunt Seat standings to win the overall 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. He earned a bachelor’s degree in animal science at WKU 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 Trophy open reining class at the 1999 IHSA Nationals in Cazenovia, N.Y., and earned Reserve National Champion in open reining in 1997 and open western horsemanship in 1996 at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association 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.
Leigh Nichol joined the Jackrabbit staff in October 2010, after spending the last two years riding, competing and showing horses throughout Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida and Pennsylvania, all while working as the head of marketing and public relations at Winbak Farm.

Nichol brings a background in English Equitation and hunter/jumpers with her to Brookings.

“I’m thrilled to join the Jackrabbit equestrian team and SDSU athletic family. I think our stellar horses; talented team members and supportive staff will make this a great experience. I’ve known coach Humphrey for almost seven years, and I’m certain that together with everyone involved, we can make this a very successful endeavor.”

A Camden, Del., native, Nichol graduated from the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., in 2004 with a degree in agriculture communications, but not before she made her mark on the Bulldogs equestrian program. As a competitor, Nichol competed in both IHSA and NCAA Varsity Equestrian events, and competed on Georgia’s inaugural Varsity Equestrian team and on the UGA team that won national championships in 2003 and 2004.

During her master’s studies, Nichol traveled to Wellington, Fla., on weekends to compete at Littlewood and WEF with Driftwood Stable, coached by Jack and Josee Stedding.

After earning her Master’s Degree in Public Relations from Georgia in 2005, Delaware State hired Nichol as its first-ever equestrian coach in March 2006. She spent most of the next year building the Hornets program from the ground up from recruiting athletes, to hiring and managing a staff, to fundraising, marketing and community relations. DSU competed on a limited basis in the fall of 2006, with the Hornets first full season of competition in 2007.

INTERIM ASSISTANT COACH LEIGH NICHOL

A four-year letterwinner and captain for the Hornets, Brown earned team MVP honors following her freshman, sophomore and junior seasons, and won numerous MVP awards at various shows throughout her four years at DSU. In addition to her individual accomplishments, she helped the English team to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships in 2008 and 2009, where she posted wins in equitation over fences.

A Culpeper, Va., native, Brown started riding horses at five years old, and won numerous awards over the years, but she lists her most proud moments as qualifying for the 2003 National Pony Finals in Ohio, and finishing 16th in the country in the Large Green Pony Hunter division. She also won Reserve Champion honors at the ‘A’ rated Upperville Horse show in the Pony Hunter division and won the Washington International Equitation Medal class, both in 2004.

An active member in FFA, Brown stayed actively involved with student life, volunteering at local elementary schools and in the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), including a stint as treasurer from 2006-09 and as president from 2009-10. She also topped a list of 1,800 nominations to appear at the 2008 NCAA Leadership Convention in Florida.

Brown currently studies under Dr. Rebecca Bott at SDSU in pursuit of her Master of Science Degree in equine nutrition.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

Julie Gibbes

A four-year letterwinner with the Tigers, Gibbes competed in every competition during the 2005-06 season and rode at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Albuquerque, N.M., when the Tigers won the overall national title. Individually, Gibbes earned a place on the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll for her work in and out of the ring.

The following season as a junior, Gibbes competed in every competition, losing just once during a season that saw her go undefeated at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships.

She kept rolling for the 2007-08 season, when she again competed in every competition and ranked as high as No. 3 individually on the Varsity Equestrian poll in collegiate reining going into the post season, where she eventually finished third in the nation.

A double major at Auburn, Gibbes graduated in 2008 with degrees in exercise science and health promotion with a minor in psychology.

In addition to her equestrian skills, she earned four varsity letters on the Hammond High School basketball team, where she served as a team captain in both her junior and senior seasons.

Gibbes began pursuit of her master’s degree in sports pedagogy this fall at South Dakota State and eventually wants to coach varsity equestrian and push the sport to NCAA Championship status. She also wants to get further involved in athletic administration, with the ultimate goal of becoming an athletic director.
**EQUESTRIAN STAFF**

**MARTIN HANSON**  
**BARN MANAGER**

Martin Hanson returns for his fourth year as the SDSU equestrian barn manager, where he 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 30 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.

**BETSY CLAUSS**  
**CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER**

Betsy Clauss joins the Jackrabbit equestrian team in 2010-11 for her first season as a graduate assistant working as the team’s Certified Athletic Trainer.

Clauss graduated from Toledo in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training, and became board certified in June of the same year.

She started pursuing her master’s degree in sport science in the fall of 2010 and plans to use her master’s degree to become an athletic trainer at the collegiate level.

A Cardington, Ohio native, Clauss graduated from Cardington-Lincoln High School in 2006.

**PAUL KEIZER**  
**STRENGTH & CONDITIONING GRADUATE ASSISTANT**

Hull, Iowa, native Paul Keizer joined the SDSU Strength and Conditioning staff in May 2010 as a graduate assistant.

A four-year letterwinner on the Jackrabbit football team from 2001-2005, Keizer signed to play with the Los Angeles Avengers of the Arena Football League before returning to South Dakota to play and eventually coach for the Sioux Falls Storm of the Indoor Football League. In addition to playing with the Storm, he also worked at the Avera Sports Institute.

Keizer lives in Brookings with his wife April as he continues working toward a master’s degree in Sports Science.

**OWEN STANLEY**  
**DIRECTOR OF SPORTS MEDICINE**

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 services 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.

Stanley lives in Brookings with his wife Erin.

**NATHAN MOE**  
**HEAD STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH**

Nathan Moe joined the South Dakota State staff in August 2005, where he oversees the design and implementation of the year-round strength and conditioning programs for all 21 varsity sports at SDSU.

Moe came to SDSU after heading the strength and conditioning program at Eastern Illinois University for three years, where he oversaw the design and implementation of strength and conditioning programs for all 22 of the Panthers varsity sports.

Before working at EIU, Moe worked as the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Rice University in Houston, Texas, where he worked with the Owls football strength program, while being directly responsible for men’s and women’s track, men’s and women’s tennis, women’s swimming, women’s soccer and men’s golf.

From 1997-99, Moe worked as a graduate assistant in the strength and conditioning program at the University of Texas in Austin, where he earned an MEd. in Exercise Physiology. He also worked in private business in physical fitness in Texas and in Fargo, N.D.

A Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and a USA Weightlifting Certified Club Coach, Moe also maintains certifications in the National Strength and Conditioning Association and the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

Moe graduated from Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minn., in 1996, with a BS in Exercise Science. He also earned all-conference honors as a linebacker for the 1995 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference champion Dragons.

Moe and his wife Colleen live in Brookings with their son, Zachary and daughter Kylie.
A 1969 graduate of South Dakota State University, David L. Chicoine became the third alumnus to sit in the South Dakota State University president’s office when he took office on Jan. 1, 2007.

The 19th president in school history met his wife, Marcia, whom he spotted in an English class to which he claims perfect attendance—after he noticed her there first, of course.

President Chicoine spent the majority of the next 30 years away from South Dakota State working in higher education at the University of Illinois, where he held administrative posts, including Vice President of Technology and Economic Development and Dean of the College of Agriculture.

While vice president at the University of Illinois, President Chicoine helped launch IllinoisVENTURES, LLC, a seed and early-stage technology investment firm. He also reached new milestones each year in restructuring the university’s technology licensing offices.

As its dean, President Chicoine transformed the College of Agriculture, leaving it with seven academic departments and an Information Technology unit in place of the previous 14 administrative units. He raised $134 million in private gifts (surpassing the campaign’s goal of $115 million) and increased the endowment to $60 million.

Of the eight siblings in President Chicoine’s family, five attended State, including President Chicoine and his brother Jeff, who finished school here the year before him.

When President Chicoine graduated, he did so alongside former U.S. Senator Tom Daschle and several men and women who work at South Dakota State today.

At State, President Chicoine also met longtime friend and colleague Robert Todd, with whom he worked with almost 30 years at the University of Illinois.

The president and his wife, Marcia, live in Woodbine Cottage. Their family includes son Joshua, a Chicago-based musician; daughter-in-law Laura Ellsworth; granddaughter Sylvie; and their late son Jason.

President Chicoine serves as the 19th president of the University and the 17th to live in the historic cottage.

Justin Sell, who served as an athletic administrator at the University of Northern Iowa for 10 years, became the 12th director of athletics at South Dakota State University on May 7, 2009.

“Justin brings a wide range of experiences from other Division I universities to South Dakota State,” President David L. Chicoine said in making the announcement. “He has a degree of familiarity with our athletic programs’ conference affiliations, and he demonstrates an appreciation for Jackrabbit athletics. Most importantly, he shares our common aspirations for the future success of our student-athletes and teams.”

At South Dakota State, Sell oversees the Jackrabbits’ 21-sport Division I athletics program. Eighteen SDSU teams compete in The Summit League, while football competes in the Missouri Valley Football Conference of the Football Championship Subdivision and wrestling competes as a member of the Western Wrestling Conference. Women’s equestrian competes in Varsity Equestrian and the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association.

During his first year at SDSU, the Jackrabbits displayed success across the board, winning Summit League regular season titles in men’s cross country, women’s soccer and baseball and a conference tournament championship in women’s basketball. The football and women’s basketball teams made postseason NCAA Tournament appearances. Sell also implemented aggressive marketing and fundraising initiatives that resulted in record average attendance for football and the highest number of donors and dollars donated to the Jackrabbit Club and through corporate sponsorships.

In the years to come, Sell wants to continue reconnecting with former Jackrabbit student-athletes and enhancing the athletic facilities while still maintaining success on the field, court, track, in the pool and most importantly, in the classroom.

In the classroom, Jackrabbit student-athletes continue to excel as SDSU claimed The Summit League’s Institutional Academic Achievement Award for the 2009-10 academic year. In the spring of 2010, 67 percent of Jackrabbit student-athletes posted a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher. Sixteen of 19 teams - indoor and outdoor track are combined into one men’s and one women’s team - held cumulative team GPAs of 3.0 or higher. Following the 2010 spring semester, the over 450 Jackrabbit student-athletes combined to post a cumulative GPA of 3.19.

Born in Salem, Ore., and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Sell most recently served as senior associate athletic director at UNI since 2006. His primary duties at the Cedar Falls-based university included sport management, oversight of the athletic business office, facilities, game management, summer camps and human resources, while also assisting in fundraising and corporate sponsorships.

In his previous roles as an assistant and associate athletic director at UNI, Sell managed facility operations and the planning of capital projects, including the $26 million McLeod Center and the $7 million Human Performance Center. He also oversaw the UNI-Dome budget and oversaw the development generation team to enhance marketing, development and ticket income.

Aside from his duties at UNI, Sell played an active role in the community as president of the Cedar Valley Sports and Entertainment Commission, the driving force behind bringing several major concerts and sporting events to the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area, including the National Wrestling Coaches Association National Duals and several youth tournaments.

Prior to joining the staff at UNI, Sell worked four years at Villanova University (Pa.), where he served as an assistant director of athletic facilities and intramural director before being named director of ticket operations.

Sell earned his bachelor’s degree in sport management from Bowling Green State University (Ohio) in 1991 and completed a master’s degree in physical education/sport administration at The Ohio State University in 1992.

Sell and his wife, Jennie, live in Brookings with their children: Abbie, Zach, Josh and Eric.
Coming off two straight trips to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships, as well as qualifying multiple riders for IHSA Nationals over the past few years, the 2009-10 equestrian team might be the most successful in school history. That bodes well for the 2010-11 season, as the Jackrabbits return a majority of the riders who made the 2009-10 season so successful.

On the Western side, seniors Britta Barta, Angela Gebhart and Lydia Placzek, juniors Maggie Holzworth and Helen Lauth, along with sophomore Kelsey Champagne, make up the six returners of the seven riders that competed against perennial power Georgia at the 2010 Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Waco, Texas.

Barta defeated her opponent from Georgia, while Lauth, Placzek and Gebhart both advanced to the national show in each of the past two years.

In addition to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships, Gebhart placed ninth at the IHSA Nationals in open reining, while Lauth tied for sixth in the collegiate championship class at the NRHA Derby, her second straight year with a top-10 finish at the event.

“We’re not overly laden with seniors,” interim head coach Joe Humphrey said. “But this is the most experienced team as far as people who have traveled on a consistent basis and competed at the national level.”

Humphrey also noted that the biggest difference between this season and seasons in the past is that he knows what to expect from the riders, and the riders know what to expect at a national event.

“Last year was Champagne’s first on the team and it was Holzworth’s and Barta’s first year at the championships. For the first time, we have the majority of our riders with some championship experience, so it won’t be new to them should we get a selected again this year.”

The experience that SDSU returns only increases expectations for the team, and the Jacks put that experience to the test early, as they take on three very good teams in Auburn, Kansas State and South Carolina in their first three competitions of the year in September.

Along with an experienced Western squad, the Jackrabbits also return a veteran group of hunt seat riders with experience in national competitions.

Ashley Marrin represented the Jacks at the IHSA Championships in open equitation on the flat while Meredith Sauer and Victoria Pecak all return with a tremendous amount of experience in the national spotlight over the past year.

The area that could see the most improvement this season, according to assistant coach Leigh Nichol, is SDSU’s ability to not only contend at the national level as individuals, but also as a team.

“I think our depth and experience puts us in a good position with more than just a handful of individuals, but as a team as well,” Nichol said of the hunt seat squad.

“Our riders have done well individually over the years, but with so much individual experience returning this year, I think that we can compete at a high level as a team as well.”

That depth comes in the form of Lauren Kerr, Megan Violand, Megan Schiffman and Jenna Boscardin, all of who competed as freshman and expect to make strong contributions to the squad again in 2010-11.
Emily Baker

Freshman – Hunt Seat
Corry, Penn.
Corry Area High School
Major: Nursing

Before SDSU: Achieved Horsemanship Skills level I in 2008 and level II in 2009. First-place finisher in hunt seat equitation at the 2010 Silver Cup Horse Show. Winner of the 2008 Silver Cup Horse show High Point Hunter Jumper. Honor Member of the Beta Sigma Phi honor society. Awarded the Alpha Omicron Pi National Honor Society Achievement Award. Member of the North Dakota State University Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Britta Barta

Senior – Western
Glyndon, Minn.
Oak Grove Lutheran High School
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies

2009-10: Competed on the Western team that qualified for 2010 Varsity Equestrian National Championships and at numerous other IHSAs during the season. Advanced from intermediate to open level of competition. Qualified for the HIS Regional competition in Crookston, Minn. Voted as a volunteer at the Brookings Regional Humane Society and with STARS Therapeutic riding program. Mentor for Minnesota 4-H Horse program members. Earned Dean’s List honors in the spring semester.

2008-09: Finished second in novice horsemanship at the IHSA regional in River Falls, Wis. Advanced from intermediate to open level of competition. Qualified for the HIS Regional competition in Crookston, Minn. Voted as a volunteer at the Brookings Regional Humane Society and with STARS Therapeutic riding program. Mentor for Minnesota 4-H Horse program members.

Jana Basler

Sophomore – Western
Chester, S.D.
Chester Area High School
Major: Journalism

2009-10: Elected to the Team Spirit Award as voted on by her teammates at the team awards banquet. Dean’s List honoree in the spring semester.

Before SDSU: 2008 South Dakota Quarter Horse Youth 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. Earned four varsity letters and qualified for the state meet in track and cross country at Chester Area High School.

Hillary Baysinger

Sophomore – Western
Rapid City, S.D.
Stevens High School
Major: Animal Science/Pre-Vet

2009-10: Competed in IHSA shows at UW-River Falls (10/10/11), the SDSU Invitational (10/30-31), at Minnesota-Crookston (12/5/6) and at North Dakota State (2/6-7) in her first year as a Jackrabbit. Finished first in horsemanship at Minnesota-Crookston (12/5-6) and at North Dakota State (2/6-7). Finished second in horsemanship at the SDSU Invitational (10/30-31) and at Minnesota-Crookston (12/5/6). Dean’s List honoree for both the fall and spring semesters.

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.
BEFORE SDSU:

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

2009-10: IHSA Regional qualifier for novice horsemanship ... finished first in
novice horsemanship at UM-Crookston (Dec.6) ... Dean’s List honoree

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
Sophomore – Hunt Seat
North Kingstown, R.I.
North Kingstown High School
Major: English/Spanish

2009-10: Competed at numerous shows throughout the season in intermediate
equitation on the flat and over fences ... finished first on the flat at Minn.-Crook-
ston (11/7) ... won her section of fences and finished second on the flat at UW-
River Falls (2/14) ... finished second on the flat at Minn.-Crookston (11/8) ...
Gold Key honoree in photography ... earned academic honors in both biology and
journalism ... Honor Roll student ... Dean’s List Leadership Academy member ...
assistant director of a summer riding came in East Greenwich, R.I. ... Brookings
Regional Humane Society volunteer ... SDSU admissions ambassador

BEFORE SDSU: Qualified for medal finals throughout New England from
2005-08 ... third in Rhode Island Equitation Finals Horsemanship in
2008 ... earned Chef d ‘Equip 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 USEF shows and medal
Equitation Finals ... spent the summer of 2009 riding and traveling in Fiji, New
Zealand, Australia and Hawaii ... also participated in volleyball and track and field
in high school ... four-year honor roll student ... earned numerous Academic Ex-
cellence awards in high school ... 2009 Rhode Island Junior Scholar Award winner

Kelsey Champagne
Junior – Western
Jamestown, N.D.
Jamestown High School
Major: Human Development/Pre-Nursing

2009-10: Picked-up three wins in six varsity competitions ... earned MVP vs.
Delaware State in horsemanship ... earned MVP in horsemanship and Western
high point rider on both days of competition against Sacred Heart (1/30-31) ... part
of the Western team that advanced to Varsity Equestrian National Champion-
ships ... Dean’s List honoree in the fall

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 Associa-
tion 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 Paint 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 high school with honors

Skye Byrnes
Sophomore – Hunt Seat
Plantation, Fla.
American Heritage High School
Major: Animal Science

2009-10: Finished first in equitation on the flat and third in equitation over
fences at the SDSU Invitationalal (10/31-11/1) ... finished second on the flat at
Minn.-Crookston (11/7-8) ... also competed in a show at SMU (11/22) ... volun-
tees at the Brookings Regional Humane Society

BEFORE SDSU: Earned South Florida Hunter Jumper Association Grand Champion
in 2009 ... started riding horses at four years old ... enjoys lobster and spear fish-
ing and riding ATVs

Julie Corcoran
Senior – Western
Aurora, S.D.
Brookings High School
Major: Consumer Affairs/Global Studies

2009-10: IHSA Regional finalist in intermediate horsemanship ... active in Air
Force ROTC ... spent the summer working with at-risk children on leadership de-
velopment in Wisconsin ... Dean’s List honoree in the fall and spring semesters

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 be-
ginner horsemanship at the IHSA regional (2/28)

2007-08: A late addition to the Jackrabbit roster, made debut at IHSA competi-
tion hosted by Minnesota-Crookston in February, placing third in section of begin-
ier 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, be-
fore finishing up at Brookings High School ... a biology major ... member of Na-
tional Honor Scotiety

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Junior – Hunt Seat
Westerville, Ohio
St. Francis DeSales High School
Major: Economics

2009-10: Finished first at SDSU Invitational (10/31-11/1) in novice division of equitation over fences ... finished fourth in the region in the novice division of equitation over fences ... 2010 Country Heir 2-feet, 6-inch jumpers champion

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)

**LAURA DUNLAVY**

Freshman – Western
Willmar, Minn.
Willmar Senior High School
Major: Mass Communications

**BEFORE SDSU:** Ten-time Kandiyohi County 4-H Horse Champion ... Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show Showmanship champion in 2005 and Training champion in 2007 ... Numerous State 4-H Horse Show Top-10 awards ... Glacial Ridge Appaloosa Club show highpoint awards earner from 2007-10 ... Extensive High Point open show winner from 2005-10 ... Minnesota State Fair Creative Arts Champion in 2008 and 2009 ... 2010 Minnesota Dan Patch Winner ... winner of multiple national horse judging team awards including American Quarter Horse Congress, Morgan Grand National, International Arabian Horse Competition and National Western Stock Show ... 2004 National 4-H Horse Knowledge Bowl award winner ... Minnesota Horse Council Scholarship winner ... Youth Chairperson of Minnesota 4-H Horse Association ... Minnesota 4-H Horse Bowl/Youth Chairman from 2007-10 ... 2008 National Youth Horse Council participant ... high school basketball letterwinner ... four-year honor roll student ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with honors

**ANGELO GEBHART**

Senior – Western
Maple Grove, Minn.
Maple Grove High School
Major: Spanish Education/Pre-Vet

2009-10: Rode to a top-10 finish in open reining at the 2010 IHSA Western Nationals ... placed fourth in open reining at the 2010 IHSA Western Semifinals ... 2010 IHSA open reining regional champion ... competed with the Western team at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships ... earned reining MVP honors on both days of competition against Sacred Heard (1/30-31) ... earned Western high-point rider honors at UW-River Falls (10/10) and Western reserve high-point rider honors at UW-River Falls (10/11) ... finished as Western high-point rider on both days of the SDSU Invitational (10/31-11/1) ... won head-to-head rides against Delaware State (10/3), at Texas A&M (11/21, vs. Sacred Heard (1/30-31) and against Minnesota-Crookston (3/22) in reining ... member of the Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society ... named to the Dean’s List and Equestrian Coaches’ Honor Roll for all semesters ... spent the summer of 2010 studying in Guatemala in association with the SDSU Modern Languages Department

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 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

**STEPHANIE GRUENER**

Freshman – Western
Clear Lake, S.D.
Deuel High School
Major: Ag Business

**BEFORE SDSU:** Won Reserve Grand Champion at the 2009 Deuel County Horse Show ... also earned multiple ribbons at the South Dakota State 4-H horse Shows from 2000-09 ... placed in the top-three in numerous events at the 2009 Empire State Horse Show ... two year varsity letterwinner in basketball and volleyball ... four-year honor roll student
ALEXANDRA HEMINGSON

Freshman – Western
Andover, Minn.
Andover High School
Major: Ag Education/Ag Business

BEFORE SDSU: Won the 2008 end-of-year high point pleasure award at the BLT Riders Saddle Club ... three-time finalist for the Dan Patch Award, given for leadership and service ... Minnesota 4-H state ambassador in 2008-09 ... also active in, the America Paint Horse Association and the American Youth Horse Council ... Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show Chairperson from 2007-10 ... three-time public speaking national qualifier ... Andover High School FFA chapter founder ... FFA state speech qualifier ... national APHA paint horse director for Minnesota

BRITTANY HENRY

Senior – Hunt Seat
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Lincoln High School
Major: Education

2009-10: Novice finalist on the flat in IHSA division and qualified for regional competition ... team SAAC representative ... Dean’s List honoree

2008-09: Traveled abroad for a semester attending classes in New Zealand and then redshirted during the second semester

2007-08: Qualified for IHSA regional competition in novice equitation over fences ... met qualification standard in a show at UW-River Falls in March ... claimed section titles in novice equitation over fences on both days of fall competition at Minn.-Crookston ... runner-up in intermediate equitation on the flat during fall competition at UW-River Falls ... rode in five competitions overall

2006-07: Placed second in novice section of equitation over fences at UW-River Falls in October ... won head-to-head matchup at Best of the West competition hosted by Fresno State in March

BEFORE SDSU: Gained valuable competition experience with the Sierra Equestrian Club ... also competed in basketball and volleyball in high school

MAGGIE HOLZWORTH

Junior – Western
West Des Moines, Iowa
Dowling Catholic High School
Major: Nursing

2009-10: Member of the Western squad that qualified for the Varsity Equestrian National Championships ... IHSA Regional qualifier in horsemanship ... won in open championship at UW-River Falls (10/10-11) ... won head-to-head horsemanship matchups against Delaware State (10/3) and Sacred Heart (1/30) ... ranked No. 3 in non-pro versatility open horsemanship at the end of 2009 by the Appaloosa Horse Club

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

BEFORE SDSU: Competed both regionally and internationally ... claimed 2007 Youth Superior Award and placed in the top-five at the 2008 Appaloosa Youth Worlds ... 2006 and 2008 Iowa State Fair 4-H hunter under saddle champion ... also competed in bowling and tennis in high school ... four-year Presidential honor roll student

MORGAN HOUCH

Junior – Hunt Seat
Webster, S.D.
Webster High School
Major: Economics

2009-10: Opened the season with a first place finish in novice equitation over fences at Wisconsin (10/3) ... finished second in novice equitation on the flat at Wisconsin (10/4) ... also traveled to various IHSA shows throughout the season ... voted Workhorse of the Year by her teammates ... Dean’s List honoree in the fall and spring semesters ... spent the summer of 2010 working at Newstone Farm in Oconomowoc, Wis. ... volunteers at the Brookings Regional Humane Society

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

Junior – Western
Hemingford, Neb.
Hemingford High School
Major: Early Childhood Education

2009-10: Competed in various shows throughout the season

2008-09: Competed in hunt seat 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 4-H awards in Nebraska ... reserve champion in English pleasure at the 2008 Nebraska State 4-H Horse Show, placed third in English equitation and fifth in showmanship ... qualified for AQHYA Youth World Show in performance halter in 2007 ... reserve champion in English Pleasure at Ak-Sar-Ben in 2005 ... crowned Box Butte County Fair all-around champion nine straight years ... three-year National Honor Society member ... 2008 class president ... also participated in basketball, band, drama and FCCLA in high school

LAUREN KERR

Sophomore – Hunt Seat
Granville, Ohio
Granville High School
Major: History/Pre-Law

2009-10: Competed in every varsity show during her freshman season ... earned MVP honors in competitions against TCU and Delaware State (10/3) in equitation on the flat ... active in Air Force ROTC ... Dean’s List honoree ... volunteers at the Brookings Regional Humane Society

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
HELEN LAUTH
Junior – Western
Eyota, Minn.
Dover-Eyota High School
Major: Park & Recreation Management

2009-10: Recorded wins against TCU, Delaware State, Sacred Heart and Minnesota, Crookston to finish the regular season 4-1. Finished in a tie for 6th place in the National Reining Horse Association Collegiate Reining Championships at the NRHA Derby in Oklahoma City, Okla. (6/26). Competed with the Western Squad at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships ... served as the National Reining Horse Youth Association secretary in 2009. NHYA Committee member ... collegiate FFA representative ... member of Horse Club and Wildlife & Fisheries Conservation Club. Dean’s List honoree in both the spring and fall semesters ... spent the summer of 2010 working as a camp counselor and assisting in the management of the horseback riding program at Camp WeHaKee in Wisconsin.

2008-09: Scored 78 to win her head-to-head reining event vs. Minnesota-Crookston (10/12). Recorded wins against UT-Martin, Kansas State and MVP honors against Minnesota-Crookston to finish the regular season 3-0. Finished eighth in her collegiate class in the NRHA Collegiate Reining Championships at the NRHA Derby in Oklahoma City, Okla. (6/22-27).

BEFORE SDSU: Helen bolsters the Jackrabbit lineup in the Western events, primarily in reining. Claimed three top-10 World Reining finishes over two divisions ... served as FFA chapter president at Dover-Eyota High School ... also active in theatre and lettered in golf.

DIID YOU KNOW?
Helen Lauth competed at the NRHA Derby in Oklahoma City, Okla., this past summer and finished in the top 10 for a second straight year.

ASHLEY MARRIN
Senior – Hunt Seat
Palos Heights, Ill.
Marist High School
Major: Landscape Architecture

2009-10: Voted year-end hunt seat MVP by her teammates ... won intermediate equitation over fences, open equitation on the flat and tied for high-point rider at the SDSU Invitational (10/3-11/1). Won first place in open equitation on the flat at the IHSA Regional Championships in Crookston, Minn. (3/6). Took first place in open equitation at the IHSA Zone Finals in Dekalb, Ill. (4/10) to advance to IHSA Nationals in Lexington, Ky., (5/8) for the second straight year ... won the Jack's lone point in equitation over fences at SMU (11/22). Earned MVP honors with a score of 80 in equitation over fences vs. Sacred Heart (1/30). Earned MVP for over fences at Minnesota-Crookston (11/7-8). Earned "Iron Jack" honors from the strength and conditioning staff for her work in the weight room ... volunteers at the Brookings Regional Humane Society, the Brookings Food Pantry and various other community service events. Dean's List honoree ... secretary and treasurer of the landscape club ... vice president of the Horticulture Honor Society.

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 ... notchied 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.

AMY MANDELK
Junior – Western
Dalton, Minn.
Fergus Falls High School
Major: Psychology

2009-10: Competed and placed at various IHSA Western shows throughout the season ... won first place in amateur horsemanship and amateur hunter under saddle at the all-novice Minnesota Quarter Horse Association show in Verndale, Minn., and placed in the top-10 in amateur trail and amateur Western pleasure. Placed top-10 in novice amateur horsemanship, novice amateur Western pleasure, novice amateur hunter under saddle and novice amateur hunt seat equitation at the Region 3 AQHA Experience in St. Paul. Earned wins in horsemanship, western pleasure and equitation and picked-up top-10 finishes in novice amateur horsemanship, novice amateur Western pleasure, novice amateur hunter under saddle at the Wadena Area Quarter Horse Show in Fergus Falls, Minn. Served as an assistant super for Little International.

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 the 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.
Sammie Nicklaus  
Freshman – Hunt Seat  
La Crosse, Wis.  
Logan High School  
Major: Political Science

**Before SDSU:** Started riding horses at age five ... rides in shows locally and regionally in over fences and flat classes in the ‘B’ circuit ... member of 4-H and Pony Club from age 6-12 ... member of the Western Wisconsin Horse Show Association and U.S. Equestrian Federation since the age of six ... eight-year member of the Friendship Farm horse show team ... served on the Logan High School student council ... four-year honor roll student ... worked with handicapped riders at Horse Sense for Special Riders in high school ... studied Spanish in Costa Rica in the summer of 2009 ... three-year peer tutor in high school ... troubled youth volunteer as a junior.

Angela Noyes  
Junior – Hunt Seat  
Sioux Falls, S.D.  
O’Gorman High School  
Major: Economics

2009-10: 2010 IHSA regional qualifier in walk, trot, canter ... finished first in advanced walk, trot, canter at Wisconsin (10/3) and at Minnesota-Crookston (11/7) ... Brooksings Regional Humane Society volunteer

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/Equitation 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 Pecka  
Junior – Hunt Seat  
Maple City, Mich.  
Glen Lake High School  
Major: Biology/Pre-Vet

2009-10: IHSA Region 3 Fences Champion in 2010 ... won points in shows against Texas A&M (11/21) and SMU (11/22) in the fall ... competed in shows at home and won points against Sacred Heart (1/30), Delaware State (10/3) and TCU (10/3) ... volunteers at the Brooksings Regional Humane Society ... member of the Ag/Bio Ambassadors ... participates in campus clean-ups and in food drives ... Dean’s List honoree

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

**Before SDSU:** ... Competed in volleyball and track in addition to equestrian events ... qualified for state track and field meet four times ... four-year honor roll student ... Presidential scholar

Lydia Placzek  
Senior – Western  
Kearney, Neb.  
Kearney High School  
Major: Ag Business

2009-10: Went undefeated (6-0) in head-to-head reining competition during the regular season ... earned MVP honors against Delaware State (10/3), posting a 72.5 in reining ... finished the season with an MVP performance against Minnesota-Crookston, (3/22) recording a score of 75.5 ... advanced to Varsity Equestrian National Championships in reining and horsemanship ... Dean’s List honoree in the fall of 2009

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 Minn.-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

Sheila Price  
Freshman – Western  
Redfield, S.D.  
Redfield High School  
Major: Biology

**Before SDSU:** Active member of 4-H and FFA ... 2006 junior 4-H reining champion ... winner of the 2009 Spink County Senior Horse Award ... member of the 2009 South Dakota 4-H quiz bowl team ... five-year member of the Redfield High School volleyball and track teams ... won the 2009 Danforth “I Dare You” Citizenship Award ... member of the National Honor Society, four-year honor roll student ... Presidential Scholar from 2007-10
MOLLY RYAN
Senior – Hunt Seat
Carmel, Ind.
Carmel High School
Major: Ag Journalism/Equine Science

2009-10: Opened the season with second place finishes in open equitation over fences and on the flat at Wisconsin (10/3) ... rode to a first place finish in open fences at the SDSU Invitational (11/1) ... qualified for IHSA Regionals in open flat at Minnesota Crookston (11/7-8) ... earned a 4.0 GPA in an agricultural communications semester exchange program in the spring at Oklahoma State University, which earned her a place on the OSU Presidential Honor Roll ... co-founder for the equestrian team and Brookings Regional Humane Society partnership, hosting adoption events and volunteering throughout the season ... Dean’s List honoree ... spent the summer of 2010 as an intern for the “Oklahoma Horizon” television show, where she appeared on television in Oklahoma and on RFDtv

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

MEREDITH SAUER
Junior – Hunt Seat
Fishers, Ind.
Northpoint Homeschool
Major: Chemistry/Pre-Med

2009-10: Finished the season 4-1 in over fences and 2-0 in equitation on the flat in NCAAC competitions ... earned MVP honors and won a team point against Sacred Heart (1/30) ... also won in open equitation over fences at the SDSU Invitational (11/1) ... Dean’s list honoree in the Spring of 2010 ... one of three students awarded the John and Patty Tanaka Undergraduate Research Fellowship in chemistry and biochemistry in the summer of 2010 ... completed undergraduate research for her chemistry major in the summer of 2010 ... active in Air Force ROTC and the SDSU Honors College ... member of the First Lady’s Literary Circle and an inaugural member of the Lead State program at SDSU ... volunteers at the Brookings Regional Humane Society and in the Meals on Wheels program

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’s 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
Senior – Hunt Seat
Columbus, Ohio
Upper Arlington High School
Major: Nursing

2009-10: 2010 IHSA regional qualifier in intermediate equitation on the flat ... participated in head-to-head competitions against Delaware State (10/3), TCU (10/3), Texas A&M (11/21) and SMU (11/22) ... volunteer at the Brookings Regional Humane Society ... serves the SDSU College of Nursing as a student ambassador

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

Leslie Sauter
MEGAN SHIFERL

Junior – Hunt Seat
Fordyce, Neb.
Crofton Community High School
Major: English

2009-10: Strong competitor for the Jackrabbits in hunt seat events ... placed third in the IHSA regional in novice equitation on the flat (3/6) ... member of the SDSU Honors College and Dean’s list honoree for the College of Arts and Science ... served as the Grand Pooba for the University Program Council and served as a Student Association at-large Senator for the 2009-10 term ... new student orientation leader

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-Stares 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: Megan’s brother, Tyler ran track at SDSU and graduated in 2009

MEGAN SCHIFFMAN

Sophomore – Hunt Seat
Lynden, Wash.
Lynden High School
Major: General Studies

2009-10: Competed in various events during the season

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

COURTNEY SCHNEIDER

Sophomore – Hunt Seat
Towson, Md.
Baltimore Lutheran High School
Major: Consumer Affairs

BEFORE SDSU: Qualified for the 2009 Washington International Horse Show in children’s jumper ... showed along the East Coast throughout 2009 in high children’s jumper ... finished fifth all-around in working hunter and sixth all-around for junior hunter for the Harford Horse Show Association in 2007 and 2008

MEGAN SCHIFFMAN

Sophomore – Hunt Seat
Lynden, Wash.
Lynden High School
Major: General Studies

2009-10: Competed in various events during the season

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

COURTNEY SCHNEIDER

Sophomore – Hunt Seat
Towson, Md.
Baltimore Lutheran High School
Major: Consumer Affairs

BEFORE SDSU: Qualified for the 2009 Washington International Horse Show in children’s jumper ... showed along the East Coast throughout 2009 in high children’s jumper ... finished fifth all-around in working hunter and sixth all-around for junior hunter for the Harford Horse Show Association in 2007 and 2008

SARAH SCHNIEDER

Junior – Hunt Seat
Worthington, Minn.
Worthington Senior High School
Major: Pharmacy

BEFORE SDSU: Transferred to SDSU from Minnesota West Community and Technical College ... served as Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society Vice President of Leadership from 2009-10 ... MWCC Student Ambassador in 2009-10 ... Student Senate Vice President in 2009-10 ... Dean’s List honoree from 2008-10 ... graduated from high school with honors ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... volunteers with women’s day activities

LAURA SCHREINER

Freshman – Hunt Seat
Green Bay, Wis.
Green Bay Preble High School
Major: Graphic Design

BEFORE SDSU: Won reserve champion in hunt showmanship, finalist in hunter under saddle and earned top-10 finishes in Western showmanship and in English equitation at the 2009 Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Expo ... earned 2009 North-east Wisconsin year-end open show circuit awards in showmanship, hunter under saddle and equitation ... finished in the top-10 in hunt showmanship in both 2006 and 2007 and added a top-10 in hunter under saddle in 2007 at the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Expo ... member of the high honor roll and National Honor Society in high school

JENNA SMEENK

Sophomore – Western
Newell, S.D.
Newell High School
Major: Political Science

2009-10: Finished first in intermediate horsemanship at the SDSU Invitational (10/30-31) ... served as a Student Association senator for the college of Arts and Sciences ... named Miss Brookings 2010 ... represented the Equestrian team on SDSU’s version of “Dancing with the Stars”

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 an Operations Intelligence Analyst

DID YOU KNOW?

The SDSU Equestrian team features riders from 17 different states and one province
**Trisha Smeer**

Senior – Western  
Newell, S.D.  
Newell High School  
Major: Broadcast Journalism

**Before SDSU:** 2009-10: 2010 IHSA regional qualifier in novice horsemanship ... selected to serve as a flag carrier at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev., in 2009 and 2010 ... earned an associates degree in applied weather science technology from the Community College of the Air Force in 2010 ... Dean’s List honoree in both the fall and spring semesters

**2008-09:** Took second in novice western horsemanship during an IHSA competition (11/16) ... added another section title in novice horsemanship at Minnesota-Crookston (2/7-8)

**2007-08:** Placed third in intermediate horsemanship at the IHSA Nationals in Burbank, Calif., in May ... began postseason run by earning reserve grand champion honors at regional meet ... followed with fourth-place finish at IHSA semifinals ... placed first in section of intermediate horsemanship at Nebraska in November ... during spring season, won section championship in IHSA meet at Nebraska and runner-up at Minnesota-Crookston ... also represented SDSU on the Equestrian Coaches Honor Roll

**2006-07:** Redshirted

**Before SDSU:** South Dakota High School Rodeo Queen ... Junior Miss Rodeo South Dakota ... South Dakota National Horse Judging Team ... 4-H state reining, showing and jumping ... attended Newell High School ... three year member of the National Honor Society

**Personal:** Serves as a Staff Sergeant in the South Dakota Air National Guard as a weather forecaster

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**Joann Steiff**

Junior – Hunt Seat  
Braden, Fla.  
Braden River High School  
Major: Business/Animal Science

**Before SDSU:** Transferred to SDSU from State College of Florida ... brings experience in hunter, equitation and jumper events ... earned grand champion honors at the 2009 Atlanta Horse Show in adult jumper division ... participated in the 2007 Marshall and Sterling Equitation Finals in Saugerties, N.Y., posting the highest score by a Florida rider ... served as FFA Chapter Treasurer ... member of livestock judging at Braden River High School ... also lettered in orchestra and academics in high school

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**Hannah Stone**

Sophomore – Western  
Prosper, Texas  
Texas Tech High School  
Major: Human Development

**2009-10:** Opened the season with a first place finish in horsemanship at Minnesota-Crookston (12/5-6) ... also showed well in horsemanship at North Dakota State (2/6-7) ... Dean’s List honoree for both the fall and spring semesters ... volunteered at a therapeutic horse riding school in Prosper, Texas ... helps teach kids about horse safety, gives riding lessons and trains client horses at a camp in Frisco, Texas

**Before SDSU:** Volunteers at a horse center working with children using horse therapy ... trains and teaches 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 ... also participated in track and volleyball at Texas Tech High School

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**Elizabeth Sykes**

Junior – Hunt Seat  
Sioux City, Iowa  
North High School  
Major: Dietetics/Spanish

**2009-10:** Competed in IHSA shows throughout the season ... plays trombone in the Pride of the Dakotas marching, jazz and pep band

**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 won first place in numerous other regional competitions ... also active in jazz, concert and marching band ... four year honor roll student ... member of the National Honor Society

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**Megan Violand**

Sophomore – Hunt Seat  
Moorpark, Calif.  
Moorpark High School  
Major: Animal Science

**2009-10:** Opened the season with a win in novice equitation over fences at Wisconsin (10/3-4) ... picked-up another win in novice equitation on the flat at the SDSU Invitational (10/31-11/1) ... also won first place in novice fences at Minnesota-Crookston (11/7-8) ... also competed in shows against TCU and Delaware State (10/03), at SMU (11/22) and vs. Sacred Heart (1/30) ... earned Iron Jack honors for her work in the weight room ... volunteers at the Brookings Regional Humane Society

**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
SHELBY WEBB
Freshman – Western
Hinton, Iowa
High School
Major: Animal Science

Before SDSU: Top-10 in Pinto World in 2007-09 in the youth senior division ... Iowa State Fair Western Pleasure champion in 2009 ... Plymouth Country Fair 4-H horse all-around champion from 2003-07 ... earned Register of Merit a total of seven times from Pinto Horse Association in seven different disciplines and five times from the American Paint Horse Association in five different disciplines ... also received her Youth Versatility from the American Paint Horse Association ... earned Academic Athlete honors and served on the student council and played in the band all four years in high school ... member of the math club ... captain of the cheer and dance teams in high school ... volunteers at the Discovery Shop, soup kitchen and for Habitat for Humanity.

LAUREN WITHERS
Freshman – Hunt Seat
Middletown, R.I.
Middletown High School
Major: Business

Before SDSU: Sandy Point Stables 2009 year-end equitation champion ... finished 10th in the Sandy Point Stables 2009 Hunter Classic ... Massachusetts Hunter Jumper Finals qualifier from 2006-09 ... 2009 New England finals 15-17 qualifier in equitation ... finished fourth at the Rhode Island year-end awards for Children’s Hunter Ponies in 2008 ... earned a second place in the 2008 Rhode Island year-end awards ... 2007 Sandy Point Stables year end champion for Children’s Hunter Ponies ... finished 10th at Rhode Island Finals in 2007 ... finished ninth at the SEHA finals in 2006 ... also earned three letters in lacrosse.

SANTANA WRIGHT
Freshman – Hunt Seat
Port Hope, Ontario
Port Hope High School
Major: Journalism

Before SDSU: Won numerous division championships in large pony and children’s hunter divisions on the ‘A’ rated national circuit from 2003-10 ... also earned numerous top awards in hunter and jumper equitation medal classes on the ‘A’ rated national circuit from 2003-10 ... also played volleyball, coed badminton, track and field and rugby in high school ... coordinator and referee for high school intramural sports ... served as an athletic representative in student government in 2009 and 2010 ... recognized as an athlete of the week by City-TV in Toronto ... graduated in the top third of her class ... volunteers as a foster parent with the Lions Foundation Canine Vision Canada by caring for and training puppies before they become seeing eye dogs.
**DJ**  
Barn Name: Dinky  
Year of Birth: 2000  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Arabian/Trakhener  
Donor: Leslee Harmon

**Guiding Light**  
Barn Name: Max  
Year of Birth: 1998  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Brandenburg  
Owner: Janice and Scott Nichol

**Hickorys Glory Shot**  
Barn Name: Sport  
Year of Birth: 1999  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Owner: Britta Barta

**Investment Playboy**  
Barn Name: Broker  
Year of Birth: 2005  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Paint  
Seller: Jared Clark

**Jackson**  
Barn Name: Jackson  
Year of Birth: 1993  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Thoroughbred  
Donor: Stephen F. Austin State University

**Jag King Trinity Rum**  
Barn Name: Jag  
Year of Birth: 2001  
Sex: Mare  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Owner: Darlene Mandelke

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

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

**John Dunbar**  
Barn Name: John  
Year of Birth: 1991  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Appaloosa  
Donor: Daniel & Dorine Bennett
**Kalis Classic Jubilee**
- Barn Name: Billy
- Year of Birth: 1999
- Sex: Gelding
- Breed: Paint
- Owner: Marty Vita

**KC Judgement Affirmed**
- Barn Name: Judd
- Year of Birth: 1994
- Sex: Gelding
- Breed: Thoroughbred
- Donor: Stephen F. Austin State University

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

**Makin Sunshine**
- Barn Name: Sunshine
- Year of Birth: 2002
- Sex: Mare
- Breed: Thoroughbred
- Owner: Kamerra Brown

**Zips Miss Mercedes**
- Barn Name: Mercedes
- Year of Birth: 1999
- Sex: Mare
- Breed: Paint
- Owner: Julie Zachrison

**Mr. Geronimo**
- Barn Name: Flash
- Year of Birth: 1996
- Sex: Gelding
- Breed: Appaloosa
- Seller: Martha Tacha

**Mr. Showpoke**
- Barn Name: Caesar
- Year of Birth: 1997
- Sex: Gelding
- Breed: Quarter Horse
- Seller: Jodie Svennes

**Music Dancer**
- Barn Name: Flirt
- Year of Birth: 1995
- Sex: Gelding
- Breed: Thoroughbred
- Donor: Stephanie Kuchta

**Peabean Jay**
- Barn Name: Phoebe
- Year of Birth: 2003
- Sex: Mare
- Breed: Thoroughbred
- Donor: Warren Hammerback
**Peppy Star Chick**  
Barn Name: Star  
Year of Birth: 2001  
Sex: Mare  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Owner: Seth & Kevyn Cunningham

**RCC Lenas Lil Pepsi**  
Barn Name: Coke  
Year of Birth: 2003  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Donor: Steve Grove

**Sonitas Ben Playin**  
Barn Name: Ben  
Year of Birth: 2005  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Owner: Darlene Mandelke

**Supreme Cowboy King**  
Barn Name: Curtis  
Year of Birth: 1987  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Donor: Larry Landmark

**Tuff Flower To A Tee**  
Barn Name: Tuffy  
Year of Birth: 1999  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Owner: Dave Sweet

**Whoa And Go**  
Barn Name: Whoa  
Year of Birth: 1999  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Half Arabian  
Seller: Rancho Del Sol/Don & Kamber Ulmer

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

**Extra Design**  
Barn Name: Jed  
Year of Birth: 2004  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Paint  
Owner: Gerald Champagne
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.

“The DeHaan Equestrian Center is an invaluable asset to our program,” interim head coach Joe Humphrey said. “The size and scope of the facility allows us to thoroughly prepare our team for competitions across the country and host quality competitions when opponents travel to Brookings.”

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.

“Completion of phase II will play a crucial role in the development and maintenance of a top-level program at SDSU,” Humphrey said.

For more information on the SDSU Equestrian team, or to make a donation for scholarship support or facilities, please contact Associate Athletic Director for Development Mike Burgers at (605) 688-6972.
SWIFTEL CENTER

The municipally operated Swiftel Center serves 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.

The New Community Fitness Wellness Center opened on the SDSU campus in the fall of 2008.

Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center

Dykhouse Center Weightroom

Dykhouse Student-Athlete Academic Center
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 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, and served in that position through the 2009-10 season. Joe Humphrey joined the coaching staff in the spring of 2005, and took over the head coaching duties on an interim basis in the fall of 2010.

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.
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.
South Dakota State University provides its student-athletes the opportunity to train and compete in some of the finest facilities in The Summit League. Within the past five years, SDSU added or enhanced several Jackrabbit athletic facilities, including:

- Construction of new on-campus baseball and softball competition fields;
- Construction of a new equestrian center;
- Installation of new video boards and scoreboards at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium and Frost Arena;
- Completion of a practice soccer field.

SDSU further enhanced its student-athlete facilities in 2009 with the completion of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center. Located in the north end zone of Coughlin-Alumni Stadium, the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center houses an academic center for use by all Jackrabbit student-athletes, as well as new locker room and training facilities for the SDSU football team.

Construction on the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center marks the first stage of a master plan to dramatically modernize athletic facilities at SDSU.

The $6 million donated by Sioux Falls bankers Dana Dykhouse and T. Denny Sanford in the fall of 2007 set in motion the construction of the first major athletic building on campus since Frost Arena in 1973.

Future additions to the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center, which would be included in a comprehensive athletic facilities master plan, would house offices, meeting rooms and locker facilities for all outdoor sports at South Dakota State University.

With a record enrollment of 12,816 students in the fall of 2010, South Dakota State University remains the state’s largest institution of higher education. Students from all 50 states and more than 40 nations attend SDSU, a public, land-grant institution.

SDSU granted nearly 70,000 degrees since its charter in 1881, with degrees offered through these nine colleges:

- Agriculture and Biological Sciences
- Arts and Sciences
- Education and Counseling
- Engineering
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- General Studies
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Graduate School

SDSU also offers degree programs through the University Center in Sioux Falls. The Office of Continuing and Extended Education coordinates evening, RDTN, Internet and off-campus courses.

SDSU offers more than 200 majors, minors and options, with more than 2,500 different course offerings. Students can choose from more than 200 clubs and organizations active on campus.

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

SDSU maintains a student-faculty ratio of 18:1.

The University as a whole employs more than 2,000 people, with a total operating budget of nearly $208 million in fiscal year 2008.
South Dakota State University continues to experience unprecedented growth, both in enrollment and building projects.

Projects recently completed or currently under way include:
- The $48 million, 144,000-square-foot Avera Health and Science Center;
- Harding Hall South, a 30,000-square-foot building that houses an expansion within the College of Engineering;
- The $6 million Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center;
- Caldwell Hall, with work beginning on additional suite-style residence halls;
- A $7.8 million campus wellness center

The SDSU Foundation’s “It Starts With State” campaign, a comprehensive fund-raising initiative designed to raise $190 million over the next several years, continues to identify additional facility projects and enhancements to academic programs.

Every college, department and unit stands to benefit from “It Starts With State” campaign. The impact of scholarships, endowments, facility enhancements, professorships, endowed chairs and the Funds for Excellence reaches every academic college and program on campus.

The Innovation Campus at South Dakota State University marks the state’s first and only university-affiliated research park. Located on 125 acres just east of campus, it provides an environment that fosters partnerships among the University, business, government and the community to grow the sciences and technology-based economy.

SDSU boasts the highest percentage of undergraduates involved in research of any South Dakota public university. SDSU is large enough to offer competitive research opportunities, yet small enough to foster student faculty learning opportunities.

Major areas of research at SDSU include:
- Engineering and technology research into photovoltaic devices, nanotechnology, materials science, wind power, surface transportation systems, signal and image processing, water treatment, computer sciences, software engineering and computational science and statistics
- Agricultural sciences research on crops and livestock, including food manufacturing, bio-based energy, economics and horticulture
- Management and conservation of natural resources.
- Health sciences, nutritional sciences and wellness research programs in pharmaceutical sciences, nutrition and exercise physiology
- Renewable energy research develops bio-based energy technologies, while promoting diversification and environmental sustainability of America’s agriculture
- The federal government awarded SDSU and six other universities $69 million in federal funds over the next five years to serve as Vanguard centers for the National Children’s Study. The NCS studies more than 100,000 children from across the country from conception to age 21.
South Dakota State University currently offers 21 varsity sports with Jackrabbit teams competing at the NCAA Division I level. Football competes in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, while 18 sports compete in The Summit League. Wrestling competes in the Western Wrestling Conference, while equestrian currently competes without conference affiliation.

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**SPORTS CURRENTLY OFFERED AT SDSU INCLUDE:**

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Properly speaking, Jackrabbits should not be called 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 do not eat meat; they eat tender herbs in the summer and woody twigs and bark in the winter.

**COMMUNITY**

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**ACADEMIC OVERVIEW**

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.)
Biology (B.S., Minor)
- Ecology
- Molecular/Cellular
- Organismal
- Pre-Professional

Biological Sciences (M.S., Ph.D.)
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.)
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

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

Global Studies
Graphic Design (B.A., B.S.)
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)
Microbiology (B.S., M.S., Minor)
Military Science (Minor)

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.)
Educational Administration (M.Ed.)
Career and Technical Education (B.S.)
Secondary Education Certification
Agriculture
Art (K-12)
Biology
Career and Technical Education
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
English
Family and Consumer Sciences
French
Geography
German (K-12)
Health, Physical Education and Recreation (K-12)
History
Journalism
Mathematics
Music (K-12)
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish (K-12)
Speech (Speech/Debate, Drama/Theatre)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (B.S.)
• Food and Bio-Materials
• Power and Machinery
• Structures and Environment
• Water and Natural Resources
Civil and Environmental Engineering (B.S.)
Computer Science (B.S., Minor)
Construction Management (B.S.)
Electrical Engineering (B.S.)
• Biomedical Engineering
• Communications and Advanced Electronics
• Computers-Digital Hardware
• Image Processing
• Power Systems
Electronics Engineering Technology (B.S.)
Engineering (M.S.)
Engineering Physics (B.S.)
• Electrical Engineering
• Mechanical Engineering
Industrial Management (M.S.)
Manufacturing Engineering Technology (B.S.)
Mechanical Engineering (B.S.)
Physics (B.S., Minor)
• Professional Physics
• Science Education
Safety Management (B.S.)
Software Engineering (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)
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9/24 Auburn (Auburn, Ala.)
9/25 at South Carolina
10/9-10 IHSA Hunt Seat (River Falls, Wis.)
10/29-30 IHSA Western
11/6-7 IHSA Hunt Seat (Crookston, Minn.)
11/13-14 IHSA Western (Fargo, N.D.)
2/13 at Tennessee-Martin
2/19-20 IHSA Hunt Seat (River Falls, Wis.)
2/25-27 Georgia/New Mexico State/Tennessee-Martin*
2/25 IHSA Western Semifinals (Findlay, Ohio)
3/5-6 IHSA Regionals (Crookston, Minn.)
3/19 IHSA Hunt Seat Zone Finals
3/25 at Delaware State
3/26-27 IHSA Western Semifinals (Findlay, Ohio)
4/8-9 IHSA Hunt Seat Zone Finals
4/14-16 Varsity Equestrian National Championships (Waco, Texas)
5/5-8 IHSA Nationals (Lexington, Ky.)

* Bulldogs Invitational (Athens, Ga.)

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