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Megan Rossiter took over the Jackrabbit equestrian program on June 6, 2011, after spending four years at Drake Johnson Reining Horses in Wray, Colo., where she assisted in instructing riders, training and showing reining horses.

"I'm excited to work with the young women on the equestrian team," Rossiter said. "Being involved in a program with such great support from the administration, staff and community made this an easy decision for me."

No stranger to the college coaching ranks, Rossiter began her collegiate coaching career at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla., where she helped coach the Western team, under head coach Larry Sanchez, as a graduate assistant from 2001 until 2003, when she accepted a newly created assistant coaching position. During her time on staff at OSU, the Cowgirl Western squad won the Varsity Equestrian National Championships in 2003, 2004 and 2006, and the reserve national championship in 2005.

In addition to Varsity Equestrian, the Cowgirls attained much success in IHSA competition. Rossiter-coached riders won 33 individual Zone championships, 18 Regional championships and seven national titles. The Cowgirls as a team also won Zone and Regional Championships in 2004, and the IHSA reserve Western national title in 2002.

Rossiter began her involvement with horses in her hometown of DePere, Wis., where she grew up competing in the AQHA circuits, congress and in the AQHYA World Show. She then competed as an intercollegiate rider in both hunt seat and Western events at Murray State University in Murray, Ky., where she participated in the National Student Exchange at New Mexico State University as a junior in 1998. During that year at NMSU, she competed with the Aggie equestrian team under coach Larry Sanchez.

Rossiter graduated from Murray State in 2000 with Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture with a concentration in equine science, and then earned a Master of Science Degree in Animal Science, with an emphasis on equine nutrition, from Oklahoma State University in 2008.

Kamerra Brown joined the Jackrabbit equestrian staff full-time on July 8, 2011, as an assistant coach working with the hunt seat riders, after serving as a graduate assistant for the 2010-11 and after a successful riding career at Delaware State University in Dover, Del.

"I am so happy and excited to work for a university where the community and staff get behind their athletic programs," Brown said. "I also look forward to the opportunity to work with the young and talented riders on our team."

A four-year letterwinner and captain at Delaware State, 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 lead the hunt seat team to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships in 2008 and 2009, where she posted wins in equitation over fences.

Before graduating from Delaware State in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal and poultry science, Brown added to her athletic resume by competing on the Hornets track team as a junior, where she excelled in sprinting events on the traveling squad.

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. She also earned all-state track and field honors as a sprinter in high school.

An active member in FFA, Brown participated in heart walks and 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. Brown also topped a list of 1,800 nominations to appear at the 2008 NCAA Leadership Convention in Florida.
Julie Gibbes brought national championship experience with her when she joined the South Dakota State equestrian staff in 2010 as a graduate assistant working with the hunt seat riders after a standout career at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala.

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.

Lydia Placzek returned to South Dakota State in the fall as a graduate assistant for the equestrian team while she pursues a Master of Education Degree in Instruction and Curriculum.

A native of Kearney, Neb., Placzek moves to the coaching ranks after a standout career, where she advanced to Varsity Equestrian National Championships twice with the Western team in 2009 and 2010 and as an individual qualifier in 2008 as a freshman.

Placzek earned points in every event she rode in as a freshman and took home her first MVP honor in a win over Minnesota-Crookston. She also tied for reserve high-point rider honors that year at a spring show at Nebraska.

The wins increased in her sophomore year, when she won five points in varsity competition, added section titles at IHSA shows and helped lead the Jacks to a sweep of the section titles in a show at UW-River Falls.

Another trip to VENC followed as a junior, when Placzek posted a perfect 6-0 record in head-to-head reining competitions with a pair of MVP rides at Delaware State and Minnesota-Crookston.

In her final season as a Jackrabbit rider before graduating with a degree in agriculture business, Placzek rode in all seven varsity events, posting a 4-3 record in reining. She also competed in horsemanship three times, compiling a 1-1-1 record.

Placzek hopes eventually become a Varsity Equestrian coach, with hopes of furthering the sport to NCAA Championship status.
Nathan Moe joined the South Dakota State staff as the head strength and conditioning coach in August 2005 and served in that position until being promoted to assistant athletic director for strength and conditioning in May 2011.

Moe works directly with the Jackrabbit football, volleyball, baseball and softball teams, and he also oversees the design and implementation of the year-round strength and conditioning programs for all of the Jackrabbits 21 varsity sports.

Moe came to South Dakota State 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 his days with the Panthers in Charleston, Ill., Moe worked as the assistant strength and conditioning coach 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.

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From 1997 through the spring of 1999, Moe worked as a graduate assistant in the strength and conditioning program at the University of Texas in Austin, where he earned a MEd in Exercise Physiology. He also worked in private business in physical fitness in Austin and Houston, 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.

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

Moe and his wife Colleen live in Brookings with their son, Zachary and daughter Kylie.

Brad Schmidt joined the Jackrabbit staff in August 2010 as the assistant strength and conditioning coach at South Dakota State, where he oversees the development and implementation for all training aspects of women’s basketball, women’s soccer, men’s and women’s track and field, men’s and women’s cross country and wrestling.

Schmidt joined the Jackrabbits full-time after spending two years as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant at SDSU. During his two years as a graduate assistant, Schmidt designed and implemented programs for Jackrabbit women’s soccer, men’s and women’s track and field, men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s swimming and diving and equestrian.

Before coming to Brookings, Schmidt interned at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and at Iowa State University in his hometown of Ames, Iowa.

Schmidt earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science from Iowa State University in 2008 and a Master of Science degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from SDSU in 2010.

In the process, he became a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and a Certified Level I Sports Performance Coach through USA Weightlifting. He also maintains a membership in the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

Eric Adolph

Andy Stocks

Logan Ogden
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 of Science Degree in Athletic Training from West Chester University (Pa.) in 2002. He then went on to earn a Master of Science Degree in kinesiology and health promotion at the University of Kentucky in 2005, where he also served 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.

Betsy Clauss returns to the equestrian team for a second season as a graduate assistant working as the team’s Certified Athletic Trainer.

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

She began pursuing of 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.

Betsy Clauss is the Certified Athletic Trainer Graduate Assistant for the 2011-12 Jackrabbit Equestrian Team.
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 varsity 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.
Kathy Heylens came to South Dakota State in July 1984 as a member of the staff in the admissions office before moving to athletics two years later as a senior secretary.

Heylens became the institution’s first full-time Compliance Coordinator in 1990 and continues those duties as the associate athletic director for compliance and senior woman administrator.

Heylens manages all aspects of the athletics compliance program to ensure strict adherence with NCAA, affiliated conferences and university rules and regulations for amateurism, eligibility, recruiting, financial aid, awards and benefits, playing and practice seasons and enforcement.

As the SWA, she helps to create an environment where staff and student-athletes can achieve their goals.

Heylens recently accepted an appointment of a four-year term on the NCAA Division I Legislative Council, which serves as the primary legislative body in the Division I governance structure. She also accepted an appointment to the four-member Legislative Council Administrative Committee, which acts on behalf of the full Legislative Council between meetings to transact routine items of business.

She also serves on the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Governance Committee.

In addition to her day-to-day duties, Heylens serves on the Undergraduate Experience Committee, Diversity Committee, Intercollegiate Athletics Board and Compliance Team. She also volunteers in the community as co-chair of the Brookings Food Pantry and serves as a member of the Brookings Committee for People With Disabilities.

A Watertown, S.D., native, Kathy and her husband, Bill, live in Volga, S.D. and have two grown children. In her spare time Kathy enjoys reading, spending time at the lake and cheering on the Jacks!

Rob Peterson joined the South Dakota State University staff in April 2000, as an assistant athletic director for internal operations.

Now the Jackrabbits senior associate athletic director for internal operations, Peterson supervises the Jackrabbit Athletic Department internal operations, with a primary focus on the day-to-day operations of the department.

Peterson also serves as sports supervisor for football, baseball, swimming and diving and track and cross country.

Before joining the SDSU staff, Peterson served as the coordinator of athletic facilities, events and projects for Fresno State University in Fresno, Calif., from 1997-2000. In this position, Peterson supervised seven athletic venues and the game operations for 10 sports.

Prior to his time at Fresno State, Peterson served as assistant director of recreation - facilities and events at Northern Michigan University from 1995-97. This position provided him the opportunity to supervise events and operations for the Superior Dome on the campus of NMU. This facility also houses the United States Olympic Education Center. Peterson started his career at Northern Michigan as the director of sport clubs from 1994-95.

A Marquette, Mich., native, Peterson’s collegiate education includes completion of an HVAC certificate program at Northern Michigan in 1981, a Bachelor of Science in physical education and health at NMU in 1992 and a Masters of Arts in Sports Administration from Central Michigan University in 1995. He also completed a collegiate marketing internship with NMU athletics and a professional sports operations internship with the Green Bay Packers, both in 1993.
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.
A year after Angela Gebhart became the first South Dakota State rider to earn all-American honors and after two Jackrabbits advanced all the way to IHSA nationals, the South Dakota State equestrian team looks to continue their success under new head coach Megan Rossiter, with a few other changes as well.

Rossiter took over the Jackrabbit equestrian program in May, after spending the last four years at Drake Johnson Reining Horses in Wray, Colo., where she assisted in instructing riders, training and showing reining horses.

“I’m very excited for the opportunity to work with the young women on this team and be involved in a program with such great support,” Rossiter said. “It’s already a good program, but it’s also a program with a lot of potential.”

In addition to a new head coach, the Jackrabbits added Kamerra Brown to the staff when she returned as the new assistant coach in June. Brown came to South Dakota State in 2009 as a graduate assistant, but jumped at the opportunity to join the staff full time as the hunt seat coach.

“I’m so happy and excited to work for a university where the community and staff gets behind their athletic programs,” Brown said. “I look forward to the opportunity to continue working with the young and talented riders on our team.”

The changes in the program continue with the scheduling. After competing in both IHSA and Varsity Equestrian events since the program began in 2005, the Jackrabbits shifted their focus to just Varsity Equestrian for the 2011-12 season and beyond.

The Jackrabbits compiled a 1-6 record last year in Varsity Equestrian competition, and loses nine seniors, including and all-American in Gebhart, who posted a 6-1 record in 2010-11, with four MVP awards and the finished second in the nation with an average reining score of 71.50.

SDSU returns 28 riders from last year’s squad, including Amy Mandelke and Skye Byrnes, who both advance to IHSA Nationals in 2011. Mandelke finished 10th in the nation in individual novice western horsemanship, while Byrnes earned honorable mention in the novice equitation on the flat. Santana Wright returns for her sophomore season in 2011-12 after riding to a third place finish in over fences at the inaugural Pin Oak Charity Horse Show Collegiate Invitational last April in Katy, Texas.

“We return a great group of young women this year,” Rossiter said. “We graduate a large senior class in spring, so we also need to do a lot of recruiting this year.”

In addition to a challenging road schedule, the Jackrabbits also host four events this year, with visits from UT-Martin, Auburn, Delaware State and New Mexico.
RIDERS
JACKRABBIT SENIORS

Leah Bohlander
Western (Horsemanship)
Britton, S.D.
Britton-Hecla H.S.
Journalism Major

2010-11: Earned a second place finish in advanced horsemanship at an IHSA show in Fargo, N.D. (11/14) ... dean’s list honoree

2009-10: IHSA Regional qualifier for novice horsemanship ... finished first in novice horsemanship at UM-Crookston (Dec.6) ... honored on the Dean’s List for her work in the classroom

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

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

Maggie Holzworth
Western (Horsemanship/Reining)
West Des Moines, Iowa
Dowling Catholic H.S.
Nursing Major

2010-11: Four-time champion in intermediate adult hunter at various horse shows throughout the summer of 2011

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)

Before SDSU: Competed extensively in the hunter-jumper events, moving recently to the 3-foot division ... recorded third-place finish at tri-state meet in two-foot division ... also participated in marching and concert band in high school ... three-year member of the drama club ... four-year honor roll student ... member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with honors

Ashton Dearing
Hunt Seat (Over Fences)
Westerville, Ohio
St. Francis DeSales H.S.
Business Economics Major

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Gina Jespersen
Western (Horsemanship)
Hemingford, Neb.
Hemingford H.S.
Elementary Education Major

2010-11: Finished first in her section of novice horsemanship at an IHSA show in Fargo, N.D. (11/14) ... served as the equestrian representative on the SDSU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) ... won the title of Miss Rodeo AK-Sar-Ben ... 2011 ambassador of the River City Stock Show and Rodeo ... host of the Wrangler Million Dollar Tour, Justin Boots Championships in Omaha, Neb.

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 awards at the 4H level in Nebraska ... honored as reserve champion in English pleasure at the 2008 Nebraska State 4H Horse Show, placed third in English equitation and fifth in showmanship ... qualified for American Quarter Horse Youth Association Youth World Show in performance halter category in 2007 ... reserve champion in English Pleasure at Ak-Sar-Ben in 2005 ... crowned Box Butte County Fair all-around champion nine consecutive years ... three-year member of the National Honor Society ... 2008 class president ... also participated in basketball, band, drama and FCCLA in high school
**HELEN LAUTH**
**WESTERN (REINING)**
**EYOTA, MINN.**
**DOVER-EYOTA H.S.**
**PARK & REC MGMT. MAJOR**

2010-11: Recorded reining wins against South Carolina (9/25) ... also posted a win against UT-Martin at the Bulldog Invitational hosted by Georgia (2/26) ... rode to a tie in reining against Auburn (9/24) and against Kansas State (9/24) to finish the season with a 2-2-2 overall record ... National Reining Horse Association Youth Committee member ... horse director at WeHaKee Camp for girls in the summer of 2011 ... serves on the Dover-Eyota Agricultural Education Advisory Committee ... dean’s list honoree.

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 ... NRHA Youth 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 reining dual 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: Claimed three top-10 World Reining finishes over two divisions ... served as co-advertising superintendent for SDSU’s Little International for the 2010-11 school year ... also competed in swimming in high school ... three-year honor roll student ... Dean’s List honoree.

**AMY MANDELKE**
**WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)**
**DALTON, MINN.**
**FERGUS FALLS H.S.**
**PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR**

2010-11: Rode to a 10th place in Individual Novice Horsemanship at IHSA Nationals in Lexington, Ky. (5/9) ... named Reserve Grand Champion in Novice Horsemanship at IHSA Western Semifinals in Findlay, Ohio (2/27) and at IHSA Regionals in Crookston, Minn. ... placed at various other IHSA shows throughout the season ... recorded wins against UT-Martin (2/26) and New Mexico State (2/27) at the Bulldog Invitational hosted by Georgia ... posted a personal best score of 71.5 points in horsemanship vs. New Mexico State ... served as co-advertising superintendent for SDSU’s Little International for the 2010-11 school year.

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 MQHA 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: Experienced 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 MQHA Youth Association in 2008 ... also competed in swimming in high school ... three-year honor roll student ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with honors.

**ANGELA NOYES**
**HUNT SEAT (ON THE FLAT)**
**SIOUX FALLS, S.D.**
**O’GORMAN H.S.**
**BUSINESS ECONOMICS MAJOR**

2010-11: Won her section of novice equitation on the flat at an IHSA show hosted by UW-River Falls (10/9) ... economics department scholarship recipient ... dean’s list honoree.

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) ... Brookings 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 PECAK**
**HUNT SEAT (FENCES/FLAT)**
**MAPLE CITY, MICH.**
**GLEN LAKE H.S.**
**PRE-PHARMACY MAJOR**

2010-11: Competed at various varsity events in equitation on the flat ... earned MVP honors in equitation on the flat against South Carolina (9/25) with a score of 78.5

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 Brookings 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) ... second-place effort in intermediate equitation over fences at Minnesota-Crookston (10/26) ... Before SDSU: Added depth in the English events for the Jackrabbits ... also competed in volleyball and track ... qualified for state track and field meet four times at Glen Lake High School ... four-year honor roll student ... Presidential Scholar.
**Meredith Sauer**  
**Hunt Seat (Over Fences)**  
**Fishers, Ind.**  
**Northpoint Homeschool**  
**Chemistry/Pre-Med Major**

2010-11: Earned MVP honors in equitation over fences in a varsity show against South Carolina (9/25) … finished first in open over fences and third in open flat in an IHSA show at Minnesota-Crookston (11/7) … added a second place finish in open flat in an IHSA show at UW-River Falls (2/20) … one of 57 in the Air Force ROTC Cadet Corps to earn the Meritorious Service Award for outstanding academics and leadership in the spring of 2011 … selected as an undergraduate teaching assistant for the anatomy program … selected as an intern for the Anatomy Internship Program and as a teaching assistant for honors orientation … named SDSU Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Month in Sept. 2011 … continues to volunteer at the Brookings Regional Humane Society and for Meals on Wheels.

2009-10: Finished the season 4-1 in over fences and 2-0 in equitation on the flat in NCAA competitions … earned MVP honors against Sacred Heart (1/30) … also won in open equitation over fences at the SDSU Invitational (11/1) … Dean’s list honoree … one of three students awarded the John and Patty Tanaka Undergraduate Research Fellowship in chemistry and biochemistry … 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.

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

Before SDSU: Earned numerous honors in youth 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 … also recorded numerous other top-three finishes in AA-rated shows … graduated with honors through Northpoint Homeschool classes.

**Jenna Smeenk**  
**Western (Horsemanship)**  
**Newell, S.D.**  
**Newell H.S.**  
**Political Science Major**

2010-11: Finished third in her second of intermediate horsemanship at a home IHSA show (10/29) … won her section of intermediate horsemanship at an IHSA show hosted by Minnesota-Crookston (3/5) … advanced to the finals at IHSA Regionals (3/6) in intermediate horsemanship.

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.

**Megan Schiferl**  
**Hunt Seat (On the Flat)**  
**Fordyce, Neb.**  
**Crofton Community H.S.**  
**English Major**

2010-11: Redshirted … recipient of the Vermeer Intern Grant Award in Aug. 2011 … also a recipient of the Rebecca Johnson Scholarship and the Shirley Swanson Scholarship through the SDSU English Department.

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, while adding a second-place finish 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).

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

**Personal:** Brother Tyler ran track at SDSU and graduated in 2009.

**Elizabeth Sykes**  
**Hunt Seat (On the Flat)**  
**Sioux City, Iowa**  
**North H.S.**  
**Dietetics/Spanish Major**

2010-11: Redshirted … named SDSU Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Month for October 2010.

2009-10: Competed in IHSA shows throughout the season.

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

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

**Personal:** Plays trombone in the Pride of the Dakotas marching, jazz and pep bands.
**Jana Basler**  
**Western (Reining)**  
**Chester, S.D.**  
**Chester Area H.S.**  
**Journalism Major**

2010-11: Competed in reining at numerous Varsity Equestrian meets throughout the 2010-11 season ... earned Western reserve high-point rider honors at the SDSU Invitational (10/29) ... IHSA National All-Academic First Team honoree ... earned the SDSU Equestrian Team Work Horse Award as voted on by her teammates ... SDSU Journalism Department academic scholarship recipient ... SDSU College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List honoree ... SDSU Journalism Club member ... Brookings Regional Humane Society volunteer

2009-10: Earned 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 ... also earned four varsity letters and qualified for the state meet in track and cross country at Chester Area High School

**Jenna Boscardin**  
**Hunt Seat (Over Fences)**  
**North Kingstown, R.I.**  
**North Kingstown H.S.**  
**English Major**

2010-11: Won in intermediate over fences and then finished second in intermediate on the flat at IHSA show in River Falls, Wis. (2/20) to qualify for the IHSA Regional show ... earned Region Reserve Grand Champion honors after finishing second in intermediate on the flat at IHSA Regionals ... finished third in intermediate on the flat at IHSA Zone Finals ... also earned points for the Jackrabbits competing in varsity events against UT-Martin (2/26) and against New Mexico State (2/27), both at the Bulldog Invitational hosted by Georgia

2009-10: Competed at numerous show throughout the season in intermediate equitation on the flat and over fences ... finished first on the flat at Minnesota-Crookston (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 Minnesota-Crookston (11/8) ... Gold Key honoree in Photography ... earned academic achievement honors in both biology and journalism ... Honor Roll student ... Dean’s List Leadership Academy member ... assistant director of a summer riding camp in East Greenwich, R.I. ... Brookings Regional Humane Society volunteer ... SDSU admissions ambassador

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

**Hillary Baysinger**  
**Western (Horsemanship)**  
**Rapid City, S.D.**  
**Stevens H.S.**  
**Animal Science/PRE-VET Major**

2010-11: Won her section of novice horsemanship at a home IHSA show (10/30) ... IHSA Regional qualifier in novice horsemanship ... earned Region Grand Champion honors after a first-place finish at IHSA Regionals ... competed at IHSA Western Semifinals in Findlay, Ohio ... moved from novice to advanced level of horsemanship ... SDSU College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences scholarship recipient ... dean’s list honoree in all semesters at SDSU

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 freshman 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

**Skye Byrnes**  
**Hunt Seat (On the Flat)**  
**Plantation, Fla.**  
**American Heritage H.S.**  
**Animal Science Major**

2010-11: Qualified for the zone finals with a first place finish in novice equitation on the flat at IHSA Regionals, winning Region Grand Champion honors in the process ... earned a trip to IHSA Nationals with a first-place finish on novice equitation on the flat at the IHSA Zone Finals ... earned honorable mention accolades at IHSA Nationals in Lexington, Ky. ... active volunteer for the Brookings Humane Society

2009-10: Finished first in equitation on the flat and added a third place finish in equitation over fences at the SDSU Invitational (10/31-11/1) ... picked-up a second place finish on the flat at Minnesota Crookston (11/7-8) ... also competed in a show at SMU (11/22) ... volunteers at the Brookings Regional Humane Society

Before SDSU: Earned South Florida Hunder Jumper Association Grand Champion in 2009 ... started riding horses at four years old ... enjoys lobster, spear fishing and riding ATV's
Kelsey Champagne  
**Western (Horsemanship)**  
**Jamestown, N.D.**  
**Jamestown H.S.**  
**Nursing Major**

**2010-11:** Started the season with wins in horsemanship at Auburn (9/24) and at South Carolina (9/25) ... Won a world championship and a reserve world championship title at the 2011 Pinto World Championship in Tulsa, Okla. (6/7-18) ... 2011 circuit champion in amateur hunter under saddle at the Iowa Memorial Day Classic ... rode to a top-five finish at the 2011 Paint Horse Congress in amateur hunter under saddle ... added a 10th place finish in amateur equitation at the 2011 Paint Horse Congress

**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 Championships ... 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 Association events at the Pinto World Championships ... Reserve all-around champion in equitation, horsemanship and hunter under saddle at the 2009 Iowa Memorial Day Classic Paint Show ... American Paint Horse Association Youth champion ... earned a top-five finish at the 2007 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 from Jamestown High School with honors

**Megan Schiffman**  
**Hunt Seat (on the Flat)**  
**Lynden, Wash.**  
**Lynden H.S.**  
**Consumer Affairs Major**

**2010-11:** Competed in all varsity competitions as a junior in equitation on the flat ... earned MVP honors on the flat against New Mexico State (8/28) at the Bulldog Invitational hosted by Georgia after posting a score of 79 ... also won a point for the Jackrabbits at Delaware state with a score of 80 on the flat ... IHSAA Regional qualifier in novice on the flat ... also competed in novice over fences in IHSA competition ... College of Education and Human Sciences scholarship recipient

**2009-10:** Competed in various events during the season

**Before SDSU:** Works as an assistant trainer 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

**Hannah Stone**  
**Western (Horsemanship)**  
**Prosper, Texas**  
**Texas Tech H.S.**  
**Human Development Major**

**2010-11:** IHSA Regional qualifier in intermediate horsemanship ... advanced to the finals of her class at regionals before eventually finishing sixth ... dean’s list honoree

**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

**Before SDSU:** Volunteered at a horse center working with children using horse therapy ... trained and taught in a youth and adult equine program ... certified in horse safety ... completed course work in training and horse behavior psychology at Equine In Line Horse School ... participated in track and volleyball in high school

**Personal:** Works for two therapeutic horse centers as an instructor and horse trainer, teaching horses to ensure the safety of children dealing with disabilities, behavioral and special needs

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**Lauren Kerr**  
**Hunt Seat (on the Flat)**  
**Granville, Ohio**  
**Granville H.S.**  
**History/Pre-Law Major**

**2010-11:** Traveled to varsity events throughout the season ... earned the high score for equitation on the flat at South Carolina (9/25) ... earned Iron Jack honors for her efforts in the weight room ... SDSU peer mentor ... active volunteer for the Brookings Regional Humane Society ... dean’s list honoree

**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 ... honored on the Dean’s List for her work in the classroom ... also 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
The term horsemanship most often refers to the Western style of riding. The term equitation refers to the English styles of riding. Hunt seat refers to the category of equitation in which English riders compete and whose foundation lies in jumping and riding across country, such as fox hunting. Unlike jumpers, who get judged solely on their ability to jump obstacles, hunters show at the walk, jog and lope. The judge may also require the horse not only means to guide him, but also to control his every movement.

The best reined horse should be willfully guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance and dictated completely. The rider’s appearance should be clean, neat and workmanlike. Tack is the equipment worn by the horse. Schooling, or practice time before the classes, is allowed for varsity competitors. The horses, however, also get warmed up by the riders, or prepared for competition using supplying exercises at various speeds. The emphasis for this class lies on precision, technical application from memory, demonstrating a variety of stops, turns and circles at various gait from memory.

Show officials judge the riders on their ability to control and show the horse while maintaining the correct riding position. Intercollegiate riders face the added challenge of riding an unfamiliar horse that they draw in a lottery drawing just prior to their class.

Riders must demonstrate the use of natural aids, or body signals from the seat, legs, hands and voice to communicate commands to the horse, all while appearing comfortable, relaxed and balanced. The signals should be subtle or imperceptible to the judge and the spectators and exaggerated shifting of the rider’s weight should not be visible. The resulting performance shown by the horse should not be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining them.

Both riding styles compete on the rail, where the riders enter the arena and show collectively at all required gaits on command from the judge. English riders show the walk, trot and canter-the gaits that the horse travels in; Western riders show at the walk, jog and lope. The judge may also require the rider to do an individual pattern in order to further test her ability. Once again, only the rider’s performance is judged, conveying the impression of complete control over her horse during the class.

Equitation over fences is an individual performance where each rider shows a horse over eight to 10 jumps between 2'6" and 3'6". Riders are judged on their ability to position the horse correctly at the jumps and avoid interfering with the horse’s balance while maintaining the correct riding position and producing a smooth, polished performance.

In reining classes, Western riders perform an individual, pre-assigned pattern from memory, demonstrating a variety of stops, turns and circles at various speeds. The emphasis for this class lies on precision, technical application of natural aids and the rider’s ability to show unfamiliar horses. To rein a horse not only means to guide him, but also to control his every movement. The best reined horse should be willfully guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance and dictated completely.
**Cynthia Bartha**
Hunt Seat (on the flat)
Winnetka, Ill.
New Trier Township H.S.
Pre-Pharmacy Major

2010-11: Competed for SDSU in beginner walk, trot, canter at an IHSA show in Crookston, Minn. (11/7)

Before SDSU: Finished first in long stirrup equitation walk, trot, canter at Fields & Fences Spring Hunter/Jumper Show, a United States Equestrian Federation ‘A’ rated Show in 2010 ... earned reserve champion honors in Long Stirrup at Fields & Fences Spring Hunter/Jumper Show United States Equestrian Federation ‘A’ Rated Show, reserve champion for long stirrup hunter at Fields & Fences Open Hunter/Jumper Show, and reserve champion for long stirrup equitation at Fields & Fences Open Hunter/Jumper Show, all in 2010 ... also earned Academic All-American honors in field hockey in 2007 ... named a 2010 scholar athlete and Academic All-American in swimming and diving ... member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society ... earned Senior Award of Distinction from New Trier Township High School in 2010

**Laura Dunlavy**
Western (reining)
Wilmar, Minn.
Wilmar Senior H.S.
HPER Major

2010-11: Named SDSU Equestrian Team most improved Western rider ... rode to a first place finish in her section of horsemanship in an IHSA show hosted by North Dakota State (11/14) ... added a fifth place finish in horsemanship at IHSA show hosted by Minnesota-Crookston (11/7) ... serves as the equestrian team’s SAAC representative ... finished fourth overall and third in oral reasons at the 2011 American Junior Paint Horse Association World Show ... earned Iron Jack honors for her work in the weight room ... earned SDSU Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Month Honorable Mention ... dean’s list honoree ... IHSA Academic All-American Second Team selection

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 ShowTop-10 awards ... Glacial Ridge Appaloosa Club show highpoint awards winner 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 ... D.A.R.E. role model ... advanced placement scholar ... graduated with high honors

**Stephanie Gruener**
Western (horsemanship)
Deuel H.S.
Business Major

2010-11: Rode in two shows for the Jackrabbits, placing in the top-five at one show and in the top-10 at the other show

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 Hemmingson**
Western (horsemanship)
Andover, Minn.
Andover H.S.
Pre-Nursing Major

2010-11: Minnesota State 4-H horse show qualifier in 2011 ... active on campus in Ceres Women’s Fraternity and Greek Life

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 ... served as a Minnesota 4-H state ambassador in 2008-09 ... active member of 4-H, the America Paint Horse Association, the American Youth Horse Council and in local community service projects ... Chairperson of the Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show from 2007-10 ... three-time public speaking national qualifier ... started the Andover High School FFA chapter as a junior ... FFA state speech qualifier ... served as national paint horse director for Minnesota through the American Paint Horse Association

**Sheila Price**
Western (horsemanship)
Redfield, S.D.
Redfield H.S.
Biology Major

2010-11: Competed in various IHSA competitions during her freshman season ... earned Reserve Grand Champion in reining at the 2011 South Dakota State 4-H Horse Show

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 volleyball student coach award ... 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
**Shelby Webb**  
**Western (Horsemanship)** 
**Hinton, Iowa**  
**Hinton H.S.**  
**Animal Science Major**

2010-11: Competed in IHSA shows at home (10/29-30) and at North Dakota State (11/13-14), where she finished first in open horsemanship ... also competed in varsity events against UT-Martin (2/13), where she won a point in horsemanship ... also competed at numerous events in the offseason, including top-five and a top-10 placings at the 2010 Color Breed Congress ... received youth all-around award form the Nebraska Paint Horse Club at the Bloomin Color Show ... earned class placings in every show in the Iowa Paint Horse and Nebraska Paint Horse shows ... finished in the top-10 at the 2011 Pinto World Championship Competition in senior youth bareback Western horsemanship ... also received individual judge placings in senior youth Western disciplined rail and senior youth Western pleasure ... named a youth champion by the Pinto Horse Association of America and a youth superior in Western horsemanship from the American Paint Horse Association ... dean's list honoree in both semesters of her freshman year ... member of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society and Golden Key International Honour Society.

**Before SDSU**: Top-10 in Pinto World in 2007-09 in the youth senior division ... Iowa State Fair Western Pleasure champion in 2009 ... Plymouth County 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 difference 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**  
**Hunt Seat (on the Flat)**  
**Middletown, R.I.**  
**Middletown H.S.**  
**Business Major**

2010-11: Showed at various IHSA events throughout the season in open equitation on the flat ... finished third in open flat at UW-River Falls (2/20)

**Before SDSU**: Sandy Point Stables 2009 year-end champion for equitation in her age group ... finished 10th and 9th in the Sandy Point Stables 2009 Hunter Classic ... qualified for Massachusetts Hunter Jumper Finals from 2006-09 ... qualified for the 2009 New England finals in 15-17 equitation ... finished fourth at the Rhode Island year-end awards for Children’s Hunter Ponies in 2008 ... earned a second place finish 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 ... earned a ninth place finish at the SEHA finals in 2006 ... also earned three letters in lacrosse.

**Santana Wright**  
**Hunt Seat (Fences and Flat)**  
**Port Hope, Ontario**  
**Port Hope H.S.**  
**Ag Journalism Major**

2010-11: Opened the season with a first place finish in novice on the flat and a second place finish in novice over fences in an IHSA show at UW-River Falls (9/10) ... finished second in both novice flat and novice fences in an IHSA show at Minnesota-Crookston (11/7) ... finished first in novice over fences in an IHSA show at UW-River Falls (2/20) ... rode in varsity shows in equitation over fences against UT-Martin (2/26) and then won a point against New Mexico State (2/27) at the Bulldog Invitational hosted by Georgia ... earned MVP honors in equitation over fences at Delaware State (3/20) ... finished second in novice over fences and third in novice on the flat at IHSA Regionals (3/5-6) ... rode to a third place finish over fences at the Inaugural Pin Oak Collegiate Equitation Challenge in Katy, Texas (4/3) ... worked at an Olympic level show barn as a groomer in the summer of 2011 ... dean’s list honoree ... IHSA National All-Academic second-team honoree selection.

**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.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The SDSU Equestrian team began competition in 2005-06 with 24 riders on the roster; 16 freshman, six sophomores and two juniors. The roster continued to grow throughout the six year history of the program, reaching a high of 44 in 2008-09, the same number as the 2011-12 squad, but with much more experience, including 11 seniors, 10 juniors, nine sophomores and 14 freshman.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Completion of the Nathelle and Lawrence DeHaan Equestrian Center in 2008 more than tripled the program’s training facilities size.
DID YOU KNOW?
South Dakota State Head Coach Megan Rossiter competed with both the Murray State and New Mexico State equestrian teams college.
In 1998, Rossiter participated in the National Student Exchange at NMSU, where she competed with the Aggies under then head coach Larry Sanchez, who would later hire her as an assistant coach at Oklahoma State in 2003

DID YOU KNOW?
South Dakota State Graduate Assistant Coach Julie Gibbes competed for Auburn 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

Before SDSU: Winner in the 2010 all-American Youth Horse Show in English equitation ... earned high-point honors at the Fulton County Fair in overall English in 2009 ... Harry Hughes Circuit Senior High-Point winner in 2009 ... winner in the 2008 Fulton County Fair in overall pony performance ... Fulton County Horse Bowl team captain ... member of the Fulton County horse judging team ... named Fulton Country Horse Queen ... member of the Swanton High School Equestrian team ... Ohio State 4-H ambassador and 4-H Queen ... also raises and show rabbits ... named Fulton County Fair Rabbit Queen ... also played basketball for four years in high school ... graduated from Owens Community College with an associates of the arts degree before she graduated from high school
Mandy Gradert
HUNT SEAT (ON THE FLAT)
Sibley, Iowa
Sibley-Ocheyedan H.S.
GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJOR

Before SDSU: Earned top-five placings in hunter over fences, equitation over fences and versatility at the 2011 Pony of the Americas International Show ... earned reserve high-pointe rider honors at the 2011 POA Midwest Regional show ... won regional championships in hunter hack, hunter over fences, equitation over fences and open jumping at the 2009 Midwest Regional POA show ... won numerous events at the state OPA shows from 2003-11 ... also played volleyball and basketball in high school, earning Siouxland Conference honorable mention and team MVP honors in volleyball as a senior in 2010 ... academic all-conference selection for volleyball in 2010 ... four-year honor roll student ... two-year member of the National Honor Society.

Lauren Kostello
WESTERN (REINING)
Mason, Wis.
ASHLAND H.S.
NURSING MAJOR

Before SDSU: Competed extensively in Chequamegon EZ Riders Saddle Club shows, and won the 2010 sportsmanship award ... also competed in North Central Reining Horse Association shows and in American Quarter Horse Association events in reining, barrel racing and working cow horse shows ... highly involved in Wisconsin Saddle Club Association ... also played soccer and volleyball in high school ... active 4-H member ... three-year honor roll student.

Blair Long
HUNT SEAT (ON THE FLAT)
Dayton, Va.
TURNER ASHBY H.S.
AG EDUCATION MAJOR

Before SDSU: Comes to SDSU with 11 years of riding experience ... earned the Virginia Pony Breeders Association (VPBA) Young Ponies Performance Division Reserve Champion in 2009 ... qualified and competed in the Southwest Virginia Hunters and Jumpers Association Pony Medal Finals from 2006-10 ... SWVHA Show Small/Medium Pony Division Champion in 2010 ... SWVHA Finals Pony Hunter Derby winner in 2010 ... finished eighth at the 2010 SWVHA Finals ... finished third in junior equitation on the flat at the SWVHA Finals in 2009 ... also competed on the Interscholastic Equestrian Association team from 2007-08 ... finished third in the open hunter division at the 2008 IEA Zone 3 Finals ... named the Outstanding Equestrian/MVP in 2009 for her high school IEA team ... spent summers from 2005-09 catch riding and traveling across Virginia to ‘A’ shows for various trainers ... active in FFA and student council association in high school ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with honors.

Meg Rothermel
HUNT SEAT (ON THE FLAT)
Idaho Falls, Idaho
Idaho Falls H.S.
POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Before SDSU: Member of the Idaho Hunter Jumper Association and the United States Equestrian Federation ... made numerous medal and medal finals appearances in IHJA and OHJA shows ... OHJA children’s jumper champion and IHJA mini medal champion ... earned two academic letters in debate ... qualified for the state FCCLA culinary competition and advanced to nationals ... served as vice president of the Ben and Jerry’s Environmental Club.

Samantha Stahnke
WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)
Spicer, Minn.
Willmar Senior H.S.
AG ENGINEERING MAJOR

Before SDSU: Earned 2011 reserve champion horse and 2011 champion showman by Kandiyohi County 4-H ... first runner-up for the 2011 Dan Patch Horse Leadership award ... finished in the top-10 for the 2010 Dan Patch award ... served at the Minnesota State 4-H Youths Chair for the 2010-11 Winter Roundup ... earned numerous high-point awards and won numerous events at various horse shows since 2007 ... also competed in speech events in high school ... advanced to the state speech competition in 2009 and 2010 ... named MVP and captain of the Willmar High School Speech Team in 2010 and 2011 ... also active in FFA and figure skating ... four-year honor roll student ... two-year executive member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with exemplary honors ... recipient of no fewer than six scholarships.

Andie Vsetecka
WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)
Cresco, Iowa
Crestwood H.S.
ANIMAL SCIENCE/PRE-VET MAJOR

Before SDSU: Rode to a top-six finish in all of her classes at the 2010 International Buckskin Horse Association World Show ... 2010 high point open Iowa Buckskin Horse Association ... reserve high-point champion 14-18 IaBHA in 2010 ... Earned grand champion honors in Western showmanship in both 2007 and 2009 at the Iowa State Fair ... Iowa State Fair Cowgirl Queen finalist in 2008 and 2010 ... 2011 reserve world champion in English disp. rail and 14-18 Western pleasure ... senior showmanship winter at the 2011 Iowa State Fair ... 2011 IaBHA high-point 14-18 winner ... four-year honor roll student.

DID YOU KNOW?

23 colleges and universities across the United States offer equestrian as a varsity sport; 18 Division I schools and five Division II schools.

Horses do not travel with the team. The host school provides the horses and tack at each competition.
Student athletes only need to bring apparel when traveling. At home, universities use their own horses for both practice and competition.
**Brittany Weber**  
**Western (Reining)**  
**Mapleton, Iowa**  
**Maple Valley-Anthon Oto H.S.**  
**Animal Science Major**

**Before SDSU:** Reserve Grand Champion in youth reining class at the 2010 Color Congress ... finalist in the 2010 World Pinto Show youth Western disciplined rail class ... earned overall high-point and high-point Western at the 2010 Nebraska Pinto ... earned youth register of merit awards, open register of merit awards and youth certificate of ability awards in numerous disciplines while competing with Pinto Horse Association of America ... also earned numerous honors at the 2011 Woodbury Country Fair and from her local chapter of 4-H, including 4-H Horse Show Grand Champion in reining and reserve grand champion in Western pleasure ... graduated magna cum laude from high school ... member of National Honor Society and Gold Club ... three-time state FFA Academic Achievement Award selection

**Calista Winter**  
**Hunt Seat (On the Flat)**  
**Harrisburg, S.D.**  
**Harrisburg H.S.**  
**Athletic Training Major**

**2010-11:** Named Lincoln Country 4-H English Showmanship Junior Grand Champion in 2002 and 2005 and Senior Grand Champion in 2008 and 2010 ... also named Senior Grand Champion in Western Showmanship in 2008 ... won the 4-H Reserve Grand Champion honors in junior hunt seat equitation in 2003 and Grand Champion honors in junior saddle seat equitation in 2005 and in senior saddle seat equitation in 2007 ... seven-time winner of Lincoln Country's 4-H High-Point award for top showman ... earned numerous other honors in various events related to 4-H and FFA ... also a member of the basketball and volleyball teams in high school and a member of band and chorus ... four-year honor roll student ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with honors ... earned academic all-state honors in volleyball and basketball ... 2010 Regent's Scholar and Career and Technical Education Scholar

**Brianna Yeargin**  
**Hunt Seat (Over Fences)**  
**Barrington, Ill.**  
**Barrington H.S.**  
**Biochemistry/Pre-Med Major**

**Before SDSU:** Active competing junior member of the United States Equestrian Federation and United States Hunter Jumper Association from 2008-11 ... showed at numerous ‘A’ and ‘AA’ rated hunter jumper shows since the age of eight in the Midwest and Kentucky ... won championships in 3′6″ and 3′9″ junior equitation and jumper classes ... two-year honor roll student

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**What the Judges Look For**

In hunt seat equitation and horsemanship events, the official judges the rider and not the horse. The actions of the horse are important only as they reflect on the horsemanship of the rider. Thus it is possible for a rider whose horse “acts up” to be placed among the winners because in the judges’ opinion she met the problem skillfully and solved it. Conversely, a seemingly good ride may mean nothing more than a placed horse carrying an unwitting passenger. The rider is always being judged in horsemanship classes, whether the class calls for jumping or whether it is run “on the flat” without jumps.

Judging equitation classes is not done by a mathematical formula. Judges usually look for style of riding, accuracy and judgment in the use of the aids (hands, seat and legs), suppleness and lightness of hands and a general impression of complete, quiet control. The program description of equitation classes makes reference to tests for riders in the different classes. This refers to the test of horsemanship that has been established by the American Horse Shows Association for all recognized shows and is published in the annual rulebook. Equitation judges must choose from these individual tests in judging horsemanship.

The common criteria include the following:

- **Posture:** The position of the body, the legs, the hands, the head and eyes are all indicators of good horsemanship. The rider’s back should be straight, chest out, head and eyes ahead in an alert, relaxed position. The appearance of the rider should give the impression of alert buoyancy. The movements of her body should be those that derive naturally from the horse’s movements. Correct posture at all gaits and in all movements is a basic element that judges look for in horsemanship.

- **Hands:** A rider’s hands should keep a light but certain contact with the mouth of the horse. Reins should be on a straight line from the horse’s mouth to the rider’s elbow.

- **Wrong lead:** In a canter, the horse leading with the wrong leg is “on the wrong lead”. Moving clockwise a horse should be leading with his right front leg. Moving counterclockwise, he should lead with the left.

- **Legs:** Heels should be down. No excessive weight should be carried on the stirrup irons. Legs should be quiet under the rider at all times.

- **Diagonals:** This fault may appear while a rider posts (rising and sinking back in the saddle in rhythm with the horse’s trot) at the trot. The rider’s movement in posting should be impelled by the forward movement of the horse’s inside rear leg; that means, the rear leg closest to the center of the ring.
HORSES
APOLLO
Barn Name: Apollo
Year of Birth: 1999
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Thoroughbred
Owner: Skye Byrnes

AR RIVER TAXI
Barn Name: AR
Year of Birth: 2002
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Quarter Horse
Owner: Darlene Mankelke

BELLO
Barn Name: Bello
Year of Birth: 1990
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Appendix Quarter Horse
Donor: Eliza Elkjer

CALVIN KLEIN
Barn Name: Calvin
Year of Birth: 1995
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Warmblood
Donor: Robert Schlott

CANVAS COWBOY
Barn Name: Canvas
Year of Birth: 2001
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Quarter Horse
Owner: Angela Gebhart

CHICS RUBY TUESDAY
Barn Name: Ruby
Year of Birth: 2001
Sex: Mare
Breed: Quarter Horse
Seller: Fox Run Farm

CLYDE
Barn Name: Clyde
Year of Birth: 2001
Sex: Gelding
Breed: American Paint Horse
Donor: Warren Hammerbeck

CURIOS CRITTER
Barn Name: George
Year of Birth: 2001
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Thoroughbred
Seller: Claudia Morse-Karzen

DJ
Barn Name: Dinky
Year of Birth: 2000
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Arabian/Trakhener
Donor: Leslee Harmon
DOCS ULTIMATE RIDE
Barn Name: Ryder
Year of Birth: 1999
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Quarter Horse
Donor: Jo Goss

FE JERICHO
Barn Name: Jerry
Year of Birth: 2003
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Quarter Horse
Owner: Megan Hegerfeld

GET NOTICED
Barn Name: Elvis
Year of Birth: 2004
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Paint
Owner: Shelby Webb

GONNA GETCHA GOOD
Barn Name: Ditto
Year of Birth: 2002
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Appaloosa
Owners: Alice and Jay Stewart

HIGHCLASS JUBILEE
Barn Name: Classy
Year of Birth: 1993
Sex: Mare
Breed: Paint
Owner: Angela Gebhart

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

**Krokodile Dundee**
Barn Name: Krokodile  
Year of Birth: 2002  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Oldenburg  
Owner: Robin Cordell

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

**Lost N Last**
Barn Name: Hunter  
Year of Birth: 1990  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Thoroughbred  
Donor: Brittany Henry

**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

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

**PeaBe An Jay**
Barn Name: Phoebe  
Year of Birth: 2003  
Sex: Mare  
Breed: Thoroughbred  
Donor: Warren Hammerbeck
HORSE BREEDS
American Paint Horse – While the colorful coat pattern essentially identifies the breed, American Paint Horses must adhere to strict bloodline requirements and a distinctive body type.

Appendix Quarter Horse – A quarter horse and thoroughbred cross.

Appaloosa – Noted by its distinctive spotted coat, developed by the Nez Perce people of northeast Oregon in the 18th century. French trappers named it for the Palouse River in southeast Washington.

Arabian – A breed that originated in the Middle East. Noted by its head shape and high tail carriage.

Dutch Warmblood – Developed through a breeding program that started in the 1960s, they can be identified by its thoroughbred type head, strong neck, compact deep body, good hooves and good legs.

Half-Arabian – A cross between an Arabian and another breed. Sometimes done to improve a horses' constitution, soundness and endurance capabilities, or to gain Arabian type in a particular color, such as Pinto or Appaloosa.

Oldenburg – Oldenburgers are tall sport horses with excellent gaits and jumping ability.

Paint – APHA-registered horses that can prove parentage from one of the three approved registries AQHA, TB and APHA, as well as meet a minimum color requirement.

Pinto – Defined by color rather than genetic ancestry. Pintos have a dark background coloring and upon this color random patches of white.

Quarter Horse – One of a breed of strong saddle horses developed in the western United States.

Thoroughbred – A pedigreed animal of unmixed lineage.

Trakhener – Once known as the East Prussian horse, a breed of riding horse. Many consider it the ideal competition horse and Europe's best warmblood (a horse displaying the lighter, faster qualities of the Arabian and other desert horses).

GENDER DEFINITIONS
Gelding – A castrated male horse. Unless used for breeding purposes, male horses should be castrated. This can make for a more even tempered animal.

Mare – A female horse over the age of four. A female horse under the age of four is known as a filly.
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.

Nathaelle DeHann died on Jan. 24, 2011 at the age of 96, but not before she realized her dream of seeing 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,” Nathelle said at the dedication of the facility. “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 a beautiful and thoroughly modern facility, equal to any collegiate equestrian center in the country,” SDSU Head Equestrian Coach Megan Rossiter said. “A facility this size allows us to provide a first-class practice and competition venue for our student-athletes and spectators.”

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 would allow the program to continue attracting top-level student-athletes from around the country and help us enhance the growth of our equestrian program,” Rossiter 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 by phone at (605) 688-6972.
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 from the fall of 2010 through June 2011, when Megan Rossiter took over the program.

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

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

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

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

**ALL-TIME JACKRABBIT EQUESTRIAN AWARD WINNERS**

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**VARSIY EQUESTRIAN NATIONAL QUALIFIERS**

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**THE 2010 SDSU WESTERN TEAM** became the third team in the five year history of the program to advance to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships.

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Helen Lauth, Kaylee Mundwiler, Kelsey Champagne, Maggie Holzworth, Lydia Placzek, Britta Barta, Angela Gebhart
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 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.

Evolution of a Nickname

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

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

Prior to the adoption of the Jackrabbit nickname, fans knew the school athletic teams as the Barn Yard Cadets, which made sense, because the school went by the name of South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1907.

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

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.

Located in Brookings, a growing community of about 20,000 people, South Dakota State University sits 20 miles west of the Minnesota border and 50 miles north of Sioux Falls in east-central South Dakota. Brookings can be found at the intersection of U.S. Highway 14 and Interstate 29.

Brookings and the surrounding area feature tremendous recreational and cultural opportunities. The city features a vibrant downtown area with shopping, nightlife opportunities and a new interactive children’s museum. Brookings also maintains an extensive park and recreational trail system, with two 18-hole golf courses, and serves as a gateway to first-class fishing and hunting areas throughout eastern South Dakota.

South Dakota State University also houses several facilities, including museums and gardens, which highlight South Dakota history and heritage.

The South Dakota Art Museum houses several collections, including early Sioux Indian tribal art, the famed Harvey Dunn paintings of pioneer life and the exclusive Vera Way Marghab linens. The State Agricultural Heritage Museum transformed the former Stock Judging Pavilion into a home for exhibits that record and preserve the agrarian heritage of South Dakota.

The 70-acre McCrory Gardens and South Dakota Arboretum, located south and east of campus, provide a beautiful setting for area residents and tourists to enjoy a stroll through the radiant colors and fragrances of one of the top-10 small ornamental gardens in the nation. Adding to its honors, McCrory Gardens earned the distinction of being named an All-American Display Garden, one of only 13 in the nation.

The community houses several recognizable companies including Rainbow Play Systems, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M), Larson Manufacturing and Daktronics, a leading manufacturer of scoreboards and display systems.
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)
Architectural Studies (B.S., M.S.)
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)
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)
Gerontology (Minor)

**College of Pharmacy**
Pharmacy (Pharm. D.)

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- Sept. 30: Baylor at 9 am
- Oct. 1: Fresno State at 9 am
- Oct. 1: Miami (Ohio) at 10:30 am
- Oct. 22: UT Martin at 10 am
- Nov. 5: Auburn at 9 am
- Nov. 6: Delaware State at 9 am
- Nov. 19: New Mexico State at 10 am
- Feb. 11: New Mexico State (Western) at 10 am
- Feb. 19: Sacred Heart at All Day
- Mar. 2: SMU at All Day
- Mar. 3: TCU at All Day
- Apr. 11: NCEA National Championships at All Day

Times local to event locations.