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**22-23**  
**AT U-MARTIN TOURNAMENT**  
Friday, March 22  
Saturday, March 23  
*(U-Martin, Fresno State, New Mexico State)*  
Championship/Consolation Meets  
10 a.m.  
10 a.m.

**18-20**  
**AT NCEA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**WACO, TEXAS**  
Saturday, March 30  
at Pin Oak Collegiate Invitational  
Katy, Texas  
All Day  

**HOME EVENTS IN ALL CAPS**  
* = Seeded four-team event with a bracketed format  
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### 2012-13 Jackrabbit Coaching Staff

**HEAD COACH** .......................................................... Megan Rossiter

**ASSISTANT COACH** ................................................... Kamerra Brown

**BARN MANAGER** .................................................... Rachel Boone

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT** .............................................. Amy Mitchem
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 really enjoy working 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 makes this a great place to live and work."

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 gets behind their athletic programs," Brown said. "I also working 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.
Amy Mitchem brings national level experience with her as she joins the South Dakota State staff as a graduate assistant after a standout career at West Texas A&M University in Amarillo, Texas.

A four-year starter with the Buffalos, Mitchem competed in every competition during her career and represented herself, and her team, at the IHSA National Championships in Murfreesboro, Tenn., as a freshman and again in Lexington, Ky., as a Sophomore where she competed in both hunt seat events and in horsemanship.

A knee injury kept Mitchem from competing in her junior year, but she discovered coaching, and assisted the coaching staff during her recovery. She came back strong as a senior, winning High Point Rider honors for her region and immediately advancing on to Nationals in equitation over fences, equitation on the flat and in horsemanship.

An education major at West Texas A&M, Mitchem graduated in 2012, certified to teach in the special education and in general education classrooms.

An accomplished rider long before her days at West Texas A&M, Mitchem started riding at the age of seven and competing shortly thereafter. She excelled in competitions locally and internationally on numerous levels and on a variety of horses.

In addition to her equestrian skills, she served as an ambassador for her community as a rodeo queen, a youth mentor and as a founder of DREAM, an anti-drug and alcohol program. Mitchem begins pursuit her master’s degree in counseling in the fall of 2012 at South Dakota State and eventually wants to become a vocational rehabilitation counselor. She also wants to get further involved in feeder programs for equestrian competitions at the collegiate level, with the ultimate goal of expanding the sport and broadening the opportunity to those not currently exposed to NCAA/NCEA and IHSA programs.

Rachel Boone joined the Jackrabbit staff as the equestrian barn manager on June 22, 2012, after working on the staff as an undergraduate student.

A 2012 graduate from South Dakota State, Boone oversees the day-to-day operations of the Nathelle and Lawrence DeHaan Equestrian Center, which includes the barn staff and the SDSU horse herd.

In addition to managing the staff, Boone hires the student employees, working with them and their class schedule to make sure all of the chores get done efficiently and properly.

Boone works with the veterinarian and farrier to keep the horses shoed and up to date on their vaccinations and ensures that all of the equipment runs properly, which requires her doing minor maintenance and scheduling the needed tune-ups. She also keeps all of the required supplies of bedding, hay, grain, supplements and medications on hand that the facility needs for daily operations.

In addition to the staff, horses and the building itself, Boone monitors pasture usage to avoid overgrazing, and maintains the grounds around the equestrian center and offices.

An Aberdeen, S.D., native, Boone earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental management from South Dakota State in 2012, with minors in biology and geographic information systems. In addition to working at the barn for three years as a student, she played on the SDSU rugby team and participated in Air Force ROTC for two years.

An avid recreational rider, Boone earned three varsity letters in both volleyball and basketball in high school, and helped lead her team to four conference titles in volleyball and a second place finish at the 2006 state tournament, earning academic all-state honors from 2004-06 in the process.
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 Moe worked as the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Rice University in Houston, Texas, where he worked with the Owls football strength program, while being directly responsible for men’s and women’s track, men’s and women’s tennis, women’s swimming, women’s soccer and men’s golf.

From 1997 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.

In May 2012, the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association honored Moe as a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach at its convention in Orlando, Fla.

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 champion Dragons.

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

Eric Adolph joined the Jackrabbit staff as the assistant strength and conditioning coach in March 2012, after spending two years on the staff as a graduate assistant.

A Flandreau native, Adolph completed his Master of Science degree in Health and Nutritional Science with an emphasis in Sports Science at South Dakota State in May of 2012.

Adolph’s main responsibilities include working directly with the soccer, women’s basketball and baseball teams, while assisting with the remaining 21 Varsity sports. In the past, he also worked directly with the Jackrabbit softball, men’s and women’s tennis, men’s and women’s Golf, equestrian and cheer teams.

A Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and USA Weightlifting Sports Performance Coach, Adolph graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sport Exercise and Wellness.
Owen Stanley brought a wealth of professional collegiate experience with him when he joined the South Dakota State staff in July 2009, where he oversees an athletic training staff that includes five assistant trainers and five graduate assistants.

A native of Macungie, Pa., Stanley earned a bachelor’s degree in athletic training from West Chester University (Pa.) in 2002, and a master’s degree in kinesiology and health promotion at the University of Kentucky in 2005, while serving as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the Wildcats’ football and baseball teams.

Upon graduating from Kentucky, Stanley joined the athletic training staff at the University of Northern Iowa in 2005, working as the assistant director of athletic training services and head football athletic trainer.

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.

Samantha Perry came to South Dakota State in 2012 to begin pursuit of her master’s degree in athletic training.

An Earlimar, Calif., native, Perry earned an A.S. in Athletic Training from College of the Sequoias in 2010, and a B.S in Athletic Training from California State University, Fresno in 2012.

After completing her degree at SDSU, Perry would like to add a sports psychology degree and continue working in athletic training in a position that covers performing arts like Cirque du Soleil.
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 joined the Jackrabbit staff on May 7, 2009 as the 12th director of athletics at South Dakota State University.

“I love working as part of a team, and that’s exactly how we work at SDSU,” Sell said. “From President Chicoine, to the faculty and staff, administration, donors and fans, we all work together for the benefit of South Dakota State University and Jackrabbit Athletics.”

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 under the umbrella of the National Collegiate Equestrian Association.

Under Sell’s leadership, SDSU athletics continues to make strides in athletic competition, in the classroom, in fundraising and in reconnecting with alumni.

Athletically, the Jackrabbits claimed a total of 10 regular and postseason league championships in five different sports since 2009-10. That success earned SDSU The Summit League Commissioner’s Cup all-sports trophy following the 2010-11 season, after a runner-up finish the year before. Also in 2010-11, SDSU earned the league’s Sportsmanship Award, an award voted upon by their peers.

In the classroom, Jackrabbit student-athletes continually post a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher in more than 70 different majors, which led SDSU to winning The Summit League’s Institutional Academic Achievement Award for the 2009-10 academic year and the Missouri Valley Football Conference Academic Award in all four years in the league (2008-11).

In January of 2011, Sell announced a partnership with Learfield Sports, signing a 10-year deal worth $13 million for SDSU athletics. Learfield Sports quickly established a Brookings-based entity known as “Jackrabbit Sports Properties” that directs all aspects of the partnership, including managing and selling multimedia and sponsorship rights for South Dakota State Athletics.

In addition to the deal with Learfield Sports, Sell directed the implementation of the Letterwinners Club, which provides opportunities for Jackrabbit Athletics to reconnect and stay connected with former student-athletes, while supporting current student-athletes at South Dakota State.

In the years to come, Sell wants to continue reconnecting with former Jackrabbit student-athletes and enhancing the athletic facilities while still maintaining success, both in competition, but more importantly, in the classroom.

On the facilities front, Sell oversaw the completion of the Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center in 2010, and developed the 2025 SDSU Athletic Facilities Master Plan. Additionally, Sell spearheaded efforts to add permanent seating and a press box at Erv Huether Field, chairback seating in both Frost Arena and Coughlin-Alumni Stadium and continues working towards the building of an indoor practice facility and football stadium.

Born in Salem, Ore., and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Sell came to South Dakota State from the University of Northern Iowa, where he worked in various roles, both at the university and in the community for 10 years. He also worked at Villanova University, Syracuse University, Ohio State University and Bowling Green State University.

Sell gained further experience working in the private sector for various sports teams and events.

In the Brookings community, where Sell lives with his wife, Jennie, and their four children: Abbie, Zach, Josh and Eric, he serves as Vice President of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce, Vice President for the Brookings Friends of Baseball and on the Brookings Health System Board of Trustees.

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.
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 senior woman administrator, 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 staff in April 2000, as an assistant athletic director for internal operations. Now the senior associate athletic director for internal affairs, Peterson supervises the Jackrabbit athletic department internal operations, with a primary focus on the day-to-day operations of the department and new facility development.

Peterson also serves on a variety of university committees and task forces including campus planning and design, the university compliance team and the intercollegiate athletic board. He also plays an active role in the community, serving on the Swiftel Center Advisory Board and previously the visitors promotions committee.

Nationally, Peterson serves as a member of the National Collegiate Equestrian Association Championships Committee and Selections Committee. He is also active within FCS Football attending the FCS summit meetings held annually at the national championships.

Peterson also serves as sports supervisor for football, equestrian, 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 from 1997-2000. In this position, he 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. Peterson started his career at Northern Michigan as the director of sport clubs from 1994-95.

Peterson's collegiate education includes, a Bachelor of Science in physical education and health at Northern Michigan University, 1992

M.S. Sports Administration – Central Michigan University, 1995

A Marquette, Mich., native, Peterson lives in Brookings with his chocolate lab, Emmitt.
The 2011-12 season marked the first year that the South Dakota State equestrian team made the change in format and began competing solely within the National Collegiate Equestrian Association, and head coach Megan Rossiter feels that the team did a great job making the transition last year and that they should be even more prepared this year.

On the western side, the returning seniors include Jana Basler, Hillery Baysinger, Hannah Stone and Kelsey Champagne. Basler represents the lone reiner in that group, and the team expects a great year from her.

Both Champagne and Baysinger represented the team at the NCEA National Championships last April, and can bring that experience back to the rest of the team. Hannah Stone made an alternate spot at the championships and started for the Jackrabbits throughout the regular season. Standout junior Laura Dunlavy won her point for the team in reining at the National Championships, and should be a strong rider again in 2012-13.

A large freshman class this season includes 18 young women, and Rossiter expects big things from them as a group, as many of them bring extensive competition backgrounds, particularly at a national level. Jessie Miller, Amanda Murray, Alisha Haddock and Lexus Hoffmann all come with a strong presence in the arena as freshman.

Returning seniors for the hunt seat team include, Lauren Kerr, Megan Violand, Megan Schiffman, Jenna Boscardin, Elizabeth Sykes and Megan Schiferl. Each of these young women brings great leadership for a big incoming freshmen class.

Senior Megan Violand accepted an invitation to compete in equitation over fences at the prestigious Winter Equestrian Festival Collegiate Equitation Challenge in Wellington, Fla., last season, where she advanced to the semifinal round and excelled with a fourth place finish. Violand also rode as a top competitor for the jackrabbits for the 2011-12 season, competing in both equitation on the flat and in equitation over fences. She ended the season with a pair of MVPs on the flat and one in over fences.

A strong competitor for the Jackrabbits in equitation on the flat, Megan Schiffman earned an invitation to represent the SDSU hunt seat team at the 2012 National Championships as a demo rider in that event. She ended the regular season with one MVP on the flat and should continue to make a great impact on the team.

Jenna Boscardin, voted as one of the equestrian team’s co-captains by her teammates last year, should continue to bring her school spirit to the team. She serves as a great leader and role model for her teammates. Along with her leadership skills, she also excels over fences, where she ended her 2011-12 season with one MVP.

Lauren Kerr also returns this season, and brings back her knowledge and experience to the team.

Powerhouse junior Santana Wright returns after a standout season as a sophomore. She earned an invitation to the 2012 Winter Equestrian Festival Collegiate Equitation Challenge in Wellington, Fla., last year, where she represented SDSU well. A strong competitor for the Jacks in both flat and fences, She can be counted on to win points for the team. Wright ended the 2011-12 season with three MVPs in over fences.

Jordan Goodall made an immediate impact as a freshman, which earned her an invitation to the Pin Oak Collegiate Equitation Challenge in Katy, Texas, where she finished fourth. Hunt seat coach Kamera Brown calls her “one to watch this season.”

Sophomore Blair Long returns for her second year in 2012-13, and adds depth in the over fences. Long really stepped up as a competitor for the Jacks last season something the coaches would like to see more of in her sophomore campaign.
JANNA BASLER  
SENIOR  
WESTERN (REINING)  
WENTWORTH, S.D.  
CHESTER AREA H.S.  
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR  

2011-12: Western team captain ... Competed in eight shows as a junior in reining, posting a 2-6 record ... posted wins at Baylor (9/30) and against Fresno State (10/1) at the Willis Invitational ... earned NCEA first team academic honors ... Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Golden Key International Honor Society inductee ... dean’s list honoree  
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) ... IHSAA 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 SDSYHA 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

HILLARY BAYSINGER  
SENIOR  
WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)  
RAPID CITY, S.D.  
STEVENS H.S.  
BIOLOGY MAJOR  

2011-12: Competed in seven shows in horsemanship, posting a 2-5 record ... won a point vs. UT-Martin (10/22) and at Sacred Heart (2/19) ... also competed on the western team at NCEA Nationals ... NCEA All-Academic first team selection ... dean’s list honoree  
2010-11: Won her section of novice horsemanship at a home IHSAA show (10/30) ... IHSAA Regional qualifier in novice horsemanship ... earned Region Grand Champion honors after a first-place finish at IHSAA Regionals ... competed at IHSAA 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 IHSAA shows at UW-River Falls (10/10/11), the IHSAA Invitational (10/30-31), at Minnesota-Crookston (12/5/6) and at North Dakota State (2/6-7) in her first year as a Jackrabbit ... finished first in horsemanship at Minnesota-Crookston (12/5-6) and at North Dakota State (2/6-7) ... finished second in horsemanship at the SDSU Invitational (10/30-31) and at Minnesota-Crookston (12/5/6) ... Dean’s List honoree for both the fall and spring semesters  
Before SDSU: Senior trail reserve champion at the state horse show ... three-year member of the National Honor Society ... four-year honor roll student ... earned Student of Achievement honors at Stevens High School in 2009

JENNA BOSCARDIN  
SENIOR  
HUNT SEAT (FENCES)  
NORTH KINGSTOWN, R.I.  
NORTH KINGSTOWN H.S.  
ENGLISH MAJOR  

2011-12: Nominated for team captain as both a junior and senior ... competed in seven shows over fences and four shows on the flat as a junior ... won MVP honors over fences at Sacred Heart (2/19) ... won points in both flat and fences vs. Delaware State (11/6)  
2010-11: Won in intermediate over fences and finished second in intermediate on the flat at IHSAA show in River Falls, Wis. (2/20) to qualify for the IHSAA Regional show ... earned region reserve grand champion after finishing second in intermediate on the flat at IHSAA Regionals ... finished third in intermediate on the flat at IHSAA Zone Finals ... also earned points for the Jackrabbits in varsity events against UT-Martin (2/26) and against New Mexico State (2/27), at the Bulldog Invitational hosted by Georgia  
2009-10: Competed at shows 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 (11/7) ... Gold Key honoree in photography ... earned academic honors in both biology and journalism ... honor roll student ... Dean’s List Leadership Academy member ... assistant director of a summer riding camp in East Greenwich, R.I. ... Brookings Regional Humane Society volunteer ... SDSU admissions ambassador  
Before SDSU: Qualified for medal finals throughout New England from 2005-08 ... finished third in Rhode Island Equitation Finals Horsemanship in 2008 ... earned Chef d’Equip honors at the New England Equitation Finals in 2008 ... competed throughout New England on her horse Death by Chocolate (aka Hershey) for the last five years in ‘AA’ and ‘A’ rated USEF shows and medal evaluation finals ... spent the summer of 2009 catch-riding and traveling in the South Pacific countries of Fiji, New Zealand and Australia as well as Hawaii ... also participated in volleyball and track and field in high school ... four-year honor roll student ... earned numerous academic excellence awards in high school ... 2009 Rhode Island Junior Scholar award winner.

KELSEY CHAMPAGNE  
SENIOR  
WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)  
JAMESTOWN, N.D.  
JAMESTOWN H.S.  
NURSING MAJOR  

2011-12: Rode in nine shows in horsemanship as a junior, posting a 3-3-3 record, with a pair of MVP awards ... earned her first MVP in a home show against UT-Martin (10/22) and again at Sacred Heart (2/19) ... also scored a points vs. Fresno State (10/1) at the Willis Invitational and in a home show vs. Auburn (11/5) ... member of the western team that advanced to NCEA Nationals (4/12) ... earned Iron Jack for her work in the weight room ... world champion in hunter under saddle at the 2012 Pinto World Championships in Tulsa, Okla. ... nursing dean’s list honoree in the fall of 2011  
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: Earned three wins in six varsity competitions ... earned MVP vs. Delaware State in horsemanship, adding 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 ... fall dean’s list honoree  
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 three events 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 ... four-year honor roll student ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with honors
Lauren Kerr
Senior
Hunt Seat (Fences/Flat)
Granville, Ohio
Granville H.S.
History Major

2011-12: Competed in three shows as a junior, posting a 2-1 record in equitation on the flat ... won a point at Baylor and against Miami (Ohio) (9/30) at the Willis Invitational ... active volunteer for the Brookings Regional Humane Society ... serves as a peer mentor for the Academic Success program ... also a member of the Columbus Young Professionals Club

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 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 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

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

2011-12: Competed on the flat against Sacred Heart (2/19) posting a score of 65 ... graduates in May and plans on continuing her education in graduate school, working with the higher education administration

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 4H 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

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

2011-12: Rode in all 10 shows on the flat as a junior, with one MVP ... also won points against Miami (Ohio) (9/30) and against Delaware State (11/6) ... traveled to NCEA Nationals as a demo rider for equitation on the flat ... head of the social committee for the 2011-12 school year

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 ... IHSA 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
Senior
Western (Horsemanship)
Prosper, Texas
Texas Tech H.S.
Human Development Major

2011-12: Competed in five shows as a junior in horsemanship, posting a 3-2 record ... scored points at home against Delaware State (11/6) and New Mexico State (11/19) and at Sacred Heart (2/19) ... member of the western squad that advanced to the NCEA National Championships (4/12)

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
2011-12: Earned the equestrian team’s most improved athlete of the year ... continued to participate in the Pride of the Dakotas marching band and playing in the pep band at basketball games

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

THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

HISTORY

In 1998, the NCAA classified equestrian as an emerging sport. At that time there six teams (Auburn, Fresno State, Georgia, Oklahoma State, South Carolina and Texas A&M) participated in the sport. Today, 23 colleges and universities offer equestrian as a varsity sport, and more continue to add the program each year.

The teams compete in a head-to-head format, where a rider from each team competes on the same horse. The rider earning the highest score on that particular horse wins the point for their team. At the end of the competition, the team with the most points wins the competition. A random draw determines the horse and rider match-up. Prior to their competition ride, each competitor gets a four-minute warm-up (five minute for Reining) to familiarize themselves with the horse and prepare for their competition ride. This format of competition was developed to level the playing field between riders and to allow each rider the same opportunity on the same horse. There is only one elite level of competition for the four events.

The National Collegiate Equestrian Association was created to advance the sport of Equestrian from emerging to championship status with the NCAA by promoting the benefits of Equestrian to potential institutions, riders, parents, horse industry professionals and sponsors while developing the rules and format of competition.

Waco, Texas currently hosts The National Collegiate Equestrian Association Championships, where 12 hunt seat and 12 western teams earn a chance to compete. The NCEA Selection Committee invites these teams based on their win/loss record throughout the season. The NCEAC is made possible with the help of generous sponsors, volunteers and donors of current universities and local horse trainers that contribute competition horses, tack and horse transport. Two nationally recognized and carded judges in both Hunter Seat and Western travel to Texas to judge the four days of competition. More than 200 student-athletes from across the country compete at the championships.

Many people within the horse industry united together to advance the sport of equestrian to full NCAA championship status. In order to attain this goal and hold an NCAA sponsored equestrian national championship, there must be 40 Division I and or Division II schools that sponsor equestrian at their institution.

MISSION

• To provide amateur equestrian student-athletes the opportunity to compete in a collegiate national championship event

• To promote for equal collegiate opportunities for female athletes through collegiate level equestrian competition

• To assist in the development of amateur equestrian student-athletes through collegiate level equestrian competition

• To promote the advancement of equestrian from emerging to championship status with the NCAA

• To generate growth of and interest in equestrian activity via the marketing, promotion and publicity of sport benefits to universities, riders, prospective student-athletes, parents, horse industry professionals and sponsors

• To support the enhancement of participating institutions who offer varsity level collegiate programs

• To preserve the integrity of the sport through ongoing rule and format development
Cynthia Barth

JUNIOR
HUNT SEAT (FLAT)
WINNETKA, ILL.
NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP H.S.
PHARMACY MAJOR

2011-12: Reserve Champion in beginner hunter over fences and first place finish in beginner hunter classic over fences in the fields and fences at the ‘A’ rated USEF spring hunter/jumper show in June 2012

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

Kelsey Cordell

JUNIOR
HUNT SEAT (FENCES)
BOTHELL, WASH.
KENTRIDGE H.S.
ANIMAL SCIENCE MAJOR

2011-12: Member of the hunt seat team

Before SDSU: Transferred to SDSU from Western Washington, where she competed on the school’s equestrian club team as a freshman ... earned reserve grand champion honors at the IHSA Region 9 Finals in open equitation on the flat in 2011 ... finished sixth at the 2011 IHSA Zone finals in open equitation on the flat ... earned silver and bronze Girl Scout awards

Laura Dunlap

JUNIOR
WESTERN (REINING)
WILLMAR, MINN.
WILLMAR SENIOR H.S.
HPER MAJOR

2011-12: Competed in five shows in reining as a sophomore, posting a 2-2-1 record ... scored her first point of the season at home against New Mexico State (11/19) ... also scored a point at Sacred Heart (2/19) ... scored a point for the Jacks at NCEA Nationals against Kansas State (4/12) ... named athlete of the year at the year-end banquet ... SAAC representative ... named Nov. 2011 strength and conditioning athlete of the month

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 Show Top-10 awards ... Glacial Ridge Appaloosa Club show high-point awards earner from 2007-10 ... extensive high point open show winner from 2005-10 ... Minnesota State Fair creative arts champion in 2008 and 2009 ... 2010 Minnesota Dan Patch Winner ... winner of multiple national horse judging team awards including American Quarter Horse Congress, Morgan Grand National, International Arabian Horse Competition and National Western Stock Show ... 2004 National 4-H Horse Knowledge Bowl award winner ... Minnesota Horse Council scholarship winner ... youth chairperson of Minnesota 4-H Horse Association ... Minnesota 4-H Horse Bowl youth chairman from 2007-10 ... 2008 National Youth Horse Council participant ... high school basketball letterwinner ... four-year honor roll student ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... D.A.R.E. role model ... advanced placement scholar ... graduated with high honors

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

2011-12: Demo rider for SDSU home shows ... placed third in hunter under saddle, fourth in English pleasure and fourth in western pleasure at the Watertown Open Show in August placed fourth in English stock seat, third in Arabian pleasure, fourth in English pleasure and second in western pleasure at the Sioux Empire Horse Show in August

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
**Sheila Price**

**JUNIOR**

**WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)**

**REDFIELD, S.D.**

**REDFIELD H.S.**

**BIOLOGY MAJOR**

2011-12: Member of the western team ... competed in various quarter horse and open shows over the summer ... volunteered at weekly practices with her county's local 4-H youth

2010-11: Competed in various IHSA competitions during as a freshman ... 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

**Sheby Webb**

**JUNIOR**

**WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)**

**HINTON, IOWA**

**HINTON H.S.**

**EDUCATION MAJOR**

2011-12: Competed in two shows in horsemanship at the season-opening Willis Invitational against Baylor and Fresno State (9/30-10/1) ... also rode in an exhibition against Nebraska (3/17) ... serves as an officer in IAFFS/FCCCLA ... member of the Little International staff ... competed in numerous pinto and paint horse shows during the summer ... received individual judge placings at the Pinto World Championship ... dean's list honoree in the spring ... member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and Phi Epsilon Kappa Honor Society

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 (2/26) and then won a point against New Mexico State (2/27) at the Bulldog Invitational hosted by Georgia ... earned MVP 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 selection

**Santana Wright**

**JUNIOR**

**HUNT SEAT (FENCES/FLAT)**

**PORT HOPE, ONTARIO**

**PORT HOPE H.S.**

**ANIMAL SCIENCE MAJOR**

2011-12: Competed in all 10 shows in fences and four shows on the flat, compiling a 7-7 record overall and a 7-3 record over fences with three MVPs ... earned MVP honors over fences vs. Delaware State (11/6), vs. New Mexico State (11/19) and at TCU (3/3) ... also scored points vs. Miami [Ohio] (9/30), vs. Auburn (11/5), at Sacred Heart (2/19) and at SMU (3/2) ... represented the team at the Winter Equestrian Festival (2/10) in Wellington, Fla. ... dean's list honoree in both semesters ... earned NCEA first team academic honors

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 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 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
2011-12: Participated in numerous exhibition rides during the 2011-12 season ... placed second in hunter under saddle 17-18 at the 2012 Ohio State Fair and fourth in the championships out of more than 200 riders ... also places sixth in 18 year old horsemanship and seventh in 18 year old showmanship ... won the team spirit award ... spent summer mentoring riders in the community ... competed in the national 4-H shooting invitational in Grand Island, Neb.

Before SDSU: Winner in the 2010 all-AmericanYouth Horse Show in English equitation ... high-point rider at the Fulton Country Fair in overall English in 2009 ... Harry Hughes Circuit Senior High-Point winner in 2009 ... winner in the 2008 Fulton Country 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 associate of the arts degree before graduating from high school

2011-12: Team spirit award winner ... spent the summer working as a veterinary tech at Write Veterinary Service in Kingman, Ariz.

Before SDSU: 2010 national top-five Paint Alternative Competition in both English and western ... Arizona 4-H state champion in hunter hack, equitation, horsemanship, bareback horsemanship and bareback equitation ... four-year Mohave County all-around champion in both English and western ... two-year Mohave County horse judging champion ... worked as a 4-H camp counselor for five years ... three-year 4-H club president ... served as a delegate to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga. ... spent the summer of 2011 riding for Casey Hinton Quarter Horses

2011-12:Posted a 2-5 overall record, including a 2-2 mark in over fences ... won points at home against New Mexico State (11/19) and at SMU (3/2) ... earned MVP honors over fences in an exhibition show against Nebraska (3/17) ... selected to represent SDSU at the Pin Oak Collegiate Invitational (3/26), where she finished fourth

Before SDSU: Started showing at age 13 ... shows in 1.10 meter jumpers throughout the Colorado hunter/jumper show circuit ... worked with top trainers in 2010 after being selected for the Zone 8 and Region 4 levels of the emerging athletes program ... rode to top-10 finishes at the 2011 Adult Jumper Classic in Parker, Colo. ... finished sixth at the 2011 Adult Jumper Classic in Estes Park, Colo. ... named reserve champion in 1.05 jumpers at the 2010 Adult Jumper Classic in Estes Park, Colo. ... also competed on the swimming team in high school ... four-year member of the high honor roll ... two-year member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society ... won a bronze award winner on the 2010 National Spanish Exam ... graduated with honors
SAMANTHA STAHNKE

SOPHOMORE
WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)
SPICER, MINN.
WILLMAR SENIOR H.S.
INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT MAJOR

2011-12: Dan Patch Leadership Award recipient ... Kandiyohi County reserve champion senior horse showman ... Kandiyohi County sportsmanship award winner ... Dean's List honoree in the fall and spring semesters ... ranked in the top 15 percent of her class ... named facility coordinator for State-A-Thon in 2013 ... member of the University Program Council in 2012-13 ... youth chair of Minnesota 4-H Horse Association in 2012-13

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 Youth Chair for the 2010-11 Winter Roundup ... won 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 ... 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

SOPHOMORE
WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)
CRESCO, IOWA
CRESTWOOD H.S.
ANIMAL SCIENCE MAJOR

2011-12: Iowa “Ride to the Buckle” 14-18 youth winner for buckskin horses in the, American Buckskin Registry Association World Show top-10 in all-around events ... IBHA world champion in six events, reserve world champion in five events and youth 14-18 world all-around champion ... dean's list honoree in both the fall and spring semesters

Before SDSU: Top-six finisher in all 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 and 14-18 winner ... four-year honor roll student

CALISTA WINTER

SOPHOMORE
HUNT SEAT (FLAT)
HARRISBURG, S.D.
HARRISBURG H.S.
ATHLETIC TRAINING MAJOR

2011-12: Named most improved hunt seat rider ... earned team workhorse award vs. New Mexico State (11/19) ... demo rider for equitation on the flat for exhibition show with Nebraska (3/17) ... participated and placed in numerous classes at open horse shows for Southeast South Dakota Horse Show Association

Before SDSU: Lincoln Country 4-H English showmanship junior grand champion in 2002 and 2005 and Senior Grand Champion in 2008 and 2010 ... named Senior Grand Champion in Western Showmanship in 2008 ... 4-H Reserve Grand Champion in junior hunt seat equitation in 2003 and Grand Champion in junior saddle seat equitation in 2005 and 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 ... a member of the basketball and volleyball teams in high school and of band and chorus ... four-year honor roll student ... two year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated with honors ... academic all-state honors in volleyball and basketball ... 2010 Regent’s and Career and Technical Education Scholar
Before SDSU: 2012 Palomino Horse Breeders of America youth 14-18 trail world champion at the PBHA youth world show ... 2012 PHBA youth performance mares world champion at youth world show ... 2011 Top-10 youth all-around at the year-end awards for PBHA ... 2011 Palomino Horse Exhibitors of Kansas youth president ... earned multiple AQHA youth and open all-around titles ... eight-year member of the Nebraska Quarter Horse Association ... also played volleyball, basketball and track in high school ... active volunteer in the church and community ... four-year honor roll student

Sarah Bowen
FRESHMAN
WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)
HASTINGS, NEB.
ADAMS CENTRAL H.S.
BIOLOGY MAJOR

Libby Farney
FRESHMAN
HUNT SEAT (FLAT)
MCPHERSON, KAN.
MCPHERSON H.S.
BIOLOGY/PRE-MED MAJOR

Before SDSU: Showed with Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association from 2001-04, with several recorded wins ... member of the Kansas Quarter Horse Association from 2010-12, where she attended shows around the state showing green horses for experience ... also participated in theater in high school ... cast as the lead role in “The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail” and performed the play at the state thespian conference ... received accolades from numerous quartet music pieces at the state concert ... also competed in track and field in high school ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... graduated in the top 10 percent of her class at McPherson High School

Keahna Fenwick
FRESHMAN
HUNT SEAT (FLAT)
MERRILL, WIS.
WAUSAU EAST H.S.
UNDECIDED MAJOR

Before SDSU: Wisconsin Interscholastic Horse Association English equitation grand champion and state champion in 2009 and 2010 ... Wisconsin Valley Fair grand champion in English equitation and western horsemanship in 2010 and 2011 ... WG reserve grand champion in Gambina in 2010 ... earned VFW Sportsman Award in 2009 ... Marshfield Boot and Saddle dressage shows grand champion on the flat and over fences in 2009 ... Silver Spur Show Series grand champion in English equitation in 2009 and 2010, and grand champion in intermediate horsemanship in 2009 ... four-year honor roll student ... two-year member of the National Honor Society ... National Merit Scholar in 2011 and 2012 ... graduated with International Baccalaureate certificate

Marielle Golden
FRESHMAN
HUNT SEAT (FENCES/FLAT)
BOCA RATON, FLA.
SPANISH RIVER H.S.
BUSINESS MAJOR

Before SDSU: Began age nine ... competed on East Coast in the 3’ and 3’6”, and showed at prestigious shows such as Pony Finals, Marshall and Sterling Finals, Winter Equestrian Festival, ASPCA Medal Maclay and Interscholastic Equestrian Association finals ... won first place in individual jumping, first place in team flat and second place in team jumping at the 2009 Interscholastic Equestrian Association regional show

Anna Hassel
FRESHMAN
HUNT SEAT (FLAT)
SIoux FALLS, S.D.
O’GORMAN H.S.
BUSINESS ECONOMICS MAJOR

Before SDSU: Started competing at 12 years old ... compiled numerous victories at Sioux Empire Hunter Jumper shows from 2007-12 ... volunteered for the Handi-Riders in 2010 ... helped local rescues train horses for resale ... earned a varsity letter in choir in high school and participated in an award-winning chow choir in 2012 ... graduated with honors from O’Gorman High School, a Blue Ribbon school for six years

Vanessa Hinkle
FRESHMAN
WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)
JUNCTION CITY, WIS.
STEVENs POINT AREA H.S.
PHARMACY MAJOR

Before SDSU: Won numerous honors in District 11 of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Horsemanship association in 2009 and 2010 ... won gold-rated proficiency award in equine entrepreneurship in 2009 ... national reserve champion of the POAC open show in 2009 ... qualified for the Wisconsin State Fair in western pleasure, horsemanship and hunt seat equitation from 2009-12 ... reserve high-point rider at Amherst Fair in 2009 ... served as treasurer of Stevens Point FFA chapter in 2011-12 ... member of the Pony of the Americas Club from 2008-12 ... also competed in swimming in high school ... honor roll student in all four years of high school ... graduated with honors

Lexus Hoffman
FRESHMAN
WESTERN (HORSEMANSHIP)
WHITESATER, WIS.
WHITESATER H.S.
AG BUSINESS MAJOR

Before SDSU: Placed in three categories at the 2008 AQHA Congress ... 2008 WQHA 300-point champion in youth, high-point rider in novice youth, all-around and reserve novice youth horsemanship, high-point rider in novice youth equitation and western pleasure ... earned high-point rider in equitation and western pleasure, and reserve high-point rider in junior mare and horsemanship at the 2008 BQHA show ... won high-point rider in hunter under saddle at the 2010 BQHA show ... 2011 AQHYA world show finalist in equitation ... won multiple all-around titles in 2012 and ranked second in the nation in showmanship ... member of BQHA and WQHA from 2007-12 and served as an officer twice ... member of FFA throughout high school, serving as the secretary as a sophomore ... multiple honor roll selections in high school

Christine Holm
FRESHMAN
HUNT SEAT (FLAT)
ROSEAU, MINN.
ROSEAU H.S.
PHARMACY MAJOR

Before SDSU: Member of Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders’ and Exhibitors’ Association and Tennessee Walking Horse Youth Association from 2007-12 ... four-year honor roll student ... graduated with honors ... presidential scholar
**Amanda Murray**

**Freshman**  
**Western (Horsemanship)**  
**Gilbert, Ariz.**  
**Highland H.S.**  
**Undecided Major**

Before SDSU: High-point or reserve high-point rider at every show she competed in since 2009. Arizona Paint Horse Club year-end No. 1 youth rider in 2009. Posted a top-10 overall finish at the APHA World Championship Show in 2009 after posting a third place finish in novice youth hunter under saddle and in novice youth trail, a seventh place finish in novice youth horsemanship and after being a finalist in novice youth equitation and in novice youth western pleasure. Active member of her community’s volunteer outreach program, volunteering over 500 hours. Acquired more than 350 performance points and 11 register of merit awards.

**Elaina Johnson**

**Freshman**  
**Hunt Seat (Fences/Flat)**  
**Douuseman, Wis.**  
**Kettle Moraine H.S.**  
**Undecided Major**


**Caroline Lesousky**

**Freshman**  
**Western (Reining)**  
**Gainesville, Fla.**  
**P.K. Younge H.S.**  
**Exercise Science Major**

Before SDSU: Finished in the top-10 at the youth world show in both 2010 and 2011 in youth halter mares and youth color. Member of the U.S. Equestrian team from 2008-12. Competed at the Everglades Appaloosa Horse Club High-Point Games from 2008-10. Rode at the Florida Big East High-Point Games in 2010 and at the Central Florida Appaloosa Horse Club High-Point Games in 2008 and 2009. Honor roll student in 2011 and 2012. Also competed on the cheer team in high school.

**Jessie Miller**

**Freshman**  
**Western (Reining)**  
**Norfolk, Neb.**  
**Norfolk H.S.**  
**Pre-Med Major**

Before SDSU: Earned numerous awards at the Pinto World Show in Tulsa, Okla., including youth association world champion honors in 2008 and 2009. Claimed two reserve grand champion honors, a pair of top-10 finishes and a senior reining championship at the Nebraska State 4-H show from 2008-12. Also earned honors from the Central Plains Reining Horse Association, Nebraska Silver Classic 4-H western pleasure class. Member of 4-H Bits and Bridles Club from 2003-12 and served as club president from 2010-11. Member of APHA and PHA from 2004-12 and CPRHA and NRHA from 2005-12. Graduated with highest distinction. Two-year member of the National Honor Society.

**Raivenne Scott**

**Freshman**  
**Western (Reining)**  
**Cornelius, Ore.**  
**Hillsboro H.S.**  
**Animal Science Major**

Before SDSU: Earned multiple top-five placings competing at the Oregon Reining Horse Association and National Reining Horse Association and American Morgan Horse Association Region 8 youth shows. Won multiple gold, silver and bronze medals at district and state level at Oregon High School Equestrian Team competitions. OHSET all-district selection. Three-year team captain. Five-year swine and equine FFA member. Graduated with a chancellors degree.

**Jessica Taylor**

**Freshman**  
**Western (Horsemanship)**  
**Granger, Iowa**  
**Woodward-Granger H.S.**  
**Pharmacy Major**

Before SDSU: Earned numerous awards and citations in American Paint Horse Association, Iowa Paint Horse Club, Iowa Pinto Horse Association shows from 2010-12. Named IPHA Senior Cowgirl Queen in 2011 and 2012. Iowa State Fair Junior Cowgirl Queen in 2010. Won numerous high-point rider honors at the Polk County Fair from 2006-12. Also competed in track, drama and speech in high school. ‘A’ honor roll student from 2006-12. Iowa Governor’s Scholar. Valedictorian from her graduating class. Member of the National Honor Society. National Merit Scholar semifinalist.

**Jacqueline Walker**

**Freshman**  
**Hunt Seat (Fences/Flat)**  
**Middletown, R.I.**  
**Middletown H.S.**  
**Animal Science Major**


**Nicole Zaun**

**Freshman**  
**Hunt Seat (Fences/Flat)**  
**Lakeville, Minn.**  
**Lakeville South H.S.**  
**Undecided Major**

Before SDSU: Earned numerous victories in hunter and equitation in Minnesota Hunter Jumper medal classes from 2007-12. Competed for Lakeville South High School’s varsity equestrian team. Finished third in the state in the Minnesota High School Equestrian Association in 2010 and fourth place in 2011. Posted strong finishes and several victories in numerous MHA hunter and equitation derbies. Painted several pictures that appear on Minnesota Wild tickets. Also won other art awards in high school.
HORSES
AR River Taxi
Barn Name: AR
Year of Birth: 2002
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Quarter Horse
Donor: Darlene Mandelke

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

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

Danny Boy
Barn Name: Danny
Year of Birth: 1998
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Thoroughbred
Owner: Anna Hassel

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
**Gonna Getcha Good**
Barn Name: Ditto  
Year of Birth: 2002  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Appaloosa  
Donors: Alice and Jay Stewart

**Gosh I'm Gorgeous**
Barn Name: Gorgeous  
Year of Birth: 2002  
Sex: Mare  
Breed: American Quarter Horse  
Owner: Kari Nelson

**Hickory's Lil Rose**
Barn Name: Boo  
Year of Birth: 2007  
Sex: Mare  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Owner: Arika Manthey

**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

**Jackson Z**
Barn Name: Jacks  
Year of Birth: 1999  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Warmblood  
Donor: Eliza Hunt

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

**KCS Flower Man**
Barn Name: Bacardi  
Year of Birth: 2005  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Quarter Horse  
Owner: Hillery Baysinger

**Krokodile Dundee**
Barn Name: Krokodile  
Year of Birth: 2002  
Sex: Gelding  
Breed: Oldenburg  
Owner: Robin Cordell
LAMONT
Barn Name: Zinger
Year of Birth: 2005
Sex: Gelding
Breed: Thoroughbred
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**Terms and Definitions**

**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 philly.
Located along the U.S. Highway 14 Bypass north and east of the SDSU campus, the Nathelle and Lawrence DeHaan Equestrian Center became the new home for Jackrabbit Equestrian at South Dakota State University when it opened in the fall of 2008.

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

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

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 Slade Larscheid by phone at (605) 697-7475.
ON CAMPUS FACILITIES

STALL AREA OF THE DEHAAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN THE DEHAAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER UPON THE COMPLETION OF PHASE II

COMMUNITY FITNESS WELLNESS CENTER

DYKHOUSE STUDENT-ATHLETE CENTER

DYKHOUSE CENTER WEIGHTROOM

DYKHOUSE STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC CENTER

FROST ARENA

STANLEY J. MARSHALL HPER CENTER
A new era of athletic competition at South Dakota State University began in the fall of 2005 as the Jackrabbits fielded their first varsity equestrian team.

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

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

Megan McGee came on board as the program’s first head coach on Aug. 31, 2004, and served in that position through the 2009-10 season. Joe Humphreys 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, something the team did through the 2010-11 season before switching exclusively to varsity equestrian shows.

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.

The Jackrabbit western team boasts a total of four appearances at Varsity Equestrian Nationals, now known as the NCEA National Championships, held annually in Waco, Texas.

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.

THE 2012 SDSU WESTERN TEAM advanced to the NCEA National Championships, while Megan Shiffler served as a demo rider on the flat at the event.

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Maggie Holzworth, Hannah Stone, Amy Mandelke, Hillery Baysinger, Kelsey Champagne, Megan Shiffler, Helen Lauth, Lauren Kostello, Laura Dunlavy, Brittany Weber
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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 an enrollment of 12,725 students in the fall of 2011, 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 $288 million in fiscal year 2011.
South Dakota State 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
- Daktronics Engineering Hall, a 30,000-square-foot building that houses an expansion within the College of Engineering
- The $6 million Dykhouse Student-Athlete Center
- A $7.8 million campus wellness center
- Union Dining Expansion, a 20,000 square foot expansion to the student union that adds 350 new seats and three nationally branded dining options at a cost of $8.3 million
- Four new residence halls currently under construction; Southwest Hall, Southeast Hall, Northeast Hall and Honors Hall add housing for more than 800 freshman and sophomores at a cost of $45.7 million

For more information on the new residence halls and the Student Union dining expansion, log onto www.sdstate.edu/campus/expansion

The SDSU Foundation’s “It Starts With State” campaign, a comprehensive fund-raising initiative designed to raise $200 million by the end of the 2012, with pledges and payments extending beyond 2012, 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 in the National Collegiate Equestrian Association.

**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 22,000 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 sits 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.
International Agricultural Specialization
Landscape Architecture (B.S.)
Microbiology (B.S., Minor)
• Applied/Environmental
• Infectious Disease
• Molecular Biology
Park Management (B.S.)
Pest Management (Minor)
Plant Pathology (M.S.)
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Range Science (B.S., Minor)
• Range Livestock Production
• Rangeland Ecology & Habitat Management
• Rangeland Resource Conservation
Rural Sociology (M.S., Minor)
Zoology (Minor)
College of Arts and Science
Accounting (Minor)
Aerospace Studies (Minor)
American Indian Studies (Minor)
Art (B.A., B.S., Minor)
• Art Education
• Fine Arts
• Painting/Printmaking
• Ceramics/Sculpture
Athletic Training (B.S.)
Biological Sciences (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 (Minor)
Criminal Justice (Minor)
Economics (B.A., B.S., M.S., Minor)
• Business Economics
• English (B.A., M.A., Minor)
• European Studies Program
French (B.A., Minor)
Geographic Information Systems (B.S., Minor)
Geography (B.S., M.S., Minor)
• Environmental Planning & Management
• Technical Geography - Science
German (B.A., Minor)
Global Studies
Graphic Design (B.A., B.S.)
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 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 (Minor)
Chemistry
• Career and Technical Education
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
English
Family and Consumer Sciences
Geography
• German (K-12)
• Health, Physical Education and Recreation (K-12)
History
Journalism
Mathematics
• Physics
• Music (K-12)
• 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 (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 Family and Consumer Sciences
Apparel Merchandising (B.S., Minor)
Consumer Affairs (B.S., Minor)
Early Childhood Education (B.S.)
• Birth to age 8
• Cooperative programs in elementary education
Family and Consumer Sciences (M.S.)
Gerontology (Minor)
Hotel and Food Service Management (B.S.)
• Food Service Management
• Hotel and Hospitality Management
Human Development and Family Studies (B.S.)
• Human Development, Child and Family Studies (Minor)
• Interior Design (B.S., Minor)
• Nutrition, Food Science (B.S., Minor)
• Dietetics
• Food Science
• Nutrition
College of Nursing
Nursing (B.S., M.S.)
• Accelerated Program
• RN Upward Mobility
Health Science (Minor)
Gerontology (Minor)
College of Pharmacy
Pharmacy (Pharm. D.)
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University Web Site: SDSstate.edu
Athletics Web Site: GOLJACKS.COM
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.
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- *Seeded event. Winners advance in bracketed format.*