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Summer 2007

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WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PIONEERS

- Get Involved!
- Wear your support - T-shirts and Sweats now available!
- Participate, volunteer or spectate at a competition or a fundraising event.
- Make a donation

SAVE THE DATES

- September 16 - **SHUET "Meet and Greet"** at Greenwich Polo. Come picnic with the team at 1pm. Match starts at 3pm.



- September 30 - **Fun Ride Fundraiser @ LHF** 4pm-7pm
- October 18 - **Equestrian Jumper Challenge & Alumni BBQ @ LHF**
- November 15 - **Fun Ride Fundraiser @ Lion Hill Farm** 6pm-9pm

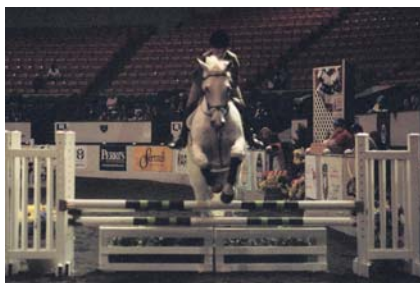
To participate or volunteer in any of these events please contact :

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CURCIO FINISHES FOURTH IN IHSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW



W. SPRINGFIELD, MA (May 3, 2007) – Sacred Heart University senior Danielle Curcio (Long Valley, NJ) finished her college career on a high note as she rode into fourth place in the Intermediate Equitation of Fences Division at the 40th Annual Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championship Horse Show at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds.

In the first round Curcio was sixth to compete posting an 83/100 which put her in first place with a nearly flawless round. During the second round the top four riders were asked to switch horses and re-ride the original course. Two minor mistakes dropped her into fourth place when the remaining three riders posted astonishingly faultless rounds.

“Although I would have loved to have finished first, I had a great experience and was just thrilled to have qualified”, says Curcio.

There were over 300 colleges and universities that participated with over 7000 riders,, in this year’s Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) program where equestrian athletes are judged on their riding performance after randomly drawing horses to compete on. After qualifying for the Regionals where she placed second, she then advanced to the Zone Championships where she won her division, qualifying her as one of 18 riders to compete at the IHSA National Championships.

“For the last few weeks we stepped up Danielle’s training seeking different experiences and riding different horses to make sure she was prepared for the experience,” says SHU equestrian coach Sloane Milstein. “Danielle did a great job of representing Sacred Heart University, and the team is very proud of her efforts.”

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY EQUESTRIAN TEAM EXPANDS PROGRAM TO OFFER BOTH ENGLISH AND WESTERN



Sacred Heart University’s Varsity Equestrian team will be up and riding just days after students arrive on campus. ***On September 7th interested athletes will attend the team’s information session to be held at the William H. Pitt Center where they will receive a tryout schedule.*** “We are looking for competition -- worthy riders. We will help them with instruction, but they need to be pretty competent and ready to go,” Sacred Heart equestrian team head Coach Sloane Milstein said.

Athletes will compete for a position in one of four areas of English and Western disciplines. Hunter Equitation and Equitation Over Fences will make up the English events, and Western Horsemanship and Reining will be included in the Western events.

Tryouts will run for two weeks with an intersquad competition and a multiple choice “written” testing of the rules to be held on Friday, September 21, to determine the final team roster. Attitude and willingness to be a “team player” is equally as important as your skill level.

There are seven returning members from the 06-07 season, and Coach Milstein expects up to 20 to attend tryouts.



FALL COMPETITION SCHEDULE



September 21	Team Tryout and Final Selection @ Lion Hill Farm
October 13	IHSA @ Fairfield, CT
October 14	IHSA SHUET to co-host with Yale @ Yale, CT
October 18	Equestrian Jumper Challenge (Intersquad) & Fall BBQ
October 19	NCAA @ Stonehill College, Mass
October 26– 28	NCAA @ New Mexico State, NM
November 2	NCAA @ Delaware State, DE

VOLUNTEER FOR THE TEAM!

We need help in a aide variety of areas including:

- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Guest judging for intersquad competitions.
- Fundraising
- Horse show management.

If you are interested in any of these areas, please fill out the attached form and let us know your availability.

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Sloane Milstein returns this fall in her second year as Head Equestrian Coach and the Director of Athletic Budgets. Originally from Philadelphia, Coach Milstein is proficient in both riding and coaching hunters , jumpers, three day eventing, sidesaddle and currently learning western. In addition to her equestrian experience Coach Milstein was also an Olympic Hopeful in both the Modern Pentathlon and Pistol Shooting. Coach Milstein has an Accounting Degree from University of New Mexico and Masters of Education, Sports and Recreation Management from Temple University. She hopes that her wide range of experiences will help build a strong team.

Volunteer English Coach : Kelly McGovern is a 2007 graduate of Sacred Heart University and a 4 year member, 2 time Captain and IHSA Regional Qualifier of the SHU equestrian team. Kelly is originally from New Jersey , and is currently a graduate student at SHU majoring in education. Kelly is excited to be a volunteer coach this year.

Volunteer Western Coach: Kelly DeLuca

Kelly is a graduate student at Sacred Heart University, majoring in Education. She is from Florida and has ridden English, Western, and Polo. This is Kelly's second year volunteering with the team.

Thank You!



The SHU Equestrian Team would like to thank their family, sponsors and fans for a very successful year. We appreciate your generosity and support and are looking forward to next year with continued optimism and enthusiasm.

Ways to Support Equestrian

- Purchase Team Merchandise and "Wear Your Support!"
- Show your support by attending a competition or event.
- Participate or Volunteer for a fundraiser.
- Make a donation through this newsletter or online at www.SacredHeartPioneers.com.
- Donate equipment or clothing for team use.

Yes! I would like to become a member of the Pioneer Club in support of the Equestrian team.

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