

# A Bit of News

from the Cadets of the West Point Equestrian Team

## West Point Ranked 1st In Western Competition

The West Point Equestrian Team competed in the first IHSA Western Show of the season, where they captured the High Point Team award.

Cadets competed in western horsemanship classes of different levels, ranging from Walk-Jog to Open Reining. Riders were judged on their competence and control while riding, as well as their equitation, both on the rail and while executing patterns.



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## West Point defeats Air Force!

As part of the Army-Air Force Competition Weekend, the West Point Equestrian Team competed against the Air Force Equestrian Team at West Point's Morgan Farm. West Point claimed the High Point Team award for the event with first places in every class.

West Point began the competition strong with a first place finish from Cadet Roberta Woronowicz, 2014, in Open Flat. First place finishes were also awarded to Cadets Devin Redding, Kalen Larsen, Aryn Davis, and Kat Knapp. Cadets Joseph Curtin, Roberta Woronowicz, Devin Redding, and Morgan Proksch also showcased their jumping talents in an Open Fences exhibition.



Cadet Sabrina Szabo, '11, guides her horse through a horsemanship pattern.



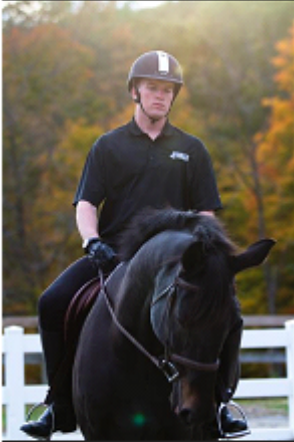
**Above:** The cadets of the West Point and Air Force Equestrian Teams pose after the competition.

**Right:** Team Captains Aryn Davis and Jessica Huggins with the commemorative plaque given to the West Point team by Air Force.

Each cadet had a wonderful time getting to know the other competitors, and both teams are looking forward to another dual Academy show next year!



## Team Member of the Month: Joseph Curtin, 2013



Cadet Joseph Curtin, from Stanley, New Mexico, is our first Team Member of the month! In this section, we will be introducing you to one of the members of the West Point Equestrian team.

Joseph, known around the barn as "Joe", is a member of the Class of 2013. He is in company F-3, and has been on the Equestrian Team for one and a half years. He is majoring in German.

Joe competes at the Intermediate level, and excels in both jumping and flat classes. He is also a strong member of West Point's Western team: in the first Western show of the year, Joe placed 1st and 2nd in his two classes.

Prior to coming to West Point, Joe rode for five years. His love of riding began when he hopped on a neighbor's horse one afternoon; after that, he took any chance he could to ride, train, and compete. He reached the C-3 level in Pony Club, and also competed in 2nd Level Dressage while in high school. Joe's favorite part of riding is working with challenging horses and learning to understand them.

Besides riding, Joe enjoys many aspects of West Point. He is a graduate of Air Assault School. Joe also enjoys Marksmanship training, and excelled with a score of 29 out of 30 on the stress shoot he completed this summer.



## Horse Profile: Hudson Bay

Hudson Bay, known affectionately as "Hudson", is a ten-year-old Thoroughbred who stands at 16.2 hands. He is one of the newest additions to the West Point Equestrian Team, and is quickly becoming a favorite mount. Prior to coming to the team, Hudson was used as both a show mount and a lesson horse.



## *Congratulations!*

*Congratulations to the following riders, who placed first or second in their classes at the IHSA Hunt Seat Show hosted by William Paterson University.*

*Cadet Aryn Davis, 2011 — Novice Flat and Novice Fences*

*Cadet Janae Bell, 2013 — Walk/Trot/Canter*

*Cadet Christine Jordan, 2013 — Walk/Trot/Canter*

*Cadet Gina DiMarco, 2014 — Walk/Trot/Canter*

*Cadet Kat Knapp, 2014 — Walk/Trot*

*Cadet Laura Winn, 2014 — Walk/Trot*

*Congratulations also to Cadets Gina DiMarco, 2014, and Cadie Steele, 2013, who placed 1st and 2nd respectively in their classes at West Point's IHSA Show held at Centenary College.*

*Happy Holidays from the West Point Equestrian Team!*

## West Point Team competes at ANRC Invitational



The West Point Equestrian Team sent three riders to the American National Riding Commission Intercollegiate Invitational held at Centenary College. Cadets Joseph Curtin, Roberta Woronowicz, and Morgan Proksch competed over the course of three days in the unique event. Riders were required to complete a dressage test, outdoor course, and show jumping course. The team placed fourth in the challenging competition.

The West Point Equestrian team would like to wish a safe and happy holiday season to all of our readers!

In addition, we would like to thank all of our fans, the Academy leadership, and our coaches and ORs for their support this season, both at home and away.

Stay tuned next year for more news and exciting information from the West Point Equestrian Team. We are looking forward to a great spring show season, and hope you will join us once again.

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