



The Blue & Gold

Equestrian Team doesn't horse around



Caitlin Bragg '10 with her horse.

It was just a matter of a few points that kept the Eagle Equestrian Team from the State competition. "Our girls had a fantastic fall season and were just a few points away from the State Meet," said **Julie Bombrys '05**, team coach.

A past rider for Notre

Dame Academy, Coach Bombrys now works with eight team members each fall. Each rider has her own horse. Meets run primarily weekends during September.

Members of the Equestrian Team were senior **Caitlyn Bragg**, juniors **Stephanie Bombrys**, **Quinn Harrison**, **Kim Cousino**, **Claire Konieczny** and **Jacquelynn Kujawa**, sophomore **Shannon LaGassa** and freshman **Jenny Miller**.

"The girls earn individual points with all points going toward the final team score," she said.

Riders contend in four different styles – Western, English or Hunter, Saddle Seat and Contesting (speed events) along with some Specialty Classes. There are three meets that count toward earning enough points for the State opportunity.

"Our riders have broad exposure to various styles of riding. Since we participate in Division II, the girls learn a variety of styles they weren't normally get to do," she said.

And with only one team member graduating, a State showing is well within reach.

Recent grad shares social networking knowledge

It all began when **Brittany Barnes '07** attended an NDA alumnae event in Cleveland. She approached Liz Schurrer, alumnae director about talking to students about the joys and pitfalls of Facebook.

Just a few months later, Brittany, a junior at Kent State majoring in Theatre with a minor in education, addressed the entire senior class.

She gave them practical hints about staying safe on Facebook, as well as positively managing one's reputation. Topics addressed were posting appropriate photos,



Brittany with Trish Sanders

managing everything posted about yourself, and using privacy settings wisely.

"High schoolers' lives may be impacted by what they post; possible employers, collegiate student groups, and college admissions reps may have access to content that might not necessarily project the image they want seen," she said.

Upcoming

Alumnae Events

- *Alumnae Association Meeting: NDA Alumnae Hall 5:30 to 7 p.m., Wed., Feb. 10*
- *NDA at Night: Learn about managing YOUR money. Hear from Sandy Nungester Adam '93. Wed, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Resource Center*
- *Heart & Soul: Dueling Pianos, Sat., March 20 at NDA*
- *Alumnae Easter Egg Hunt: Sat., March 27 at 10 a.m. For kids 8 and younger.*

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Liz Schurrer at lschurrer@nda.org

Have an alum story idea?

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