

The Black Hawk College Hunt Seat Equestrian Team resumed competition this fall, going up against teams from other Midwestern schools at four Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (IHSA) meets.

Riders who placed in the Top 6 in their class accumulated points individually and for the team to go toward their season total.

Students competed in seven divisions depending on their level of riding experience. Classes consisted of riding on the flat (riders execute specific gaits on the rail) and over fences (riders exhibit their horse's skill over an elevated jump).

"The Hunt Seat Equestrian Team is looking forward to continuing to accumulate points to finish up the regular horse show season!" said Selena Finn, coach and equestrian science instructor.



Hunt seat rider Cheyanne Montano - limit over fences

In the spring, students will compete in three regular-season Zone 7, Region 4 meets before moving into the postseason. Black Hawk College East Campus will host the Regional Championships and Semi-Finals then Nationals will be in Harrisburg, PA, in May.

Black Hawk College is the only two-year school in its region. BHC riders compete against teams from Augustana College, Illinois State University, Iowa State University, Kansas State University, Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southern Illinois University, Truman State University, the University of Wisconsin Platteville, Washington University and Western Illinois University.

This is the fourth year that Black Hawk College has had an IHSA Hunt Seat Equestrian Team.



The Fall 2021 team members are:

- Sarah Alarie Downs, IL
- Haley Beaman Denver, IN
- McKenna Bleem Havana, IL
- Haley Bucher Washington, IL
- Joely Craver Greenville, IL
- Kelsey Doty Port Byron, IL
- Brooke Kiefer West Bend, WI
- Sarah Korthals Geneseo, IL
- Kylee Larson Beloit, WI
- Hannah Lemay Tuscola, IL
- Hope Lock Granville, IL
- Ellie Mendenhall Williamsville, IL
- Cheyanne Montano New Lenox, IL
- Zayne Olson Cambridge, IL
- Brooklynn Reynolds Rock Falls, IL
- Haley Sebby Normandy, IL
- Josie Spratt Purcell, OK
- Kaili Weiner Ontonagon, MI
- Lily Zomparelli Schererville, IN



Hunt seat rider Kelsey Doty - limit over fences

Below are the Fall 2021 individual rider placings for the Hunt Seat Equestrian Team.

Please note - During the regular season, students compete in multiple rounds in each division so there can be more than one student placing 1st, 2nd, etc.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale IHSA Horse Show

Oct. 2-3

Combined results from both days.

Pre-Novice Flat Division

3rd - Haley Bucher

4th - Kylee Larson

Novice Flat Division

3rd and 4th - Sarah Alarie 4th - Zayne Olson



Limit Flat Division

1st - Ellie Mendenhall

3rd - Cheyanne Montano

5th - Lily Zomparelli

5th - Kelsey Doty

Limit Over Fences Division

5th - Chevanne Montano

6th - Kelsey Doty

Black Hawk College IHSA Horse Show

Oct. 23-24

Combined results from both days.

Introductory Flat Division

3rd and 4th - Hope Lock

4th - Hannah Lemay

Pre-Novice Flat Division

1st and 2nd - Josie Spratt

2nd - Haley Bucher

2nd and 6th - Kylee Larson

5th - Haley Beaman

Novice Flat Division

1st and 2nd - Brooke Kiefer

2nd and 4th - Joely Craver

3rd - Kaili Weiner

4th and 6th - Sarah Alarie

4th - Sarah Korthals

4th - Zayne Olson

6th - Haley Sebby

Limit Flat Division

1st and 2nd - Lily Zomparelli

2nd and 3rd - Kelsey Doty

3rd - Ellie Mendenhall

5th - Lily Zomparelli



5th - Kelsey Doty

Limit Over Fences Division

4th and 6th - Lily Zomparelli 5th - Ellie Mendenhall 5th - Cheyanne Montano 5th and 6th - Kelsey Doty

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