

## TWO RMC RIDERS QUALIFY FOR IHSA WESTERN REGIONAL SHOW

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BOZEMAN – Two Rocky Mountain College riders qualified for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Regional show in Bozeman, Mont., Dec. 3-4, 2011. Meredith Burton, of Camillus, N.Y., qualified in advanced Western horsemanship and Lydia Harvey, of Poulsbo, Wash. in the walk, jog, and lope class. The Western Regional show takes place on Sunday, February 19, 2011 in Billings, Mont., hosted by RMC and the Intermountain Equestrian Center.

“It was stressful but I’m pleased with my performance. Hopefully I can continue the winning streak to move forward to the Semi-National Show,” said Lydia Harvey, a sophomore in the RMC equestrian program.

The RMC IHSA equestrian team competed against teams from Carroll College, the University of Montana, Montana State University, Utah State University, University of Montana-Western and the College of Southern Idaho in two Western shows on Saturday and one English show Sunday

“It was a job well done, the team showed excellent riding and camaraderie,” said Christi Brown, RMC equine studies instructor and IHSA team coach. “It was a fun weekend despite the students finals just around the corner. The team showed focus and commitment to the show, and it paid off.”

Results of the Western classes are as follows:

In beginning walk trot, Alyssa Boyer, of Billings, Mont., placed second and fourth.

Beginner walk trot canter rider Lynn Green, of Glen Mills, Pa., placed fourth both the morning and afternoon show. Rachel Phillips, of Laurel, Mont., placed fifth in both shows as well.

Advanced walk trot canter rider Lydia Harvey, of Poulsbo, Wash., placed third, qualifying her for the regional show as well as advancing her to the novice western horsemanship class. Becca Severson, of Plymouth, Minn., placed first and second. Tricia Hofeldt, of Winner, S.D., placed second and third.

In the novice Western horsemanship class Erin Burns, of Larkspur, Colo., placed first and sixth. Liz Parkman, of Granger, Ind., and Becca Wolf, Boise, Idaho, placed third and fourth respectively in the afternoon show. Kristin Dillehay, of Rosewood, Ohio, placed first and sixth. Harvey placed fifth in the afternoon show.

Advanced Western horsemanship rider Meredith Burton, of Camillus, N.Y., placed second in the morning show, advancing her to open western horsemanship and open reining as well as qualifying her for the western regional show. Shauna Ketcham, of Livermore, Calif., placed second and sixth.

In open Western horsemanship, Sunni Hecht, of Lewistown, Mont., placed second in the morning show. Burton placed first in the afternoon.

In open reining Josh Tishman, of Bedford, N.Y., placed fourth and fifth. Hayden Hadley, of Baker, Mont., placed fourth and sixth. Hecht placed third in the afternoon show followed by Burton who finished 6<sup>th</sup>.

Results of the English classes are as follows.

Burns placed second in the beginning walk trot canter hunt seat equitation class.

Wolf placed fourth in the advanced walk trot canter hunt seat equitation class.

Burton placed third in the intermediate hunt seat equitation on the flat.

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