

## RMC EQUESTRIAN TEAM TO SEND TWO RIDERS TO SEMI-NATIONALS HORSE SHOW

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BILLINGS – Rocky Mountain College hosted six college teams at the most recent set of Western Discipline Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) shows, including the Western Regional Show.

The Intermountain Equestrian Center of Billings, Montana and home of the RMC program, was the scene for schools from Montana, Idaho, and Utah over the weekend of February 19-20, 2011.

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. The RMC Team had a total of twenty team members competing for the weekend.

Taylor Day, Kristin Dillehay, Rhiannon Laird and Becca Wolf all qualified for the regional show, held on Sunday afternoon, February 20, 2011.

Becca Wolf, Kristin Dillehay, and Taylor Day competed in the Intermediate Horsemanship Class. Taylor Day, Las Vegas, Nev., took first place; Kristin Dillehay, of Rosewood, Ohio, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Becca Wolf, of Boise, Idaho, placed 6<sup>th</sup>. Rhiannon Laird, of Granger, Ind., competing in the Novice Horsemanship class, placed 5<sup>th</sup>.

“This weekend was an exceptional show for us,” said Christi Brown, equestrian studies professor and RMC IHSA coach. “Not only do we have a strong team, but two of our riders, Taylor Day and Kristin Dillehay, by placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in their class, both qualified to compete at the Semi-National show this year, hosted by the University of Findlay, Ohio.”

The results of the three Western shows on February 19 and 20, 2011 are as follows:

Rachel Phillips, of Laurel, Mont., placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Walk Trot classes on

Saturday. Tasha Roseboom of San Clemente, Cal. placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and her sister Ashley Roseboom, placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, also in the Walk Trot class.

In Intermediate I Horsemanship, Erin Burns, of Castle Rock, Colo., placed 1<sup>st</sup>, allowing her to advance into the Intermediate II Horsemanship class where she then placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Lydia Harvey, of Poulsbo, Wash., placed 2<sup>nd</sup> twice in Intermediate I Horsemanship, giving her the necessary points to move into Intermediate II Horsemanship and placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Sunday Show.

The Intermediate II Horsemanship class had several Rocky members competing. Becca Severson, of Plymouth, Minn., 1<sup>st</sup> twice and 6<sup>th</sup>. Becca Wolf, of Boise, Idaho, also placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> twice. Brooke Ruffier, of Butte, Mont. placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> twice. Lindsay Martens, of Colstrip, Mont., placed 4<sup>th</sup> in both Saturday shows. Liz Marklin, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada placed 4<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Alyssa Little, of Bismarck, N.Dak., placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> over the weekend.

In Novice Horsemanship Kayla Walter, of Windermere, B.C., Canada placed 6<sup>th</sup>. Shauna Ketcham, of Livermore, Cali., placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Bethany Bappe, of Riverton, Wyo., placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Jessica Steinke, of Camas, Wash., placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Taylor Day placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the new class, along side Kristin Dillehay who accomplished to place 2<sup>nd</sup> twice.

Meredith Burton, of Camillus, N.Y., placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Advanced Horsemanship. Rhiannon Laird, of Granger, Ind., also placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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