



## INTERCOLLEGIATE CORNER - OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY



**Oregon State's Eventing Team has ten members with roughly six who are actively competing. These riders range from Starter to Preliminary. The team was started roughly thirty years ago and is the only USEA Intercollegiate team in Oregon. This year they are planning to compete at their first team challenges in California. The team is based out of Willamette Sport Horses which is**

owned by their coach, Brooke Phillips. They will also welcome haul-ins from nearby barns.

Alexa Marandas is the President of the team. She is a Senior competing at Training and Preliminary with her horse, The Green Machine. Alexa said, “We are a very close knit group, and since we all ride at the same barn we get to spend a lot of time together. It is a super fun group of girls who are all ambitious, likeminded and team oriented. The camaraderie at Willamette Sport Horse and the Event team is unlike any other barn I have been at.” She shared, “We will not be attending east coast champs, but we are hoping for a West Coast Championship at Twin Rivers in April following the team challenge at Galways in March. We are hoping to keep this program going strong throughout the next couple of years, and would love to answer any questions about our program for those who may be interested in Oregon State. Go Beavs!”

Niamh Nolan is the team Treasurer and is a Senior. Niamh majors in Animal Sciences (pre-vet) with a Minor in Design and Innovation Management and competes at the Training level with Jackson. Niamh said her favorite part of the team is, “Team lessons!! They are a perfect break from school to ride with peers I wouldn’t otherwise get to see.”

Hayden Brown is a Sophomore majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences. She competes at the Training level with Wellie (Cooley Merrywell Mint) and is an officer on the team. “My favorite part about our team is the group support, whether we are at home or at a competition together. It's wonderful to be supported by other riders who really want you to succeed, and who understand the experience of riding in college. Being on the event team really

**gave me a head start to jump right into new experiences in college. Before I even started classes, I was meeting and getting to know new people with similar interests. It quickly gave me a consistent place and group to rely on and come back to when everything else was so new and unknown.”**

**Bree Lerner is a Fifth Year majoring in Business Administration. She competes at the Two-Star level with Horton and is the Vice President of the team. She said, “My favorite part of the team is getting to ride with everyone and do fun team bonding activities. We have a great group of riders and our Coach is fantastic.”**

**Fiona More is a Fourth Year majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Sociology. She competes at Training with her horse Moonlight Sonata. She said, “My favorite part of the team is the comradery and friendships. The support I get from these girls is incredible. This team has taught me valuable skills I could not have gotten anywhere else.”**