



INTERCOLLEGIATE CORNER - UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



University of Georgia is located in Athens, Georgia. The eventing team has twenty-eight members competing from Tadpole to Intermediate. Team members ride and board their horses with a variety of coaches and barns in the area. In addition to eventing, UGA also has Western and English IHSA and NCAA teams.

Several members of the team took some time to share their experiences. Ella Kay Lane is a sophomore majoring in Psychology. She has two horses Double Dare (Charm) and Dark Shadows (Shadow). She recently moved up to Intermediate with Charm and is competing Novice with Shadow. Kathlyn Kraft is the treasurer of the team. She is a senior majoring in Political Science with minors in American Sign Language and Women's Studies. She competes at the Novice level with her horse Fernhill "Bully" Bullseye. Crockett Miller is a freshman majoring in Business Marketing. She competes at Preliminary with Mr. Panda and at Modified with Sweet Continental. Charlotte Merrill is a Junior in charge of social media for the team. She majors in Advertising and competes at Beginner Novice with her horse FGF Actively Engaged (Zara). Olivia Garza is a Sophomore and currently holds the Community Service Chair. She majors in Biological Science and competes Novice with her horse Hillbilly Willie. Sydney Jordan is the Vice President of the team. She is a Sophomore majoring in Animal Biosciences (Pre-vet). She is currently competing at the Modified Level with her horse Cast Away (Wilson). Katlyn Parker is the President of the team. She is a Junior majoring in Animal Biosciences. She and her horse, Bankers Mark (Banks), compete at the Modified level.

Ella Kay shared, "One of the favorite things about our team to me is you are able to bond with girls that you share similar interests with and able to go to shows together and cheer each other on! It is nice to have a support system of people who understand how hard horses can be at times." Kathlyn's favorite part of the team is, "The friends I've made! The horses are just so sweet!!" Crockett shared, "I think our team is unique because of the fact that everyone is welcome. If you don't have a horse and still want to be on the team you are more than welcome to participate in everything possible.

This team has given me something bigger than myself to focus on that not everyone else can say they're doing. This is one of the few things I'm doing in college that I believe ties into what I hope to do after college so it means a lot to me." Charlotte shared, "The team has been the highlight of my college experience. As a freshman, the team encouraged me, even though I had never evented before, and I fell in love with the sport. The relationships I have formed and opportunities I have been able to pursue because of that have been invaluable. Also, my role as social media chair helped me decide on my major."

Olivia said, "I absolutely love being able to wear the red and black with pride!! It also makes me so excited whenever people ask me about my team or my school at shows when they see me and my horse in UGA colors." Sydney shared, "I would say that our team is unique because while we do many horse-related activities together, we also have many social events and community service events that we do with each other as well. Our team is especially close because of these events that we do each semester." Katlyn said, "My favorite part of the team is the endless support between teammates at competitions but also in everyday life. This is a tight-knit group that always has each other's backs. I know I always have people in my corner. One really cool fact is that we've had a member compete at the 2014 Rolex Kentucky CCI** Three-Day Event! Libby Head and Rocky went the spring of her Junior year and they finished top 20!"**