

INTERCOLLEGIATE CORNER - UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY:



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Stable View is looking forward to hosting the USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Championship. We will spotlight a different team every month leading up to the championships. We've had a positive response so while we won't be able to highlight every team in our newsletters, all teams will be highlighted on our website. If your team hasn't reached out to be interviewed yet please email emma@stableviewfarm.com

Kate McGown, president of University of Kentucky's Eventing Team, took the time to share about the team and her experience of being a member of the 100+ person team. McGown is a senior Biomedical

Engineering Major and currently runs training with her OTTB Curious George.



McGown and Curious George
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University of Kentucky's Eventing has members from Starter to Advanced. Located in the heart of horse country in Lexington, Kentucky there is constant support for riders. Team members can choose what trainer they ride with depending on their desires and preferences. In addition to the eventing team, UK also has an IHSA team, a western team, an IDA team, a polo team, and a racing enthusiasts club. UK also has an Equine Science Major which roughly half of the team majors in.

McGown said that her favorite part of being on the team is champs. She said, "I remember before I was a freshman and I met with the current president of the team at the time. She said that Intercollegiate

Champs is more fun than Young Riders. Now that I've been to both, I agree. The energy at champs is unmatched. The decorations are wild. It's the highlight of the year." She remembers her first year going to champs and UK had at least one rider in every division offered from beginner novice to the three-star long.

When asked about how the team has shaped her college experience, McGown said that it is the reason she came to Kentucky for college. She started college in the Fall of 2020, right in the middle of the Covid Pandemic. She said, "Having the eventing team, riding with friends, and being outside made my freshman year amazing compared to so many of my friends and their freshman year experience with Covid." McGown took advantage of online classes and went to Florida to train that spring semester.

University of Kentucky is full of team spirit. McGown said the decorating part of team challenges might be her favorite part. The team has an entire storage unit full from floor to ceiling with UK blue decorations. When asked if they were coming to champs this May she said they wouldn't miss it. You can count on University of Kentucky to once again having a presence at this coming championship.



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