



INTERCOLLEGIATE CORNER - NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY



A few members of North Carolina State University's Eventing Team took some time to share their experiences as team members. Maggie Buchanan is the president of the team. She is a Junior majoring in Zoology and competing at the Modified level with her Connemara Thoroughbred named 3, 2, 1 Blastoff. Alyssa Giorgino is the Vice President of the team and is a Senior majoring in English with a concentration in Rhetoric and Professional

Writing. She is competing at the Beginner Novice level on Van Gogh, a pony she is leasing from Alumni Member, Miranda Levin. Lily Dal Cin is the social media manager for the team. She is a Junior majoring in Art and Design with a concentration in Animation. She currently competes Interstellar, a KWPN, at the training level and FE Bobby Dazzler, a Polish Warmblood, at Preliminary.

The team has roughly fifteen to twenty members with ten who actively compete. The team has riders ranging from those who are competing at Green as Grass up to riders who have gone two-star. Maggie said, "We are open to all levels and at clinics, we will have groups to adjust for differences in levels. I love being able to watch each member thrive in their own way, and we support everyone equally."

NC State's team is still relatively new. It became an official club sport two years ago. Lily said, "It was a long time coming and we were really excited to finally get some recognition and funding from our university. Our program is pretty relaxed. We all train where we want with who we want."

Lily explained how the team runs. She said, "We have monthly member meetings and then officers have an additional monthly meeting on top of that. We also try to plan team socials where we can all get together and do something like Top Golf or getting dinner together. Finally, we do our best to host fundraisers and volunteer at local events whenever we can. Not only does it spread the word about our team, but we love to be able to give back to the community."

When asked how the team has shaped their college experience, Maggie said, "The team has been a massive source of friendship and support throughout my time at NC State. It has been a great way to be introduced to the horse community in North Carolina, as I am from Pennsylvania. Everyone was amazing recommending barns, trainers, etc, and being able to go to shows with the team helps make each competition more fun than doing it alone. Being on the team always means you have friends who share a common interest, and understanding this unique way of life." Lily also shared, "My favorite part about the team has been making new friends. It's so difficult to balance university with horses. I really value my horse community." Alyssa said, "My favorite part of my team is the unwavering support that we have for one another. Win or lose, we are each other's greatest supporters."

NC State plans to make an appearance at Champs in a couple month's time. Stable View wishes the Wolfpack the best of luck.