

## USEA INTERCOLLEGIATE AND INTERSCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS BROUGHT THE SPIRIT TO STABLE VIEW:

If you were at Stable View the first weekend of May you could see vibrant colors and hear school chants echoing throughout the farm. Middle school, high school, college, and alumni students scattered the property to compete in their championship divisions.

Many of the competitors arrived Thursday night into Friday morning. Others made it just before their ride times as they were balancing class finals and graduations. The championships properly kicked off on Friday evening with the Parade of Teams. IEL and College riders ran through the Phillips Arena with streamers, cowboy hats, tiger tails, and banners.

Dressage began at 7:30 Saturday morning with five rings running simultaneously. Training level and up show-jumped over Brody Robertson's course and Beginner Novice and Novice riders took to Mogie Bearden-Muller's Cross Country tracks. The conclusion of Saturday brought the spirit competition games. University of Tennessee-Knoxville and Willow South brought home the fastest times in the hobby horse contest. Meanwhile, USC-Aiken and

Area 2 Developing Riders stayed on the Mechanical Bull the longest.

Sunday brought the final day of competition with riders finishing whatever jumping phase(s) they had left. While some distant storms caused a slight hold in the afternoon, the awards ceremony began at 5:45. Auburn took home the win in the USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Championship. In the first year of the USEA Interscholastic Eventing Championship- GWIF Groupies were the winners. In the Inaugural Stable View Alumni Cup, Alumni Team White (Tennessee-Knoxville and Sewanee scramble) took home the trophy.

The spirit competition was quite competitive. Randolph Macon College took top honors after their impressive display of teammate work and spirit throughout the weekend. Auburn was second and Sewanee cinched the final podium prize. River Mist Eventing won the first Interscholastic Spirit Award. The local team, Aiken County Pony Club got second and GWIF Groupies got third.

Stable View looks forward to having interscholastic, intercollegiate, and alumni riders back next year. Start planning your teams now!