



INTERCOLLEGIATE CORNER - UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



University of Virginia is in Charlottesville, Virginia. The UVA eventing team has roughly ten members ranging from non-competing all the way up to the Three-Star level.

Megan Loughnane was a senior this past season and captain of the eventing team. She majored in Architectural History and had three horses with her at school. She is competing Flamenco Ping at Three-Star, Lynton at Two-Star, and Cotillion at Novice.

Megan shared some information about the team. It was started in 2011. Megan shared, “We are a combined eventing and dressage team, so we have a whole second half of the club that does just dressage, with some members doing both! We rent horses from a local lesson barn for the dressage riders who do not have their own horses, and members of the eventing team are free to board wherever they want but the majority are at our coach, Mimi Combs's barn!” In addition to the Eventing and Dressage Team, UVA also has an IHSA team. Megan said that the team is a completely student-run organization. This has helped the members learn many life skills including financial management, coordinating events, and fundraising.

Megan’s favorite part of the team is, “Making friends who share the same hobby as me, since not many other students understand the commitment riding in college is! Since we're a pretty small team, we are all good friends and can have fun social events and ride together!” In addition she shared, “It has been great to have an outlet from school work, and having horses at school has also taught me some great lessons about time management and commitment to both the sport and my studies!” She said that because the team is so small they often make scramble teams with other schools at team challenges. This is a great way to meet eventers from all over the country.