



INTERCOLLEGIATE CORNER - RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE



Randolph Macon College is located in Ashland, Virginia. The team has twenty-six riders who compete everywhere from Starter through Preliminary. The team was founded in 2014 by past program director, Dana Lesene. The team was originally only consisted of four riders who rode out of Coventry Farm before it was purchased by the college in 2018. The team now has riders that come as far as California and Canada.

The team was interviewed last Spring, just months before clinching the coveted Spirit Contest at Champs. At the time Julia Fugate was the President of the team. She was a senior majoring in Biology. She competes at the Novice level with Quite Frankly “Frankie” who is a seven-year-old Thoroughbred. Lucy Nelson was the Vice President. She was a Senior majoring in Business Management. She competes with Bo Jango “Jimbo,” a nine-year-old Thoroughbred gelding owned by McKenna Miller at the Training Level. Garnett Davis was a Freshman majoring in Psychology. She competes at the Novice level with her eight-year-old Thoroughbred Compromise “Miso.”- Ariana Schmit-Chow was the Treasurer of Randolph Macon’s Eventing Team. She was a sophomore majoring in Economics and Finance. She competes at the training level with the eleven-year-old Hanovarian Gelding, Little Lauries (Lennie). Allison Carey was the Fundraising Coordinator and was a Junior with a Biology Major. She competes at the Novice level with Sea Zar Run (Finn) who is a thirteen-year-old Thoroughbred Gelding. Craig Barr has been coaching the team for the past two years.

The team is unique to many schools as they operate out of one barn with one coach. The college owns and operates the Randolph-Macon Equestrian Center, a beautiful 75 acre facility located 5 minutes from campus. Most of the team boards their horses at this barn. In addition to the eventing team the school also has an IHSA team. Much of the team says their favorite part is competing at shows and the support the team gives. The team shared, “We are all very passionate about intercollegiate eventing and the continuation of the eventing team at RMC, therefore, we encourage anyone who is interested to reach out! We are always happy to answer any questions and share why we are so proud to be Yellow Jackets.”

Congrats to Randolph Macon College on adding their name to the perpetual Intercollegiate Eventing Spirit Award Trophy.