FOUR RMC RIDERS HEADED TO IHSA ENGLISH ZONE COMPETITION

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BILLINGS - Rocky Mountain College will be sending four riders from the RMC equestrian team to compete at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) English zones competition this weekend, April 7-8, 2012, held at the ‘Red Barn’ in Stanford, Cali.

The students competing include freshman, Linnea Warlick, of Warren, N.J., and Kelsey Merriam, of Lakewood, Wash., both showing in individual novice equitation on the flat. Amber McNally, of Spanaway, Wash., will be competing in the individual novice equitation over fences class. Meredith Burton, of Camillus, N.Y., will be showing in individual intermediate equitation on the flat.

“I’m excited to see our riders compete in Stanford,” said Christi Brown, RMC equestrian studies instructor and IHSA team coach. “Our girls have been working hard and peaking at the right point to bring their ‘A game’ to zones. I’m delighted to have these girls representing RMC.”

The RMC riders qualified for the zone competition after placing at the regional show, hosted by Utah State University, March 11, 2012. Merriam and Warlick placed first and second, respectively, in novice equitation on the flat. McNally took first place in novice equitation over fences. Burton won first place in intermediate equitation on the flat.

“I’m definitely excited for the zone competition,” said Burton. “I’ve been working really hard this year and winning my regional class was fantastic. I just want to do the same in Stanford: go in the arena, have fun and have a strong ride.”

The RMC riders must place in the top two spots of their class to advance to the 2012 IHSA National Championships. The national show will be held in Raleigh, N.C., May 3-6, 2012.

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