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BILLINGS – Rocky Mountain College freshman, Sunni Hecht, of Lewistown, Mont., has qualified for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Semi-National Show, after taking second place this past weekend at the Western Regionals hosted by RMC.

The Semi-National show, hosted by Florida State University, will run March 24-25, 2012.

RMC hosted three Western shows Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19, 2012, followed by the Western Regional show Sunday afternoon, completing the 2011-2012 IHSA Western show season.

“It’s always great to see our riders finish the Western show season at our own barn,” said Christi Brown, RMC equestrian studies instructor and IHSA team coach.

“We had a fantastic show and finishing the weekend with our open rider, Sunni, qualifying for the semi-national show was just the icing on the cake,” Brown added.

The RMC IHSA Equestrian team competed against Carroll College, Montana State University, University of Montana, University of Montana-Western, College of Southern Idaho and Utah State University.

“It was a fantastic ride,” said Hecht, of her regional show ride. “I just wanted to go into the arena, focus on my pattern and finish on a good note.”

The RMC team results are as follows:

Alyssa Boyer, of Billings, Mont., placed first, fourth and sixth in the Walk Trot class over the weekend. Ashley Roseboom, of San Clemente, Calif., placed second and fifth, her sister Tasha Roseboom, of San Clemente, Calif., placed third on both Saturday and Sunday.
In Intermediate Walk Trot Canter Lynn Green, of Glenn Mills, Pa., placed first on Sunday and third both shows on Saturday. Isa Bonilla, of Colombia, placed fourth and second on Saturday, followed by another second place on Sunday. Liz Marklin, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada placed first, third and fourth. Tricia Hofeldt, of Winner, S.D., placed third, fourth and sixth.

Novice competitor Becca Severson, of Plymouth, Minn., placed first and sixth on Saturday and sixth on Sunday. Becca Wolf, of Boise, Idaho, placed second and third on Saturday followed by second place on Sunday. Erin Burns, of Larkspur, Colo., placed second and fifth. Liz Parkman, of Granger, Ind., placed first and fourth on Saturday, and fourth place on Sunday. Lydia Harvey, of Poulsbo, Wash., placed fourth and fifth.

In Advanced horsemanship Rhiannon Laird, of Granger, Ind., placed second in the morning show on Saturday. Kristin Dillehay, of Rosewood, Ohio, placed second in the afternoon show. Shauna Ketcham, of Livermore, Calif., placed third Sunday morning.

Open rider, Sunni Hecht, of Lewistown, Mont., placed first in the horsemanship Saturday morning followed by fourth in the afternoon and third on Sunday.

Open reiner Hayden Hadley, of Baker, Mont., placed third and fourth over the weekend. Hecht also placed first on Saturday in the reining.

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