



October News

A Day of Firsts: Our IEA Teams Shine at Their First Home Show!



What an unforgettable weekend for our IEA program — a true day of firsts and a celebration of teamwork, heart, and home.

We hosted our very first home show, and both our High School and Middle School teams rose to the occasion, finishing as Champions! It was an incredible display of

talent, sportsmanship, and spirit from every single rider.

High Point Highlights

A huge round of applause goes to our High Point Riders, Brookelynn and Adriana, who led their divisions with poise and determination. These two exemplify the grit and grace that define our riders — we couldn't be prouder!

A Family Effort

Our success wouldn't have been possible without our incredible families, whose dedication, enthusiasm, and tireless support made this event shine. From pre-show ring setup, raffle basket donations and parking assistance your efforts truly made this first home show a triumph.

Welcome Home, Alumni!

A special shoutout goes to our alumni Lily, Pavitra, and Krystal, who returned from college to lend their experience, helping hands, and big smiles. Once part of this barn family, always part of it — it meant the world to have you home again.

Our Equine Heroes and Human Helpers

Huge thanks to the Daniels family for sharing their wonderful horse Batman, and to Sean for lending Maverick — both stars of the day who helped make this show possible.

And then there's Bella, who deserves her own ribbon for Most Horses Schooled in a Single Day. With more than a few feisty mounts in the mix, she kept everyone (and everything) moving forward — equal parts calm, courage, and comedy! We're endlessly grateful for her skill, patience, and resilience. You deserve a spa day.

The Unsung Heroes: Our Barn Staff

A massive thank-you to our barn staff, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes — lunging, grooming, tacking, untacking, and making sure the facility was in Show Day ready.

By the end of the day, we're fairly sure they set a new record for daily steps — if only the show gave ribbons for "Most Trips to and from the Barn," they'd be our high-point winners!  

Your hard work keeps our program running smoothly, and we couldn't be more grateful for your dedication.

A Stylish Shoutout

We also want to thank San Eligius and the Equestrian Style Exchange for setting up shop and adding style to the show.

New Home, New Beginnings

This show also marked another milestone — Coach Johanna's first home show, and our first in our new home facility. It was a joy to see months of preparation and anticipation come together in such a successful, joy-filled day. "Jebby" led her first home show with grace and grit, even recruiting her family to help make the day run smoothly. We are so grateful to have her as the leader of our Program.

♥ The Heart of It All

Finally, we owe the biggest thanks to our incredible lineup of school horses — our true teachers and partners. They carried our riders through every fence and every learning moment, with patience, generosity, and heart.

As we look ahead to the rest of the season, we do so with full hearts, a few extra ribbons, and an abundance of gratitude. Here's to many more shows, smiles, and memories to come — all together, right here at home.

Upcoming Clinic Opportunities



We are so excited to welcome back Bernie Traurig to Thomas School for the fourth time. Bernie is an Olympian in all three disciplines and founder of [**Equestriancoach.com**](https://www.equestriancoach.com), a website with countless resources and training videos on all things equine. You can register on Hopoti for the 2- day progressive clinic.

Can't attend the clinic? You are also welcome to audit the clinic. Sit ringside for every session, hear Bernie's real-time coaching and watch some incredible riding. Without the stress of riding you can focus on the "why" behind each correction.

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November 6, 2025

5:30 PM



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Join us for an informative discussion on college riding during the Bernie Traurig Clinic. Riders attending the talk are welcome to audit the Bernie Traurig Clinic at no additional charge.

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Important News & Updates

November 4th Equine Studies

November 6-8th Bernie Traurig Clinic

***Lessons November 8 will be weather permitting due to the clinic.

November 6th College Recruitment Talk with Randi Heathman

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