

Coaches Q&A



CJ LAW

Mount Holyoke College

Director of Intercollegiate Coaching and
Varsity Hunter Seat Team Coach - IHSA

How many years have you been coaching in collegiate equestrian?

LAW: I am starting my 37th year at Mount Holyoke College and I taught two years at Averett University. A total of 39 years of collegiate equestrian.

SMITH: This is my second year of coaching.

MOOSMUELLER-TERRY: 23 years

How did you get into coaching collegiate equestrian?

LAW: I graduated from Averett University and was asked to be on the faculty the following year.

SMITH: As a former IHSA exhibitor, I obtained a passion for collegiate and team riding during college. After working as an assistant trainer for an AQHA/APHA operation in Florida, the right opportunity arose for me at Midway University.

MOOSMUELLER-TERRY: I started as a faculty member at a college with an equine studies degree program. During that time I coached students at recognized competitions and assisted as needed with the IHSA collegiate competitions. I had a background in eventing and dressage as well as hunter jumper and started talking with other colleges that were doing informal collegiate style dressage competitions. Myself and several coaches from other colleges founded the IDA in 2001 and I have coached a team for IDA every year since its inception as well as held an active role as regional representative and Vice President of the IDA.



CONNOR SMITH

Midway University

Head Western Coach - IHSA Western

What is the one thing you always share with prospective students about riding on your team?

LAW: The Mount Holyoke College Equestrian Team has a great group of bright women that succeed academically and do extremely well in the arena. Be a part of a legacy program that is one of the top Equestrian Programs in the country. You will make "Friends for Life"!

SMITH: As a coach, I actively talk to prospective students about their attitude, effort, and the will to learn. Though many riders on collegiate teams have riding and/or showing experience, the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association brings new challenges unlike other aspects of the industry. Although talent is an important piece of the recruiting process, a positive attitude, strong drive for success, and the will to learn is just as important to me as a coach.

MOOSMUELLER-TERRY: It takes hard work, dedication and discipline to be a good rider and all around horseperson. Respect for the horse and team mates is paramount at home and to an even higher degree when you are riding a host schools horses. Collegiate riding will make you a better rider. In addition you will learn how to be a team player. You will make life long connections and friends that will be very valuable to you as an equine professional later on and will also benefit our students that do not go on to work in the equine industry but remain involved with horses. ★★



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