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UW-River Falls IHSA Western Show Team members advance to nationals

March 26, 2018 - Seven members of the UW-River Falls Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Show Team are advancing to the IHSA National Championships May 3-6 in Harrisburg, Pa.

UW-River Falls earned the right to advance as a team to nationals after they tied for second/third place overall at semi-finals in Hamburg, N.Y., March 17-18. Individual riders who placed 4th or better in individual categories at semi-finals also qualified to compete. Additionally, Danielle Paulson, who earned 100 points for the year in open reining and open horsemanship and was named the AQHA Cup Champion for Zone 7 Region 3, advances directly to nationals to compete in the National AQHA Cup Championships.

The seven UWRF riders competing in team and individual categories at nationals include:

- Samantha Abrahamson (agricultural education major from Minneapolis) – Team Beginner Horsemanship
- Kendyl Bennett (accounting major from Preston, Minn.) – Team Intermediate Horsemanship
- Jackie Bucher-Thayer (agricultural business major from Ridgeland) – Team Advanced Horsemanship
- Kaycee Hatch (animal science major from Racine) – Individual Novice Horsemanship
- Sydni Loose (animal science major from Cedar Grove) – Team Novice Horsemanship
- Jennifer Lorenz (agricultural business major from Onalaska) – Individual Advanced Horsemanship

- Danielle Paulson (animal science major from Pine Island, Minn.) – Team Reining, Team Open Horsemanship, Individual Reining and AQHA Cup

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Photo: Members of the UW-River Falls Western Show Team recently competed in semi-finals (left to right): Coach Janie Huot, Samantha Abrahamson, Kendyl Bennett, Autumn Kappers (co-captain), Jennifer Lorenz, Rachel Shamro, Kaycee Hatch, Erica Kolstad, Jessica Oldroyd, Sydni Loose, Jackie Bucher-Thayer, and Danielle Paulson (co-captain).