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## Press Release

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### MCC 2<sup>nd</sup> in IHSA Regional Zone Standings

Martin Community College's Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Team ranks second place in its regional zone after results from this month's horse show were confirmed last week. In addition to the team's standings, MCC's Sarah Woody, a sophomore Equine Tech student from Wilmington, took Reserve High Point Rider. Along with Woody, MCC's IHSA team consists of sophomores Beth Bradley, Jessica Bunch, Ava Edwards, Morgan Thorley, and Holly Wall. Freshmen riders are Jessica Coggins, Ashlea Davis, Justin Eddins, Jessica Metz, and Erin Nelson.

Though from the smallest school in Region 3, MCC's IHSA team places just behind St. Andrews in competition for the right to represent the Zone at the horse show nationals for National Champion Team honors. The high point riders of each region are also eligible for the National Individual Championship where the American Quarter Horse Association (AQUA) Western Rider winner will receive a Textan saddle and a scholarship.

With more than 300 member colleges in 45 states and Canada, the IHSA encompasses 29 regions in nine zones and represents over 6500 riders in Hunter Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, and Reining. Geographically located in Zone 4, which covers Maryland, Virginia, as well as North Carolina, MCC's team competes in Region 3 against teams from Appalachian State University, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, North Carolina A & T State University, Virginia Tech, and Western Carolina University to name a few. Five of the 16 schools in MCC's region competed December 1 and 2 in the first IHSA horse show hosted by the College's team here on campus.

The next IHSA horse show at MCC will take place February 2 & 3, 2008. There is no admission fee and both MCC students and the general public are invited to attend. For more information on this competitive event or the Equine Technology program, please contact Kimberly Kane, Equine instructor and IHSA team coach, at [kkane@martincc.edu](mailto:kkane@martincc.edu), or 252-792-1521 Ext. 317.

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