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Equestrian Spirit

It is such a privilege to be at Linfield and to be on Linfield's Equestrian team. Not many schools have an equestrian team so it is a unique experience to be on it. We compete in all different divisions; hunters, jumpers, dressage, and western. We all come together at shows and at school to support each other with our sport. It's nice having people on campus that understand the hard work it is to ride and compete. Usually when we go to show, we have our families there, but when you are on the Linfield team, we all try our best to make it to every show we can to cheer on our team mates. Yes, it's a lot of work, getting up early on Saturday and Sunday mornings, riding, taking pictures and handing out ribbons, but in the end, having a team that is supportive and understanding is all worth it. Being a team is a big deal at Linfield. We have all sorts of teams; from football to golf, but to have something like our team is awesome. We won many trophies this year; we ride hard and study hard. Our team probably has one of the most difficult jobs; balancing friends, family, our sport, and our horse. Many people don't understand that on school nights we spend hours with our horse and trainer, training for the next big show, even though that we may not get a lot of praise for placing or giving our all at the show. Having a small community of kids at Linfield that known your struggles and accomplishments of being an equestrian is something I'm very thankful for.