

Multi-tasking & other skills gained as an equestrian make both possible.

by Robin Elmassian

Many young, passionate equestrians dream their professional future will be much like that of the sport's finest, such as Olympians Kent Farrington and the legendary McLain Ward. Integrating an education in to such a dream may not be incorporated in their plan, but the youth of today are so capable of multi-tasking, determined and willing to make sacrifices to reach their goals, they can acquire a college degree and work daily towards their equestrian goals simultaneously.

Surviving high school, let alone excelling to the degree that results in an acceptance to a respected university, demands excellent time management skills, hard work, determination, focus, social sacrifices and a colossal commitment.

Ironically, these are the same qualities required of a successful equestrian!

My daughter Sloan is currently a sophomore at the University of San Diego, a highly competitive private university. During high school she rode seven days weekly, often juggling JV volleyball, equestrian team, leadership positions as Forensic and French clubs' president, school Ambassador and maintained academic excellence. She served her community as a volunteer at the local hospital and was selected for The Royal Court.

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