

University's equestrian program featured in The New York Thoroughbred

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Alfred University's equestrian program is featured in the 2006 The New York Thoroughbred for distinguishing itself through the development of in-depth programming and curriculum during the past year. In an article written by Sandra Cohen, the equestrian program is acknowledged for assisting in training "the next generation of participants in our industry." Building upon the success of a 20-year-old program in Equestrian Studies, Alfred University offers an expanded program in a brand-new facility, the Bromley-Daggett Arena, located on a 400-acre wooded site just five minutes from campus. The facility was built through the generosity of Alfred University Trustee Robert Daggett '81, and his mother, Catherine Bromley Daggett '58. The center houses offices, classrooms, viewing areas, a 200-foot by 80-foot arena, and 50 stalls. Jill Paxton is the equestrian program director. She came to Alfred from Paxton Performance Horse, Solon, IA, where she trained horses for show and taught amateur riders. She has shown hunters and jumpers on the East Coast and has judged at show and taught in the equestrian and physical education programs at the University of Delaware, Salisbury (MD) State College, and North Texas University. Paxton's program team includes Head Coach Peter Anderson and Assistant Coach David Kendrick. Anderson is the owner-operator of Ridgewood Farms, East Aurora, NY, where he has trained many young riders and adult amateurs for eventing and dressage competitions for the regional to the international level. Kendrick is the owner-operator of Kendrick Show Stable, Hornell, NY, where he is an instructor and hunter and jumper division as well as equitation and dressage at the local and national levels. Two outdoor arenas, 200-feet by 100-feet and 100 feet by 80 feet, respectively, will allow additional riding and practice opportunities as weather permits. The property also includes pastures and horseback riding trails. A training-level cross country course is in the planning stages. Plans are also in the works for a therapeutic camp which would provide a broader learning and growing experience for Alfred students. Classes in English and Western riding, as well as theory courses; a "design-your-own" major program; competitive varsity and junior varsity intercollegiate teams, and a new Equestrian Club are all available. Alfred University has a co-educational Equestrian Team that competes in Zone II, Region II of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. The University is a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 3 School. Thanks to the generosity of donors, Alfred University has several school horses available for lessons and competitive events. Currently, at least 30 of the 50 stalls in the Daggett Center are filled with lesson and team horses that have been donated from Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, the Carolinas, New York, and several other states. Any member of the Alfred community - student, faculty, staff, or alumni - can board a privately owned horse in the remaining stalls.