

## **AU Western equestrian team competes at IHSA Regionals**

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CAZENOVIA, NY The Alfred University Western equestrian varsity team competed Saturday in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone II, Region II championships, hosted by Cazenovia College. Two AU riders junior Kate Mix (Warsaw, NY/Warsaw) and senior Corey Urtel (Lockport, NY/Wilson) qualified to compete in the IHSA Western National Semi-Finals this weekend, March 29 and 30, also at Cazenovia. Mix advanced by placing second in open horsemanship and in open reining. Urtel qualified to compete in the semi-finals with her first-place finish in advanced horsemanship. At the IHSA Western National Semi-Finals, Mix and Urtel will have the chance to advance to the IHSA National Championships, May 8-11 in Burbank, CA. Twelve other AU riders competed in Saturday's regionals and several turned in solid performances. Junior Theresa Wills (Ransomville, NY/Lewiston-Porter) took third in open reining; junior Matt Wendig (Hilltown, PA/Pennridge), sophomore Josette Turro (Wantage, NJ/High Point Regional) and sophomore Alex Geddes (Madison, NJ/Oxford Academy) were fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively, in beginner horsemanship; juniors Noelle Orlowski (Wilson, NY/Mt. St. Mary) and Jenny Groen (Prattsburgh, NY/Prattsburgh) were fifth and seventh, respectively, in intermediate horsemanship; and sophomore Kristen Kovach (Lansdale, PA/North Penn) was eighth in novice horsemanship. The AU English equestrian team competes in the IHSA Zone II, Region II championships this Saturday, March 29, at St. Lawrence University.