

AU Western equestrian team sweeps four weekend shows in Alfred

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University Western equestrian team placed first in all four shows at the AU Invitational, held Feb. 12 and 13 AU Equestrian Center. In each of the four shows two on Saturday, Feb. 12, and two on Sunday, Feb. 13 AU finished first in a field of five that also included Cornell, RIT, Buffalo and Alfred State. In the first show Saturday, the following riders earned first place blue ribbons: freshman Ashley Sinclair (Cheshire, CT/Cheshire) in open reining; freshman Shani Ring (LaFayette, NY/Tully) in open horsemanship; senior Brittney Biegel (Ridge, NY/Longwood) in advanced horsemanship; junior Olivia Campbell (North Java, NY) in novice horsemanship; sophomore Hallie Draegert (Dayton, NY/Gowanda) in intermediate horsemanship Class A; and freshman Derek Partridge (Groveland, NY/Geneseo) in intermediate horsemanship Class B. In Saturday's second show, AU got wins from senior Kayla Summerville (Fairport, NY/Fairport) in open reining; Sinclair in open horsemanship; Campbell in novice horsemanship; senior Elena Zachary (Florence, MA/North Hampton) in intermediate horsemanship Class B; and freshman Caralee Cecela (Springville, NY/Springville) in beginner horsemanship. The following AU riders earned wins in Sunday's first show: senior Allison Lawrence (New Paltz, NY/Oakwood Friends) in open reining; Sinclair in open horsemanship; Campbell in advanced horsemanship; junior Kaitlyn Schultz (Wassiac, NY/Webituck) in novice horsemanship; freshman Kaitlin Maciejewski (Portlandville, NY/Laurens) in intermediate horsemanship Class B; and junior Erica Babbitt (Caneadea, NY/Belfast) in beginner horsemanship. In Sunday's second show, AU got wins from Summerville in open reining; senior Natalie Grow (Hyde Park, NY/Our Lady of Lourdes) in open horsemanship; Campbell in advanced horsemanship; and Draegert in novice horsemanship. The AU Western team is back in action at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Zone II, Region I championships Feb. 27 in Alfred.