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### **Local High School Seniors Sign With NCAA Division 1 Equestrian Teams**

Three local high school seniors will be heading off to ride in college next fall. Nikki Diamantis, Maclay School Class of 2012, will attend Texas Christian University. Landrie Folsom, Brookwood School Class of 2012, will attend Auburn University. And Eleanor Wilson, Leon High School Class of 2012, will attend the University of Tennessee, Martin. All three University Equestrian Teams are Division 1 in the NCAA.

Varsity Equestrian competition is an NCAA sport that offers collegiate women the chance to compete against schools around the nation. It was added as a sport in 1998 as part of Title IX; currently 23 schools compete nationally. Athletes can earn scholarships in this sport. ([www.CollegiateEquestrian.com](http://www.CollegiateEquestrian.com) )

All three equestriennes grew up riding together at Cavallo Farms ([www.CavalloFarms.com](http://www.CavalloFarms.com) ), located in Lloyd, FL. They have various degrees of experience competing from a Local level to a National level in the hunter/jumper discipline as well competing on the Interscholastic Equestrian Association ([www.RideIEA.org](http://www.RideIEA.org) ) team; the Tallahassee Riding Academy.

Trainers of all three girls, Janet Cawley and Amy Center, are excited to see their riders sought after:

“We couldn’t be prouder of all three girls. They have worked very hard to get to this point. We know that they will be an asset to their new teams. Their passion, dedication and talent have come together in all three to create not only wonderful riders, but really impressive young women.” said *Amy Center*

Their parents are looking forward to this new step in the athlete’s equestrian endeavors.

“When Nikki started taking lessons at Cavallo at the age of 4, we could have never anticipated it would lead to a college scholarship and a chance to compete in her sport at the Division I level. Nikki was blessed to have had Amy and Janet working tirelessly with her to help develop her talent. The Diamantis Family thanks Cavallo Farms!!” said *Andrea Diamantis*