

CAMPUS EXPERIENCES

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birthday. It was the "Holiday Tournament of Champions". Equestrian teams came from up and down the east coast from PA to GA with a total of 20 competing teams. SAPC had two teams in the competition and that was because we hosted the event. Team A came in 2nd and Team B came in 8th place.

Q. You're a senior now, but you don't graduate until after next semester. So, what else can we expect from you in the near future, while you're still at SAPC? Any upcoming events you can tell us about?

A. Correct, I don't graduate until May. Everyone can expect to see my at IHSA nationals in May competing in the USEF Cacchione Cup and Open fences (whether the coach decides to use me for the team, or when I qualify as an Individual or both). When I say "when I qualify" I am saying that because I have learned that positive thinking always yields the desired results. So When I

qualify expect me to have fun at IHSA Nationals but also be competitive.

Q. What advice would you give to other students interested in equestrian competition?

A. Advice I would give to any equestrian is to work hard and never give up and to remember that when things get tough it's for a reason...that is where the lesson that ought to be learned is usually floating around.

Q. Where do you see yourself 10 years after graduation? Will horses still be a part of your life?

A. Horses will always be apart of my life. In ten years I will have acquired my "R" Judges card and travel frequently judging horse shows mainly on the east coast. One event I will always have a passion for is the IHSA. Judging the IHSA would be something I would love to do and be grateful if I am able to.

Guess Who?



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Ecuador

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invited to parties and events with other Ecuadorian English students," Birdsong said. "They do a great job regarding making St. Andrews students feel that they are cared for."

Students are not the only part of the exchange program. St. Andrews has sent numerous professors to Cuenca over the years while welcoming one or two professors from the University of Cuenca each year. Currently, Guillermo Pacheco is representing the University of Cuenca while Assistant Professor of Education Teresa Reynolds participated in the summer program on behalf of St. Andrews.

Pacheco first came to St. Andrews 11 years ago as a student. "I have to say that I am glad to be back, and that the time I have spent so far, has been great," he said.

St. Andrews has benefitted this fall from the presence of three Ecuadorian exchange students. They are Juan P. Herrera, Rocio P. Guncay, and Christian S. Sanchez.

"When I arrived here, I had to adapt to new customs and cultural aspects," said Guncay. "But, today I appreciate this fact, because it made me grow as a person."

The students also face the challenge of going from a large university to a small, liberal arts college.

"There are about 14,000 students [at Cuenca]" explained Sanchez. "So when I came here, I realized that this is much smaller and thus has fewer students as well. Another difference is that there are no dorms in most Colleges in Ecuador due to the fact that students live nearby campus, or rent a place to stay."

The adjustment allowed for the exchange students to enjoy the opportunities at St. Andrews and share insights at a variety of enhancement activities for the student body.. For example, one of the global issues classes hosted a plenary in which the students from Ecuador shared PowerPoint presentations and introduced their culture to those in attendance.

Sanchez and Herrera also shared their talents, performing during the St. Andrews Presbyterian College Choir's holiday concert.

"The thing that I most enjoyed here was making new friends," said Herrera. "I never knew that I would find these kind of people here. I can talk with the professors even when they are at the cafeteria or in other places."

With such a strong fall semester exchange, students may be interested to know that program will be continuing with a trip slated for the summer. To learn more, contact Jeff Birdsong at birdsongjl@sapc.edu.