

Shanda Mattix Elected Zone President of IHSA

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Colby Community College Equestrian Team Coach Shanda Mattix was recently elected President of the Zone 8 Region 5 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). Mattix was selected for the job at the IHSA National Championships held May 5-8 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Mattix recently completed her third year as head coach of the CCC Western and Hunt Seat Teams. She is also the Equine Program Director at the college.

A native of Colby, Mattix serves on the Kansas Horse Council Board of Directors, is the Kansas Horse Council Region 1 Director, EquiFest of Kansas Chair, is a state-certified horse show judge, and is a 4-H horse volunteer.

Mattix was raised on a commercial cow-calf operation near Colby and grew up showing Quarter horses, barrel racing, and competing in horse judging contests. As a youth she was a member of the 2001 American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA) Reserve World Champion Horse Judging Team and the 2002 AQHYA World Champion Horse Judging Team. As a collegiate equestrian, she was a regional qualifier for four years.

She will be offering horsemanship camps beginning June 5, 2011 at the CCC farm. The camp for riders with experience will be June 5-8. Participants will stay in the college residence halls with instruction during the day and activities planned for each evening. A beginners day camp will be held June 9. To register for either of these camps, call Mattix at 460-5464.



Mattix is the daughter of Sue Draper of Colby. She and her husband, Caleb, reside in Colby and continue raising the Draper family's commercial cattle herd.