

Dear Committee Members,

I was so excited to be able to attend the clinic at Hampton Green for my second year. I learned so much last year and this year was amazing. I want to thank you for awarding me the scholarship and tell you about some of the great things I learned and experienced during the clinic.

I first had a lesson with Kerrigan in the outside arena, which was so cool, because she is a current rider and I met her last year. She is so nice and encouraging. During my lesson we worked on when your horse does not want to go give them the reins, then a small kick if they don't go, then give them a bigger kick after that then give them a small tap.

I was able to have a lesson with Lendon Gray on Saturday in the indoor arena. I think it is so cool to have lessons from a former Olympian and someone who knows so much about horses and riders. I learned so much this year and last year. Some of the things I learned during my lesson are always put your eyes where you want the horse to go, and be sure to not throw your horse off balance. I also worked on my test for the dressage festival. Ms. Gray asked me to do it backwards and start at C instead of A. I think this made me really have to think about the test instead of just the letters. I think this was really helpful for my focus.

While I was watching other people's lessons I learned to let your horse's head up so they can see, your horse does not need to overbend just be sure they don't counter bend and that some horses will not drink when stressed.

One of my favorite parts of the clinic are the new people I met. Autumn, Mya and Londyn were so awesome and kind. They were always encouraging me and asking if there was anything I needed help with. I hope to see them every year.

I also am so grateful to Kim, Hampton Green Farms, and all of the amazing people there who help with the clinic. Corrie, Sofia, and Martin were so wonderful and always willing to help and answer any questions that I had. Martin's wife and everyone else who works at the farm were always nice and helpful. I had such a great time and learned so much, thank you again for the opportunity!

Sincerely,  
Maci Remington