

Thank you again for the scholarship it gave me an opportunity to take lessons I wouldn't have been able to take otherwise. My first 4 lessons were with Liz Austin and with my horse Boo we worked on a more steady contact and getting him to be more in tune with me and waiting for me we worked a lot on staying off the track so he would stay more on my leg. My second lesson was on Lucas and we worked on a lot of forward and back trying to get me to rely on my seat and not my hands to collect him. My 3rd lesson was on Laurel and we really worked on getting her to stretch more into the bit and relaxing. My fourth lesson with her was on Boo again and we worked on the balance in the trot getting him to be a little more collected throughout some movements. I learned a lot from Liz with those 4 lessons I took with her. She really taught me how to use my seat to get them to collect.

My last lesson I took this summer was with Pam Goodrich. I brought my horse Boo and we really worked on getting him more up hill and straightening him as I would often have him too much bent to the inside. She really helped with my leg positioning and as she fixed it, it seemed to have made a big difference in how I sit in the saddle. We also worked on his changes since that is something I have struggled with and she really taught me how to make him wait for me. We did it on a 3 loop serpentine so it really challenged me to straighten him quickly so I could have a better and clean change. Pam also taught me the importance of having his shoulder be loose so it leads to a better walk to canter transition.

Because of this scholarship I was able to ride with a new instructor who taught me how to ride Boo better than I ever have. I learned so much from her and she really understood Boo, his quirks and his personality. I hope to continue a long term relationship with Pam now that I have had the chance to work with her. She was a great fit for me and for Boo. I just wanted to say thank you so much again because I didn't get this scholarship I wouldn't have been able to have these lessons.