

My D4K Scholarship

Earlier this year, Dressage for Kids granted myself and my eight-year-old Hanoverian gelding, Dixi C, a scholarship to help us continue training with Gwyneth McPherson through her clinics in Rhode Island. These clinics have made a world of difference to my education and my riding. Whether I am just absorbing information from watching Gwyneth teach other riders, or riding myself, I always leave with an unparalleled sense of new knowledge.

During a typical clinic, Gwyneth teaches about eight riders each day (Saturday and Sunday). The horses and riders range greatly. From young riders to adult amateurs, something can be learned from everyone.

My horse and I work each day on making him more supple. He is naturally stiff and it is super important that he stay as supple as possible. I am so grateful to Dressage for Kids for granting me this opportunity. One of my favorite quotes from Gwyneth is that "suppling makes the horse more supple." I love this because it is so true! I did not understand what Gwyneth was trying to tell me the first time she said this, but through consistent clinic lessons I now understand! It is a hard thing to describe, how suppling makes the horse more supple, but with Gwyneth's teaching and expertise, she helped me to feel it! Now that I know the feeling, I can create it! And through this, I can make Dixi better.

I cannot say enough about Gwyneth and her amazingness, but I can thank her and D4K immensely for giving me these opportunities. I couldn't be happier or more excited about Dixi and I's budding education and the great members of our team!

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