

Lendon Gray Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank the Lendon Gray Scholarship Committee for providing me with the opportunity to ride with Moray Nicholson once again in November. Moray visited Silver Crest Equestrian Center right before the holiday season began in November and gave clinics for four days. During this time span I had two clinics which dramatically improved my riding.

During both clinics, I worked with Moray to establish a solid outside reign connection. We achieved this by working on an exercise in which I kept a consistent contact with the outside reign while simultaneously asking for bend with the inside reign and inside leg. Once Cirinity, my lease horse, yielded to the inside reign and leg I dramatically gave with my inside reign. After doing this for a little, I began to feel more weight in my outside hand, confirming that a connection with the outside reign had been established. We also worked on getting Cirinity to consistently listen to my inside leg and half halts. We worked on this by doing a leg yielding exercise across the short diagonal.

As someone who has been working at training level for a while, the techniques I learned during these clinics has helped me put all of the puzzle pieces together, and I finally feel ready to start working on first level movements.

Sincerely,

Allison Salt