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Kaylea Richardson

KAYLEA WAS HONORED TO BE THE 2007 WINNING OF THE ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS SCHOLARSHIP.

KAYLEA ATTENDED MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE AND TOOK HER FIRST YEAR OF PER VET. BUT AFTER RETURNING HOME FOR THE SUMMER DECIDED TO FOLLOW HER TRUE DREAM. SO IN OCTOBER OF 2008 KAYLEA ATTENDED OLDS COLLEGE IN THE EXERCISE RIDER/JOCKEY PROGRAM AND HASN'T LOOKED BACK SINCE.

KAYLEA IS NOW A JOCKEY AND RACING AT EDMONTON NORTHLANDS. SHE STILL EXERCISES HORSES AND GROOMED FOR 2 YEARS BEFORE REACHING THIS GOAL BUT WITH THE HELP OF THE SUPPORT SHE RECEIVED FOR GROUPS LIKE THIS SHE WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW HER DREAMS. KAYLEA WON HER FIRST RACE OCTOBER 10, 2010 AND FINISHED HER FIRST SEASON WITH A BETTER THEN 30% WIN FACTOR. 2011 HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR AND KAYLEA HAS BEEN LUCK ENOUGH TO GET SOME GREAT HORSES AND HAS LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT RACING REALLY IS. SHE HAS MET AND SURPASSED HER GOALS AND IS VERY PLEASED WITH HER OWN PROGRESS. KAYLEA CONTINUES TO ADVANCE HER EDUCATION TAKING COURSES LIKE EQUINE MASSAGE THERAPY AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAMS SO THAT WHEN SHE LEAVES THE TRACK SHE WILL HAVE OTHER AREAS OF WORK TO PURSUE. KAYLEA STILL COMES HOME EVERY YEAR TO HELP WITH LAMBING AND HAS BEEN KNOWN TO TAKE A BOTTLE LAMB OR TWO BACK UP NORTH WITH HER WHEN SHE LEAVES. LIKE SHE SAYS SHE MAYBE RIDING A HORSE AT FULL SPEED, BUT YOU WILL NEVER TAKE THE SHEEP OUT OF HER BLOOD. SHE WILL ALWAYS BE THAT LITTLE SHEEP KID AND COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD OF THAT FACT.

KAYLEA FEELS THAT BECAUSE OF HER TIME IN 4H AND WORKING WITH OUR SHEEP ON THE FARM SHE LEARNED THAT HARD WORK AND STICKING TO YOUR GOALS MAKES YOU A TRUE WINNER.

SHE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS FOR BELIEVING IN HER AND HER DREAMS, AND HONORING HER WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP.