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Lafayette Equestrian Wins National Titles

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Erica Mark completing her victory lap at the Canadian Nationals. Photo provided

Erica Mark won a national title at the prestigious Arabian National Horse Show in Regina, Saskatchewan on August 17th. Erica won her title in the 13-and-under Hunter Pleasure discipline on her horse "A Time to Dance." She won another national title in a similar event and a reserve championship title (first runner-up) on her English Arabian horse, "Botox," winning against competitors in the 17-and-under class.

Mark progressed to the national level by earning local and regional qualifying points at equestrian events throughout the northwest region, the Arabian Horse Association, Region 3. Different rules and standards apply to each class of competition, depending on the event and age of rider. Mark qualified in the youth division.

Mark is a senior member of the show-team of "Earthquake Arabians," a competitive group of young equestrians located in Clayton. Although her three Arabian horses are trained and groomed by seasoned professionals, Mark spends her weekends riding, taking advanced lessons and caring for her horses.

Mark lives in Lafayette and is a freshman at Acalanes.

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