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Mariemont HS Senior Accepts Auburn Equestrian Scholarship



Mariemont High School class of 2010 member Piper Donnelly has committed to ride for Auburn University's Division I Equestrian team.

Donnelly has been competing on the A-AA national circuit since the age of 9. She has qualified four ponies for National Pony Finals, qualified for the ASPCA Maclay Championship, USET Talent Search and the National Hunt Seat Medal. Donnelly finished 7th Overall at the Washington International Horse Show. She also has over 70 combined champion and reserve championships, plus numerous classic and medal wins.

At Auburn University, Piper will be riding for Tigers' equestrian team as a hunt seat rider. In 2008, Auburn won the NCAA National Division I Championship in the hunt seat event. The Auburn head coach is Greg Williams and hunt seat head coach is Lindsay Nuebarth.

At Mariemont High School, Piper was inducted to the National Honor Society in 2008. She is the daughter of Jill Donnelly of Terrace Park and Lane Donnelly of Anderson, and sister to Griffin Donnelly of Terrace Park.

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Mariemont High School senior Piper Donnelly signs her letter of intent to compete for the Auburn University Equestrian team. She is seated with her mother, Jill Donnelly of Terrace Park. Standing are maternal grandparents Tutt and Lois Lambert, brother Griffin Donnelly, and trainers Sarah Mechlin and Richard Rogers. (Not pictured is trainer Patty Rogers.)