Rider: Mollie Kowalchik   
  
Hometown: Loveland, OH  
  
School: Mount Holyoke College; South Hadley, MA  
  
Zone/Region:  1  
  
Major: ​ Self designed major in Kinesiology   
  
Graduating: 2018  
  
IHSA Level: Intermediate Flat/Open Fences

Favorite thing about IHSA: “I love the opportunity that the IHSA provides to ride so many different horses. Although it can sometimes be challenging, I believe it truly makes you a stronger rider. I also enjoy watching my teammates progress in their riding, especially those who had never ridden prior to joining the team.”

Mollie Kowalchik is a key member on the Mount Holyoke Equestrian Team. She rode for her IEA team in high school for three years, while also competing in both the ASPCA Maclay and USEF/Pessoa Finals. As a freshman in 2015, she represented the Mount Holyoke College at IHSA Nationals in West Springfield in the Intermediate Flat division. Mollie is a focused, dedicated, hardworking and experienced rider, while also serving as a supportive teammate. She is knowledgeable and deeply involved in the riding program as the team’s course designer, Student Athlete Advisory Committee representative, chosen member to assign proper fitting horse tack for shows, and supplier of the team’s favorite chocolate snacks called Muddy Buddies. Mollie is a brilliant academic, but also finds time to stay updated on the latest horse competitions featured on the USEF Network. A horse lover to the core, Mount Holyoke cherishers her as a teammate, student and athlete.

Submitted By: Maddy Skrak, MHC ‘18