The UGA Collegiate Horse Judging Team refined their equine evaluation skills over spring break as they traveled to the Middle Tennessee Horse Judging Contest in Murfreesboro, TN on March 14, 2019.

The two UGA teams placed second and third overall behind the University of Tennessee team that won the event. Students participating on the UGA team included: Samantha Ellis (Mechanicsville, VA), Jenna Farmer (Conyers, GA), Bailey Gibson (Nolensville, TN), Lexie Harvey (Hartwell, GA), Doug Mundrick (Madison, GA), Madison Walker (Grayson, GA), and Lauren Wernert (Augusta, GA). (photo attached)

Numerous individual awards came home with the Dawgs that are just embarking on their judging team adventures and giving reasons for the first time in competition. Bailey and Lauren tied for first in halter judging followed by Sam in third. In performance classes, Lexie, Bailey and Jenna held the third through fifth spots. Lauren tied for first in reasons, scoring a 46 and 47 in her first contest but Bailey and Doug were close behind and in the top 5 ribbons. Overall, Lauren, Baily and Lexie earned top five ribbons as well!

With their first horse judging contest behind them, The UGA Horse Judging Team is planning for future contests in the fall. Perhaps the American Paint Horse Contest is September or the OH Quarter Horse Congress are in focus if funds are available. Coached by Dr. Julia McCann, the entire team is grateful to the professionals and their horses that have been shared with the group this semester. Locally based Stephanie Cummings and Quinon Coggins provided workouts for the class this semester. Karen Boysen of Milton, Keri Davidson of Adairsville, alumni Kim Mansfield, and bobby Richards in Franklin, TN were valuable team visits on the road to TN. The group is very appreciative of the entire ADSC Department and Chairman Dr. Francis Fluharty for their support.
UGA Team Members (L-R): Lexie Harvey, Doug Mundrick, Madison Walker, Lauren Werner, Jenna Farmer, Sam Ellis, and Bailey Gibson.

Good food and new team member at the Mountain Goat Market in TN!
Alumni Stephnie Parker Cummings shares a quality hunter horse with the team.