



# Madeline Tylenda

My name is Madeline “Rosie” Tylenda. I’m 17 years old and a Senior at Essex High School in Essex Junction, VT. I was born in Texas, but have lived in Vermont my whole life, and have been riding since I was 7. I am very lucky to get to call Blackrose Morgans in Colchester, VT my barn home.

Since last year, I’ve continued to rehab my lease horse, Illegal Motion aka Randall, and thanks to my amazing trainer, Angie Maple, our vets, farrier, and my incredibly supportive teammates, we were able to step into the show ring together finally... and we have had a blast! We’ve had some major highs, and a few lows, but we learn something about each other every ride. While we were at the New York Regional Horse Show (September 2023), I was surprised with a letter from Randall’s owner, Colleen Saint Loup, who said I could keep him forever! I’m so honored to have adopted him officially from Morgan Safenet, and we’ll keep working hard together until he’s ready to retire. He’ll be with us forever though, and he’ll never know anything but love until his time is through. Competing as a Youth of the Year Finalist in 2022 was a huge, positive influence in my life as well. Thanks to the cool people I met while in Oklahoma, I was inspired to join the Youth Council. I’ve only been on a couple of months but I look forward to being more involved in the coming year. I also felt so much more confident heading into the local youth contests this year. I am proud to have won champion (and my qualification) at the Harold P. Brown Contest at Summer Kickoff for the 2nd year in a row. I also had a lot of fun competing in the Mass Morgan and New York Regional contests too for extra practice. Realistically, I have a personal goal of placing in the top 10 at nationals this year, but winning wouldn’t make me sad either! More than anything, I hope that my participation will continue to help to inspire others in my barn and AMHA Youth Team to try competing at youth contests too. Being a good equestrian is so much more than riding- it’s taking the time to learn as much as you can about the animal that works so hard for you. I love sharing this message with the younger kids in our program and helping them to learn and build their confidence. I can’t wait to see what excitement Oklahoma 2023 has waiting for all of us!