RENO, NEV. – Junior Megan Kelley (Newburgh/Wallkill) tied her own school record in the pole vault, clearing 10’ 8” at the 2005 National Pole Vault Summit. Kelley finished third in her division, which featured collegiate athletes from around the country.

Kelley matched the height she cleared at the Cornell Relays in December. Also for the Red Dragon women, junior Amanda Failing (Pearl River) and sophomore Tiffany Lancaster (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) each cleared opening heights but did not place.

On the men’s side, junior Tyler Gutierrez (Waverly) cleared 14’ 5” while junior Stephen Wendt (Wilson) twice cleared a personal-best height, with his final successful effort coming at 13’ 7”. Neither one place, however, in their very competitive division.

This is the first year that the Red Dragon pole vaulters have attended the national summit, which features clinics in addition to competition. The divisions range from beginners to masters, with lecture and breakout sessions provided for all college, open, masters, coaches and parents. The national summit is a USA Track and Field (USATF) sanctioned pole vault development event.