NEW YORK, N.Y. – The Cortland quartet of senior Annessa Melnick (Accord/Rondout Valley), senior Kristen Gott (East Syracuse/East Syracuse-Minoa), sophomore Brianne Capasso (Corinth) and senior Betsy Schultz (Akron) qualified for the ECAC Division III Championships in the 4x800-meter relay with a second-place time of 10:01.42 at the NYC Collegiate Opener. The meet was held at the NYC Armory.

Capasso and Melnick was also part of Cortland’s third-place distance medley relay team (13:20.71), along with freshman Bree Zogaria (Depew) and freshman Rachel Sweet (Rochester/Greece Athena).

Sophomore Megan Kelley (Newburgh/Wallkill) finished third in the pole vault (9’ 0.25”) and Schultz was sixth in the mile (5:22.89). The Red Dragons also finished sixth in the 4x400-meter relay (4:09.19) with the combination of senior Stephanie Bailey (Victor), Zogaria, freshman Kathy Steenburgh (Fairport) and sophomore Lauren Eigenbrodt (Chatham).

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4 x 800-meter Relay
Annessa Melnick, Kristen Gott, Brianne Capasso, Betsy Schultz
2nd, 10:01.42 (ECAC qualifier)

Distance Medley Relay
Brianne Capasso, Bree Zogaria, Annessa Melnick, Rachel Sweet
3rd, 13:20.71

Pole Vault
Megan Kelley, 3rd, 2.75m (9’ 0.25”)

4 x 400-meter Relay
Stephanie Bailey, Bree Zogaria, Kathy Steenburgh, Lauren Eigenbrodt
6th, 4:09.19

Mile
Betsy Schultz, 6th, 5:22.89

Long Jump
Christina Acquaviva, 9th, 4.76m (15’ 7.5”)

60-meter Hurdles
Andrea Gentile, 9th, 9.80
Christina Acquaviva, 10th, 9.92

Triple Jump
Jill Olmstead, 10th, 9.58m (31’ 5.25”)