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What I did this summer…

Back to school time, and first day of class starts with the annual essay theme: “What I did this summer.” I figured I’d share my points on that theme, but I’ll leave out the week at the beach, yard-work projects, and the pros and cons of my golf game. Instead, I will focus on all the interesting IEA stuff!

American Horse Council (AHC) Meeting—Washington, D.C.
The AHC “works daily to advocate for the social, economic, and legislative interests of the United States equine industry.” I had never been to this meeting before, and I vow not to miss it in the future!! It was an extraordinary opportunity to meet many equine industry leaders, and to really get involved with legislative issues that affect our sport! Highlights included a dedicated directors meeting and an early morning, networking group that walked the “mall” before the daily agenda.

Equine Summit—Lexington, KY
Myron Leff (IEA Co-Founder, COO, Marketing Director) and I attended an interesting meeting in Kentucky where we had a round-table discussion about industry concerns and potential connection points with representatives from USEF, USHJA, and IHSA. It was an honor to be included in such a collaborative leadership group.

IEA National Finals—Oklahoma City, OK
As per prior years, the IEA Western Finals was a highlight of my summer! The generosity of our NRHA hosts, together with incredible support from local barns and teams in providing horses, continues to make this an outstanding event! This year, we ran most of the IEA Finals in Arena 6, which is a spacious, coliseum-style venue that allowed for prime visibility, and plenty of space for teams and fans to decorate and spread out. As usual, my favorite part was the “get-to-know-ya” games during the Parade of Teams!

Chagrin Hunter/Jumper Classic—Moreland Hills, OH
OK….so this was an admitted “staycation” because I live only 10 minutes from the show grounds! But, this local show has a historic claim to fame because it is noted as the “Home of North America’s First Grand Prix!” Learn a little history about show jumping in the US, by checking out this link: http://chagrinhunterjumperclassic.org/facts/

IHSA/IEA Meetings—Columbus, OH
Representatives from IEA and IHSA met in Columbus for a joint tour of the nearby World Equestrian Center (WEC) facility in Wilmington, Ohio. Formally known as “Roberts Arena” to many of you who attended IEA National Finals on these grounds in 2006 (first year of Western
Finals), this facility has undergone an impressive transformation! The same ownership group is also building in Ocala, Florida. These are two very exciting facilities that are on the radar for future events.

In addition to these cool adventures, I also enjoyed ongoing meetings with IEA Staff and Board of Directors. We worked on the logistical side of new zone alignments, financial procedures, new hires, and preparations for another great year!

I am blessed to have a job where my summers (and rest of the year) are spent working with so many interesting and dedicated horse lovers! We are getting incredible support from partner organizations and fellow, equine governing bodies. All of these connections play out into IEA member opportunities and to strengthening the equine industry as a whole. I appreciate the opportunity to represent our members and this organization throughout the year.

Best wishes for a fantastic 2017-18 competition year!! Enjoy the ride!

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Some people are natural movers and shakers who see a need, get to work, and make things happen.

Pair that with a compassionate heart and you have an apt description of Nancy Arledge, as well as many others in the Ohio equine community. A long standing IEA coach, officer of the Board of Directors, and member of the Rules and Ethics Committee, Nancy’s commitment to the IEA and serving others is evident. It’s no surprise that her desire to help kicked into high gear when predictions of wide spread devastation from Hurricane Harvey were first reported.

Knowing that horses and other livestock would lose shelter and food sources, Nancy felt compelled to do something for the animals. Making a financial donation to any one of the large animal welfare organizations poised to assist in the aftermath of the storm would have been a wonderful thing to do, but Nancy knew that more immediate aid would be needed. Scheduled to depart for a horse show and haunted by memories of Hurricane Katrina, she was willing to make alternate arrangements for her clients while she drove a load of supplies to Texas. On the day Harvey hit, Nancy posted on Facebook: “I have a trailer with supplies if someone can front gas money.” In response to that post a different type of storm began to swirl across the state of Ohio. Others like Nancy started to connect and collaborate in their relief efforts.
Nancy first connected with Jen Nadalin and Chris Edaline, owners of Sugar Run Farm in Plain City, Ohio. Jen and Chris also had plans to run supplies to Texas, so Nancy teamed up with them. Momentum for the relief effort began to build. Nancy and IEA alumni Taylor Cheeseman loaded 18,000 pounds of grain; dog and cat feed; and goat feed in their horse trailers and hauled it to Sugar Run Farm. Jen made the first truck and trailer run to Texas, which was dubbed the SRF Animal Rescue Run for Houston.

Chris stayed behind to solicit additional donations. ASE Feed and Supply in Plain City, Ohio, was inundated with calls and feared running out of inventory, so Nancy contacted Granville Feed Company, which not only donated numerous man hours and discounts, but also agreed to take credit card donations over the phone from other individuals wanting to contribute. Nancy’s farm became a collection point for the area and members of her West Licking District IEA team went about collecting donations. They gathered dog crates, halters, grooming supplies, vet wrap, medicines, and feed for large and small animals. Nancy also saw on Facebook that several other IEA teams planned to hold fundraisers at their competitions.

Liz Radabaugh from Delaware, Ohio, offered her LRC Farm as another drop point for donations, and she drove to pick up donations from those that could not get to Sugar Run Farm. She teamed up with Equus Now Tack Shop in Lewis Center, Ohio, which generously donated vital items such as halters, leads, and a ton of other equipment. As the community effort grew, more donations came piling in: Champion Feeds of Delaware offered discounts on products purchased for the relief, and G&G Feeds of Mt Vernon, Ohio, who were closing their doors, donated all of their remaining inventory. Many local farmers donated bales of hay; so many, in fact, that several flatbed trailers were loaded with hay and hauled to Texas with semis driven by friends. Nancy’s long time buddy Smokey L. Bare, who now lives in Kentucky, took up the call and raised over $2,000 in feed orders from the Granville Feed Company in one afternoon.
Chris quickly became the point person for all of this activity. Her days were filled fielding phone calls, text messages, and Facebook posts. She was responsible for managing the logistics of the runs from Ohio to Texas. The response was amazing and the amount of supplies collected vast. Chris reached out to the Roberts family, owners of the World Equestrian Center and R&L Trucking. They immediately responded, sending trucks to the various collection points to haul supplies the very next day. The Roberts family promised as much support and as many runs to Texas as needed.

Upon learning of the local relief efforts, Dr. Peter Meuse, DVM, of Bella Vista Equine Veterinary Services in Blacklick, Ohio, loaded a trailer with supplies and headed to Texas with another veterinarian and two technicians from the practice. Despite the inhospitable conditions, they stayed for days providing vital health care to hundreds of animals in temporary shelters. Dr. Meuse and his crew even went out into the community to assist in rescuing animals trapped in the flood waters.

A week after the storm passed, Nancy received a plea for help from a woman at the Sam Houston Race Track in Houston, where over 100 horses were being sheltered with very little feed left. Seeing no immediate help in site, the woman reached out, saying she had read the Rescue Run for Houston Facebook posts. Nancy contacted Chris, who put the woman in touch with the Texas contacts she had established. Nancy then contacted Jake Moore of Farm Boss who was in route to Texas with a load of hay. From all reports, those efforts helped buy the animals and caregivers at the race track several extra days until the Texas Department of Agriculture could assist them further.
“I’m so proud of how the Central Ohio equestrian community came together to help,” said Nancy. “So many people from all across the state answered our calls for help.” All of the supplies and man hours described in this article were donations. Every contribution, regardless of size, was important. The collective efforts of individuals, IEA teams, equestrian facilities, local feed stores, veterinarians, tack shops, and large businesses made a positive impact for so many people and so many animals in need. In describing what the past couple of weeks have been like Nancy says: “I am blown away by this effort, and I truly mean that! For all the discord in the nation and world and the publicity it gets, there is still a shining light out there, good people are out there, everywhere, coming together, on their own, to brace up those in need, not because they have to, but because WE want to!”

Relief efforts by SRF Animal Rescue Run for Houston are winding down but the need for support and supplies will be long term, as recovery from hurricanes Harvey and Irma will take months. To help individuals and animals in need, donations can be made to any of the associations listed below:

- The USEF Equine Disaster Relief Fund.
- The USHJA Foundation Horseman’s Assistance Fund. Donations are used to help support USHJA members who apply for assistance.
- The Association of American Equine Practitioners. The association is collecting and shipping supplies to those affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma.
- The IEA Benevolent Fund.
- Sugar Run Farm. Go Fund Me: Animal Rescue Run for Houston.
Here is a summary of the donations delivered by Jen’s van and R&L trailers.

1. Van and trailer filled with grain, pet food, and urgent supplies arrived in Houston on Thursday, August 31st, and was delivered to the Great Southwest Equestrian Facility, where 250 evacuated horses were being housed. Many of the supplies were used there, while others were delivered to outlying areas. One bag of towels sporting the Stealaways barn name was seen in Ford Center in Beaumont the night Dr. Peter Meuse treated so many horses.

2. 53’ semi trailer full of hay donated by the World Equestrian Center was delivered to Nome on Wednesday, September 6th, and was distributed to the Winnie and Beaumont area, where so many animals were still surrounded by water.

3. 28’ semi trailer full of grain and pet food collected at Sugar Run Farm was delivered to Nome on Friday, September 8th and was the first load of grain received there. It was distributed quickly to the surrounding community.

4. 53’ semi trailer full of hay and shavings collected at Bella Vista was delivered to Richmond on Wednesday, September 13th for distribution to animals in need in that area.

5. 53’ semi trailer loaded with grain, pet food, and supplies collected at Sugar Run Farm was delivered to Sour Lake on Wednesday, September 13th, again supplying the hard-hit Winnie and Beaumont areas.

6. 53’ semi trailer loaded with hay from Bella Vista arrived in Sour Lake on Thursday, September 14th.

7. 53’ semi trailer loaded with hay and shavings from Sugar Run Farm arrived at the terminal in Houston to be distributed to areas most in need.

8. 53’ semi trailer currently being filled with hay at Bella Vista should head south late September.

9. 53’ semi trailer currently being filled with hay at Sugar Run Farm scheduled to depart early October.

10. Vet convoy treated 100 horses at the Ford Center in Beaumont; most were brought in after being in water for several days and were severe cases.
In 2016 the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) introduced the new Dressage Pilot Program to members. It was an extremely successful year, with five competitions and over 60 individual participants. Hosts of the scrimmages included The Grier School in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, Meredith Manor in Waverly, West Virginia.

The IEA, with assistance from the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), developed this program that combines the standards and expectations of the competitive dressage community with the IEA objective to offer organized competitions for young equestrian athletes who do not own their own horse.

IEA dressage competitions, referred to as “scrimmages”, are different from IEA hunt seat and western events in that riders do not accumulate points, and there is no team competition. Participants compete on an individual basis without the requirement to be on a team. In this way, more riders and coaches are eligible to participate in the program.

During the 2017-2018 school year, scrimmages will be held in several locations across the United States as a way to introduce and promote the dressage program to both IEA and non-IEA members.
Dressage is a French term commonly translated as “training”, with the purpose of reaching a high level of willing communication with a horse while encouraging the animals’ natural ability. The result should be a calm, supple horse with good response to its rider. The classes offered through the IEA will evaluate riders based on their effort to create calm, effective responsiveness from an unfamiliar horse.

The dressage scrimmages will offer two different types of classes during the pilot year: *Dressage Test* and *Dressage Seat Equitation*.

The *Dressage Test* will be available to youth riders familiar with dressage competition, and will require the rider to perform a predetermined pattern endorsed by an established dressage association such as the USDF or the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA). Each rider will be given a brief period to familiarize themselves with their mount, and then will be expected to individually perform a test that will vary in difficulty based on the level of the division.

The *Dressage Seat Equitation* class will be offered to riders of all abilities who have had at least one year of professional riding instruction. This class will be a group event and will evaluate each competitor based on the proper body position and the use of natural aids found in a dressage rider. Participants in the *Dressage Seat Equitation* class may also perform a brief pattern illustrating their ability to communicate with their horse.

If you are interested in learning more about the IEA Dressage pilot program, hosting a scrimmage or participating as a competitor, please contact Jennifer Eaton: 877-743-3432 x 203 or jenn@rideiea.org.

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The IEA Horsemanship Program is open to any youth in Grades 4 - 12 who is either a Junior Contributing Member, or a Rider Member.

Members who participate in the program will complete nine quizzes on a variety of topics. Each quiz will be available the first of each month, October through May. When a participant signs up through the IEA Horsemanship Page they will receive an email with all quizzes for months that they may have missed.

On June 1st each participant will receive a Final Quiz.

Participants who complete all nine quizzes and receive 75% or better on the Final Quiz will receive a commemorative shirt, as well as a certificate of completion.

Horsemanship Program participation is free for Junior Contributing Members and $15 for Rider Members.

Contact Jennifer Eaton at:
877-RIDE-IEA (877-743-3432) x203 or Jenn@rideiea.org for more information.
Lana Ciaramella has served as an IEA Coach at Twin Lakes Farm for the past four years as well as the Region Chair for Zone 2, Region 12 (Southeastern New York area) for two years. In this role, she strengthened the structure of regular season competitions, educated coaches on existing and updated rules, and guided new teams through the initial steps of the season. Ciaramella has stewarded a number of regular season IEA shows as well as a Regional Finals. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from American University where she was a founding member of their Equestrian Team. Ciaramella also holds a Doctor of Law (J.D.) degree from Pace University School of Law and has served as a volunteer Mounted Auxiliary Officer with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

Gretchen Dye developed a highly successful IEA team in the greater Cincinnati, Ohio area which became a springboard for involving youth in non-profit and philanthropic causes. She served as the IEA Zone 5 Region 3 (Central Ohio area) President for four years and Zone 5 Region 9 (Chicago area) for one year. In addition to successfully re-establishing Childress Rodgers Stables as a viable business in the equine industry by re-organizing their business structure and adding new programs, Dye was also involved in creating the KITE (Kid, Infant and Teen Education) program that teaches teen parents the proper physical, mental, emotional and social development of their children. Dye enjoys advising parents and student athletes on goal setting and developing structured goal achievement plans. She received her Master of Education degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio with a concentration in Counseling.
As a five-time Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zone 5, Region 1 Coach of the Year and winner of the 2009 and 2016 IHSA National Horse Show Sportsmanship Award, Taylor is well-versed in interscholastic riding in a draw-based format. She has significant experience in coaching, training, judging, stewarding and course designing having served as Equestrian Head Coach and Director of Riding for The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee as well as Head Trainer for The International Riding Academy in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

A graduate of Purdue University, Taylor is a United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) Certified Trainer, a United States Equestrian Foundation (USEF) Learner Judge, an approved American National Riding Commission (ANRC) Junior Horsemanship Challenge Judge and has conducted numerous instructional clinics at private farms and college programs. Taylor currently serves as a board member of IHSA, ANRC, and the Intercollegiate Equestrian Foundation (IEF). For the IEA, she has most recently served as a steward for regular season, regionals, Zone Finals, and the National Finals Horse Show in the 2016-2017 season.

Taylor resides in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Bernie Villeneuve, a Canadian native and longtime, successful IEA coach stepped down from the IEA Board of Directors to take on the position of National Finals Coordinator. An experienced course designer and Trainer/Instructor, he most recently served as a Trainer for Double Deuce Farm in Concord, Ohio and coached the Lakeland Community College IHSA Hunt Seat Team. Coaching numerous riders to National Championships, Villeneuve has also served as a Trainer/Instructor for Maypine Equestrian Center and Riding Program Coordinator for Andrews Osborne Academy both in Willoughby Hills, Ohio. In addition, he served as the Assistant Director of Riding at Oldfields School in Sparks, Maryland.

Villeneuve is a member of USEF, IHSA, IEA, and the Ohio Professional Horseman’s Association and holds an Equine Canada Coaching Level 1 Certification. He currently resides in Charleston, South Carolina.
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Online Auction and Silent Auction

IEA is soliciting items for the 2nd annual online auction running November 9–12, 2017 and a silent auction held during the 2018 Hunt Seat National Finals in Syracuse, NY. The deadline for submitting donations to the online auction is October 31, 2017. Download the auction form.

We were overwhelmed by the success of our first online auction last year. Proceeds from both auctions benefit the IEA Benevolent Fund, a resource for assisting coaches and riders in financial need.

IEA is looking for a wide variety of items including summer camps, lesson packages, rider gear (helmets, show clothes, boots, accessories), horse gear (halters, saddle pads, saddles, bridles, blankets), jewelry, equestrian art, gift baskets and anything else for the horse enthusiast.

Online Auction items will be shipped directly from the donor to the winner in the week following the close of the auction. IEA will notify each donor where to ship their donated item.

Items donated to the Hunt Seat National Finals silent auction can be shipped by February 28, 2018 directly to the IEA Marketing Office at 509 S. Otterbein Avenue, Suite 9, Westerville, OH 43081 or can be hand delivered at Hunt Seat National Finals.

For questions and more information, contact IEA Communications Coordinator, Kimber Whanger at Kimber@rideiea.org.

MUST-HAVE RESOURCES!


To order these materials, host a clinic, become certified or find an instructor or barn near you visit – www.CHA-ahse.org or call 859-259-3399
IEA, in partnership with the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA), recently offered two outstanding clinic series called CORE (Cultivating Our Riders’ Education) in Tennessee and Texas. These clinics offered enhanced opportunities to educate IEA riders and college riders about horsemanship and riding in a draw-based format and featured nationally acclaimed USHJA Certified Trainers, Candice King and Melanie Smith-Taylor. Riders came from all over the country to attend these CORE clinics which included instruction and testing in stable management and equine care, as well as mounted riding instruction.

The Jaeckle Center in Thompson’s Station, Tennessee held their sold-out clinic on July 28-30 with clinician Candice King. The Jaeckle Center is a premiere equine facility for sport horses of all disciplines providing Equine Performax Veterinary and Therapy Services and both equine and rider training and conditioning programs. Many thanks to host coordinator, Melanie Fransen for opening up their gorgeous facility to host a CORE clinic.

The 1700-acre expansive Texas Rose Horse Park, set in the beautiful rolling hills of Tyler, Texas, played host to a CORE clinic on September 1-3 with Olympic Gold Medalist and clinician, Melanie Smith-Taylor. Manager and host coordinator, Kim Brunson had no trouble accommodating a large group of CORE participants as Texas Rose Horse Park features SIX outdoor show arenas on their massive facility as well as a myriad of other equine amenities. Thanks so much, Kim!

IEA is proud to partner with USHJA and excellent equestrian facilities like The Jaeckle Center and Texas Rose Hose Park.
The Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the dates and locations for the 2017-2018 Season Western Semi-Finals. One Semi-Final will be held at the Roane State Expo Center in Harriman, Tennessee on May 26-27, 2018. The other Semi-Final will be held at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio on June 2-3, 2018.

The Semi-Finals were established because, in May 2017, the IEA Board approved the reorganization of the Western discipline, creating a Western-Only Zone structure to include eleven regions that will have more than 160 teams and nearly 2,000 riders across the United States.

During the regular season, there will be no change to the process for qualifying for Regional Finals and all active regions will hold a Regionals competition. (A rider must accumulate 15 points during regular season competition to qualify for Regionals and a team must accumulate 20 points to qualify for Regionals. ) The change happens in that there will not be separate Western Zone Finals in each of the active Zones, as in previous years. Instead, there will be two Semi-Finals held to determine which riders will move on to the National Finals competition.

Western riders in Region 4 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee); Region 5 South (Kentucky, Southern Indiana, Southern Ohio); and Region 7 (Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Missouri) will be competing in Semi-Finals "A" at the Roane State Expo Center in Harriman, Tennessee on May 26-27, 2018.

Western riders in Region 1 (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont); Region 2 (New York); Region 5 North (Illinois, Michigan, Northern Indiana, Northern Ohio); and Region 11 (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia) will be competing in
Semi-Finals "B" at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio on June 2-3, 2018.

For this season only (2017-2018), Western riders in Region 8 (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah) will not compete at the Semi-Finals event, but will qualify one rider in each division and one Upper School and Middle School team from their Regionals competition to move directly to National Finals.

The top three (3) qualifiers from each Regional Finals will advance to their designated Semi-Finals (see chart below). The top five (5) qualifiers from Semi-Finals A in Tennessee will advance to National Finals. The top six (6) qualifiers from Semi-Finals B in Ohio will advance to National Finals.

The IEA Western National Finals will be held in late June in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in conjunction with the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Derby with exact dates and schedule to be announced.

"This new format has been more than a year in the making with excellent input from Western professionals across the country," says IEA Executive Director, Roxane Durant. "There are many factors to consider and change can sometimes be challenging, however we feel that we are moving in the right direction with our Western program. We are delighted to be giving more opportunities for students to experience horse shows of this size and caliber. We anticipate both of the Semi-Finals to look and feel much like a smaller version of National Finals."

In deference to concerns this year about Semi-Finals scheduling conflicts with end-of-year school activities, the board included plans to help celebrate the season, especially for our upper school senior riders, by hosting a graduation event during our semi-finals competitions.
2017–18 YOUTH BOARD

The IEA is pleased to introduce the members of the 2017-18 Youth Board! This is the third group of members since its inception in 2015. The group is comprised of 13 rider members representing both hunt seat and western disciplines. Shara Prieskorn and Sue Wentzel are thrilled to work alongside such a dynamic group of young individuals while continuing in the Adult Advisor role. Hannah Bentz and Aubrey Braham are serving in their third year as Alumni Advisors to the board. Please read below to learn more about some of the members!

My name is Keegan Lammers, and I am thrilled to be returning for a 2nd year on the IEA Youth Board! I live in Delaware, Ohio and ride Varsity Intermediate Horsemanship for Team JGPH, but I also show my own horses, Reno and Therapy, at AQHA and open shows all over the midwest. I’m a senior in high school, so this will be my 4th and final year of IEA, and as I look back on my high school experience, the memories I made in this organization stand out as some of the best. I’ve been to National Finals every year that I’ve been riding IEA! Every Nationals has been special (I was honored to be named Volunteer of the Show this year), but I love IEA for the team aspect of the sport. It’s been such a blessing to get to compete, travel, and bond with a team in a sport that is traditionally so solitary, and that’s something that means so much more to me than any ribbon. I hope to help foster a community in IEA like the one I’ve been so lucky to experience within my own team. I’m looking forward to an incredible last season with all of you, and best of luck to everyone!

Each September as a new IEA season begins, I look forward to discovering what new experiences the season holds, the people to be met, the new friendships to be made – and, of course, the great IEA horses we all will get to enjoy and appreciate! I’m Olivia Barden, and I’m so excited to have the privilege of serving my first time on the IEA Youth Board as representative from Zone 8. I have enjoyed riding with the Front Range Equestrian Team, based in Parker, Colorado, for each of my five years in IEA. I have also enjoyed competing in the equitation divisions in both the Colorado Hunter Jumper Association as well as USEF rated shows. As a senior in high school, this will be my final September and start of a new season with IEA – and I have no doubt it will be the best yet! Here’s to a fun-filled and successful 2017-2018 season!

Hey everyone! My name is Hailey Johnson and I’m a junior competing in Intermediate over fences and flat on the Chatham Hall IEA Team out of Chatham, Virginia. This
is my 5th season of IEA and my first as a Youth Board member! I’m super excited to get to work with the other board members and the rest of the IEA community to make this season a great one!

My name is **Amanda Patterson** and I am a junior in high school. I am the Zone 11 representative and it is my first year on the Youth Board. This will be my fourth year on Second Nature Farm’s IEA team in Oxford, Pennsylvania. I grew up riding hunt seat equitation and compete not only in IEA, but also local and rated shows. I have shown all the way up to Nationals and have participated in many of IEA’s other events such as horsemanship tests, clinics, team tournaments, and the dressage pilot program. I am so excited to be a part of the Youth Board and can’t wait for a fun filled season!

Hi! My name is **Madison Vance**. I am seventeen years old and a senior in High School in Pawnee, Oklahoma. I am the Zone 7 Western Representative for IEA. This is my second year to be on the IEA Youth Board. I am the past President for the Pinto Horse Association of America. My favorite IEA Western event is reining!

A few fun facts about me…. one time, I almost got eaten by a shark and I haven’t had caffeine in almost six years!

My name is **Emma Bachyrccz** and I am a member of the Eastern Prospects IEA Team. This is my first year as a member of the Youth Board, but my fifth year in IEA. I train with Sheryl Wilkins and primarily ride my pony Trixie. Eight years ago we rescued Trixie from Camelot Auction, she was barely broke and timid of almost everything. We have come so far together-- we have been to Marshall and Sterling Finals twice, as well as many other horse shows. I enjoy IEA because it gives every rider an equal playing field. Also, you can compete without the cost of having to own or lease a horse, giving many the opportunities they may not have had before. The team aspects of IEA, the camaraderie, the sportsmanship, and the friendly competition continue to draw me into the sport. I am ecstatic to be a member of the Board and wish everyone a fantastic season!

Hello, my name is **Kyra Petty**, I am 17 years old, and a senior at Walker Valley High School in Cleveland, TN. I have the privilege of representing the Last Lap Ranch Team, coached by Mr. & Mrs. Roger & Sandra Elder out of Maryville, TN. This is my 4th year competing in IEA and my 1st year as a member of the youth board. I am beyond excited and thankful for this opportunity. I hope to be able to help continue growing the association and be a new face with new ideas to offer! I love showing horses whether that be in IEA or competing with my own horse at 4-H,
Hello, my name is Elli Wilson and I’m a new board member in Zone 5, I’m looking forward to great year and a new experience. I’m a member of the Sid Griffith Equestrian team in Columbus, Ohio. I started riding IEA on the Beckett Run Team for Jim Arrigon until he took on a college program in VA. This will be my third year riding for the Sid Griffith Equestrian team with coach Allison Applegett. IEA has been a huge influence not only with my riding but also the many friendships that have come with the teams. The team aspect of riding is something that encourages me to do my best for not only myself but more importantly for my team. IEA has been amazing for me and I want to do my best to make it even better for the younger riders moving forward.

My name is Anna Nosevich and I am in my senior year of high school out of central Massachusetts! I have been riding for about 6 years and currently ride and compete with Lindstedt Show Stables for IEA and regular season shows. As a working student, I am learning the ins and outs of the equestrian industry in hopes of becoming a trainer myself some day. I am brand new to the IEA Youth Board, however I have been competing in the IEA program for five years with three trips to regional finals individually. I can’t thank my supportive team at home as well as my amazing trainers, Alycia Des Marais and John Lindstedt for helping me achieve my goals and put me in a position to be successful in this Youth Board and in my future.

Hello! I’m Celeste Fazioli, I’m a junior in high school and I ride in the Open division on the Blackjack Lane Equestrian Team outside of Houston TX. I’ve been riding for 9 years, and show primarily in Equitation and Jumpers, but until recently I did pony hunters. Other than being on the horse, I help out at the barn and focus on horsemanship skills, which I think are super important to being a well rounded rider!

Hi everyone! My name is Emily Boldt, and I’m from western New York. I’m a junior in high school, and I am the Varsity Open rider for Alfred University’s Western team. Outside of IEA, I’m a member of 4-H, and I show reining horses (the horse in the picture is Whizkey On Ice, or ‘Fireball’). In school, I’m a member of National Honor Society, and am on the Varsity Volleyball and Track teams. This will be my first year serving on the Youth Board, and I couldn’t be more excited to represent you and improve this wonderful association! I look forward to meeting everyone, and I wish everyone good luck this season!
My name is Alex Bischoff and I ride with Elvenstar in Moorpark, CA. I am very excited to be serving my second year on the Youth Board. This is my sixth year doing IEA, and I love every aspect of it. From riding fantastic new horses and meeting new people to traveling to rainy shows with my team, every IEA event is a new adventure. Hopefully, I can use my position to make sure everyone has as great of an experience as I have had!

My name is Abbe Humphries. I am a senior, and I ride for the Fortitude Farm IEA team. I am a returning Youth Board member from last year and this will be my 7th year competing in IEA.

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#RiderRepost Friday

Tag @rideiea in your IEA instagram photos for a chance to be featured.

1. @twinlakesfarmny Our riders have been working hard all week in our intensive boot camp program. Stretching and body awareness is so important! #twinlakesfarm

2. @abbeyzawisza So thankful for having the most amazing coach ever! Also so happy with how my team did at nationals #km #rideiea

3. @_celeste.f_ Who's ready for IEA season?! #rideiea #ieazone7

4. @skywalkeriea Get ready first show of the season... we're coming for you. #iea #ieazone2 #rideiea #sassy #equestrian
It’s not just a sport…
It’s a passion.

Working together as one, there is no bond stronger than one shared between horse and rider. From the spins to the sliding stops, reining is the key to you and your horse’s heart.