

Cricket Stone, Gladys, VA

Cricket Stone has over 30 years experience in Hunter/Jumper industry. She has had many accomplishments as a professional.

- Directed large school program, including management of 40 stall facility, 6 person staff, and up to 60 horses
- Trained students to National, Zone, and Regional Championships and Reserve Championships in IHSA competition
- Trained students to top ten placing in ANRC national competition
- Created highly successful summer camp program building to a full enrollment of 30 residential campers within five years
- Trained horses and students to top levels of sport, high placings, and championships at major shows

She is a member of USEF, USHJA, SWVHJA, VHSA, NCHJA, VBHJA, IHSA, ANRC, IEA. She is a USEF "R" C1 Steward and USEF Certified Schooling Supervisor. She has held many governance roles among the organizations she is apart of. Positions and accomplishments include but are now limited to:

- Current Vice Chairwoman, Past Chairwoman - USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Committee
- Current Member USHJA Steward Task Force
- Current Member USHJA Affiliates National Council
- Past Member USHJA Conduct Review Committee
- Past Members USHJA Sport Integrity Task Force
- Recipient of USHJA 2019 President's Distinguished Service Award
- Current Member IHSA Board of Directors – National Secretary
- Chair of Education Committee
- Current Regional President IHSA
- Current member IHSA Standards and Ethics Committee
- Winner Coach Sportsmanship Award at 2016 IHSA Nationals
- Current Member ANRC Coach Advisory Board
- Current Member and Past-President SWVHJA Board of Directors
- Winner Guy Burkholder Sportsmanship Award 2012
- IEA Approved Judge and Steward
- Current Member IEA Rules and Ethics Committee
- Current Member IEA Show Standards Committee

Melissa Kalember, Sebastopol, CA

Melissa Kalember has been a professional trainer for over 15 years. She owns and operates Kalember Equine in Sebastopol, Ca. Melissa runs an IEA Team as well as a regular show team. She is a 'R' judge in Hunters and Equitation. She often judges at rated shows around the country. Melissa is also a judge for IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian Association). She also travels the country teaching clinics on judging and equitation. She is also a certified Equine Sports Massage Therapist of 20 years.

Melissa's intention is to help build a strong pathway to affordable shows for members. Melissa serves as Vice Chair for the USHJA National Affiliate Committee. She is also on the USHJA Regional Affiliate Committee, the USHJA Zone 10 Committee and a board member for the NorCal Hunter Jumper Association.

Harriet DeLeyer, Eastport, NY

Harriet DeLeyer grew up in a professional horse family. She has been riding, showing and training for over 50 years. Harriet has been President or Vice President of the LIPHA for the past 11 years. She was on the original Affiliates board of the USHJA and is now on the Affiliate Regional Group and Affiliate National Council. Harriet is also involved with the USHJA Zone 2 committee.

Roxanne Durant, Chagrin Falls, OH

Roxane Durant is one of the original founders of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA). She has been the full-time Executive Director of IEA since 2009. Prior to that she was Equestrian Director at The Andrews School (Host site of the 2003 USEF Pony Finals). In addition to her teaching and training experience in the hunter/jumper industry, her early experience was on show management teams for events including 1996 Atlanta Olympics, The National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden, Capitol Challenge, Fairfield Hunt Club, New York State Fair and HITS. She is an advocate for equestrian sports, particularly with regard to youth participation and is on the Interscholastic/Intercollegiate Committee of the USEF, as well as on the Affiliate Committee and Recognized Riding Academy Committee of USHJA. Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, she now resides in Chagrin Falls, Ohio (birthplace of the US Show Jumping Grand Prix).

Kat Mulkey, Madison, GA

Kat DeMas Mulkey has been a professional trainer for 27 years. She coached the University of Georgia Equestrian Team from 1994-1999. She built and opened Four Seasons Farm in Madison, Georgia in the summer of 2000. At Four Seasons, she brought along and trained numerous state, regional, and national Champion horses and riders in the hunters and jumpers. Kat is a USEF 'R' judge in Hunters, Equitation, and Hunter Breeding, and a 'r' judge in Jumpers. She judges often at rated shows around the country. She is a USHJA Certified Trainer and has been since the program's inception in 2009. She is also a Senior Certified Equine Appraiser with the American Society of Equine Appraisers, and she has been certified since 1995.

Kat believes in giving back to the industry that has given her so much. She is Vice Chair of the USHJA Children's/ Adult Hunter Task Force, she is on the USHJA Zone 4 Committee, and she currently serves on the USHJA National and Regional Affiliate Councils. She is also a Georgia Hunter Jumper Association Board member and is on the Executive Committee of that organization. She is on the IEA Zone 4 Ethics Committee, and served for several years on the Board of the Butterfly Dreams Therapeutic Riding Program.

Jill Pelzel, Fort Lupton, CO

Jill Pelzel has been riding and showing in the hunter/jumper, dressage and eventing world for 20+ years. Jill has been a member of the USHJA Zone 8 committee, participated in many USHJA programs including EAP, HQC, TCP, Championships, etc., and have been involved with our local affiliate, CHJA, for 17 years (as president the last 5 years). With her local board, they manage 1000 members and their horses, host several horse shows, a yearly USHJA member benefits clinic, and a very large and successful local medal finals. Her students compete all over Zone 8, at local and national shows, as well as hosting both an IEA

and IHSA team. She brings to the table years of experience, a BS in Business from the University of Colorado at Boulder, a level head, and a willingness to work hard for my horse show community.

Gayl Russell, Wise River, MT

Gayl Russell comes from the “Big Sky State” of Montana. She was raised riding, roping, and training cow/ranch horses while riding in the mountains caring for cattle. In 2005, she started teaching her Paint gelding to jump and the rest is history, as they say! She has been on the Montana Hunter Jumper Association Board for 13 years, holding the positions of President, Vice President, USHJA Representative and others. She has also been a USHJA Zone 9 Committee Member for 6 years and an Affiliate Regional and National Council Member for the newly formed Affiliates. In 2015, she was elected to, and continue to set on, the American Paint Horse Association Board of Directors, where she has worked to include and promote the Hunter Jumpers in Breed Showing. She continues to show her Paints and has won multiple APHA World/Reserve World titles in the Jumpers. She previously attended the first USHJA Regional Team Jumper competition held in 2013 and is working to return this year. She trains and competes her KWPN mare in the AA Jumpers, along with still showing her Paints. Four months of the summer she holds a “cowboy” position and cares for cattle on summer pasture. An average day consists of 25-60 miles per day horseback, depending on where the cattle are. When not in the mountains, training or showing her horses, she operates her Peterbilt semi -truck. She hauls trees/shrubs on a step deck or pulls a 53’ cattle pot hauling cattle as far as Tennessee. She has started her application for a C1 Steward and “r” Jumper Judge. She hopes to help bridge the gap between the true grass roots hunter/jumpers that only compete in schooling shows and the rated shows of the USHJA. She appreciates the opportunity to serve on the Affiliate Committee and look forward to all they can accomplish in the future!

Suzanne Warmack, Wimberley, TX

With 40 plus years of riding and competing under her belt, Suzanne has gained a broad range of experience. Born into a Horse Racing family (Landy Stables of Chicago, Illinois), Suzanne’s first experience on a horse was at about 18 months of age when her father put her on a horse in the Winners’ Circle at Arlington Park Race track. That was it! All she could talk about was horses from that point on. After years of pony rides, lessons began at Blue Ribbon Stables. Later, Suzanne became a member of the Wayne-DuPage Hunt Pony Club and the Wayne DuPage Hunt where she got her first taste of true horsemanship. As a junior rider, Suzanne competed all over Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, and East Coast. Over the years, Suzanne has had some amazing trainers who have influenced her education and have inspired her. Working with the likes of Tommy MacIntyre, Janet Christie, Charles McDaniel, Colonel John Russell and Richard Zimmerman on a regular basis have shaped her as a rider and competitor. Clinics have also been an important experience. Over the years, Suzanne has participated in Jumping and Equitation clinics with Conrad Homfeld, Michael Matz, Kip Rosenthal, and Jane Healey. Suzanne encourages her students to participate in clinics regularly. In 1973, Suzanne began studying Dressage at Lamplight Equestrian Center and competed in a few shows. Today, she continues to study Dressage and frequently brings FEI Level Clinicians to Bel Canto. Suzanne believes that the best trainers continue to learn, study, and share their knowledge with their students. Suzanne has competed on the THJA “A” Circuit since about 1984. Since 2000, she has proudly served on the THJA Board of Directors. She is now the newly appointed President of the THJA 2018-2020. Suzanne has been teaching since 1977. As an advanced Pony Clubber in Illinois, part of her learning experiences included working

with handicapped and disabled riders in the area. Since then, she has volunteered with Special Olympics both in Illinois and in Texas. In addition to riding, Suzanne has a career in Advertising and Marketing. She is also a Certified Personal Trainer, Marathon Coach, and musician. Suzanne can be heard playing Chamber Music with her quartet The Dripping Strings and with The Starlight Symphony Orchestra in Wimberley, Texas.

Lauren Williams, Chugiak, AK

Lydia Youssi, Delafield, WI

Patte Zumbrun, Glen Arm, MD

As the Goucher College Equestrian Director from 1987 to 2013, Patte developed one of the top varsity riding teams in the mid-Atlantic region. Goucher students competed successfully in USEF rated and non-rated horse shows, IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) competition, and the ANRC (American National Riding Commission) intercollegiate championships. She strives to promote the American System of Forward Riding which is the foundation for both her training and coaching philosophy. Patte has accomplished much in her professional career including but not limited to:

- Goucher College Equestrian Program Director, 1987 to 2013
- Goucher College Retired Emeritus
- Self-Employed Trainer / Instructor/ Clinician 2013 to present
- ANRC (American National Riding Commission) Chair
- USEF Licensed Official "R" Hunter Seat/Hunter Seat Equitation (#295179)
- IEA Approved judge / steward
- USHJA Certified Trainer
- USEF/ANRC Education Partner (Committee Member)
- USHJA National Affiliate Council Member
- 2013 winner, USHJA Affiliate Sportsmanship Southeast Regional
- 2015 IHSA Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient
- 2015 Inductee Goucher College Hall of Fame

As Chair of the American National Riding Commission (ANRC), she oversees and manages the Annual ANRC National Collegiate and High School Championships now in its 44th year along with associated educational programs.

As the IHSA National Executive Secretary (retired 2020), she project managed the creation and launch of the new IHSA website in 2018 at www.ihsainc.com and have been serving with IHSA in numerous supporting roles and capacities.