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2020 Yearbook**





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Where it all begins

Ann Haller, a Graduate H-A from Hood Pony Club gave an enormous amount of time and energy to USPC through various levels of involvement. Throughout her 25+ year involvement Ann served as an instructor, clinician, coach, National Examiner, Chief Horse Management Judge, member of the USPC Eventing and Horse Management Committees, and as a member of the USPC Board of Governors and Advisory Committee. She was honored as an Academy of Achievement inductee in 2006 and took over as Chair of the NYC Committee in 2011. Ann remained involved with the program until her passing as she was a consummate advocate for, and mentor to our youth and firmly believed in the leadership skills that this program embraces.

In Memoriam: Ann Haller



Mrs. Ann Rickard Haller passed away August 25, 2019 in Manassas, VA at the age of 56. She was born Sept 2, 1962 at Fort Benning, GA to the late Col. Daniel Rickard and Meta Stuart Fooks Rickard.

Ann is survived by her mother, Meta Fooks Rickard of Columbus, GA; her brothers Paul Rickard (Brooke) of Midland, GA and Col. Tom Rickard (Elizabeth) of Ft. Meade, MD; her aunts Mary Alice "Tuke" Shoemaker of Belton, TX and Mary Bolling Fooks Whittemore of Falmouth, ME; and her uncles Robert Fooks (Peggy) of Norfolk, VA and James Rickard (Kay) of Traverse City, MI. Ann was preceded in death by her late husband Mr. Roger Haller and by her father Col. Daniel Rickard.

Ann's love of horses and her involvement in the equestrian world began at the age of eight with the assistance of her aunt, Tuke Shoemaker, who introduced Ann to Pony Club. This grew into a lifetime passion and career, and led to her meeting and marrying a giant in the equestrian world, Roger Haller. Working both together with Roger and on her own, Ann traveled the nation and the world, working everything from local horse shows to huge international events.

Ann was involved in so many aspects of eventing and was truly at the heart of the sport. She embodied the real spirit of an eventer with a "get it done" attitude pitching in to make sure whatever needed to get done was done.

Ann worked in the press office at many events around the country including the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event, Fair Hill International, Rebecca Farm, NAYC, World Equestrian Games, and the USEA American Eventing Championships, just to name a few. She often multitasked as the cross-country controller or took on other roles as needed.





Academy of Achievement 2020 Alumni Honorees

Katy Barglow, Ph.D.

David Silver

Erin Tomson, Ph.D.



Each year several USPC alumni are inducted into the Alumni Academy of Achievement, and join the current members during the 2-1/2 day National Youth Congress. The alumni honorees play a vital role in the Congress because they bring the voice of experience into the

discussions. They listen, encourage, laugh, and commiserate with the young people, and share personal stories of success and failure, helping the youth delegates to recognize that life is filled with the unexpected and that flexibility and a sense of humor can be as important as excellent goals and plans.

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Tracy Moore Jarman
Pat Maykuth, Ph.D.
Paula Parker Raye
Henry S. Taylor
Nancy Todd, PhD

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Katy Barglow, Ph.D.

Katy Barglow is a graduate H-A (Crossroads PC, Middle California Region, 2001). She is an active National Examiner for the Dressage track, a member of the NE committee, and was a delegate at the first NYC in 1999. She is thrilled to be back this year as an alumni!

Katy earned a B.S. in Chemistry with honors and a minor in Biology in 2002 from Stanford University. From there she entered the Ph.D. program in Chemical Biology as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellow at the Scripps Research Institute. After earning her Ph.D. in 2008, Katy was awarded an American Cancer Society Post Doctoral Fellowship, and spent 3 years at UC Berkeley doing research in cancer biology & biochemistry. In 2017 she joined the leadership team of 4D Molecular Therapeutics, a gene therapy company dedicated to curing devastating diseases caused by genetic mutations. She is now VP, Process and Analytical Development and Characterization. Katy and her team are responsible for the production, purification, characterization, and analysis of the synthetic virus that carries the gene therapy product.

In spite of her busy career, Katy is an active dressage rider and trainer. Katy runs a small dressage business and her students have competed at North American Youth Championships, earned multiple United States Dressage Federation (USDF) medals, and been successful at regional and state championships. Katy holds USDF bronze, silver, and gold medals and freestyle bars, all earned on horses she has trained herself. In 2020 she plans to debut her Lusitano gelding at Intermediate 2/Grand Prix and compete two additional horses at Prix St. George and Intermediate 1. She is a United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) "R" dressage judge working towards her "S" license to become an International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI) dressage judge.

Katy also has a 6 year old son who (she hopes!) will join Pony Club in 2020. He is working towards his D-1 with his Welsh pony Charleston. Katy lives on a small farm in Walnut Creek, CA, with her husband and son along with 4 cats, 13 fish, and 4 horses, including the pony, 2 retirees, and a 2 year old filly.

David Silver

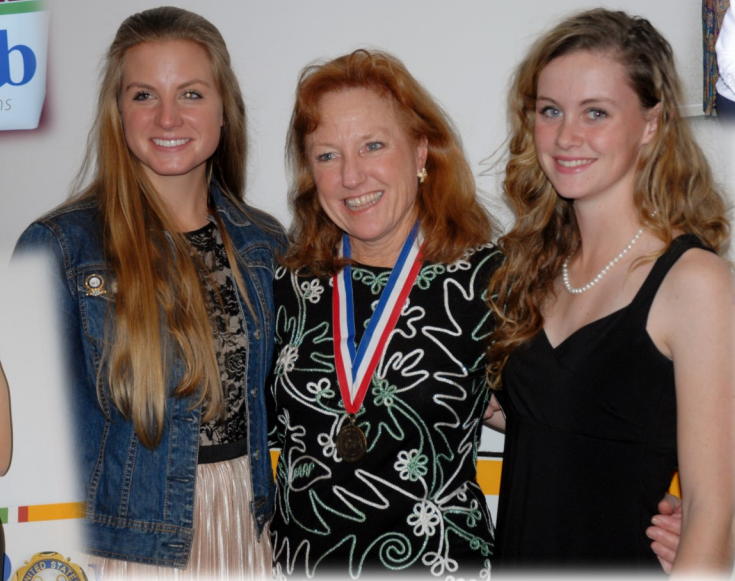
David Silver is the founder and Executive Director of Detroit Horse Power, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that teaches at-risk urban youth valuable life lessons through riding and caring for horses. David is an H-A graduate from Great Lakes Region after having achieved his B Traditional certification in the Metropolitan Region. David grew up riding in North Salem, NY as a Three Day Eventer competing through the one star level and working for Olympian Boyd Martin. He graduated from Dartmouth College and moved to Detroit through Teach For America to teach 4th and 5th grade in Detroit from 2012-2014. He received his Master's in the Art of Teaching from Oakland University in 2014.



After two years of teaching, David decided to step outside the classroom to make the character skill building opportunities he had received through working with horses available to youth like his students. Now in its 5th year of operations, Detroit Horse Power has brought hundreds of students from the city to partnering horse barns outside Detroit for summer camps that emphasize the life lessons horses can teach us: confidence, perseverance, empathy, self-control, and responsible risk-taking. Programming now continues year-round with an after-school program that continues to bring kids from Detroit to horse barns outside the city. Recently, Detroit Horse Power secured a large vacant land site within Detroit's city limits where the nonprofit will be constructing a new urban equestrian center that will make its youth programs scalable and accessible while supporting stronger Detroit communities.

Erin Tomson, Ph.D.

Erin Tomson is from Pullman, WA, and was raised on her family's horse boarding farm. She joined Palouse Hills Pony Club at the age of 7 and worked her way through the levels, earning her A certification at the age of 19. Her education began at Midway College in Kentucky, where she competed for the equestrian team in hunt seat equitation, dressage, eventing and western equitation and reining, while studying Communication. After graduating from Midway in 2001, Erin trained horses professionally for 3 years under the mentorship of Cindy Burge at Deep Creek Farm in Medical Lake, WA. In 2004, she decided to further her education and began graduate school at Washington State University (WSU). Erin earned her Master's degree in Communication in 2006, and her Ph.D. in 2010. She then joined the faculty at Oregon State University. In 2015, she returned to WSU, where she holds her current position as Clinical Assistant Professor. She is the course director for Public Speaking in the Digital Age, which enrolls about 1,000 students each semester, and she oversees the graduate teaching assistants. She also teaches Crisis Communication courses and mentors students at the undergraduate and graduate level. Erin spends her free time riding and helping her parents run their farm. Her Thoroughbred, Gus, is retired at the age of 24. Together, they competed successfully through the preliminary level for several years, and finished the training-level classic 3-day event at Rebecca Farm. Her current competition partner is a 12-year-old Holsteiner named Prim. Erin and her dad are also working together to train their Future Event Horse, a coming 3-year-old Dutch/QH cross named Sandy. Erin continues to mentor young riders, as well as actively compete and volunteer in Area VII Eventing.





The USPC National Youth Congress was established in 1998 in order to recognize outstanding older Pony Club members that have achieved a National Certification. The National Youth Congress delegates are selected yearly by their regions and come from all over the country. Two days during the USPC Equine Symposium & Convention these delegates are brought together for a series of workshops and discussions intended to expand their awareness of themselves and of the rapidly changing external world into which they will soon graduate.

The Congress provides opportunities for youth delegates to bring forward regional issues and best practices, and share ideas and experiences with other delegates, distinguished Alumni, members of the National Youth Board, and members of the USPC Board of Governors. Many proposals put forward by the National Youth Congress have inspired new programs and fresh perspectives on current programming.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS CLASS OF 2020 DELEGATES

Olivia Arbogast	<i>Portneuf Valley Pony Club, Intermountain Region</i>
Anika Baker	<i>Santa Cruz County Pony Club, Middle California Region</i>
Sarah Bonfield	<i>Cuddy Valley Pony Club, Camino Real Region</i>
Brooke Burchianti	<i>Brush Run Pony Club, Tri-State Region</i>
Parker Chance	<i>Chestnut Hill Pony Club, Maryland Region</i>
Brooke DeCant	<i>Crescent Bay Pony Club, Old Dominion Region</i>
Anna Fitzhugh	<i>Elkridge-Harford Pony Club, Maryland Region</i>
Emily Garside	<i>Bath Pony Club, Tri-State Region</i>
Nicole Hetzel	<i>Heritage Livestock Pony Club Riding Center, Midwest Region</i>
Alexis Horn	<i>Casanova-Warrenton Pony Club, Virginia Region</i>
Gibsen Kaye	<i>Misty Morning Farm Pony Club Riding Center, Lake Shore Region</i>
Addison Leckrone	<i>Woodbrook Hunt Pony Club, Northwest Region</i>
Elizabeth Margeotes	<i>Cream Ridge Pony Club, New Jersey Region</i>
Elizabeth Morgan	<i>National Member</i>
Savannah Ranes	<i>Whitebrook Farm Pony Club Riding Center, Southern California Region</i>
Claire Ristow	<i>Dune Riders Pony Club, Lake Shore Region</i>
Anderson Rogers	<i>Radnor Hunt Pony Club, Eastern Pennsylvania Region</i>
Ava Severs	<i>Grand Valley Pony Club, Rocky Mountain Region</i>
Sandra Jane Thomas	<i>Wekiva Basin Pony Club, Sunshine Region</i>
Catherine Yudow	<i>Bay Leaf Pony Club, Sunshine Region</i>



Olivia Arbogast

C-3 EV, Intermountain Region

Activities: National Honor Society officer for school’s chapter, President of the environmental club and participates in a variety of horse sports.

Future Plans: Looks forward to pursuing a career in orthopedic surgery.

Horse(s): Sparrow’s Corsaire (Miss)



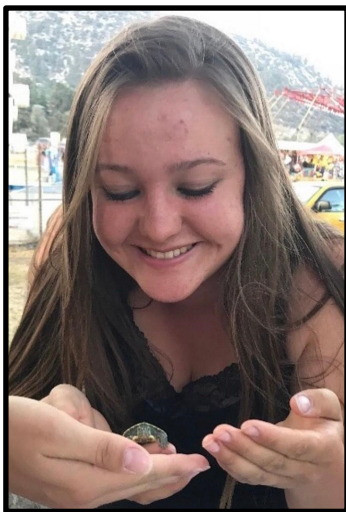
Anika Baker

C+ EV, Middle California Region

Activities: Studying Agriculture Business at Cuesta Community College. Competes in eventing and tetrathlon.

Future Plans: Transfer to Cal Poly in 2021. In next 15-20 yrs. to be working in the marketing department of an agricultural company in Monterey County and giving back to Pony Club.

Horse(s): Abright Star (Eve)



Sarah Bonfield

H-B, Camino Real Region

Activities: Senior in high school who plays basketball, in addition to riding horses. Currently competing up to training level eventing. Enjoys art.

Future Plans: To obtain her C-3 certification. Going to college and to major in Education.



Brooke Burchianti

H-A EV, Tri-State Region

Activities: Attends James Madison University studying Sports and Recreation Management and minoring in Business Economics. Secretary for the fencing and eventing sports clubs at JMU. Competed through the Intermediate level in Eventing.

Future Plans: Open her own farm to train young horses through the levels and teach lesson to young equestrians.

Horse(s): Eternal Hope



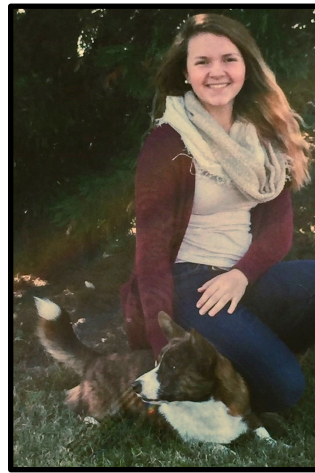
Parker Chance

C-3 EV, Maryland Region

Activities: Freshman at Wilson College majoring in Business Management with a minor in Environmental Studies. Enjoys fishing, running and kayaking with his dog Winston. Works for his father in their elevator business and started his own business making horse jumps and rails.

Future Plans: Plans to give back to Pony Club through volunteer activities.

Horse(s): Lianna



Brooke DeCant

H-B, Old Dominion Region

Activities: Currently attends the College of the Albermarle. Competed in polocrosse, dressage, show jumping and mounted games. Riding her horse with her Corgi following behind is her favorite thing to do.

Future Plans: To pursue a career in the United States Air Force or Navy as a medical doctor.

Horse(s): Roxy the Sea



Anna Fitzhugh

H-B, Maryland Region

Activities: Working student for Skyeler Voss in VA. Enjoys writing, skiing and organizing.

Future Plans: To attend the University of Delaware, while working and riding as many horses as she can. To start and run her own training farm, focusing on upper level event horse sales.

Horse(s): Desi



Emily Garside

H-B, Tri-State Region

Activities: Senior at Northwest High School, while taking college classes at the University of Akron. National Honors Society member, as well as varsity soccer team. Working at Shade Tree Farm and VanDevere Kia Dealership. Free time spent volunteering at Akron YMCA Firestone Equestrian Center and competing through training level eventing and first level dressage.

Horse(s): Blue



Nicole Hetzel

H-B, Midwest Region

Activities: Working student at TB breeding and training facility. Competes in eventing and quiz.

Future Plans: To become a professional groom, traveling to top FEI events around the country. Interested in becoming a course designer and ICP certified instructor.

Horse(s): Maxiums, Romeo and Artemis



Alexis Horn

H-HM, Virginia Region

Activities: Attends Lord Fairfax Community College. Participates in polocrosse, dressage, foxhunting, but primarily eventing. Enjoys being outdoors, reading, movies, running and yoga.

Future Plans: Running a small boarding barn on own farm and to become a National Examiner.

Horse(s): DJ



Gibsen Kaye

C+ EV, Lake Shore Region

Activities: Senior at West High School in Madison, WI with favorite class being Environmental Science. Enjoys eventing, especially the cross country.

Future Plans: Be a dental hygienist allowing time to have a farm with horses, pigs, goats and little kids running around eager to learn about horses.

Horse(s): Chase



Addison Leckrone

C-3 EV, Northwest Region

Activities: Attends Steilacoom High School and is a varsity swimmer and wrestler. Enjoys fencing, skiing, and racing cyclocross.

Future Plans: To become a member of the International Modern Pentathlon Team and to get a degree in Sports Medicine.



Elizabeth Margeotes

H-B, New Jersey Region

Activities: Attending American University majoring in Forensic Accounting and part of equestrian team. Enjoys competing in hunter/jumpers or equitation.

Future Plans: Be an active member of Pony Club.

Horse(s): Athena



Elizabeth Morgan

H-B, National Member

Activities: Sophomore at the University of Florida (UF) studying Biology and minoring in Food Science. Volunteers at UF Health Shands Hospital. Enjoys going to football games, studying and spending time with family & friends.

Future Plans: Attending UF's Pharmacy School and earning her USDF Gold Medal.

Horse(s): Salvo



Savannah Raney

H-B, Southern California Region

Activities: Graduate from Hemet High School, Hemet, CA. Activities focus on Pony Club and dressage.

Future Plans: Continue online college education so she can own and manage her own dressage program. Plans to be at the 2024 Olympics in Los Angeles.



Claire Ristow

H-B, Lake Shore Region

Activities: Currently eventing with her OTTB.

Horse: Ollivander



Annie Rogers

B EV, Eastern Pennsylvania Region

Activities: Freshman studying Chemistry at Cornell University. Involved in Cornell Catholic Community and International Affairs Society. Joined First Year Polo Team.

Future Plans: To have a successful career. Imagines she will be a National Examiner, a Pony Club parent, volunteer, DC or clinician.

Horse(s): Bo



Ava Severs

C-3 DR, Rocky Mountain Region

Activities: Senior attending Grand Junction High School. A member of her school's Speech and Debate team, as well as Mock Trial Team.

Future Plans: To have finished law school and be a criminal defense or district attorney. Continue in dressage and with Pony Club to complete H-A and A certifications.

Horse(s): Rubies to Diamonds



Sandra Jane Thomas

H EV, Sunshine Region

Activities: Graduate from Lake Sumter College. Operates an eventing barn of her own out of Rocking Horse Stables. Also, an accomplished musician.

Future Plans: To produce and ride horses to upper levels of eventing and to build a sustainable equine business.

Horse(s): Magic John and Thee Reverend



Catherine Yudow

H-B, Sunshine Region

Activities: Currently working full time at the barn where Bay Leaf Pony Club meets. Enjoys eventing and mounted games the most. Working on obtaining H-A and C-3 eventing certifications.

Future Plans: To become a DC of a Pony Club and keep generations of youth involved.

Horse(s): Rocky, Dakota and Boyscout

The National Youth Congress Committee is comprised of dedicated graduate Pony Club members, volunteers, and a staff liaison, all of whom have a desire to inspire, teach and learn from each years National Youth Congress delegates and Academy of Achievement honorees. Through this unique Congress experience, organized by the Committee, delegates and alumni gather together around a central theme with the thread of Pony Club woven throughout.

2020 NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS AND ACADEMY OF ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

Jennifer Goss, Co-Chair
Jenny Mattingley, Co-Chair
Heather Bell
Ryder Black
Cathy Frederickson
McKenzie Kielman
Connie Jehlik - Staff Liaison

Committee Member Biographies

***Heather Bell** is a graduate A, National Examiner, 4th Level Dressage and Preliminary Event rider. She has always found it exhilarating to buck tradition and embrace change - from developing her own major in college (Evolution and its theories) to reinvigorating and modernizing a carriage driving tradition during her term as Director of Riding at the University of Massachusetts; to starting American Airlines onboard recycling program after being told it would never work to traveling in and conducting biological research in countries hostile to women. Heather has just recently retired as an endangered species biologist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, where she was dubbed an "agent of change". With retirement, life is changing once again and she is exploring what the second half of her life will be - hopefully lots of time with her young but very large Irish Sport Horse, helping Pony Club members with their horses, traveling to faraway places with her family, and enjoying life! Heather currently resides in Conifer, Colorado, with her husband, has two horses and a couple of lazy cats. Heather was inducted into the Academy of Achievement in 2013.

***Ryder Black** has been in Pony Club since 2010, and has participated in numerous rallies and events. Ryder is a member of the Woodbrook Hunt Pony Club in the Northwest Region and holds an H-B certification. Outside of Pony Club, he has earned his hunt colors with Woodbrook Hunt Club, and takes pleasure rides in the mountains near his home. Ryder serves as a National Youth Board Delegate as the Technology Coordinator. He enjoys riding, backpacking, sailing, Spanish classical guitar, photography and reading.

***Cathy Frederickson** Cathy has been a National Examiner for over 20 years and became a graduate A Pony Club member in 1975. She joined Fresno Pony Club at the age of 7 where she was active as a member and then as an instructor until moving to the east coast in 1983 with her husband Allan. Her college years were spent at Fresno State University as a History major. Cathy's competitive experiences encompass CT/Eventing through Advanced level and dressage through 3rd Level. While living in England, she was able to study with Col. Wm. Froud and take the BHS Instructor's exam, as well as doing a little competing. Cathy now trains and teaches professionally in Virginia, based at Millwood Farm, specializing in educating horses and riders. She competes young horses and fox hunts regularly, and coaches aspiring competitors. Her favorite thing about being an NE is the travel. She especially appreciates and enjoys the dedication and enthusiasm of the national level candidates as she watches them progress through the levels. Cathy's son, Sam, is an H-B graduate and a US Marine.

Jennifer Goss is a high school Social Studies teacher in Staunton, Virginia and a nationally-recognized Holocaust educator. She holds a Master's degree in Holocaust and Genocide Studies and is a United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Teacher Fellow and has delivered Holocaust education and done outreach on behalf of USHMM. In addition to her work for USHMM, Jennifer also does trainings for the ADL's Echoes & Reflections Holocaust program and consulting work for a variety of Holocaust-related organizations including the USC-Shoah Foundation. In 2014, Jennifer was nominated for 2 Emmy Awards related to her work as a producer and screenwriter for the film, *Misa's Fugue*, which tells the story of Holocaust survivor, Frank Grunwald. The mother of a future Pony Club member, Jennifer continues to ride and looks forward to getting back into actively competing in the upcoming year with her new OTTB. An H-A graduate of Berks Pony Club, Jennifer continues to volunteer as the Secretary, a clinician and examiner for the Glenmore Hunt Pony Club and as the Regional Secretary for the Old Dominion Region. In 2015, Jennifer was inducted into the USPC Academy of Achievement bringing her NYC experience as one of the original delegates in 1999 (& 2000) full circle. In addition to her professional and equine-related activities, Jennifer and her husband also enjoy restoring classic cars and traveling.

***McKenzie Kielman** is from Waverly, IA and is a member of Silver Bits Pony Club in the North Central Prairie Region. Holding diverse certifications of D-3 Traditional, C-1 Dressage, C-2 Hunt Seat, and being an H-B, she has enjoyed the variety of opportunities Pony Club has given her to grow in her riding and knowledge. McKenzie just graduated in December of 2018 from Wartburg College in the Department of Journalism and Communications with specialties in Public Relations and Digital Cinema, along with minors in Creative Writing and Leadership. Continuing her involvement with horses, she is a founding member and secretary of the North Central Prairie Region Junior Board, and is a past Chair for the National Youth Board.

***Jennifer Mattingley** currently operates her own consulting practice focusing on management consulting, strategy and business development for organizations focused on the federal sector. Before leaving the federal government, Jenny was the Executive Director of the Performance Improvement Council (PIC). In that role she oversaw the operations and strategic direction of the programs and staff. Concurrent with her work on the PIC, Jenny spent three years as the Director of the White House Leadership Development Program (WHLDP). Her role included extensive collaboration with stakeholders, including agencies, OMB, EOP Policy Councils, OPM, the PIC, and the Office of Executive Councils to create an innovative leadership development program. Prior to joining GSA in April 2015, Jenny spent seven years at the federal employment law firm Shaw, Bransford & Roth, P.C. A non-lawyer, Jenny served as the Firm's Director of Government Affairs and implemented comprehensive policy, communications and legislative strategies for a variety of federal employee organizations, including serving as Legislative Director for the Senior Executives Association. Jenny has also served as the Director of Communications and Membership Services for a national winery trade association. Prior to moving to Washington, DC, Jenny worked in the Oregon State Legislature and managed state-level political campaigns. Jenny is a C-3 Pony Club graduate and holds a B.A. in Art History (Whitman College) and an M.A. in International Affairs (George Washington University). Jenny lives with her husband and two children in Arlington, VA.

***Connie Jehlik (staff liaison)** joined the staff of USPC in June of 2010 as Instruction Services Director. She holds a B.S. degree and teaching certificate in Agricultural Education and Middle School Science from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA. She also holds a Masters of Education in Instructional Design. Connie taught middle school science and high school agriculture for a total of 22 years. She joined Contra Costa Pony Club when she was 11 years old and received her A from Morgan Territory Pony Club. Connie has stayed active in Pony Club through the years by being involved as a Chief Horse Management Judge, DC of Hoofbeats Pony Club, and HMO for Sierra Pacific and Midsouth Regions. Connie has been married to Michael since 1984 and they have two daughters, Molly and Mary both Pony Club graduates. Connie and Michael own a farm in Mount Sterling, Kentucky where they enjoy the outdoors and spending time with family as they are new grandparents.

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