



2009-10 Roster

Name	Class	Discipline	Event	Hometown (High School)
Alex Arute	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation Over Fences	Avon, Conn. (Miss Porters)
Carly Babcock	Sr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation	Deer Harbor, Wash. (Orcas Island)
Amy Biffle	Sr.	Western	Horsemanship & Reining	Orange Grove, Texas (Gregory Portland)
Emily Bookwalter	Sr.	Western	Horsemanship	Fillmore, Ind. (South Putnam)
Nicole Bourgeois	Sr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation Over Fences	Sherwood, Ore. (Sherwood)
Tilden Brighton	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Rumson, N.J. (Rumson-Fair Haven)
Jeanette Collins	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Greenville, S.C. (JL Mann)
Hannah Coviello	Fr.	Western	Reining	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (Capistrano Valley)
Paige Dekko	So.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
Elizabeth Fagan	Fr.	Western	Horsemanship	Danvers, Mass. (Bishop Fenwick)
Maggie Fortune	So.	Western	Horsemanship	Hartford, Conn. (Kingswood-Oxford)
Alex Foster	Jr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Augusta, Ga. (Augusta Prep)
Kayla Gamble	Fr.	Western	Horsemanship & Reining	Hilliard, Ohio (Hilliard Darby)
Chloe Gray	Jr.	Western	Reining	Tampa, Fla. (Braulio Alonso)
Sara Green	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Sherborn, Mass. (Dover-Sherborn)
Alex Haskell	Sr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation	Cincinnati, Ohio (Indian Hill)
Colvin Hedgepeth	So.	Hunter Seat	Equitation	Beaverdam, Va. (Patrick Henry)
Logan Holler	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Columbia, S.C. (AC Flora)
Audrey Jewell	Fr.	Western	Reining	Monroe, Ga. (George Walton Academy)
Eleanor Kunsman	Sr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation Over Fences	Flemington, N.J. (Centenary College)
Megan Massaro	Sr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Summerfield, Fla. (Bellview)
Kimberly McCormack	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Clermont, N.J. (Wildwood Catholic)
Annie Laurie McDonald	So.	Western	Reining	Maiden, Va. (Trinity Episcopal)
Victoria Middleton	Jr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation	Marietta, Ga. (Kell)
Melissa Mull	Fr.	Western	Reining	Burke, Va. (Lake Braddock)
Amanda Pope	Fr.	Western	Reining	Portal, Ga. (Portal)
Abbey Rohde	Jr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation Over Fences	Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton)
Lydia Roof	Jr.	Western	Reining	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington/Stephen F. Austin)
Taylor Singmaster	So.	Western	Horsemanship	Lansdale, Pa. (Bradenton Prep)
Katie Stenberg	Sr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation Over Fences	Rehoboth, Mass. (St. Mary's Acad.)
Kelsey Stangebye	Fr.	Western	Horsemanship	Geneva, Ill. (Indian U. Distance)
Hailey Thornton	Jr.	Western	Horsemanship	Mishawaka, Ind. (Penn)
Sarah Ward	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation Over Fences	Atlanta, Ga. (The Galloway School)
Kyla West	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation	Carmel Valley, Calif. (Robert Louis Stevenson)
Head Coach: Boo Major		Western Coach: Ruth Sorrel		Hunter Seat Coach: Alixe Schwartz



ALEX ARUTE

FRESHMAN
 AVON, CONN.
 (MISS PORTERS)
 EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

High School: Qualified for the 2008 USEF Show Jumping Talent Search ... Ranked eighth overall in the Bates Equitation Rankings with an eighth place ranking in the USEF High Junior Jumpers category and sixth place ranking in Junior Jumper wins ... Vermont Summer Festival Small Junior Hunter Division Circuit Champion ... Was the High Junior Jumper champion at the Lake Placid Horse Show ... Named 2007 Circuit Champion at Vermont Summer Festival and reserve champion at the National Horse Show ... Earned championships at the Winter Equestrian Festival and Lake Placid Horse Show ... 2005 Washington International Horse Show and Pennsylvania National Horse Show champion.

Personal: Full name is Alexandra Arute ... Majoring in business ... Chose USC over Auburn, Georgia and Tulane ... Born January 30, 1991 ... Trained by Missy Clark ... Has two sisters, Sara and Victoria ... Parents are Wayne and Lori Arute.



CARLY BABCOCK

SENIOR
 DEER HARBOR, WASH.
 (ORCAS ISLAND)
 EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

2008-09: In her first year as a regular, went undefeated in the regular season in equitation on the flat with an 8-0-2 record with two MVP rides ... Earned nation's No. 3 seed to individual championships ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Rode to a season best score of 91 in her first ride of the year against Baylor ... Earned her first collegiate MVP ride with a score of 88 at TCU ... Her second MVP ride came at Fresno State in a 62-50 win ... Went 1-2 in team competition at VENC's with a win against Georgia ... In the individual championship bracket, defeated Oklahoma State's Samantha Collingsworth before dropping the semifinal round ... SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2007-08: Rode in four events in equitation, finishing the season with two consecutive wins to post an even 2-2 record ... Defeated Kansas State 77-68 for her high point score of the season ... Took a 74-53 victory against Sacred Heart ... SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2006-07: Had a solid freshman campaign, going 6-1 in seven equitation event ... Highest point spread in equita-

tion against Stephen F. Austin ... Recorded an 88-65 victory against Stephen F. Austin, her high point score of the season ... Opened the season with six consecutive victories ... Member of the S.E.C. team ... Named to SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll.

High School: 2006 graduate of Orcas Island H.S. ... Won the Flat and Fences Classes at the 2005 College Bound Invitational ... The 2004 Central Texas Hunter/Jumper Association High Point Rider ... The CTHJA Junior Equitation Year End Champion ... CTHJA Reserve Champion Junior Hunter ... In 2004, she was the Texas Hunter/Jumper Association Children/Adult Medal Champion and Children's Equitation Champion ... Was the 2005 Washington State Hunter/Jumper Association Children's Equitation Champion and Children's Hunter Champion.

Personal: Major is business management ... Was born March 30, 1988 ... Brother, Jackson, played baseball at Central Christian College ... Parents are Joe and Susan Babcock.



AMY BIFFLE

SENIOR
 ORANGE GROVE, TEXAS
 (GREGORY PORTLAND)
 HORSEMANSHIP & REINING

2008-09: Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Competed in horsemanship and reining ... Earned MVP honors in horsemanship with a 77 at UT Martin ... Went 4-6 in reining with wins against Kansas State, TCU, Fresno State and Delaware State ... High score of the season in reining came in 72.5-72 win against Kansas State ... Had a horsemanship high score of 77 against TCU ... SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2007-08: Was one of four Western riders to compete in all regular and postseason competitions ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Went 10-8-1 overall with a 9-7-1 record in horsemanship and a 1-1 record in reining ... Named horsemanship MVP in consecutive rides against Delaware State and Sacred Heart to end the regular season ... Recorded a 73.5-73 horsemanship victory over Auburn for her

high point score of the season ... Took a season opening 71-69.5 victory over eventual Western national champion TCU ... Also recorded wins against South Dakota State, Kansas State and Georgia ... Went 3-3 in the postseason with wins over Auburn twice and Stephen F. Austin ... SEC Academic Honor Roll.


2006-07: Rode in five events and went 3-2...Won her first collegiate events with a 72-71.5 victory over Stephen F. Austin...Recorded victories in horsemanship and reining at TCU...Posted a 2-0 record in reining...Named to SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll.

High School: The 2002 Texas Quarter Horse Youth Association All-Around Champion...The 2000 and 2002 Congress Champion in Trail...A five-time national qualifier for Youth World...Acquired superiors in Open Trail, Youth Trail and Horsemanship...Has three top ten finishes at Youth World in trail...Graduated from Gregory-Portland H.S.

Personal: Majoring in biology, pre-med ... Was coached by Brad and Stephanie Jewett ... Chose USC over Georgia and Texas A&M ... Sister Katy graduated from team in 2008 ... Daughter of Larry and Pat Biffle.

Award, and USAA National Achievement Academy Award.
Personal: Birthday is July 1, 1987 ... Has two brothers, Tim and Andrew ... Chose USC over Texas A&M, Georgia, Butler, Miami of Ohio and Indiana ... Parents are Tim and Mary Jo Bookwalter.




	EMILY BOOKWALTER
	CAPTAIN
	SENIOR
	FILLMORE, IND.
	(SOUTH PUTNAM) HORSEMANSHIP

2008-09: Competed regularly for the first time and was a member of the S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Went 7-6-2 on the year in horsemanship ... Earned a 74.5-69 win at UT Martin ... Defeated Auburn 71-70 before earning her first MVP ride in a 76.5-71.5 win against Georgia ... Also earned wins against Fresno State and Delaware State to end the regular season with four straight wins ... Earned wins against TCU and Kansas State at VENC's ... SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2007-08: Competed in three horsemanship and one reining event ... Recorded horsemanship victories against Auburn and Sacred Heart ... High score of 71.5 in a ride at Georgia ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2006-07: Competed in horsemanship against Stephen F. Austin and reining against Oklahoma State ...Named to SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll.

High School: Recorded five top ten finishes at the Quarter Horse Congress in Western Pleasure, Horsemanship and Trail...Was a three-time qualifier for the Quarter Horse Youth World in Western Pleasure, Horsemanship and Trail...Was a member of the National Honor Roll and was an All-American Scholar...The recipient of the USAA International Foreign Language Award, USAA National History and Government

	NICOLE BOURGEOIS
	SENIOR
	SHERWOOD, ORE.
	(SHERWOOD)
	EQUITATION OVER FENCES

2008-09: Competed in 14 events in equitation over fences, going 9-4-1 with two MVP rides ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Earned nation's No. 6 seed in the individual equitation over fences VENC bracket ... Defeated Georgia's Emma Lipman 90-81.5 for highest score of the season and her first MVP ride of the year ... Swept the Bulldogs in the regular season with a win over Kacy Jenkins as well ... Earned MVP honors in 83-75 win at Fresno State ... Largest margin of victory came in 77-66 win against TCU ... Went undefeated in team competition at VENC's with a 2-0-1 record, courtesy of wins against Baylor and Oklahoma State with a tie against Georgia ... SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2007-08: Competed in 13 events in equitation over fences, going 8-5 on the season ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Posted an 85-45 victory in an MVP ride against Oklahoma State for her high score of the season and largest margin of victory ... Went 2-0 at the S.E.C.'s with an MVP ride against Auburn and win against Georgia ... Improved with each round at the VENC's, finishing with a 166-150 win against Baylor and a 2-1 record at nationals.

2006-07: Member of the National Champion Hunt Seat Team...One of USC's top returning English riders...Competed in nine events, going 8-1-1 in equitation over fences... Posted a 3-0 record at VENC's...Tied Georgia 89-89 for her highest point total...Won her final event of the season at the VENC's, 169-140, against Georgia...Named to SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll.

High School: A two-time USEF champion...Was ranked

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second in the country in Large Junior Hunters (16-17)...Was named the 2006 Grand Circuit Champion Junior Hunter 16-17 at Indio...The 2006 Circuit Reserve Champion in Equitation, 16-17...Qualified for the USEF medal and Maclay finals...In 2005, she was the USEF Zone 9 Large Hunter 16-17 champion and the Medal champion...A Maclay Regional Champion... The Oregon Hunter Jumper Association Junior Hunter Champion Zone 9 WCHR Junior Hunter rider.

Personal: Major is retail...Born July 7, 1988...Parents are Geoff and Sheryl Bourgeois...Has a sister, Kendall, and a brother, Kyle...Chose USC over Texas A&M and Oregon.



TILDEN BRIGHTON

FRESHMAN
RUMSON, N.J.
(RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN)
EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

High School: In 2008, won every equitation class at least once at the Wellington Horse Show ... Named champion in the High Children's Jumpers division at the Lake Placid and Hampton Classic ... Qualified in 2008 at the Harrisburg Medal Finals, Washington Equitation and USET Finals ... Named 2006 Reserve Champion at HBO Medal Finals ... Claimed first place in Large Pony Hunter Over Fences at 2006 USEF Pony Finals ... Reserve Champion High Score in Welsh Pony Hunter at USEF Pony Finals.

Personal: Full name is Tilden Vierling Brighton ... Undecided major ... Chose USC over Auburn and Georgia ... Born June 28, 1991 ... Trained by Stacia Madden ... Has two sisters, Piper and Kendall ... Parents are Avery and Chris Brighton.



JEANETTE COLLINS

FRESHMAN
GREENVILLE, S.C.
(JL MANN)
EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

High School: Qualified for Maclay Regionals in 2008 and 2007 ... Won the 2008 Governor's Cup final ... Won the Palmetto Medal Final in 2007 ... Qualified for Pessoa/USEF Medal Finals at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show in 2008.

Personal: Full name is Jeanette Lee Collins ... Majoring in business ... Chose USC over Auburn and College of Charleston ... Born June 6, 1990 ... Has one sister, Nora ... Parents are Greg and Barb Collins.



HANNAH COVIELLO

FRESHMAN
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CALIF.
(CAPISTRANO VALLEY)
REINING

High School: Two-time AQHA Youth Sun and Surf Circuit Champion (2008-09) ... AQHA and NRHA Youth Showtime Champion ... Named 2008 AQHA Novice Youth Pink Classic Circuit Champion ... Was the Sun and Surf High Point novice reiner ... A 2009 NRHA Youth Affiliate Regional qualifier ... 2007 IEL Champion and a 2009 CRHA winner.

Personal: Full name is Hannah Coviello ... Majoring in business ... Chose USC over Auburn, Kansas State and Oklahoma State ... Born May 12, 1991 ... Trained by Angela Miller ... Has two sisters and one brother ... Parents are Robert and Jane Coviello.



PAIGE DEKKO

SOPHOMORE
NAPLES, FLA.
(BARRON COLLIER)
EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

2008-09: Competed in four events in equitation over fences with a 2-2 record ... Opened her collegiate career with an 86-72 win against Kansas State ... Defeated Sacred Heart 74-56 ... Named to SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

High School: Won 2007 Class in Small and Large Junior Hunters at Washington, Harrisburg and Capital Challenge...2006 and 2007 Large Pony Hunter Circuit Cham-

pion HITS Culpeper...Named 2006 Circuit Champion HITS Saugerties in Large Pony Hunters...Large Pony Hunter Circuit Champion Jacksonville in 2005...2006 USEF National Champion, 2006 Zone 4 Champion and 2005 National Reserve Champion in Large Pony Hunters...Named Best Child Rider at the Devon Horse Show in 2006...Earned three Grand Champion awards at the Washington International Horse Show (2003, 2006) and Devon Horse Show (2006).

Personal: Full name is Paige Elise Dekko...Born June 12, 1990...Major is business...Chose USC over Wake Forest, Brown, Babson and Cornell...Trained by Don Stewart...Has one older brother, Chase...Parents are Tad and Pat Dekko.



ELIZABETH FAGAN

FRESHMAN
DANVERS, MASS.
(BISHOP FENWICK)
HORSEMANSHIP

High School: Named the 2007 European Appaloosa Champion ... A Top Ten Novice Youth Hunter under saddle at the Appaloosa Youth Worlds in 2007 ... Earned multiple top ten placing at the European Appaloosa Championships in Aachen, Germany ... Multiple "Leading the Nation" points earned from Appaloosa shows.

Personal: Full name is Elizabeth Grace Fagan ... Majoring in international studies ... Chose USC over Connecticut, Massachusetts and George Washington ... Born October 16, 1990 ... Trained by Janna Flynn and Cecily Zuidema ... Parents are Douglas and Jeanne Fagan.



MAGGIE FORTUNE

SOPHOMORE
HARTFORD, CONN.
(KINGSWOOD-OXFORD)
HORSEMANSHIP

2008-09: Went 6-8-1 in horsemanship with two MVP rides ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Earned an MVP honor in her first collegiate competition when she defeated Kansas State's Laura Browne 73.5-71 ... Rode to a draw against Auburn at 73.5 ... Later defeated Auburn's Courtney Kobak 69.5-68 ... Earned 71.5-69 win against Georgia ... Grabbed her second MVP honor in her ride at the S.E.C.'s despite dropping the match by a close score of 148-145 ... Went 2-2 at VENC's with wins against South Dakota State and TCU ... Named to SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

High School: Five-time finalist at American Quarter Horse Association Youth World Championships with four top 10 finishes from 2006-09 in Western Horsemanship, Trail and Showmanship ... Five top 10 finishes at All-American Quar-

ter Horse Congress ... Reserve High Point honors at 2007 Congress ... Earned AQHA Performance Champion designation and is a former High Point Year-End Youth Champion in Connecticut and Massachusetts ... 2006 AQHA Region horsemanship champion ... National director of AQHA Youth Association and president of Connecticut Youth Association.

Personal: Born April 8, 1990 ... History major ... Chose USC over Rochester, George Washington, Pittsburgh and American University ... Trained by Geno Spagnola and Gretchen Mathes of Powder Brook Farm in Harwinton, Conn. ... Parents are Charles and Grace Fortune.



ALEX FOSTER

JUNIOR
AUGUSTA, GA.
(AUGUST PREP)
EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

2008-09: Competed in two events in equitation over fences and earned a 75-69 win against Sacred Heart ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2007-08: Defeated opponent in equitation over fences at Delaware State, 81-80 ... Named to SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

High School: The 2005 South Carolina Hunter Jumper Association Reserve Champion in the Junior Division ... SCHJA Sportsmanship Award winner ... Earned the Progressive Show Jumping Jr. Medal and the PSJ 15-17 Equitation Year-End championship ... Named the 2006 Palmetto Medal Final Reserve Champion and the PSJ Junior Hunter Year-End Reserve Champion.

Personal: Full name is Alexandra Lee Foster...Born on July 31, 1989...Majoring in political science...Chose USC over Georgia...Parents are Sharon Foster and the late David Foster.

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KAYLA GAMBLE

FRESHMAN
 HILLIARD, OHIO
 (HILLIARD DARBY)
 HORSEMANSHIP & REINING

High School: Named 2009 IEA national champion in horsemanship ... Four-time All-American Youth Horse Show top 10 finalist (2005-08) ... Three-time Ohio State Fair qualifier, earning top 10 finishes in horsemanship each time ... 2006 Reserve Champion in horsemanship at the Ohio State Fair ... Four-year and inaugural participant of her school's Inter-scholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) team ... Four-time IEA national qualifier ... 2007 IEA reserve national champion in horsemanship and reining ... Also competed in gymnastics and was a 2008 all-state qualifier for floor exercise.

Personal: Full name is Kayla Gamble ... Majoring in exercise science ... Born March 26, 1991 ... Trained by Ollie and Debbie Griffith ... Has one brother ... Parents are Chris and Kriste Gamble.



CHLOE GRAY

JUNIOR
 TAMPA, FLA.
 (BRAULIO ALONSO)
 REINING

2008-09: Had another successful season as South Carolina's top reiner and participated in every regular and post-season competition except for one ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Went 10-6 on the year with two MVP rides ... Posted a 4-1 record in postseason competition ... Had high score of 76 in ride against TCU ... Earned MVP honors in 75.5-72.5 win at UT Martin ... Defeated Auburn's Ashton Fairey 72-71.5 for second MVP ride ... Earned a 142-141.5 win against national No. 6 seed Sarah Locker of Georgia in the S.E.C. first round ... Defeated South Dakota State, TCU and Baylor at VENC's ... Bronze medalist at USEF Medal finals ... Placed ninth at NRHA Collegiate Reining Championships after earning an invitation for the second consecutive year ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2007-08: Enjoyed a solid freshman season in reining as one of four riders to participate in all regular and postseason competitions ... Member of the S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Went 8-8-1 on the year ... Defeated New Mexico State 75-71 for high score of the season ... Also posted wins against Auburn, South Dakota State, Georgia, New Mexico State and Delaware State ... Went 2-2 at the VENC's with first and second round wins against Stephen F. Austin and Oklahoma State ... Placed seventh at NRHA Collegiate Reining Championships ... Named SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

High School: Was the No. 1 ranked rider in the Florida Reining Horse Association (FRHA) Youth 14-18 category in 2007 ... Fifth nationally in the 2007 National Reining Horse Association Youth 14-18 standings ... 2006 FRHA Affiliate Youth 14-18 Champion ... Was the 2005 FRHA Affiliate Intermediate Non-Pro Champion, the FRHA Youth 14-18 Champion and the FRHA Reserve Champion Intermediate Non-Pro ... Placed 16th nationally at the 2005 NRHA 14-18 event ... Placed seventh at the 2004 NRHA Eastern Regional Affiliate Championship Show...2003 FRCHA Junior Limited Champion, NRCHA Eastern Region Junior Limited Champion and NRCHA Reserve National Champion – Junior Limited.

Personal: Born February 28, 1989 ... Majoring in business ... Considered Georgia and Texas A&M before choosing USC ... Parents are Marshall and the late Laura Gray.



SARA GREEN

FRESHMAN
 SHERBORN, MASS.
 (DOVER-SHERBORN)
 EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

High School: Led the country in Small Junior in 2006 and was named the Junior Hunter Finals champion ... Won the 2006 NEEC Junior Equitation finals ... Named Grand Junior Hunter Champion at Washington ... Named 2007 USET Vermont Circuit Equitation champion ... Won Region III at Maclay ... Named 15 and Under Equitation Champion at the Capital Challenge ... In 2008, placed eighth at the Pessoa/USEF Hunter Seat Equitation Medal finals in addition to taking 11th overall at the WIHS Equitation Finals.

Personal: Full name is Sara Elizabeth Green ... Majoring in business ... Chose USC over SMU, and Skidmore ... Born February 15, 1991 ... Trained by Emil Spadone ... Has one sister and one brother ... Parents are Ben and Debbie Green.



ALEX HASKELL

SENIOR
CINCINNATI, OHIO
(INDIAN HILL)
EQUITATION

2008-09: Competed in 11 events in equitation on the flat and earned an MVP ride against Georgia at the S.E.C.'s ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Has only dropped one regular season match at One Wood Farm in her career ... Posted season opening 81 in win against Kansas State to open the season ... Defeated UT Martin 70-63 ... Earned 82-70 win against Georgia for high score of the season ... Competed against Georgia at VENC's ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2007-08: Rode in 13 events, posting a 6-5-2 record ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Earned an 81-0 forfeit win against Georgia for high score of the season ... Registered ties against TCU and Georgia ... Named equitation MVP in 77-68 ride at Delaware State ... Posted season ending victories against Fresno State and Baylor at the VENC's ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Chosen as USHJA Youth Council rep.

2006-07: Did not lose a head-to-head match, going 4-0-1... Scored a high point total 89 in win against SMU...Posted wins over TCU and Stephen F. Austin in the flat...Went 1-0 over fences with a win against Auburn...Tied Georgia 81-81...Named to SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

High School: Qualified and competed in USEF Medal and Maclay...Was ranked among the top 100 U.S. riders on the Bates Equitation ranking list...Awarded Reserve Champion in Zone V Horsemanship at the Kentucky National...Was one of only 16 riders in the country to win the Champion or Reserve honor in horsemanship at the Kentucky National... Won ribbons at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Washington International Horse Show and Capital Challenge...Received regional awards such as High Point Junior Rider for both the Ohio Hunter Jumper Association and Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association...Named Kentucky Equitation Champion and Kentucky Medal Finals Champion.

Personal: Birthday is Nov. 5, 1987 ... Major is business ... Parents are Martin and Valerie Haskell.



COLVIN HEDGEPEETH

SOPHOMORE
BEAVERDAM, VA.
(PATRICK HENRY)
EQUITATION

2008-09: Competed against Sacred Heart where she earned a 75-58 victory in equitation on the flat ... Named to SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

High School: 2007 HITS Culpepper Older Children's Hunter Circuit Champion...Placed 3rd at 2007 VHSA Childrens Medal Finals...Placed 8th at 2007 VHSA Equitation on the Flat Finals...Placed 5th at 2007 USEF Zone 3 Equitation Final...Finished 3rd overall for 2007 VHSA Older Children's Hunter...Finished 6th overall for 2007 USEF Zone 3 Older Children's Hunter...Qualified for VHSA Children's Medal Finals from 2004-07.

Personal: Full name is Ansley Colvin Hedgepeth ... Born January 5, 1990 ... Majoring in public relations ... Chose USC over Auburn and LSU ... Trained by Teddi Ismond Harpman ... Has two older siblings, Shelby and Banks ... Parents are Tom and Jennifer Hedgepeth.



LOGAN HOLLER

FRESHMAN
COLUMBIA, S.C.
(AC FLORA)
EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

High School: Named the 2008 Palmetto Medal Finals champion, Progressive Show Jumping champion and South Carolina Hunter Jumper Association Regular Working Hunter champion ... Named the 2008 PSJ Medal Final's reserve champion ... Was 2007 Hoffman an Wieran Working Hunter Perpetual Trophy grand champion and Governor's Cup Medal Finals champion ... 2005 PSJ and SCHJA Pre Child Adult Equitation and Hunter champion ... Was 2003 PSJ and SCHJA Short Stirrup Hunter and Equitation champion ... Also lettered in volleyball and soccer, earning All-Region honors in soccer two times (2008-09) ... Named WLTX Player of the Week for soccer.

Personal: Full name is Logan Elizabeth Holler ... Majoring in retailing ... Chose USC over Oklahoma State, UT Martin, Delaware State, Georgia and Auburn ... Trained by Mary Jackson ... Born August 16, 1991 ... Parents are James "Punky" and Renee Holler ... Father played fullback on the South Carolina football team from 1960-62 before playing two seasons in the NFL after being drafted by the Green Bay Packers.

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AUDREY JEWELL

FRESHMAN
 MONROE, GA.
 (GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY)
 REINING

High School: Named APHA Reserve National Champion in Hunter Over Fences and Equitation Over Fences ... 2005-08 Georgia Regional Champion in Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Huntseat Equitation ... Qualified for Appaloosa Youth Worlds ... Top 10 finisher and named reserve World Champion in Working Hunter ... Also lettered in track and field and participated in the color guard.

Personal: Full name is Audrey Ann Jewell ... Majoring in theatre ... Chose USC over Georgia, West Georgia and Georgia College & State University ... Born December 29, 1990 ... Trained by Dave and Kim Moore ... Has one brother and one sister ... Parents are Kevin and Jaime Jewell.

Personal: Transferred from Centenary College (N.J.) ... Born September 15, 1988 ... Has a brother, Jack, and a sister, Megan ... Parents are Lenny and Kathy Kunsman.



MEGAN MASSARO

SENIOR
 SUMMERFIELD, FLA.
 (BELLVIEW)
 EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

2008-09: Had one of the strongest seasons in Gamecock history en route to a 22-4-3 overall record – a .810 win percentage ... Added 10 MVP rides to her total, including three competitions where she swept Hunter Seat MVP honors (Kansas State, Texas A&M, Delaware State) ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Named the nation's top seed in equitation on the flat after posting a 12-1-2 record with four MVP rides ... Was named a first alternate (No. 9 seed) in equitation on the fences with a 10-3-1 record and six MVP rides ... Went undefeated in team competition in the postseason with a 7-0-1 record at S.E.C.'s and VENC's ... In equitation on the flat, earned MVP rides against Kansas State, Texas A&M, Sacred Heart and Delaware State ... Earned largest margin of victory in 92-68 win against Kansas State and high score in 93-79 win at Baylor ... Only loss on the flat was due to a disqualification at Georgia ... In equitation over fences, earned MVP rides against Kansas State, TCU, Texas A&M, Auburn, Delaware State and Georgia ... High score in 92-80 win against Auburn ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2007-08: One of South Carolina's top returning Hunter Seat riders, competed in all regular and postseason competitions, posting a 12-11 overall record ... Member of the S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Went 8-7 in equitation over fences with three MVP rides coming against Auburn twice and at Kansas State. ... Defeated Auburn 90-63 for high score of the season ... Went 4-4 in equitation on the flat with wins against South Dakota State, New Mexico State and Auburn ... Defeated New Mexico State 90-78 for equitation high score of the season ... Posted a 145-135 victory against eventual Hunter Seat national champion Auburn at the VENC's in equitation over fences ... Recorded a 170-148 win against Fresno State at the VENC's ... SEC Academic Honor Roll.



ELEANOR KUNSMAN

SENIOR
 FLEMINGTON, N.J.
 (CENTENARY COLLEGE)
 EQUITATION OVER FENCES

2008-09: Posted a 6-5-1 record in equitation over fences ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Had high score against Kansas State in 85-80 win to open season ... Largest margin of victory came in 82-72 win over Auburn's Jessica Braswell ... Also posted regular season wins against Texas A&M and TCU ... Recorded a tie at Fresno State ... Defeated Oklahoma State and national No. 2 seed Lisa Goldman of Baylor at the VENC's ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2007-08: Competed in 13 events and finished with a 6-5-2 record ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Defeated New Mexico State 87.5-70 for high score of the season ... Also defeated South Dakota State, Kansas State and Sacred Heart ... Posted a 71-68 win against Auburn at the S.E.C.'s ... Defeated Baylor 167-163 in final ride of the season at the VENC's ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

At Centenary: Was the 2007 Individual Collegiate American National Riding Commission Champion...Finished seventh at the 2006 USEF Medal Finals...Posted a Top 20 finish at the 2006 Maclay Finals...Helped lead Centenary College to a second place finish at the ANRC Intercollegiate Riding Championships...Team earned a fifth place showing at the IHSA National Horse Show.

2006-07: Had a solid freshman campaign, posting a 9-2 record over fences...Member of S.E.C. team and Hunter Seat National Champion team...Defeated Auburn 81-79 at S.E.C.'s...Went 2-1 at VENC's, posting wins over Auburn and Georgia...Recorded seven straight victories in the spring season...High point score of the year was 88 when she earned over fences MVP against Stephen F. Austin.

High School: The 2005 Circuit Champion- HITS for Ocala, Fla., Culpepper, Va., and Saugerties, N.Y. ... Won the Junior Hunter Finals at the Washington Equitation Finals ... Named Reserve Grand Jr. Hunter Champion at the 2006 USEF National Junior Hunter Championship...Was ranked in the Top 25 in the Bates Equitation Rankings ... Competed in the Pessoa/USEF Medal Finals in Harrisburg, Pa. ... Placed 10th overall in the Washington Equitation Finals in Washington D.C. ... The winner of the 2005 USEF National Medium Green Pony of the Year Award ... Finished third at the 2004 Show Circuit Magazine competition, along with placing in the Children's Medal Finals at the Capital Challenge Horse Show ... Was the Central Florida Hunter Jumper Association (CFHJA) Year End Champion Large Pony Hunter ... Is a past winner of the USEF Pony Medal Championship ... Was named the 2002 winner of the USEF Horsefeathers Sportsmanship award at Pony Finals in Lexington, Ky.

Personal: Birthday is Sept. 10, 1988 ... Major is business... Chose USC over Georgia...Mother is Jan Massaro.



KIM MCCORMACK

FRESHMAN
CLERMONT, N.J.
(WILDWOOD CATHOLIC)
EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

High School: Named 2007 USEF Medal Finals and Maclay Finals national champion ... Has won eight finals and circuit championships since 2007 ... Two-time Winter Equestrian Festival Junior Jumper Circuit champion ... In 2008, took first at the Kathy Scholl Equitation Classic, won the Vermont Summer Festival Circuit championship in Large Junior Hunters and was named Junior Jumper Champion at the Washington International Horse Show ... Won Shalano Style of Riding Award at Washington ... Took second at the George

H. Morris Excellence in Equitation Classic ... Placed second at Zone 2 Maclay Regionals ... Finished fourth at USET Talent Search finals.

Personal: Full name is Kimberly McCormack ... Majoring in biology ... Chose USC over Georgia ... Born May 22, 1990 ... Trained by Missy Clark ... Has two sisters and one brother ... Parents are CJ and Alison McCormack..



**ANNIE LAURIE
MCDONALD**

SOPHOMORE
MAIDEN, VA.
(TRINITY EPISCOPAL)
REINING

2008-09: Went 1-2 in reining with a 72-68.5 win against Sacred Heart.

High School: Graduated from Trinity Episcopal High School where she excelled as a four-year letterwinner in soccer ... Team advanced to the state final her senior year ... Trained by her parents, Greg and Melinda, while in high school ... Also competed in field hockey and has experience in cutting horses events.

Personal: Full name is Annie Laurie McDonald ... Born July 29, 1990 ... Majoring in business ... Hobbies include horseback riding, soccer and shopping ... Season goal is to excel in reining ... Has one younger brother, Kevin (9) ... Parents are Greg and Melinda McDonald.



MELISSA MULL

FRESHMAN
BURKE, VA.
(LAKE BRADDOCK)
REINING

High School: Finished Top 10 at AQHA Congress in 2005 ... Named the Region 15 reining champion ... Was a world qualifier.

Personal: Full name is Melissa Mull ... Undecided major ... Chose USC over Oklahoma State ... Born July 11, 1991 ... Trained by Richard O'Toole ... Has one sister and one brother ... Parents are Russell and Susan Mull.

2005, 2007 :: TWO-TIME OVERALL NATIONAL CHAMPION



AMANDA POPE

FRESHMAN
PORTAL, GA.
(PORTAL)
REINING

High School: Named 2006 Georgia State FFA Western and Overall champion ... Horseman Quarter Horse Association of Georgia Charity Challenge Circuit champion ... Named Youth Reining reserve champion and Youth Horsemanship reserve champion at the Georgia State Federation State Horse Show ... Awarded Georgia State 4H Horse Show Sportsmanship Award ... Nominated for the United States Equestrian Drill Association Al-Star team.

Personal: Full name is Amanda Pope ... Majoring in geography ... Chose USC over Auburn ... Born October 10, 1990 ... Sister, Kim, is a senior on the Auburn equestrian team ... Parents are Denis and Joy Pope.



ABBEY ROHDE

JUNIOR
ALPHARETTA, GA.
(MILTON)
EQUITATION OVER FENCES

2008-09: Defeated Sacred Heart's Julie Law 78-60 in equitation over fences ... Finished the year with a 1-1 record ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2007-08: Competed against New Mexico State over fences and Sacred Heart in equitation ... High score of 87 came in 10-point victory against New Mexico State ... Named to SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

High School: Two-time qualifier and competed in the USEF Medal Finals (2005,2006), the RMI Tri-State Junior Hunter Finals (2005,2006) and the Junior Hunter Finals (2005,2006)...Competed in the Maclay Regional Finals in 2006...Placed second in the Atlantic Coast League Junior Hunter final points standing in 2005...Also finished fourth in the Zone 4 Large Junior Hunter Division (15 and under).

Personal: Born April 14, 1989...Majoring in business...Sister, Ashley, was a 2008 graduate from the team...Parents are Jim and Cathy Rohde.



LYDIA ROOF

JUNIOR
LEXINGTON, S.C.
(LEXINGTON/STEPHEN F. AUSTIN)
REINING

2008-09: A top returner in reining, went 6-5 in the regular season and finished with an 8-8 record ... Member of the S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Earned MVP honors in 72.5-69.5 win at Sacred Heart ... Also defeated Kansas State, Baylor, Georgia, Fresno State and Delaware State in the regular season ... Had high scores of 74 in her wins against Kansas State and Georgia ... At VENC's, defeated South Dakota State and Baylor.

2007-08 (at Stephen F. Austin): One of the top Western riders and member of the VENC team at Stephen F. Austin... Helped SFA advance to the VENC's.

Personal: Transferred from Stephen F. Austin ... Majoring in media arts ... Comes from a USC family: grandfather played baseball, dad was a GA coach for USC football and mother graduated from USC nursing school ... Sister, Rebekah, graduated from the team in 2009 ... Parents are Mike and Ruth Roof.



TAYLOR SINGMASTER

SOPHOMORE
LANSDALE, PA.
(BRADENTON PREP)
HORSEMANSHIP

2008-09: Defeated Sacred Heart 72.5-69.5 in horsemanship ... Named to SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

High School: Named 2007 NYATT Western Pleasure Champion and National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA) Non-Pro Maturity Western Pleasure Champion...Named 2007 Youth 15-18 Western Pleasure Reserve Champion...River Cities Quarter Horse Association team earned NYATT Champion-

ship...Earned third in AQHA Youth 15-18 Western Pleasure division...a 2007 AQHYA World Show Finalist...Placed on 2006 AQHYA Year-End Honor Roll at sixth in Youth Western Pleasure...Youth President of NSBA from 2006-08.

Personal: Full name is Taylor Leigh Singmaster...Born October 4, 1989...Major is Art Studio...Chose USC over Georgia, SCAD and the Art Institute of Pennsylvania...Chose USC because the graphic design and photography programs were "both stimulating and personal" and that "when I am on the South Carolina campus I feel at home"...Trained by Marybeth and Scott Gordon...Has one younger brother (Connor) and sister (Devon)...Parents are the late Rick and Mitzi Singmaster.

Academic Honor Roll.

High School: Was nationally ranked 52nd on the Bates USA Equitation computer ranking in 2005 ... First in Washington Overall Medal in Lake Placid (2006) ... Finished second in the USET Talent Search...Competed in the ASPCA/Maclay Championships and in the USEF Medal Finals, marking her sixth consecutive appearance in the Medal championships ... Named Reserve Champion in the 2004 New England Equitation Championships ... Winner of the 2005 PHA Equitation Classic in Lake Placid, N.Y. ...Third-place finish at the 2005 ASPCA/Maclay Championships in Wellington, Fla. ... Qualified and competed in the 2005 USET Talent Search and the ASPCA Maclay Championships.

Personal: Born Sept. 16, 1988...Major is Business...Chose USC over Georgia...Parents are Dave and Pam Stenberg.



KELSEY STANGEBYE

FRESHMAN
GENEVA, ILL.
(INDIANA U. DISTANCE)
HORSEMANSHIP



High School: Named 2005 Reserve Congress champion ... Qualified for the 2009 American Quarter Horse Youth Association in horsemanship, showmanship and pleasure ... Named 2008 Gold Coast Circuit Champion in showmanship and 2007 Region III champion in showmanship ... Earned multiple all-arounds, circuit championships and year-end awards ... Active in the Illinois Quarter Horse Youth Association, spending time as Vice President (2008-09) and as Secretary (2007) ... Staff member of the National Snaffle Bit Association World Show from 2006-08.

Personal: Full name is Kelsey Stangebye ... Majoring in psychology ... Born July 7, 1990 ... Trained by Diane Eppers ... Has one brother, Ian ... Parents are Shawn Bolger and Christian Stangebye.




HAILEY THORNTON

JUNIOR
MISHAWAKA, IND.
(PENN)
HORSEMANSHIP

2008-09: One of the few Gamecocks to compete in two events, went 5-4-1 in the regular season in horsemanship and 2-7-1 with an MVP ride in her first season in reining ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... In horsemanship, recorded wins against Texas A&M and Sacred Heart to go with sweeps of conference rivals Auburn and Georgia ... Had a five-match undefeated streak in the middle of the season ... Had a high score of 76 in win against Georgia ... In reining, earned MVP ride in 73.5 draw against Kansas State.

2007-08: Competed in 10 competitions with a 4-6 record... Member of S.E.C. team...High score of 73.5 set in first collegiate victory ...Defeated New Mexico State and Auburn... Recorded a 69.5-68 victory against Auburn in the first round of the Southern Equestrian Championships.

High School: Named 2006 All American Quarter Horse Congress Novice Youth Trail Champion...Was a finalist in the 15-18 Showmanship...finished eighth in horsemanship



KATIE STENBERG

CAPTAIN
SENIOR
REHOBOTH, MASS.
(ST. MARY'S ACADEMY)
EQUITATION OVER FENCES

2008-09: Went 1-2 over fences with a 72-70 win at Sacred Heart.

2007-08: Went 2-2 over fences with both wins coming in the spring season...Defeated Sacred Heart 84-73 for high score of the season...Recorded 79-75 victory against New Mexico State...Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2006-07: Went 2-1 in three competitions, all over fences... Tied for USC's highest score of the season with a 95-78 win at TCU... Recorded her first collegiate victory with a 75-68 victory over Stephen. F. Austin...Named to SEC Freshman

2005, 2007 :: TWO-TIME OVERALL NATIONAL CHAMPION

at the AQHA Youth World Show...Two-time Indian Quarter Horse Youth Association 14-18 year end all-around champion...In 2005, finished seventh in the NYATT Horsemanship...Finalist in the 15-18 Showmanship and equitation at the All American Quarter Horse Congress...Finished Fourth in the Novice Youth Trail and 10th in Showmanship at the AQHA Youth World Show.

Personal: Born March 9, 1989...Majoring in business ...Chose USC over Georgia...Parents are Robert and Peggy Thornton.



KYLA WEST

FRESHMAN
CARMEL VALLEY, CALIF.
(ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON)
EQUITATION

High School: Claimed first in the NorCal Equitation 15-17 Division in addition to placing third in the Pacific Coast Horse Show Association 15-17 Division ... Won 2008 NorCal Junior Jumper division and Low Junior Jumper in Region II ... Placed fourth in NorCal Medal finals ... Has top 10 finishes in the California Professional Horsemen's Association and West Coast Equestrian Medal finals ... Finished in top 15 at USET Medal Finals ... Competed in 2007 Maclay finals.

Personal: Full name is Kyla West ... Majoring in international business ... Chose USC over Georgia, Brown and College of Charleston ... Born June 19, 1990 ... Trained by Samantha Reid-Scanlan ... Has one sister, Brianne ... Parents are Eric and Valinda West.



SARAH WARD

FRESHMAN
ATLANTA, GA.
(GALLOWAY SCHOOL)
EQUITATION & OVER FENCES

High School: Named 2008 Grand Junior Hunter Champion at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show ... Named Large Junior Hunter champion (16-17) and the Grand Junior Hunter champion ... Was the Older Large Junior Hunters champion at the Winter Equestrian Festival and was named Reserve Champion in Older Small Junior Hunters division ... Placed third in the Southeast Region of the World Champion Hunter Rider ... Qualified for USEF Medal Finals in 2007-08 ... Named 2008 Best Child Rider in Aiken and Blowing Rock.

Personal: Full name is Sarah Caitlin Ward ... Majoring in history ... Chose USC over Emory ... Born July 7, 1990 ... Trained by Jack Towell ... Has one sister, Mallory ... Parents are Bob and the late Diane Ward.





Boo Major

Head Coach
12th Season at South Carolina
(South Carolina, 1981)

Overall*: 50-28 (.641)
VENC: 17-9 (.654)

Two Overall National Championships
Three Hunter-Seat National Championships
Three Individual National Champions

*Overall records since current varsity format began in 2005

Boo Major, who has received state, regional and national recognition as a premier equestrian instructor for over 29 years, enters her 12th year as head coach of the South Carolina equestrian team. Major has instructed riders throughout the southeast and has successfully competed at the national level over the past three decades.

A well-respected coach, Major has been a leader at the collegiate level since the varsity format was adopted in 2005. Her 50 overall victories and 17 victories at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships both rank second nationally in the current varsity format.

In the first seven years of coaching at USC, Major took 22 riders to compete as individuals to IHSA Nationals. Major coached the Zone 5 Region 2 High Point Hunt Seat rider five times, including 2004 National Champion Tara Brothers. At the 2004 IHSA Nationals, Major received the Caccione Cup/USEF Coach's Award, given to the coach of the IHSA National Hunter Seat Champion. She coached the High Point Western Rider, Assistant Coach Ruth Sorrel, of Zone 5 Region 2 in 2000.

During her tenure, Major has coached the 2005 and 2007 overall National Equestrian Champions, three consecutive Hunter Seat National Champions (2005-2007), and the 2006 VENC Reserve Championship. The 2006-07 Hunter Seat Team went undefeated on its ride to a third consecutive national championship. In addition, Major had six riders selected to compete in the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Collegiate Derby the past three years.

Major also guided the career of Kristen Terebesi who in 2008 became the first person in VENC history to win two individual national championships in a single season. Terebesi took home the titles in equitation on the flat and equitation over fences to sweep Hunter Seat honors at the 2008 VENC's.

In 2009, four Gamecocks earned national seeds to the VENC individual brackets, including Megan Massaro who earned the top equitation on the flat seed as a junior.

As a rider, Major has competed in hunter shows, eventing and dressage. She owns the Hanoverian stallion, Donnerkeil II, and is bringing along some of his offspring to compete and sell as well.

With the NCAA recognizing equestrian as an emerging varsity sport, Major has the opportunity to promote the sport at USC, to other Universities, the horse industry, the community at large and on the national level. The University of South Carolina was the first major Division I school in the nation to declare equestrian as a varsity sport and Major is proud to be associated with USC and its athletics department. For five years Major was the Chairman of the Varsity Equestrian Steering Committee. This committee has been organized to promote equestrian to other universities and to guide equestrian to becoming an NCAA championship sport. Major also served on the Legislative Committee for Varsity Equestrian and was the Head of the Varsity Equestrian Judges Task Force. She currently is on the Competition Committee.

A Columbia, S.C. native, Major is a 1981 graduate of South Carolina and received her Master's degree from USC in 1990. She has taught equestrian at a number of different riding facilities across the state and coached many riders to regional and national honors. Major is also a Technical Delegate and "r" Eventing Judge with the US Equestrian Federation. She is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, US Equestrian Federation, US Hunter Jumper Association, US Eventing Association and the South Carolina Coaches Association.

Major owns and operates a small breeding farm in Blythe-wood, where she currently stands Donnerkeil II. She has a nine-year-old son Robert "Mac" McDow Duncan III. An avid foxhunter, she also has dogs, cats, birds and fish as pets.



Coach Boo Major with son, Mac



Ruth Sorrel

Western Coach
5th Season at South Carolina
(South Carolina, 2000)

Western Overall: 32-31 (.508)
Western VENC: 7-7 (.500)



Alixe Schwartz

Hunter Seat Coach
2nd Season at South Carolina
(St. Lawrence, 2001)

English Overall: 11-5 (.688)
English VENC: 2-1 (.667)

Ruth Sorrel, a 2000 graduate of the Darla Moore School of Business at USC, enters her fifth season as assistant coach for the Gamecocks. She is at the helm of the Western team and came to South Carolina in 2005 after year-long stints as an assistant coach at Auburn and Fresno State.

In 2007, Sorrel coached the USC Western Team to the Reserve National Championship to help the equestrian team win its second overall national championship in three years. Seeded seventh at the championships, Sorrel coached the team to a second place finish, the highest the Western team has placed in school history.

The Western team placed sixth in 2008 and 2009, but also saw its first individual earn a national seed as Katie Grossnickle was the No. 5 seed in horsemanship in 2009.

Since 2002, Sorrel has qualified five equestrians for the National Reining Horse Derby, including most recently, Chloe Gray in the 2009 Derby. Gray placed ninth overall, following the solid showings put on by Rachel Sternoff and Lindsay Williams in the 2006 Derby. Sorrel's other qualifications were in 2002, 2005 and Gray's other appearance in 2008. Administratively, Sorrel serves as a member of Varsity Equestrian Championship and Finance committees.

At Fresno State, Sorrel coached the Western team in 2004 to a seventh place finish nationally. She also coached the Auburn team to a seventh place finish at the 2005 Varsity Nationals where the Gamecocks won the national title.

As a former Gamecock, Sorrel competed from 1998 to 2000 on the equestrian team and served as a captain in 1999-2000. She received two SEC Academic Achievement awards and was a member of the Dean's list. She also received the Sportsmanship Award for IHSA Zone 5, Region II in 2000 and was the IHSA High Point Rider for Zone 5 Region II in 1999-2000. Sorrel finished seventh at the IHSA Championship in 2000 in the AQHA Trophy Class.

Sorrel grew up in New Iberia, La., before moving to Chapin, S.C. She has ridden horses her entire life, starting at Rock's Quarter Horses in New Iberia, La., then in Blythewood with Julie Kennedy and Prather Quarter Horses in Camden. The youngest of five children, Sorrel has nine nieces and nephews.

Alixe Schwartz enters her second season as an assistant coach for the University of South Carolina equestrian team.

Schwartz serves as the Hunter Seat coach for the two-time overall VENC national championship team. She oversees a Hunter Seat team that won the national championship an unprecedented three times from 2005-07.

In her first season at South Carolina, Schwartz led the Hunter Seat team to an 11-5 overall record, highlighted by a seven-match winning streak to close the regular season. The team placed third at the VENC's and also had three individual earn national seeds in Megan Massaro, Victoria Middleton and Nicole Bourgeois. Middleton finished as Reserve National Champion in equitation on the flat, and Massaro entered VENC's as the nation's top seed.

Another Gamecock, Carly Babcock, rode to an undefeated regular season in equitation on the flat in her first year as a regular rider.

Schwartz came to South Carolina from Essex, Mass., where she worked as an assistant trainer at Castle Neck Farm since 2002. During her time at Castle Neck, she has trained students that have competed at the Winter Equestrian Festival, the Vermont Summer Festival, HITS Saugerties, USEF Medal Finals, ASPCA Maclay Finals, National Children's Medal Finals and the National Junior Hunter Finals.

A native of Wakefield, R.I., Schwartz earned a bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., where she was the captain of the equestrian team in 2000. She helped the team to the 1998 American National Riding Commission (ANRC) National Championship and the 2001 Intercollegiate Horse Show (IHSA) Reserve National Championship during her time as a rider at St. Lawrence.

Schwartz also won numerous medals as a junior rider when she won over 40 AHSA, ASPCA, and USET Talent Search qualifying classes from 1992-95. She was named the 1992 Rhode Island Horseman's Association Junior Medal champion and the 1995 Connecticut Hunter Jumper Association Junior Medal Reserve champion in addition to winning the 1995 USET Gold Medal by winning 20 qualifying classes.



Val Sheley

Senior Associate AD/SWA

Val Sheley, who has experience as a former student-athlete, coach, athletics director and several other administrative areas, including compliance, academics and student-athlete development, is in her fourth year as senior associate athletics director and senior woman administrator. Her many responsibilities include administration of eight sports and the NCAA compliance office.

Her athletics career started in 1988 when she served as head of men's and women's track and field, then added the responsibilities of assistant athletics director/senior woman administrator at UNC Asheville. From there, she went to the NCAA office working as a legislative assistant for the national organization. Sheley is in her second stint with South Carolina during her college athletics career, having served as an associate athletics director for NCAA compliance at the school from 1995 to 2000.

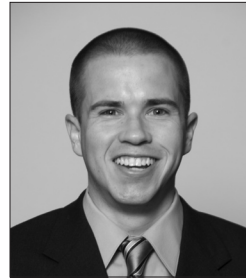
In 2000, she left the Gamecocks to become athletics director at Presbyterian College, where she oversaw the school's 13 athletics programs and facility improvements for three years. During 2003-04, Sheley served as the interim associate athletics director for academic support and career development at Maryland before returning to South Carolina.

Sheley has a bachelor's degree from Murray State, where she excelled as a track and field athlete. She earned a master's from Houston and is a graduate of the Sports Management Institute. Sheley was a 1984 Olympic qualifier in track and field for Great Britain. Her husband, Mike, was a track and field All-American and NCAA national champion (4x800-meter relay, 1974 indoors) at South Carolina.



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Administrative Assistant



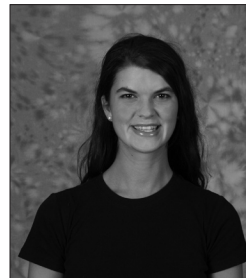
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