



2008-09 South Carolina Equestrian Team

Bottom Row: Sarah Stephens, Rebekah Roof, Katie Grossnickle, Courtney Reese, Lindsey Pace, Stacy Cell **Second Row:** Lydia Roof, Carly Babcock, Eleanor Kunsman, Amy Biffle, Megan Massaro, Nicole Bourgeois, Paige Dekko, Taylor Singmaster, Annie Laurie McDonald **Third Row:** Hailey Thornton, Victoria Middleton, Maggie Fortune, Rachel Koggan, Alex Haskell, Katie Stenberg, Colvin Hedgepeth **Top Row:** Chloe Gray, Abbey Rohde, Emily Bookwalter, Jackie McCaslin, Alex Foster, Tara Gail Bostwick



2008-09 Seniors

Courtney Reese, Lindsey Pace, Stacy Cell, Katie Grossnickle, Rebekah Roof, Sarah Stephens



2008-09 Juniors

Nicole Bourgeois, Alex Haskell, Eleanor Kunsman, Emily Bookwalter, Megan Massaro, Amy Biffle, Carly Babcock, Katie Stenberg



2008-09 Sophomores

Lydia Roof, Chloe Gray, Alex Foster, Abbey Rohde, Jacquelyn McCaslin, Hailey Thornton, Victoria Middleton



2008-09 Freshmen

Maggie Fortune, Colvin Hedgepeth, Annie Laurie McDonald, Taylor Singmaster, Rachel Koggan, Paige Dekko, Tara Gail Bostwick

2008-09 Roster

Name	Class	Discipline	Event	Hometown (High School)
Carly Babcock	Jr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation	Deer Harbor, Wash. (Orcas Island)
Amy Biffle	Jr.	Western	Horsemanship & Reining	Orange Grove, Texas (Gregory Portland)
Emily Bookwalter	Jr.	Western	Horsemanship & Reining	Fillmore, Ind. (South Putnam)
Tara Gail Bostwick	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Aiken, S.C. (Aiken Prep)
Nicole Bourgeois	Jr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Sherwood, Ore. (Sherwood)
Stacy Cell	Sr.	Western	Horsemanship	Painesville, Ohio (Perry)
Paige Dekko	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
Maggie Fortune	Fr.	Western	Horsemanship	Hartford, Conn. (Kingswood-Oxford)
Alex Foster	So.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Augusta, Ga. (Augusta Prep)
Chloe Gray	So.	Western	Reining	Tampa, Fla. (Braulio Alonso)
Katie Grossnickle	Sr.	Western	Horsemanship	Winona Lake, Ind. (Lakeland Christian Acad.)
Molly Hay	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Ridgefield, Conn. (Ridgefield)
Alex Haskell	Jr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Cincinnati, Ohio (Indian Hill)
Colvin Hedgepeth	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Beaverdam, Va. (Patrick Henry)
Rachel Koggan	Fr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Montclair, N.J. (UNL Indep. Study)
Eleanor Kunsman	Jr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Flemington, N.J. (Centenary College)
Megan Massaro	Jr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Summerfield, Fla. (Bellview)
Annie Laurie McDonald	Fr.	Western	Reining	Maiden, Va. (Trinity Episcopal)
Jacquelyn McCaslin	So.	Western	Horsemanship & Reining	Lincolnton, N.C. (East Carolina)
Victoria Middleton	So.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Marietta, Ga. (Kell)
Lindsey Pace	Sr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation Over Fences	Camden, S.C. (Camden)
Courtney Reese	Sr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Tryon, N.C. (Polk)
Abbey Rohde	So.	Hunter Seat	Equitation Over Fences	Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton)
Lydia Roof	So.	Western	Reining	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington/Stephen F. Austin)
Rebekah Roof	Sr.	Western	Reining	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)
Taylor Singmaster	Fr.	Western	Horsemanship	Lansdale, Pa. (Bradenton Prep)
Katie Stenberg	Jr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Rehoboth, Mass. (St. Mary's Acad.)
Sarah Stephens	Sr.	Hunter Seat	Equitation & Over Fences	Chalfont, Pa. (Central Bucks)
Hailey Thornton	So.	Western	Horsemanship	Mishawaka, Ind. (Penn)

Head Coach: Boo Major, 11th Season

Western Coach: Ruth Sorrel, 4th Season

Hunter Seat Coach: Alixe Schwartz, 1st Season





Carly Babcock

Junior
Deer Harbor, Wash.
(Orcas Island)
Equitation

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 equitation 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.



ry 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...Daughter of Larry and Pat Biffle.



Emily Bookwalter

Junior
Filmore, Ind.
(South Putnam)
Horsemanship & Reining

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: Graduated from South Putnam H.S.... 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 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.



Amy Biffle

Junior
Orange Grove, Texas
(Gregory Portland)
Horsemanship & Reining

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



Tara Gail Bostwick

Freshman
Aiken, S.C.
(Aiken Prep)
Equitation

High School: Competed at the 2007 USEF National Medal Finals and the ASPCA Maclay National Finals...Named 2007 Zone 4 Champion Large Junior Hunter 16-17 and SCHJA Champion Large Junior Hunter 16-17...Ranked 11th nationally in Large Junior Hunter division...Named 2006 Reserve Champion in Zone 4 Large Junior Hunter 15 and under.

Personal: Full name is Tara Gail Stoker Bostwick...Nick-name is "T.G."...Born April 18, 1990...Chose USC over Auburn, Georgia and Kentucky...Grandfather (G.H. Bostwick) was a world renowned gentleman jockey, race horse trainer and polo player...Trained by Daniel Geitner and Don Stewart...Has one sister, Eleanor, and one brother, Charles...Parents are Charlie and Tara Bostwick.



Nicole Bourgeois

Junior
Sherwood, Ore.
(Sherwood)
Equitation & Over Fences

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 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 Equi-

tation, 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.



Stacy Cell

Senior
Painesville, Ohio
(Perry)
Horsemanship

2007-08: Competed in horsemanship against Sacred Heart, recording a 59.5-58.5 win ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2006-07: Competed in horsemanship against Stephen F. Austin...Named to SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll.

2005-06: Rode in three events and went 2-1...Recorded victories in competition against Kentucky and Stephen F. Austin...Recorded her highest point total of the season when she registered 78.5 in her first meet of the season.

High School: IEA National Qualifier in 2004 and 2005...Placed third in equitation in 2004 IEA nationals.

Personal: Born March 21, 1987...Majoring in marine science...Has one sister, Tiffany, and one brother, Jason...Parents are Tony Cell and Cindy Cell-Brofman.



Paige Dekko

Freshman
Naples, Fla.
(Barron Collier)
Equitation & Over Fences

High School: Won 2007 Class in Small and Large Junior Hunters at Washington, Harrisburg and Capital Challenge...2006 and 2007 Large Pony Hunter Circuit Champion HITS Culpeper...Named 2006 Circuit Champion HITS Saugerties in Large Pony Hunters...Large Pony Hunter Circuit Champion Jacksonville in 2005...Was 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.



Maggie Fortune

Freshman
Hartford, Conn.
(Kingswood-Oxford)
Horsemanship

High School: Placed sixth at the 2006 Youth World Show... Earned 10th place at the 2007 Youth World Show...Competed in three events at the 2007 American Quarter Horse Congress, earning Reserve Hi-Point 15-18 honor following a third place showing in Youth Trail, fourth in Horsemanship and 11th in Youth Showmanship.

Personal: Born April 8, 1990...Undecided major...Chose USC over Rochester, George Washington, Pittsburgh and American University...Trained by Geno Spagnola and Gretchen Mathes...Has an older sister, Emma...Parents are Charles and Grace Fortune.



Alex Foster

Sophomore
Augusta, Ga.
(Augusta Prep)
Equitation & Over Fences



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.



Chloe Gray

Sophomore
Tampa, Fla.
(Braulio Alonso)
Reining

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 to 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...Finished 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 Laura Gray.





Katie Grossnickle

Senior
Winona Lake, Ind.
(Lakeland Christian Academy)
Horsemanship

2007-08: One of South Carolina's top returning Western riders, went 10-5 in horsemanship ... Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Opened season with three consecutive victories over Western national champion TCU, Auburn and South Dakota State ... Season high score of 73 set in rides against Kansas State, Auburn and Georgia ... Went 5-1 in the postseason, including a 2-0 showing at the S.E.C.'s where she earned MVP honors in a 72-67 ride against Auburn ... Defeated Georgia 73-72.5 in the S.E.C. final ... Defeated Stephen F. Austin, Auburn and Texas A&M at the VENC's with a high score of 147.5 set against the Aggies.

2006-07: Member of S.E.C. team where she defeated Auburn, 73.5-72...Went 2-2 at the VENC's, posting victories over Georgia and Texas A&M...Competed in 14 events, going 10-4...Recorded seven consecutive victories...Posted a 75.5 at Auburn on Feb. 24, her high point total of the season...Earned Horsemanship MVP award in home meets against Auburn (9/30) and Georgia (3/3)...Named to SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll.

2005-2006: Joined the team '06 Spring semester, going 6-3...Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams...Scored 97 at SEC's against Auburn...Scored 88 against Baylor...Was the high point scorer in horsemanship at the S.D. State meet... Earned the Sportsmanship Award by coaches.

High School: Was the 2006 NSBA Champion - Trail & Western Riding, Amateur...Circuit Champion - Showmanship, Horsemanship, Trail and Western Riding...2005 Finalist at Youth World - Western Riding...Finished sixth in 14-18 Western Riding at Congress...Seventh in 15-18 Trail at Congress...Sixth at NYATT Hunter Under Saddle at Congress...2004 Congress Champion in 15-18 Western Pleasure...Congress Champion NYATT Western Pleasure...AQHA High Point Youth Honor Roll Champion - Western Pleasure...NSBA High Point Youth Honor Roll Champion - Western Pleasure.

Personal: Born Sept. 19, 1986 in Warsaw, Ind....Majoring in retail management...Parents are Steve and Lori Grossnickle...Has two older brothers, Brian and Eric.



Alex Haskell

Junior
Cincinnati, Ohio
(Indian Hill)
Equitation & Over Fences

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 Hedgepeth

Freshman
Beaverdam, Va.
(Patrick Henry)
Equitation

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 Fi-

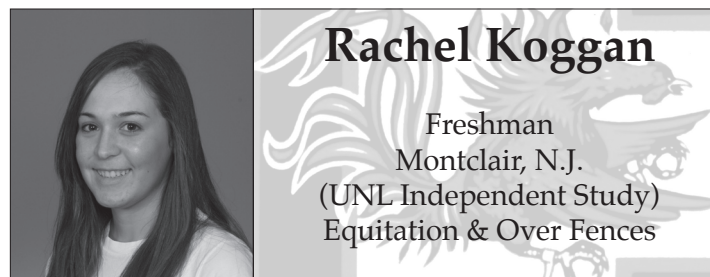
nal...Finished 3rd overall for 2007 VHSA Older Children's Hunter...Finished 6th overall for 2007 USEF Zone 3 Older Children's Hunter...Qualified for VHSA Children's Medal Finals from 2004-07.

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



Eleanor Kunsman

Junior
Flemington, N.J.
(Centenary College)
Equitation & Over Fences



Rachel Koggan

Freshman
Montclair, N.J.
(UNL Independent Study)
Equitation & Over Fences

High School: Placed third regionally and eighth nationally in 2007 World Champion Hunter Rider standings...Named 2007 Champion in small junior hunters at Capital Challenge...Qualified for Medals finals, United States Equestrian Team finals and HBO finals in 2006...2005 Zone 2 reserve champion...Named 2004 National Pony Finals champion...Earned 2004 Large Green and Grand Green National Pony of the Year...Winter Equestrian Festival champion and earned top ribbons at Devon, Harrisburg, Washington and the National Horse Show...Named circuit reserve champion at Littlewood...Honor Roll recipient every year.

Personal: Born April 24, 1990...Major is business...Chose USC over Georgia because of "both the team and the coaches"...Trained by Scott Stewart...Has one older sister, Marissa...Parents are Robert and Lynn Koggan.



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.

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.



Annie Laurie McDonald

Freshman
Maiden, Va.
(Trinity Episcopal)
Reining

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.



Megan Massaro

Junior
Summerfield, Fla.
(Bellview)
Equitation & Over Fences

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.

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...Currently 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.



Jacquelyn McCaslin

Sophomore
Lincolnton, N.C.
(East Lincoln High)
Horsemanship & Reining

High School: Graduated from East Lincoln High School where she lettered in volleyball...Third place at All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Hunt Seat Equitation...All-Around champion at Houston Livestock Show...National qualifier in Hunter Under Saddle and Horsemanship...Posted three top 10 finishes at Quarter Horse Congress...Recorded numerous wins and circuit championships from 2000-2004.

Personal: Transferred from East Carolina University...Born December 4, 1988...Major is political science...Chose USC over East Carolina and North Carolina...Trained by Michael Colvin...Has one older brother, Steve Ballenger...Parents are Greg and Susan McCaslin.



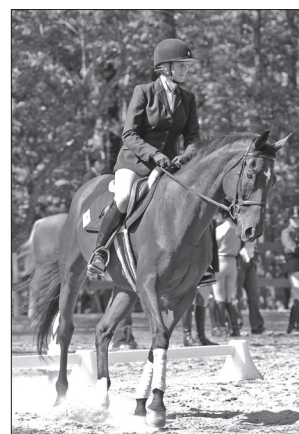
Victoria Middleton

Sophomore
Marietta, Ga.
(Kell)
Equitation & Over Fences

2007-08: Enjoyed a strong freshman season in equitation with a 7-6 record ... Member of the S.E.C. and VENC teams ... Earned first collegiate victory in 84-68 ride against TCU to open the season ... Ride against TCU was also her high score of the season ... Named MVP after 77-62 win against South Dakota State ... Went 4-1 in the post-season including a 3-0 mark at the VENC's ... Defeated Georgia 76-74 in the S.E.C. final to earn MVP honors ... Recorded victories against Auburn, Fresno State and Baylor at nationals to close the season ... SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

High School: Two-time Maclay qualifier...2006 GHJA J.D. Pounds medal winner...Qualified for USEF Pessoa Medal Finals...2005 Junior Equitation Challenge GHJA finals winner...Named champion in GHJA Junior Amateur Hunters.

Personal: Full name is Victoria Lynn Middleton...Majoring in Business...Chose USC over Auburn and New Mexico State...Born December 11, 1988...Has two sisters, Britany and Olivia, and one brother, William...Parents are Leslie Thomas and Bill Middleton.





Lindsey Pace

Senior
Camden, S.C.
(Camden)
Equitation Over Fences



2007-08: Competed in seven competitions in equitation over fences ... High score was 80 against TCU and Auburn in successive weeks ... Defeated TCU 80-76 to open he season ... Recorded a victory against Georgia.

2006-07: Member of National Champion Hunt

Seat Team...Went undefeated (4-0) at Southern Equestrian Championships and at Varsity Equestrian National Championships to improve her overall record to 9-0 at the S.E.C.'s and VENC's...Posted a 7-3-1 overall record...High point score was 85 against Fresno State... Defeated opponents by an average of six points at the S.E.C.'s and VENC's.

2005-06: Member of National Champion Hunt Seat Team... Went undefeated (5-0) at Southern Equestrian Championships and at Varsity Equestrian National Championships... Posted a 9-2 overall record...High point score was 88 against South Dakota State...Won six consecutive competitions... Recorded an 80-plus score in four consecutive competitions... Won her final event of the season when she posted a 170-156 score against Auburn at the VENC's.

High School: Qualified for Medal and ASPCA Maclay in 2004 and 2005... Finished third in large Junior Hunter in Zone 4 in 2003, 2004....Qualified for USEF Medal finals in 2002 and 2003...Qualified horses for Junior Hunter finals in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004... 2002 SCHJA Governor's Cup Medal final winner...2000 SCHJA Palmetto Medal Final Winner... 1999 BRHJA Medal Final Winner.

Personal: Born March 25, 1987...Majoring in psychology... Parents are Mike and Sherry Pace.



Courtney Reese

Senior - Team Captain
Tryon, N.C.
(Polk)
Equitation & Over Fences

2007-08: Participated in three competitions with a 2-1 record ... Wins came against South Dakota State and New Mexico State ... High score of 80 in win against Aggies ... Dropped

lone match of the season due to disqualification at Delaware State...SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2006-07: Participated in three competitions...Tied for USC's highest score of the season with a 95-85 victory over fences at TCU...Named MVP over fences at TCU...Voted Most Dedicated Rider...SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll.

2005-06: Participated in three competitions...Recorded first collegiate victory with 81.5-81 victory against Auburn.

High School: 2001 AHSA National Pony Medal Finals Champion...Winner of Easter Sunday Memorial Trophy... Placed second overall in 2001 National Pony Hunter Finals... Qualified and competed in ASPCA Maclay Regional Finals in 2003 and 2004...Placed second in 2003 S.C. Governor's Cup Finals...Top 5 NCHSA End of Year 12-14 Equitation finish in 2002 and 2003...Qualified for USEF Medal Finals in 2004...Top 5 E.J. Hawn Medal Finals Finish in 2003 and 2004.

Personal: Born Sept. 15, 1987 in Longmont, Colo. ... Majoring in psychology with communication sciences and disorders minor ... Chose USC over Auburn and Georgia ... Has one sister, Krista ... Parents are Patty and Larry Reese.



Abbey Rohde

Sophomore
Alpharetta, Ga.
(Milton)
Equitation Over Fences

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

Sophomore
Lexington, S.C.
(Lexington/Stephen F. Austin)
Reining

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 for the second consecutive year.

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, is a senior on the team ... Parents are Mike and Ruth Roof.



Rebekah Roof

Senior - *Team Captain*
Lexington, S.C.
(Lexington)
Reining

2007-08: One of South Carolina's top returning riders in reining ... Member of S.E.C and VENC teams ... Went 8-6 on the year with an MVP ride against New Mexico State ... Became one of the nation's hottest riders in the spring season with a 7-2 record after the fall break ... Recorded five consecutive victories from 2/2 to 3/29 ... Posted a 6-1 against S.E.C. rivals Auburn and Georgia ... Went 2-0 at the Southern Equestrian Championships, led by a high score



74.5-73 win against Auburn ... Defeated Oklahoma State and Auburn at the VENC's ... Voted Most Team Spirit and Most Improved ... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2006-07: Member of Reserve National Champion Western team...Posted a 7-8 overall record...Went 3-1 at the VENC's, posting three consecutive victories...High score was 70.5, set in a win against Auburn.

2005-06: Recorded her first collegiate victory with 73.5-66 win over Kentucky...Went 5-2 for the season...Went 2-0 at Southern Equestrian Championships by coveting wins over Auburn and Georgia...High point score of the year was 84.

High School: Three-time Congress Top Ten finish...Three-time AQHA World Show Qualifier...SCQHYA Youth Reining Champion...2003 4 Regional Reining Champion.

Personal: Born July 3, 1987....Majoring in business...Comes from a USC family: grandfather played baseball, dad was a GA coach for USC football and mother graduated from USC nursing school...Sister, Lydia, transferred to the equestrian team and is a sophomore ... Parents are Mike and Ruth Roof.



Taylor Singmaster

Freshman
Lansdale, Pa.
(Bradenton Prep)
Horsemanship

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 Championship...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 Rick and Mitzi Singmaster.



Katie Stenberg

Junior
Rehoboth, Mass.
(St. Mary's Academy)
Equitation & Over Fences



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 Fresh-

man 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.



Sarah Stephens

Senior
Chalfont, Pa.
(Central Bucks)
Equitation & Over Fences

2007-08: One of South Carolina's most reliable riders, went 11-5-1 overall...Member of S.E.C. and VENC teams...Had a season best five ride winning streak that went into the S.E.C.'s...Went 9-4-1 in equitation on the flat and 2-1 over fences...Averaged a 10-point victory in all regular season wins ... Recorded an 88-74 victory in equitation against New Mexico State for her highest collegiate score...High score over fences came in 82-62 win against Auburn at S.E.C.'s ... Posted wins in equitation against Fresno State and Baylor at the VENC's...Named to SEC Academic Honor Rol.

2006-07: Posted a 4-3 record, all over fences...Competed at the S.E.C.'s...High score was an 86, set in wins against Auburn (9/22) and New Mexico State (2/10)...Also posted wins over Stephen F. Austin and Georgia.

2005-06: Competed in four equitation events during the season...Went 2-2 with wins over Kentucky and Auburn...High score was 79.

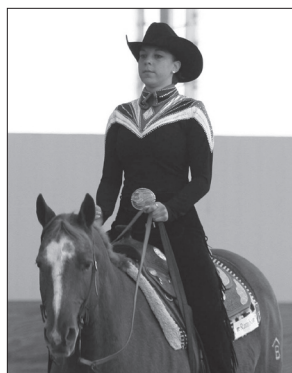
High School: Top 20 at Pony Finals in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004...Zone II Champion in 2001 and 2002... Placed eighth in Large Pony Medal Finals...Received Emerson Burr Horsemanship award in 2003 and 2004...A three-time EPPHA champion...Three-time PHSA champion.

Personal: Born June 14, 1987...Majoring in advertising ... Chose USC over Georgia, Brown and St. Andrews (Scotland)...Parents are John and Stacy Stephens.



Hailey Thornton

Sophomore
Mishawaka, Ind.
(Penn)
Horsemanship



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 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.



Boo Major

Head Coach
11th Season at South Carolina
(South Carolina, 1981)

Overall*: 42-23 (.646)
VENC: 13-6 (.684)

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 11th year as head coach of the South Carolina equestrian team. Major, formerly Boo Duncan, 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 42 overall victories and 13 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 Cachione 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 three riders

selected to compete in the 2006 National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Collegiate Derby.

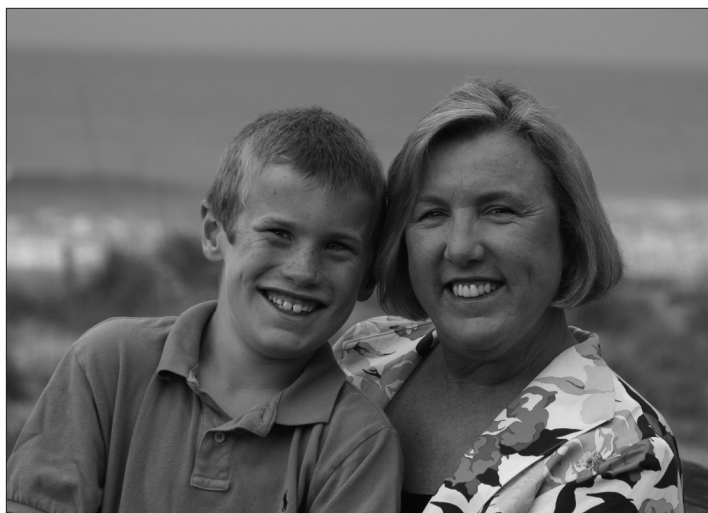
Major also guided the career of Kristen Terebesi who in 2008 became the first person in VENC history to win two individual national championships in a single season. Terebesi took home the titles in equitation on the flat and equitation over fences to sweep Hunter Seat honors at the 2008 VENC's.

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 the chair of the Competition Committee and is a member of the Officials 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 Blythewood, where she currently stands Donnerkeil II. She has an eight-year-old son Robert "Mac" McDow Duncan III. An avid foxhunter, she also has two dogs, two cats, two birds and lots of fish in addition to her horses.



Coach Boo Major with son, Mac



Ruth Sorrel

Western Coach
4th Season at South Carolina
(South Carolina, 2000)

Western Overall: 24-22 (.522)
Western VENC: 5-5 (.500)



Alix Schwartz

Hunter Seat Coach
1st Season at South Carolina
(St. Lawrence, 2001)

Ruth Sorrel, a 2000 graduate of the Darla Moore School of Business at USC, enters her fourth 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.

In 2008, the Western Team came close to repeating its success with a 6-1 opening round victory before dropping a tiebreaker in the second round and placing sixth overall.

Since 2002, Sorrel has qualified five equestrians for the National Reining Horse Derby, including most recently, Chloe Gray in the 2008 Derby. Gray placed seventh overall, following the solid showings put on by Rachel Sternoff and Lindsay Williams in the 2006 Derby. Sorrel's other qualifications were in 2002 and 2005. 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.

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

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

"Head Coach Boo Major and Ruth Sorrel have put together an extremely competitive team," Schwartz said. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work both with them and the riders. I was quite impressed with the barn at One Wood Farm and all of the athletic facilities. It just reflects how much South Carolina supports their student-athletes and is invested in their success. I knew right away, that was the type of environment in which I wanted to work."

Schwartz comes 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.

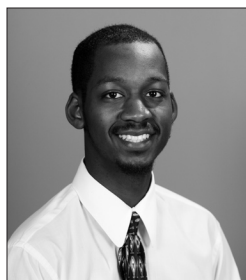
In 2000, she left the Gamecocks to become athletics director at Presbyterian College, where she oversaw the school's 13 athletics programs and facility improvements for three years. During 2003-04, Sheley served as the interim associate athletics director for academic support and career development at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