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<b>Education</b>	University of Florida (UF), Gainesville, FL - Animal Science   Ph.D. Emphasis in Equine Nutrition, Minor in Soils & Water Science  University of Florida (UF), Gainesville, FL - Animal Science   M.S. Emphasis in Equine Nutrition  Colorado State University (CSU), Fort Collins, CO - Major in Equine Science, Second Major in Animal Science   B.S. Minor in Business Administration Graduating Honors: Cum Laude  Laramie County Community College (LCCC), Cheyenne, WY - Major in Agricultural Business   A.S. Graduating Honors: Distinction  Northeastern Junior College (NJC), Sterling, CO - Major in Equine Management   A.A.S. Graduating Honors: President's Honors
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## Honors/Awards

2010 - Current - American Paint Horse Association Carded judge  
2017- Current - Pinto Horse Association of America Carded Judge  
2016 - Current - American Stock Horse Association Carded Judge  
2019 - North Dakota Ag Women of the year  
2019 - Exceptional Contributions as an Emerging Teacher Nominee  
2015 - Equine Science Society Symposium, 2nd place graduate student award  
2014 - AQHA Reserve World Champion Team Overall, Intercollegiate Horse Judging Team (Coach)  
2014 - Judging101.com Spring Contest National Champion Horse Judging Team (Coach)  
2013 -Equine Science Society Symposium, 2nd place graduate student award  
2010 - AQHA Reserve World Champion Halter Horse Judging Team (Coach)  
2009 - AQHA Reserve World Champion Horse Judging Team Member, CSU  
    -9th High Individual Overall  
2009 - All American Quarter Horse Congress Reserve Champion Horse Judging Team Member, CSU  
    - 6th High Individual Overall  
    -2nd High Individual Judging Performance Classes  
2009 - APHA Spring Sweepstakes Reserve Champion Horse Judging Team Member, CSU  
    -10th High Individual Overall  
2008 - LCCC Most Valuable Horse Show Team Member  
Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA)  
    -Semi Finals Qualifier, Western; 2007, 2008  
    -National Qualifier, English Equitation; 2007

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## APHA/Paint Involvement

Though I have only been an American Paint Horse Association member since 2008, I have been riding and involved with horses since before I could walk. I fell in love with the Paint Horse and developed a passion for the breed when I began riding my aunt Karen's American Paint Horse, Dandy, in local gymkhanas and rodeos as a peewee. In taking on the challenge of pursuing my doctoral degree, I did not get the blessing and opportunity to show Paint Horses, as I would have dreamed. Instead, my journey in the Paint Horse industry has been diverse as the color patterns on the horses we register. I started several paint horses for individuals putting 60 to 100 days on the youngsters to fund my college career. As I juggled school, starting colts and work, my journey provided me the opportunity to join the Colorado State University Horse Judging Team where my first intercollege judging experience was at the APHA Spring Sweepstakes where I was 10th High individual overall. The impact of this APHA contest instilled a fire in me to pursue an education in equine nutrition and obtain the honor and privilege of being an APHA carded judge. I am proud to acknowledge that I have been an APHA judge since 2010.

## Other Horse Involvement

I was excited to have the opportunity to help with some of the initial collaboration with the fantastic APHA Horse IQ program. My journey as an APHA judge has given me an amazing international judging experience. I was selected to judge the Danish Paint Horse Championships in conjunction with teaching a clinic in 2017. In 2018, I had the honor to judge the European Paint Horse Championships, which was a dream come true. I served on the APHA Youth Committee as a member in 2017, which was a fantastic way to gain a deeper involvement in the association and expand my outlook on different aspects of the program. I was selected as Chair of the APHA Equine Experience Committee in 2018 and am currently still in this role. Serving as Chair of the APHA Experience Committee has given me an opportunity to see first-hand how important it is to promote and provide educational experiences for those interested in Paint Horses in a non-competitive, family-oriented atmosphere.

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## Other Horse Involvement

As the North Dakota State 4-H Youth Development Specialist in Animal Science, I oversee the livestock and equine 4-H Program for the state of North Dakota. As a result, I am engaged in a collective array of equine programming, equine contest development (horse judging, hippology, quiz bowl, speaking contests, etc.), horse show management, 4-H horse camp and providing youth and adult volunteers with equine educational opportunities. I also am in charge of certifying North Dakota Horse Show Judges. Additionally, I oversee a talented and knowable group of amazing equine enthusiasts on the North Dakota 4-H Equine Advisory Committee.

Judging Paint and Pinto horses is a blessing and keeps me very busy traveling the world to enjoy watching beautiful horses and their riders working as a team. I continue to teach clinics, give riding lessons and provide horsemanship and equine educational camps. I am part of the eXtension HorseQuest community, which is an online resource for unbiased, reliable, research-based equine science information to help develop and provide outreach to the equine industry nationwide.

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## Membership and Service

2018 & 2019 - APHA Equine Experience Chair  
2017 - APHA Youth Committee member  
2008 - APHA Member

### **\*\*Hobbies Beyond the Horse\*\***

Absolutely anything outdoors! I am currently training for my first Ironman, so I guess you could say I am a "newbie" athlete. I love hunting, hiking, camping, traveling, cycling, running, (I actually do not like the water, I am very fearful of water but take on the challenge), snow sports, mountain biking, trail running, ski diving, and teaching. I love working with people and gaining the opportunity to meet new people. I love a new challenge.