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Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Master of Science, Agriculture Education, Kansas State University•Bachelor of Science, Agriculture Education, Kansas State University•International Society of Livestock Appraisers and American Society of Farm Equipment Appraisers accreditation
Professional Employment	•35 years as an Agriculture Management Specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Farm Service Agency with a superior job rating and USDA Outreach award recognition
Non-Equine Honors and Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Kansas State University State Extension Advisory Council Member (2018 to present)•Kansas Honorary State FFA Degree (2017)•Kansas Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers Past President (2016-2017)•Reno County's first 4-H Adult Mentor Honoree (2017)•Kansas State University/Reno County Extension Volunteer of the Year (2015)•4-H Family of the Year (2009)
APHA Involvement	American Paint Horse Association Member (15+ yrs) 20 + years owning and promoting Paint horses. *See Service & Experience block for details

Other Horse Involvement**Other Horse Involvement:**

I have cultivated strong horse community ties through a variety of equine association relationships:

- Kansas Horse Council member, Scholarship Committee member, and Equifest Volunteer (2018 to present)
- oSpecial Project - Developing a Task Force to construct a Kansas Trainer Directory
- oSpecial Project - Promotion/distribution of KHC survey assessing equine economic impact. (2021)
- Kansas Horse Council Region 4 Representative (2018 to Present)
- Central Plains Rodeo Assn Queen, Princess and Little Miss Selection Committee (2021)
- Equine Breed Assn. Liaison to Topeka Expo Improvement Project and Kansas State Fair Expo 1 Improvement Project (2019)
- Parent supporter of Kansas State University Rodeo Team and Alumni (2017 to 2020) and Kansas High School Rodeo Assn. (2015-2016)
- Reno County 4-H Horse Project Leader (20+ yrs.)
- Reno County Quarter Horse Assn. Member (20+ yrs.)
- Kansas State Fair Equine Department 4-H Show Volunteer (10+ yrs.)
- Kansas State Fair Equine Committee Member (5+ yrs.)
- South Central Stock Horse Assn. Show: Manager, Exhibitor and Member (10+ yrs.)
- Kansas Stock Horse Assn.: Member and Exhibitor (10+ yrs.)

Memberships Held

See Equine Assn Memberships held etc. under Service and Experience.

Non-Equine Memberships and Service:

- National Assn. of County Supervisors and Kansas Assn. of County Supervisors Member (35 yrs.)
- Buhler High School FFA Advisory Board (10+ yrs.)
- Reno County Extension Board - Responsible for operations and management of the Reno County Extension Service (10+ yrs.)
- Reno County 4-H Junior Leader Advisor (8+ yrs.)

Equine Awards

- APHA ROM, KPHA Year-End Class and High Point Awards; 4-H and Open Horse Show points and awards over the past 20+ yrs.
 - Kansas State FFA Officer Parent; Parent of two FFA National Equine Proficiency Award Finalists and two Kansas Equine Proficiency Award Winners; Parent of two Kansas 4-H State Horse Project Winners (2006 to 2017)
 - APHA President's Gold Star Award - Kansas Paint Horse Assn. (2017)
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Service & Experience

APHA/Paint Horse Involvement:

- American Paint Horse Assn. Member (15+ yrs.); Kansas Paint Horse Assn. Member (15+ yrs.)
- APHA State Director (2013 to present)
 - oAPHA Zone Task Force Committee Member (2017)
 - oEducated Kansas members by posting APHA rule changes and news on Facebook, through emails and personal discussion (2012 to present)
 - oParticipated in APHA Webinars, including the Marked for Greatness Leader Exchange Series (2016 to present)
 - oAttentively listen to APHA member concerns and represent our grass roots population in policy and rule making
 - oNational Convention (Attended Convention 2013-2022)
- APHA Long Range Planning Committee Vice Chair (2022) and Member (2022)
- APHA Long Range Planning Priority 1 "IEA-Interscholastic Equestrian Assn" Sub-Committee Chair (2022)
 - oDirecting the sub-committee in a collaboration with IEA and youth stakeholders. We are exploring opportunities to cultivate a productive working relationship between the groups.
 - oThis unit is discussing tactics to integrate IEA classes into Regional Club shows.
- APHA Long Range Planning Priority 4 "Amateur Lesson Giver" Sub-Committee Chair (2022)
 - oConversations with APHA leadership and partners enable us to develop solutions and seek opportunity.
- APHA Racing Committee Member (2021 to present)
- APHA Paint Barrel Racing Incentive Program Chair (2021 to present)
 - oDeveloped a step-by-step Facebook post to assist barrel racers with World Show entry decision making. (2022)
 - oSupported APHA staff at the Better Barrel Racing/BBR World Show (OKC) by assisting with member-care including PBRIP enrollment and entries, networking, and promotion. (2022).
 - oCreated a "tool" to assist barrel racing promoters obtain PBRIP financial assistance and aid APHA staff in consistent decision making and allocation of resources.
 - oConducted interviews and obtained video footage of the Barrel Bash and PBRIP YE awards in Guthrie, OK. Footage was used to create promotional social media spots for APHA/PBRIP. (2022)
 - oRepresented APHA in a joint meeting of the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association and APHA Racing Committee to problem solve (2022).
- APHA Equestrian Experience Committee Vice Chair (2021) and Member (2021)
 - oSupported the Go-Pro camera virtual initiative, bringing Paint experiences to the public. (2021)
- Paint Alternative Competition (PAC) Task Force Chair (2021)
 - oAfter years of debate this Task Force produced a worthy proposal to re-design the program. The restructure reduces allocated APHA staff hours, lowers APHA expenses through redistribution of duties, consolidates

PAC categories allowing for a feasible award budget and supports greater programming efficiency. In practice, the change will move PAC from a severe "in the red" position to breakeven or better. Fall 2021, the APHA Executive Board rendered approval of the Task Force plan of action.

- APHA Regional Club Advisory Committee Member (2014 to 2021)

- APHA Regional Club Advisory Committee Chair (2020) and Vice Chairman (2016-2019)

- oSuccessfully led the Regional Club Advisory Committee in reaching our goal of completing 15 Regional Club compliance reviews using the checklists addressed directly below. (2020)

- oCreated an evaluation rubric entitled, "APHA Regional Club Certification Checklist" used by APHA club compliance review staff (2019 to present).

- oDeveloped "APHA Regional Club Mandatory Procedure Checklist" now stored in the APHA Formstack library. The form is designed for member use. (2018-2019)

- oCollaborated on developing award standards for APHA Club recognition and created a document to capture the information (2017-2019). In 2020, APHA initiated use of the document.

- oCo-hosted the January 2019 APHA Webinar for APHA Leadership on "Transparency"

- oHosted May 2019 APHA Webinar, "Share Your Success" with members and leaders

- oFacilitated conversations with regional club leaders across the U.S. to discuss group challenges. Comments were framed into a document shared with APHA staff and the RCAC. (2018-2019)

- oLed a RCAC sub-committee to study APHA by-laws. From this research I composed and submitted four rule change proposals which were voted on and accepted at the 2019 Natl. Convention. Purpose of the rule changes: 1) To promote and improve customer service to APHA regional clubs; 2) Provide the APHA with specific procedure to obtain required information from all active clubs in a timely manner; 3) To provide and share information via the APHA Rule Book in a manner which reinforces continuity and comprehension (2018)

- oShared APHA mediation responsibilities "Conflict Resolution/Team Rebuilding" Teleconference presented to Regional Club officers. (2019)

- oDeveloped "Effectiveness of Zones and Review of Zone Rules" assessment. Led discussion during RCAC Convention session to ascertain Zone vision and leadership. Responses were shared with APHA staff to address Zone management. (2019)

- Zone 3 Committee Member and Alternate (2013 to present)

- oAPHA Zone 3 Show Committee Member (2016 to present) - Developed sponsorship form used by Zone clubs to obtain financial support for the Zone Show and grow sponsor base (2017)

- oAPHA Zone 3 Scholarship Committee Member - created contact database to facilitate equine involved youth organization outreach. For use by all Zone club members. (2018)

- Kansas Paint Horse Association Board of Directors and Officer (2011 to present)

- oKPHA President (2014, 2015, 2019 and 2020)

- oKPHA Vice President (2013)
- oKPHA Secretary (2016 to 2018, 2021, and 2022)
- oSpecial Project - Promotion of a Task Force to build partnerships with trainers/lesson givers and Kansas youth interested in equine industry involvement. (2022).
- oSpecial Project - Utilize State 4-H contacts to develop and expand equine educational classroom and hands-on opportunities to reach more youth in Kansas.
- oSpecial Project - Kansas Sales Tax and Its Effect on Horse Shows in Kansas (2019)
- oSpecial Project - Kansas State FFA and 4-H contacts: Created an APHF scholarship packet to be distributed to all FFA chapters/Vo-Ag departments and Extension Councils. Information made available to youth seeking post-secondary education financial aid. (2019)
- KPHA Show/Event Operations Manager and Interim Show Manager (2014 to present)
- Collaborated with other equine associations to hold joint events including trail rides, all-breed shows, and clinics (2014 to present)
- Paint Horse Congress Committee Member (2012 to present)
- Paint Horse Congress "Volunteer Base" Chairperson (2015 to present)
- Paint Horse Congress (2018-2019) and KPHA Show (2012 to present)
- Award Sponsor
- Active leadership role in American Junior Paint Horse Assn. (AjPHA); parent of AjPHA Youth of the Year (2015-2016); and parent of APHA Student Summer Intern (2018)
- 20+ yrs. owning and promoting Paint horses

Why do you want to be and APHA State Director?

Commitment to Serve

My love of the American Paint Horse began at the age of 14 with the purchase of a solid Paint-bred filly. Our practice pen consisted of pasture acres, ravines and winding streams. In those days, the county fair was my World Show and most of my lessons were learned through trial and error. The first registered colt I raised was a loud tobiano, affectionately called "Pete". Our family involvement in Paint horses grew from there and continued over the next 20 years as mare owners bred to my parents' Paint stallions, pursuing dreams of adding color to ranch stock or raising a spotted standout in the show pen.

The affection I have for the Paint horse rubbed off on my husband early in our marriage. It manifested itself into the purchase of several Paint geldings used in feedlot work and rodeo events. Together, we supported the growing interest our four-year-old daughter Jessica displayed for horses and riding. When she made the commitment to show, there was no question that we would invest in a Paint. The same little Paint mare that carried Jessica to State and Regional titles, also brought our son Jacob success in his show career and the confidence to begin an equine business in college.

In 2018, our family combined two interests, Paints, and rodeo/ranch performers, in an energizing venture. The purchase of a Paint stallion advanced our goal of supplying timed-event competitors with registered Paint horses that are ideal in physical ability, disposition, and appearance. As stewards of genetics, however, we made the difficult decision to remove the animal from our breeding program. "Gus" is enjoying life as a gelding held in timed event training. Our son filled the sire void by purchasing an APHA Metallic Cat colt in 2020. The two are focusing on timed event and ranch horse competition.

An active Kansas membership encourages and strengthens my pledge to work within our organization to develop greater opportunities for members and exhibitors. While the show genre is often the most visible, a large and growing group of APHA members exist who utilize the Paint horse in other recreational and work roles. In a leadership position, I have and will continue to actively seek out Paint horse owners beyond the show pen. My efforts to bring expanded opportunity and exposure to diverse equine disciplines will continue to ensure the horse industry remains viable.

While extending our reach is important, we must always return to our roots.

As I imagine my granddaughter's first ride onto an arena floor, I find a renewed commitment to nurture youth equine involvement. The vitality of our industry is linked to providing magnified personal and educational experiences for young horse enthusiasts. In accomplishing this charge, we secure a solid foundation and extend longevity in our organization.

My dedication to the Paint horse industry; and commitment to the American Paint Horse Association and Kansas Paint Horse Association is best

described in this statement: "Our organization is bound together by passion for Paint horses, but our community strength is fostered by the interpersonal relationships we create and carry forward."

It is my mission to positively impact the Paint horse industry by taking an active leadership role in promoting the breed, engaging youth, building community, and establishing an environment leading to amplified personal experiences.

I am thankful to represent the Kansas Paint Horse community as an APHA State Director and ask for your vote in the upcoming APHA State Director election process. If re-elected, I will continue to represent Kansas membership respectfully and earnestly on a national level.