



# 2019 USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Championship MEET THE TEAMS



## AUBURN UNIVERSITY

*Team Motto: War Eagle*



AUBURN BLUE

**Cari Budny:** ‘most likely to ace an exam she missed for a horse show’ has accidentally set her hair on fire three times.

**Sallie Johnson:** ‘most likely to skip class for horses’ has owned her horse, ‘Things to Ponder’ since he was a 2-year-old.

**Maris Barden:** ‘most likely to squeeze 48 hours of work into one day’ and she has crash landed a plane on the highway.

**Jennifer Mulholland:** ‘most likely to catch ride a horse’ who grew up in Switzerland.

AUBURN ORANGE

**Dorothy Dreelin:** ‘most likely to accidentally have a loose horse’ has a mom who competed up to Preliminary level when she was a teenager.

**Sallie Johnson:** ‘most likely to skip class for horses’ has owned her horse, ‘Things to Ponder’ since he was a 2-year-old.

**Aubrey Wagner:** ‘whitest white breeches’ was the only rider in her division to go double clear in show jumping at the 2018 Intercollegiate Championship.

**Isabel Franklin:** ‘most likely to have an injured horse’ is a transfer student from Ole Miss.

AUBURN TIGERS

**Emma Bush:** ‘most likely to lead a protest’ has leased her championship horse, Just Todd from Pine Ridge Day Camp.

**Dorothy Dreelin:** ‘most likely to accidentally have a loose horse’ has a mom who competed up to Preliminary level when she was a teenager.

**Meredith Kramer:** ‘most likely to have a weird pet’ just recently got a dog.

**Katelyn Finch:** ‘most likely to wear riding clothes in public’ has her own photography business.



## UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

*Team Motto: Teammates and Best Friends*



ALABAMA

**Sara Watkiss:** ‘the team mom’ shows in both main ring Arabian shows and three-day eventing

**Emma Stokes:** ‘most likely to get a horse tattoo’ and her horse “Golden Malt” has a nickname golden maltshake since he is so big and powerful on cross-country!

**Camryn Chapman:** ‘most likely to have an all red wardrobe’ has shown at the international level.

**Caroline Nagrodsky:** has two horses representing University of Alabama. For the full Alabama team, she will be riding Spartucus in the Novice.

UGA/ALABAMA

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# BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



*Fun Fact:* This is one of the five scramble teams and has one of the two male championship competitors.

BRIDGEWATER /UVA

**Connor Poe:** 'most likely to pick up the wrong lead' didn't have Internet until he was 12 years old.

**Natalie Ellis:** 'belongs at Weenie Hut Jr.' has a pet Yorkipoo that can smile.

**Jessie Schwartz:** is riding WHF Kitaro in the Preliminary for University of Virginia. The pair finished sixth at NAYC in 2018.



# CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

*Team Motto:* This is why we work



CLEMSON

**Mary Kate Grubbs:** has 'girl power.' Grubbs and her horse, Lottie won the \$5,000 Thoroughbred Series at Plantation Field in 2017.

**Emily Martin:** is 'the pocket rocket.' Martin and her horse, Polson have gone first flight foxhunting back at home in Massachusetts.

**Sammi Messamer:** is 'the comeback queen' who has brought her horse, Finn up the levels from Beginner Novice to Intermediate.

**April Crawford:** is 'the team mom.' Crawford's horse Tatham has competed up to the CCI3\* level 2\* and is now showing Crawford the ropes of eventing.

CLEMSON/FSU

**Abbi Merck:** is 'the fastest learner.' Merck's horse, Jerry, is the first horse that she has ever owned and has owned him for three years.



# UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

*Team Motto:* Get Oily



**Nicole (Nicki) Stewart:** 'the tall one' has been to five countries.

**Katie Wilkins:** 'outstanding eventing student' vomits ninety percent of the time after her show jumping round.

**Isabella Galbo O'Brien** is riding Never Say Never in the Beginner Novice. They have a perfect record with no jumping penalties together.

**Eloise (Ellie) Hill:** 'the team glue' who keeps the team sane, is originally from England.



## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

*Team Motto:* In all kinds of weather we'll all stick together for F-L-O-R-I-D-A



**Katie Szewczyk:** 'the dressage queen' just recently won Reserve Champion at the Intercollegiate Dressage Association Nationals.

**Tara Astoske:** 'the team mom' who has more tattoos than a off-the-track Thoroughbred.

**Sedona Iodice:** 'the squad leader' also designs, builds, and races concrete canoes for UF.

**Kaley Rak:** 'the social butterfly' is UF rider by day and barista by night.



## FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

*Team Core Values:* Work hard, have fun, and put the horse first.



FSU/  
CLEMSON

**Emma Taylor:** 'the mom' danced for 12 years, but ultimately chose to focus on riding because of the partnership between horse and rider.

**Nicole Nunez:** 'the perfectionist' whose first dressage horse ran over a fence when he was young and ended up breaking his two front teeth.

**Alison Mazzucco:** 'the newbie' competes in the Arabian circuit shows with her gelding, Apollo. The pair just competed in the Region 12 Arabian Regionals.



## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

*Team Motto:* UGA Eventing IS insanity in the middle



UGA RED

**Erin Jarboe:** 'the leader' who had cornrows in elementary school and is an undercover hip hop dancer.

**Emily Cardin:** 'the perfectionist' graduated this May and has chosen a job in the technology field that will accommodate the horsey lifestyle.

**Annabelle Kremer:** 'the most school spirit' has been kicked by a Draft horse and survived!

**Sierra Shurtz:** 'the prodigy' is a freshman and will be competing her horse Zach Eyed Pea, who's she produced up to the CCI2-L.

UGA BLACK

**Madisen Riebock:** 'most likely to save the environment' was converted from hunters to the 'dark side' during her college years and has never looked back.

**Clara Lenhart:** 'most likely to be a secret witch' who's favorite holiday is Halloween.

**Emily Cardin:** 'the perfectionist' graduated this May and has chosen a job in the technology field that will accommodate the horsey lifestyle.

**Jasmine Hawkins:** 'most determined' started a business as a 9-year-old to pay for her very first horse.

ALABAMA  
/UGA

**Jessica Simons:** 'the most well-rounded rider' has participated in nearly every riding discipline.

**Sierra Shurtz:** 'the prodigy' is a freshman and this is her first year competing at intercollegiate championships.



## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

*Team Motto:* You can hear UK coming from a mile away



UK WILDCATS

**Jackie LeMastus:** ‘most likely to skip class’ and will probably sleep through her class and her dressage test

**Katie Hargerty:** ‘the mom’ but isn’t a ‘regular mom’ she’s a ‘cool mom’.

**Claire Rowlands:** ‘the nerd’ and her team thinks “Claire’s IQ and height are higher than the rest of us combined.”

**Cora Severs:** ‘the secret weapon’ and her teammate, Justin says “she be drivin.”

UK BLUE

**Macy Clark:** ‘the overachiever’ and her teammates consider her as THE Original Ginger

**Jackie LeMastus:** ‘most likely to skip class’ and will probably sleep through her class and her dressage test.

**Elizabeth Silvia-Chandley:** ‘the boss’ and she makes sure to always keep the team informed on SAB.

**Mia Fox:** ‘the class clown’ and she stocks up on the candy bar, Take 5 at team meetings.

UK WHITE / USC AIKEN

**Justin Bray:** is the only male representing UK at championships. Described by his teammates as someone who “LOVES attention, but hates talking about himself.”

**Shannon McCall:** ‘the airhead’ is said to have “had more majors than years in college.”

**Lillian Dobat:** ‘most likely to be found napping at a horse show’ and her teammates describe her as “the pickiest eater you will ever meet.”



## UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE VIRGINIA TECH

*Team Motto:* We may not always come in first, but we are still winning!



UOFL / VT

**Paige Thompson:** ‘the founder’ had parents who wouldn’t let her have a dog in college, so she acquired three horses instead.

**Darby Weerstra:** ‘most enthusiastic’ whose mom never thought she would learn how to groom a horse.

**Grace Lakeman:** ‘the bravest’ had parents who told her to go to college so Lakeman decided to get an equine degree.

**Abigail Winfree:** ‘most likely to get a parking ticket’ is the only competitor representing Virginia Tech and will be competing Desert Sonorous in the Training.



## NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

*Team Motto:* We’re the red and white from NC state and we know we are the best!



**Maddie Edwards:** ‘most likely to be running late to dressage warm up’ is applying to vet school.

**Miranda Levin:** ‘most likely to make a bad pun’ knows every word of the musical Hamilton.

**Jenna Marrocco:** ‘the pickiest eater’ who has a cat that comes to team meetings.

**Katie Younce:** ‘the tall one’ has a black belt in Martial Arts.



# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

*Team Motto:* Aggie Fearless – on every fence



**Hannah Ayoub:** ‘the social butterfly’ and Ayoub’s horse Roman Empire aka Artex is a peppermint loving, momma’s boy.

**Anna Birgisson:** ‘the pre-med nerd’ and her horse, Afternoon Tea aka Thea enjoys smiling for treats and throwing buckets.

**Kaitlyn Harkin:** ‘the commodore’ and her horse, Cash In Hand aka Cash loves to smile for cookies and show off his bucked teeth.

**Sierra Roney:** ‘the bookworm’ and her horse, Oh La La are both equally motivated by food.

## GROOMS

**Grace Freeman:** is the loudest and proudest Fightin’ Texas Aggie.

**Sofia Aguila:** is the seasoned professional.

**Brynn Johnson:** is the horse junkie.

**Marissa Rewcastle:** is the future pilot.



# TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY

*Team Motto:* Bat to the Bone



## TRANSYLVANIA

**Abby Blackburn:** ‘most likely to show up to class in dirty barn clothes.’ Blackburn is described by her teammates as “a cryptid – very few people know she exists on campus.”

**Amanda Haw:** ‘most likely to be mistaken for a 12-year-old’ is currently training to be an EMT.

**Steve Candrl:** ‘most likely to be the only one who has their life figured out’ would willingly skip class to see Panic! At the Disco.

**Maddie Cease:** ‘most likely to quietly take over the world’ has a cat at home who likes to take baths.

## PIONEERS

**Abby Blackburn:** ‘most likely to show up to class in dirty barn clothes.’ Blackburn is described by her teammates as “a cryptid – very few people know she exists on campus.”

**Jessica Dees:** ‘most likely to dramatically scream on cross-country’ handmade the wings and stencils for Transylvania Eventing team.

**Maddie Cease:** ‘most likely to quietly take over the world’ has a cat at home who likes to take baths.



# UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

*Team Quote:* “There’s something about the outside of a horse that’s good for the inside of a man.” -Winston Churchill



**Anna Duggan:** ‘the quietest’ and her parents are from Ireland.

**Alexa Sinha:** ‘the overachiever’ will graduate with a double major.

**Margaret Whisenhunt:** ‘the teacher’s pet’ is going to be a pilot.

**Catherine Walthall:** ‘the life of the party’ first started riding by riding Saddle seat.



# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AIKEN

*Fun Fact:* USC-Aiken finished third in the 2018 USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Championships.



## USC AIKEN BLUE

**Sarah Cundith:** is the 'most calm' out of the team and won a Thoroughbred flat race.

**Brooke Webb:** has learned how to become a leader through USCA Eventing. Her horse, Pelear Por Oro is 'Mr. Reliable.'

**Keileigh McMurray:** 'the most supportive' started her horse, Rapport under saddle. Rapport is "Mr. Destructible."

**Amanda Fisher:** always wears two different socks as a good luck charm. Her horse, Howie's Shootin Star is "the one you take home to meet your parents.'

## UK WHITE/ USC AIKEN

**Jessica Wymbs:** will be competing Lock N' Load in the Novice. Their latest outing was at FENCE H.T. where they finished fifth.

## USC AIKEN RED

**Bailey Hamilton:** 'the speed demon' has never had a stop on cross-country with her horse, Chantilly.

**Sophie Miller:** 'the overachiever' has only burped once in her entire life.

**Virginia Quarles:** is a nursing major and her horse, Ellore is "the most opinionated."

**Kirsten LaVassar:** once rode a French bred Henson stallion on the beaches of Northern France. Her horse, Whatinsamhill is "Deluca from Grey's Anatomy."