

# MEET THE TEAMS

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## AUBURN UNIVERSITY

*Fun fact: Auburn University is the only school to ever win Championship two years in a row (2018 and 2019).*

- Hannah Miller is most likely to wear her riding clothes in public.
- Katie Sullivan went with a fellow Auburn team member on a trip to London and Ireland to try horses.
- Stephanie Lambert lived overseas for four years.
- Gabrielle Yashinsky has ridden horses in six different countries.
- Kaitlyn Dendy has had her horse Bacardi for 5 years and bakes him a birthday cake every birthday.
- Jennifer Mullholland is most likely to skip class for a horse show and grew up in Switzerland.
- Suzanne Hillhouse grew up riding saddle seat and started eventing three years ago.
- Barbara Brogan: has rescued four horses with her family and competes two of them in dressage.



## CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

*Team motto: They don't put championship rings on smooth hands.*

- Emily Martin most likely to yell "Go Tigs!" on cross-country has owned and competed her horse Polson for eight years.
- Emily Thomas most likely to tell others to 'Rush CIET' was raised a USC gamecock, but is now a Clemson Tiger through and through.
- Kelly Waters, the life of the party, has traveled to four different continents

# JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

*Team Motto: Dukes from day one,  
alumni for life*



- Ariana Freeman: The chameleon because she tries her best to blend in, but you can't miss her once she's entered the ring!
- Brooke Burchianti: The busy bee who is riding three horses at VHT, two of which are on a team for JMU, while also pursuing a Sports Management degree and minors in both business and economics.
- Julia Luce: The team player who is always supportive of the team whether she's near or far.
- Meaghan Cleary: The fashionista who should be sponsored by Quic Silver because of how spotless she always manages to get her paint, Ceaser.
- Alayna Newsome: The class clown who will tell she's going to die before going out on course but actually makes it around in foot perfect style.
- Olivia Alminde: The life of the party who has tons of school spirit and has helped outfit the team to the nine's.
- Amelia Bayer: The one who jumped ship because she actually did her undergrad at Bridgewater College before coming to JMU to attend Graduate school.



## RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE

*Team motto: You are only as successful as your  
teammate's last ride.*

- Sydney Guy.: The team leader who had never evented before going to Randolph Macon.
- Morgyn Johnson: The competitive one and her team nickname is Mojo.
- Katherine Delaney: The overachiever who has ran a half marathon.
- Kendall Benner: The team dad who grew up on a cattle farm.
- Austin Skeens: the class clown who has been in a band playing the guitar and drums. loves to play
- Julia Fugate: The dependable one whose family owns a queso company called Empty Bowl Queso.
- Holly Shade: The athletic one who really enjoys cooking.

# TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY

*Team motto: Just Winging It.*

- Katrina Kottra learned to drive a horse trailer with her three horse bumper pull at 17 years old.
- Elizabeth Howell grew up on a Thoroughbred breeding farm and has helped foal 5 mares.
- Aubrey Earley has gone skydiving.
- Jackie Wich's horse, Miller, loves Guinness beer.



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## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

*Fun fact: UGA were the first Intercollegiate Champions as they won the first Championship in 2017.*

- Alaina Carroll will be riding Sweet Georgia Brown in the Novice Rider division.
- Sierra Schurtz will be riding Zach Eyed Pea in the Open Novice division.
- Hannah Ledford will be riding Doubt Ya Boy in the Training Rider division.
- Madison McCauley will be riding Aigle Allegre in the Preliminary Rider division.
- Audrey Utley will be riding Divine Intervention in the Open Beginner Novice Rider division.
- Lauren Meyers will be riding SW Cooley WinePort in the Open Beginner Novice Rider division as well.

## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

*Team Motto: Go Gators!*

- Rylee Gailey: the comeback queen had her first two homebreds this year at Peachstone Sporthorses and she is super eager to get them started.
- MacKenzie Mizell: the one who never sleeps just got back into riding last year after three years off due to breaking her back at a hunter classic show.
- Kaley Rak: the one who bleeds orange and blue is the team captain of the UF Eventing Team.



## UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

- Nicole Stewart is the sole rider representing University of Findlay and will be riding Bright Prince in the Training Rider division.

# UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

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- Patti Stempien is most likely to ride a chestnut horse.
- Kate McGown achieved her black belt in karate when she was 11 years old.
- Hayden Klemanski is most likely to pass chemistry and wants to be a veterinarian, specifically radiology or internal medicine.
- Lynnea Woody is most likely to lose her dog and her first event horse was a Fjord.
- McKenna Miller is most likely to be the designated dog trainer and she used to raise service dogs and recently adopted her first foster.
- Lauren Yeagy: most likely to throw up before show jumping whose first event horse was a Belgian Draft horse named Henry.
- Caroline Dannemiller is most likely to have a horse named after a sea animal and her championship horse is nearly 17 hands tall.
- Madeleine Richards is most likely to get straight A's and did not grow up in a "horsey family" and got introduced to horses through a friend and fell in love with them and the sport.
- Cosby Green is most likely to go pro and forgot to salute after her dressage tests for three consecutive tests when I was 12 years old.
- Kendra Heath-Brost is most likely to join a cult by accident and due to Covid-19 she took scuba diving classes online.
- Madelyn Leahey is most likely to join the team late in the year and is a twin and her twin also evented.
- Abbey O'Day is most likely to skip class and was born on a leap year.
- Ryan Keefe is most likely to win the lottery and lose the ticket and her dad trained "Sally" as a racehorse and she galloped her at the track.
- Lidia Olyha is most likely to paint her horse blue is Brazilian and she has citizenship both in Brazil and the U.S.
- Claire Gamlin is most likely to have a horse that sounds like she should be in Hawaii.
- Ellie Teasley is most likely to be from Nash-vegas.
- Claire Strehlow is most likely to have Sargento cheese and her horse, Seabanks Theygo, despite clearly being a grey, is palomino according to his passport.
- Lia van der Wal is allergic to computers.
- Cora Severs is most likely to be the team's secret weapon who competed at an event five weeks after she had collarbone surgery.
- Shannon McCall is most likely to have the worlds best dog and is one of five siblings.
- Ivie Cullendean is most likely to have an insane amount of followers who missed high school graduation for a horse show.
- Sidney Salvadalena is most likely to be in a sorority.
- Jackie LeMastus is most likely to stay at UK forever and would have stayed at UK for a sixth year, if she could have.
- Lauren Harris is most likely to be TikTok famous.

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- Hannah Warner is most likely to coordinate the team chaos and will be the new president of the UK eventing team for 2021-2022.
- Lillian Dobat is most likely to wear cowboy boots to dressage and her three main food groups are chicken, bread, and cheese.
- Colin Gaffney is most likely to be the hype man and is currently the only guy on the team.
- Kate McGown is the teammate who is most likely to bake the best muffins.
- Macy Clark graduated in 2020 and will be representing UK in the graduate division.



## UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

*Team motto: Try your hardest, have fun, and soak it in.*

- Darby Weestra is the encourager and is running her first three-day event this year.
- Grace Lakeman is most likely to be cleaning her grey horses and her horse's show names were named by her stepfather.
- Hannah Rutledge is the team comedian and shares Cheerios with her horse Tanner.
- Anna Claire Will is the life of the barn and took her horse, Red over his first jump.
- Ashley Will is the nutritionist has the nickname Twinkie, and she doesn't even like Twinkies.
- Madison Trenaman has the most contagious laugh and her horse, Dutch, jumps with his eyes closed.
- Kingsley Daniel is the shy one who is secretly crazy and grew up riding western.
- Josie Martin is the most dependable one and can make the best charcuterie boards.

## UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

- Paige Ansaldi is the sole rider representing the University of Maryland and she will be riding Bombay Original in the Novice Rider division.





## UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

*Fun Fact: UVA has competed at the USEA Intercollegiate Championships almost every year, but this year will be the most competitors they have ever brought to Championships.*

- Madeline Ix will be riding Modern Art and is one of two Seniors representing UVA.
- Megan Loughnane has two horses entered in Championships, Lynton in the Training Horse division and Flamenco Ping in the Modified.
- Jessie Schwartz also has two horses entered in the Championships WHF Kitaro in the Preliminary Rider division and What a Smarty in the Novice Horse division.
- Maia Kantarowski is the third rider from UVA with two horses entered - Pebbly Maximus and Kiltubrid Rebel both in the Open Intermediate division.
- Arden Stephens is the second Senior from UVA and will be riding Cisco A in the Open Intermediate division.
- Carson Richards will be riding Fernhill Mr. Cool in the Preliminary Rider division.
- Katie Lichten will be riding Sapphire Blue B in the CCI3\*-L.



## USC AIKEN

*Team Motto: Better Late than Never!*

- Alicia Brigode is the overachiever who got into college at age 16.
- Dominique Matos is the best eventing newcomer is also an equine photographer.
- Sydney Shinn is the best long distance team member and has been a working student for professional event riders for four years.
- Virginia Quarles is the best non-compete competing member and is a nursing major.
- Jessica Wymbbs has the best hair and has over 30,000 followers on TikTok.
- Heidi Gyselinck is the team chef and is an expert in baking cheesecake.

# VIRGINIA TECH

*Team Motto: Event the Future.*



- Paige Cianciulli is most likely to have their name mispronounced and can ride a unicycle.
- Mandolin Whitten is most likely to not say a word during a meeting and is a vegetarian.
- Emily Shilling is most mysterious and Championships will be the first time that most of the team has met Emily, outside of Zoom meetings.
- Abigail Winfree is most likely to come out of retirement for a horse show and can fold a fitted sheet.
- Ashley Kapinos is most likely to say 'I'm actually a show jumper!' and can say the alphabet backwards in four languages.
- MacKenzie Krason has the smallest horse with the biggest heart and together they participate in mounted archery.

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