

9. Please describe the nature of your work at the PATH Intl. center or describe your career plan after completing your EAAT coursework. I am the Executive Director for Stirrups 'n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center in Florida. I oversee the entire program from care of the horses, teaching classes, scheduling classes and putting together fundraisers for our 50 riders & over 60 volunteers 4 days a week from the end of September to end of May. We also hold a 6 week summer course in July & August but due to the extreme heat in Florida & our Center does not have a covered arena we must limit our classes. I am in complete care of the facility with our 14 horses & work 7 days a week at the Center. I am a certified PATH riding instructor & a Level 2 Driving Instructor. We also have a driving program at our Center which I am in charge of.

10. What are your goals in the field of equine assisted activities and therapies? To continue to expand Stirrups 'n Strides to its full potential of serving up to 75 people with disabilities a week. I would like to be able to grow the Center with additional staff to be able to accommodate more riders. At this time we are at full capacity since I am the only staff member. We have 4 certified PATH instructors with 3 more in training but they are all on a volunteer basis.

11. How do you think attending the PATH Intl. National Conference and Annual Meeting will help you in your work and goals in the field of equine assisted activities and therapies?  
Our Center is going on 6 years old & we don't have the budget to send anyone to the National Conference which I feel is very important in expanding my knowledge/ new ideas as our Center continues to grow. I know I would come home with renewed enthusiasm & some fundraiser ideas for a capital campaign for a covered arena from the conference. I have been a member of Path for over 25 years & used to be able to attend many of the conferences, but haven't been able to attend since the opening of Stirrups 'n Strides. There is much to learn at the National Conferences & I would be extremely appreciative if I could attend this year.