

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 a rider in the Veterans Program at Exceptional Equestrians of the Missouri Valley. I also volunteer in whatever capacity is needed; side walker, horse handler as well as a board member. I sat on the Horses for Heroes panel at the 2011 PATH Int Pre-Conference. I was given the opportunity to attend the complete conference with

10. What are your goals in the field of equine assisted activities and therapies?

My goal is to help other better understand Veterans in order to provide the Veteran and instructor with the best experience possible. I would also like to be a source of information for any PATH member to tap into to better understand Veterans from a Veterans point of view. Having worked with as well as being a Wounded Warrior, I have the inside scoop for information. I am also a co-founding board member of the Warriors Arts Alliance and Missouri Warrior Writers, which enables me to continue to work with veterans as well as active duty warriors.

I would also like a better understanding of instructing and training in hopes of possibly perusing a chance to be an instructor in the future. I believe as a challenged rider, a better understanding of the work, reward, and frustrations one goes through would help me during the training process.

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?

I have the privilege of being a presenter at the International Conference. From the responses of interest in the subject of Understanding Veterans a large group of individuals are interested in learning more about what makes a Veteran tick. By being a presenter not only will I hopefully be able to teach something new to other, but I also hope to learn from the members.