PATH Intl. Regional Conference

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August 2 - 4, 2019

Hosted by:
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA
PATH Intl. Region 8 & LSTEN welcome you to an educational and fun weekend with your friends and colleagues in beautiful Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Your registration fee includes lunch and dinner on Friday, 8/2, and lunch on Saturday, 8/3.

**CONFERENCE LOCATION**

**Sessions:**

Louisiana State University  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
Skip Bertman Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

**Lodging:**

The Cook Hotel at LSU  
Rate $109.00* per room + tax  
3848 W Lakeshore Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
(225) 383-2665  
*Breakfast included with room rate.  
For online booking use Booking Code: 190731LOUI

Belle of Baton Rouge Casino & Hotel  
Rate $109.00 per room + tax  
103 France Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
(225) 242-2600  
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Use Booking Code: LSG31A (LSTEN 2019 Conference)

**PATH INTL. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Online registration will be available May 24, 2019, through July 19, 2019. After July 19, 2019, registration will need to be completed on-site.

*IF YOU ARE A PRESENTER OR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBER, DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER WITH YOUR CODE.*

**Registration Fees**

Registration May 24, 2019 through July 19, 2019:

- Full Conference $100 members  
- Full Conference - PATH Intl. Higher Ed Student/Faculty Members $75  
- Full Conference $135 non-members  
- Full Conference - PATH Intl. Higher Ed Student/Faculty Members $95

Registration on-site after July 19, 2019:

- Full Conference $120 members  
- Full Conference - PATH Intl. Higher Ed Student/Faculty Members $95  
- Full Conference $155 non-members  
- Full Conference - PATH Intl. Higher Ed Student/Faculty Members $95

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Written cancellation request is required for refund.  
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Deadline for 50% Refund – Request received in PATH Intl. office by **August 4, 2019**.  
Individuals who do not submit a written request to PATH Intl. by August 4, 2019, will not receive a refund.
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This conference satisfies up to 14 hours of annual continuing education requirements.

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019

8 – 9 a.m. Registration and Welcome

Session A

9 – 10 a.m. A1, Risk Assessment in Therapeutic Riding Programs, Part 1 CE

As an animal science expert, Dr. Potter provides technical investigations, analysis, reports and testimony toward the resolution of commercial and personal injury litigation involving areas of equine science, appraisals, behavior and training, nutrition, facility design and construction, fencing and safety issues. Objectives for this presentation are to identify potential hazards in the therapeutic riding environment and to discuss procedures to minimize risks associated with therapeutic riding.

J. Tim Potter, PhD, PAS, was born and raised on a crops and livestock farm in northeast Arkansas. He completed the BS (Animal Science), MS (Physiology of Reproduction) and PhD (Physiology of Reproduction) degrees at Texas A&M University in 1983, 1986 and 1990, respectively. Dr. Potter is actively involved in the animal industry and has relevant experience in both the academic and corporate arenas. He participated in numerous state, regional and national committees and boards of directors (including NARHA), and has served as a leader of several nonprofit organizations and for-profit entities. Dr. Potter is employed as an animal scientist with Robson Forensic, Inc. He provides technical investigations, analysis, reports and testimony toward the resolution of commercial and personal injury litigation involving areas of animal science, including but not limited to, nutrition, reproduction, behavior and training, safety issues, abuse and neglect, facility design, construction, and facility maintenance.

Samantha Weiland earned her BA degree in therapeutic horsemanship at St. Andrews University in 2004 and her MAT in special education in 2010 at Mary Baldwin College. Samantha is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor. She has taught therapeutic horseback riding for 15 years and has been teaching in the classroom for nine years. Samantha currently provides services to students with autism across the state of Alaska and teaches therapeutic horseback riding in the summers. When she is not in the riding arena or classroom, Samantha is hiking with her Corgi, Cassie.
In this session we will share the Equine-Assisted Leadership Development™ (EALD™) methodology proven in multiple PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Centers to develop leadership skills for local organizations (corporate/professional), colleges/universities, veterans and youth at risk. The methodology involves certifying your instructors to offer and teach the EALD courses to local organizations, which then generates revenue to fund your center’s sustainability. The methodology focuses on advancing an individual or team’s leadership skills using equine-assisted learning (EAL) – assisting organizations and society to develop better and more inspiring leaders while creating a unique and innovative additional revenue stream for your facility. Join us to learn about the methodology, licensing, certification and results centers have experienced in generating revenue to support their employees, horses, programing and infrastructure.

Jeff Arnold is the founder of Leadership Adventures, Inc., which focuses on developing inspiring leaders around globe. He has spent a 24-year career working in corporate consulting with clients all over the world developing leaders. He has worked with more than 100 CEOs and client organizations world-wide, including colleges and universities, Fortune 100 companies, nonprofits and faith-based organizations. He is a student of leadership and believes that each of us is on a journey to become a better leader, and that becoming a better leader is an adventure requiring both new skills and practice opportunity. In 2008, he was honored with the esteemed Inspiring Leadership award by the world’s largest consulting firm as measured by revenue, a Fortune Global 500 company. He was recently featured in JH Style magazine discussing the benefits of experiential, accelerated, equine-based leadership development.

Carol Petitto, PhD, is founder and executive director of On Eagles’ Wings Therapeutic Riding Center, a PATH Intl. PAC in Fairmont, WV. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor, PATH Intl. Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning, served on the PATH Intl. Higher Education Task Force, and was also on the PATH Intl. Membership Oversight Committee for two terms. She has been an adjunct professor in the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design at West Virginia University for the last 10 years. She developed and currently teaches the PATH Intl.-based equine-assisted activities and therapies minor within West Virginia University’s equine program and is currently certified in the EALD™ program.

10 – 10:15 a.m. BREAK

Session B

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. B1, Risk Assessment in Therapeutic Riding Programs, Part 2 CE

Continuation of A1.

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. B2, Equine Veterinary Acupuncture and Chiropractic CE, CR ESMHL

This lecture will be a basic introduction to equine veterinary acupuncture and chiropractic as it relates to maintaining the health of horses in therapeutic riding programs. It will allow the attendees to understand the basics of what the modalities are, when the modalities may be utilized in the treatment of program horses, and who should best be providing these modalities.

Ed Boldt, DVM, graduated in 1984 from the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine. He received his certification in veterinary acupuncture through the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society in 1993 and his certification in veterinary chiropractic through the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association in 1996. Prior to moving to Colorado, Dr. Boldt had
an ambulatory equine practice in the New Orleans, Louisiana, area. Currently, he has a private equine practice limited to complementary medicine based in Colorado but including Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma. Dr. Boldt is the past executive director for the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society, as well as a past lecturer and teaching associate for the IVAS Basic Acupuncture Course. He has lectured for the AVMA, AAEP, Nebraska VMA and AAVA.

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.  B3, PATH Intl. Standards and How They Apply to Instructors CE

All PATH Intl. Standards apply to PATH Intl. Credentialed Professionals. This is a summary and discussion of how they apply directly to instructors. The objective is to familiarize and remind PATH Intl. Credentialed Instructors that the PATH Intl. Standards are a tool they should be using every day.

Joan Cutler has been a part of the EAAT industry as a volunteer and instructor for more than 25 years. She is a PATH Intl. Site Visitor. Joan is currently the operations coordinator at Equest, a PATH Intl. PAC in Dallas, TX.

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.  BREAK

Session C

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  C1, Supplements: Science Behind Label Claims CE, CR ESMHL

With emphasis on reducing the use of pharmaceutical agents (drugs) in horses, horse owners are turning to natural products (supplements) to ease pain, improve disease conditions and maintain health. Many commercial supplements are available to horse owners and have label claims including among other things, relieving pain due to lameness and maintaining stomach health. Many supplements have no scientific evidence on their efficacy, and frequently data is extrapolated from people and/or lab animals. The purpose of this lecture is to present scientific data on the efficacy of several commercial supplements available on the market for horses so that good decisions can be made when horses are fed these supplements. Data will be presented on several supplements as indicated below:

- Curcumin extract: helps relieve pain due to lameness due to arthritis
- Sea buckthorn berries and pulp: help mitigate glandular gastric ulcers
- Pectin and lecithin: improves gastric ulcers
- Hydrolyzed collagen: in the long term (56 days), improves gastric ulcers
- A mixture of sea buckthorn berry, pectin, lecithin and hydrolyzed collagen, aloe vera, glutamine: improves gastric ulcers and maintains stomach health
- Zinc-Methionine (complex minerals): essential for maintaining a normal intestinal barrier and has some wound-healing effects in the stomach ulcers

Frank M. Andrews, DVM, MS, DACVIM-LAIM, is Director of the Equine Health Studies Program, Veterinary Clinical Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University. Dr. Andrews is LVMA Equine Committee Professor and Section Chief of Large Animal Medicine. His research focus is on treatment and prevention of gastric ulcer disease in horses.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  C2, Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders DE

With the Centers for Disease Control and Presentation estimating that 1 in 58 children are identified with an autism spectrum disorder, an in-depth understanding of autism is important to best understand a growing number of people in our communities. Recent changes in diagnostic criteria along with ongoing research related to treatment and cause afford the need for frequent
updates on autism spectrum disorders. The following learning goals will be addressed during the presentation:

1. Identify the most recent diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum disorders.
2. Cite current research related to causes of autism spectrum disorder.
3. Identify at least three different methods commonly used as functional communication for people on the autism spectrum.
4. Identify three strategies for meeting and building a relationship with a new person, including a person on the autism spectrum.

Jane Morton, PhD, BCBA-D joined the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation in January 2012. Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation became the Emerge Center in April 2014. She is a licensed psychologist and a doctoral-level Board Certified Behavior Analyst with a PhD degree from the University of Georgia. From 2009-2011, she was the lead psychologist for the local autism team with the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities in the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. Dr. Morton completed her pre-doctoral and post-doctoral training at the Marcus Autism Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Jane lives in Baton Rouge and is married with two children, Lila and Will.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  **C3. Leadership by Example CE**

Follow along in my journey of service to our country and community, first as a soldier then as a firefighter/EMT with severe struggles as a result. You will live in the shoes of the homeless as well as experience a remarkable journey of recovery and hope!

Brian Paul is a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma and served in the Army’s 45th Infantry Division. He also served as a volunteer firefighter as well as career firefighter/EMT. A graduate of English Mountain Recovery Addiction and PTS Survivor Founder/President of Veterans 4 Life USA (National Nonprofit), he is also as semi-professional football player, an actor and a professional.

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.  **LUNCH BREAK and PATH Intl. Update with Marsha Anderson**

Session D

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  **D1, Trailer Accidents and Horses CE**

Accidents involving equine transportation happen every so often. We will go through step by step triage and extraction of the horse.

Dr. Mustajab H. Mirza, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS-LA, is a dual national of Pakistan and the United States of America. He is a large animal surgeon. Currently, he is working at LSU as a large animal emergency clinician for after-hours emergencies. He is board certified in large animal surgery. His interests include surgery of both soft tissue and orthopedics. Long bone fractures, laminitis, discovery of new surgical procedures and therapeutics through research hold keen interest for him.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  **D2, Communication: What’s All the Talk About? DE**

Learn how to differentiate between left brain and right brain communication disorders, identify ways to modify and enhance the riding experience for a child or adult with a communication disorder, and implement caregiver training of techniques and strategies for carryover in the home environment.
Jane M. Ladmuirault is a full-time speech language pathologist at Baton Rouge General Medical Center. She has been with "the General" for 30 years, functioning in many roles from staff therapist, education coordinator, to her current role of rehab services supervisor. In this role, she coordinates the speech department as well as the outpatient pediatric rehab clinic (PT, OT and ST). Jane is a member of the stroke care committee and has presented at numerous stroke boot camps sponsored by the hospital. She specializes in the evaluation and treatment of adults with dysphagia. She has hosted and presented a LSHA preconference course and presented to the LOTA. Jane enjoys educating therapists, patients, family members and the community, making the complicated subject of communication easily understandable.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  **D3, Planning for Successful Outcomes, Part 1 CR ALL**

Interested in being more effective in planning for success with students? Learn how to elicit responses from non-verbal students to test their fund of knowledge on a skill and how to challenge students with higher order thinking questions. In this session, attendees will learn different ways to use a variety of activities to incorporate life skills in the arena setting and be reminded WHY it is critical to allow students to have enough time to process requests and then be able to formulate their responses.

**Rebecca Mercer** has a master’s degree in educational assessment from TCU. She has been teaching since she was 20 years old in public schools, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and at her own riding center until June 2018. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Professional. She and Dr. Lloyd Mercer have been married for 47 years and have four children and five grandchildren.

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.  **BREAK**

Session E

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.  **E1, Feeding Your Most Valuable Asset CE, CR ESMHL**

The horse is the most valuable asset in equine-assisted activities and therapies that should be well maintained to prevent down time or a poor return on investment. This starts with what you feed them. Feed them wrong and you will have poor behavior, poor work ethic, illness, added maintenance expense, downtime from soundness issues and an early loss of invested money and time. Feed them right and you will have willing partners, minimal maintenance costs, minimal illness, longevity of the horse and maximum return on your investment of money and time acquiring and training this most important asset in your equine-assisted activities and therapies program.

**Geoff Tucker, DVM**, started with horses professionally in 1973 and graduated from Cornell’s veterinary school in 1984. His practice now is limited to horsemanship-based dentistry based in Florida and covering over 10 states. He is an author, social media specialist and avid teacher through five different websites he curates. His current passions are teaching horsemanship, horse dentistry and horse nutrition.
Collaborating with local schools and special educators can benefit EAAT participants. We will review various trends, goals, best practices, strategies, policies and terminology to help facilitate this connection for the benefit of EAAT participants.

Andrea L. Suk joined the Zarrow Center in 2016 as a Doctoral Sooner Scholar. Andrea obtained her bachelor’s degree as a learning behavior specialist from Bradley University. She has taught in both Illinois and Arizona as a high school special education teacher where she also quickly developed the role of preparing students for careers after graduation. Upon completing her master’s degree in transition through the University of Kansas, she became a transition specialist in Texas. During this time, Andrea completed over 150 transition plans for students in both high school and middle school settings. Andrea has received distinct recognition for her leadership as the ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering mentor group for high school students) mentor of the year in Phoenix, the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year (Glendale, Arizona), and is a Target Grant Field Trip recipient.

Continuation of D3.

The importance of saddle fit, and how the growth and change of both young and mature horses can influence saddle fit.

Kristen Vlietstra has over 15 years of experience in Saddle Fitting and Repair. Saddle fitting can be an intimidating and complicated process that often leaves the customer confused and not sure if they have received the best information or achieved the best results. Kristen’s mission is to make this process as simple and straightforward as possible. It is truly amazing the way a properly fitted saddle can change your relationship with your horse and Kristen would love to show you how we can do that together!

This presentation describes the ATHENA horsemanship program’s eight-week pilot with the Rock On Veterans at ROCK. Through eight weekly 1.5-hour sessions, the ATHENA horsemanship program covers a basic history of classical dressage and explores texts from the masters to inspire connection with our equine partners and ourselves. Exercises from la Guérinière, Baucher and Luis Valença are practiced to strengthen and supple horses on the ground so they can partner better with riders throughout the week. The ATHENA horsemanship program is created and provided for use in this pilot by New Trails Learning Systems. You will learn:

* What is work in hand, why was it created, and how does it help our equine partners?
* What benefits did our equine partners experience during the eight-week program?
* What benefits did the veteran participants experience during the eight-week program?
* How can your center start an in-hand program?
**Betsy Kahl**, PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor since 2006, has taught lessons in New Hampshire, Ohio and Texas. Currently, Betsy works as an instructor at ROCK in Georgetown, TX, and as horse and program coordinator at New Trails Learning Systems in Elgin, TX. Betsy completed her undergraduate work at the University of Notre Dame and earned her master of social work degree at Cleveland State University. A licensed clinical social worker, Betsy has studied and practiced animal-assisted therapy, and has been able to partner with horses, dogs, turtles, snakes and skunks to connect with others and facilitate change.

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5 – 6 p.m.  **F3, Competition Potential: Creating Opportunities for Equestrians With Disabilities and Veterans CE**

Come learn from the professional organizations that have made competition possible through the development of the EWD (Equestrians With Disabilities) classes. Representatives from Special Olympics, Para-Equestrians and National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA) will share in the discussion of the life-changing opportunities that are available in the show ring. Hear from Amy Causey, a PATH Intl. Certified Master Instructor and professional show judge, on how to prepare your horses and riders for the show arena. Gain inside information from a judge’s perspective as you gain important information on how to make competition opportunities available in your area.

Panel discussion with representatives from NSBA, Para-Equestrians and Special Olympics, moderated by Host Jen Donahue

**Amy Causey** is a PATH Intl. Certified Master Instructor and director of program quality at Equest in Dallas with AQHA competition experience and will be discussing how to prepare your horse for competition from the perspective of a show judge, including grooming, tacking and rider attire.

**Stephanie Lynn** is representing the National Snaffle Bit Association and the Equestrians With Disabilities (EWD) classes and will be discussing EWD opportunities in Region 8.

**Shelby Nicoletti** is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor at the North Texas Equestrian Center with experience in Dressage competition and will be discussing how to get involved with para-equestrian events and competition in your local horse show community.

**Karen Abbott** is a PATH Intl. Instructor and site visitor and is a teacher in Hockley. She is conducting research on how you can boost participation in Special Olympics in your local area and will be discussing how to start a Special Olympics equestrian competition program in your local community.

**Jen Donahue (panel moderator)** works for Equest as its specialty programs and community outreach coordinator. She has also served Equest as head instructor and education coordinator supervising, lecturing and mentoring in the bi-annual PATH Intl. approved training courses. She is a lead faculty member for PATH Intl. Registered OSWC and associate faculty member for therapeutic driving workshops and certifications. She currently serves on the PATH Intl. Accreditation Subcommittee and PATH Intl. Driving Subcommittee. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, PATH Intl. Certified Driving Instructor Level III, PATH Intl. Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning, PATH Intl. Lead Site visitor. Jen is also a PATH Intl. Mentor and is currently serving as the PATH Intl. Region 8 Representative. She has presented at PATH Intl. conferences, Region 8/LSTEN conferences, and PATH Intl. Region 3 conference. Jen is known for her compassion and unique blend of deep professional expertise in therapeutic riding, education and mental health. Jen obtained her Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Louisiana State University and earned her Master of Science Teaching in Education as well as advanced graduate work from Loyola University, New Orleans.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019

8 – 9 a.m. Registration

Session G

9 – 10 a.m. G1, Psychology and Safety of Horses in EAAT, Part 1 CE, CR ESMHL

Training of horses by use of "horse psychology" and minimum safety standards of training for equines used in EAAT settings.

Kaye T. Harris has been riding and working with horses for 45 years, starting off in British Pony Club in Singapore. She rode both English and Western, including showing, before deciding working with ponies and children was what she preferred. She created her own business "Pony Tales" at the age of 20 to do just that. Kaye was the owner/advocate for "Molly the 3-legged Katrina pony." Ever searching for better ways with her equines, she embarked upon natural horsemanship officially in 2006 to obtain increasingly better results with and for her horses and the children who ride with her.

9 – 10 a.m. G2, The “How To” for Clarity in Service: Out of Exhaustion Into Empowerment, Part 1 CE

Are you exhausted from wearing numerous hats? Come for a tangible experience of stress reduction, laughter and clarity in how to plug in to passionate fulfillment. Enter the arena of empowerment that will eliminate exhaustion. Learn the four-question formula for joining up to the best work experience. Understand how congruency can be achieved consistently with staff, volunteers and horses. Learn emotional freedom techniques (EFT) for reconnecting to inner peace.

Helen Racz, Certified Life Coach, EFT Practitioner, Public Speaker.

9 – 10 a.m. G3, Welfare Considerations for Therapeutic Riding Programs CE

Equine professionals encounter increasing scrutiny with regards to the welfare of horses in equine activities, be it in the show ring, breeding farm, riding lesson environment and therapeutic riding environment. This discussion will include procedures and strategies to ensure the welfare of horses used in therapeutic riding, including use of the body condition scoring system, health care and management, use of equipment and tack, and maintenance of facilities. Objectives are to educate the audience with regards to these topics and prepare them in the event of the aforementioned scrutiny.

J. Tim Potter, PhD, PAS, see bio under A1.

10 – 10:15 a.m. BREAK

Session H

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. H1, Psychology and Safety of Horses in EAAT, Part 2 CE, CR ESMHL
H2, The “How To” for Clarity in Service: Out of Exhaustion Into Empowerment, Part 2 CE

H3, Stop the Bleed (two 30-minute sessions) CE

Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

Laura E. Rogers, RN, BSN, CPAN, is a trauma injury prevention nurse at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, LA.

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. BREAK

Session I

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. I1, Neigh! Straight From the Horse’s Mouth CE, CR ESMHL

In order to speak horse we have to get inside their brain and learn how they process the world. Animal behaviorists are just now understanding what sets horses apart from other companion animals. Throughout history humans have had a special bond with horses. Now is the time to explore this connection and learn how to better communicate with our equine heroes.

Bonny Barry is the executive director of Equine Reflections, Inc. For 35 years she has been a respected equine professional involved with many breeds and disciplines. Her certifications include EAGALA, AAHS and emergency mental health first aid. Professional memberships include PATH Intl., CHA, Pony Club, USEF and Louisiana Equine Council. She has been involved with therapeutic riding as owner/manager of Carousel Farms, Deep South Director for the Black Stallion Literary Program, and served on the Equestrian Sport Rules Committee for Special Olympics. She presented her Georgian Grande “Val” at Equine Affaire and lectured there on equine safety.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. I2, Behavior: What’s the Function? DE

Are you seeking additional strategies to help your EAAT participants become more independent? Do you wonder how participant behavior is affected by the environment and people around them? Is your praise to EAAT participants really effective? Andrea Suk will present on a variety of specific behavioral strategies that can be utilized in the EAAT environment. Her presentation will include frequent opportunities to practice strategies in a hands-on learning environment. Reinforcement, praise, chaining, shaping, goal-attainment, preference identification and error correction are just a few examples of what attendees will learn during the session. All reviewed behavioral strategies have been identified as effective for teaching individuals with disabilities to learn new skills and change problem behaviors. Session participants will leave with numerous strategies that can be immediately implemented within the EAAT environment.

Andrea L. Suk see bio under A2.
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  I3, Stop the Bleed (two 30-minute sessions) CE
See information under H3.

12:30 – 2 p.m. Lunch with LSTEN Member Meeting (30 minutes) and State Meetings with State Chairs (30 minutes)

Session J

2 – 3 p.m.  J1, Getting the Shot Is Harder Than It Seems, Part 1 CE
How many times have you taken a picture and thought it was the PERFECT shot, only to see the picture where your horse's head is huge and has a tiny behind? Tammy will walk you through the mechanics and settings for your tools to take that perfect picture and will also guide you to take pictures from different perspectives to keep your subject interesting and unique. Bring your utter fail pictures so that Tammy can give you tips on how to improve your shot!

Tammy Mars-Prine, is a lifelong resident of The Greater New Orleans area where she resides with her husband, Woody, and their two daughters, Journie and Pixie. Tammy is an entrepreneur and owner of T la Roux Productions, LLC, specializing in portfolio headshots, modeling and coaching courses and styling. Tammy grew up on 3M Cattle Company, a family owned cattle ranch spanning the majority of St. Charles Parish. She started off in photography at a very young age, photographing her horses for 4-H projects and received her craftsmen degree at the young age of 24. Over the years, Tammy has held presidency and executive office in numerous social, civic and business organizations. She was the owner of the Gallery la Roux for 15 years, until 2010 when she decided to adopt her youngest daughter. Now, she is an artist, designer, fashion engineer and philanthropist.

2 – 3 p.m.  J2, Stop the Bleed (two 30-minute sessions) CE
See information under H3.

2 – 3 p.m.  J3, Adopting Horses and the Right Horse Initiative CE
Many horses become unadoptable for various reasons, physical or mental or emotional issues. Bonny and Kaye never gave up on the horses they adopted. Each of their horses now gives back in their own unique way. Bonny and Kaye share their true stories and demonstrate the uniqueness of their equines and how they give back.

Bonny Barry see bio under I1.

3 – 3:15 p.m. BREAK

Session K

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.  K1, Getting the Shot Is Harder Than It Seems, Part 2 CE
Continuation of J1.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.  K2, The “How To” for Clarity in Service: Out of Exhaustion and Into Empowerment, Part 1 CE
Are you exhausted from wearing numerous hats? Come for a tangible experience of stress reduction, laughter and clarity in how to plug in to passionate fulfillment. Enter the arena of empowerment that will eliminate exhaustion. Learn the four-question formula for joining up to the best work experience. Understand how congruency can be achieved consistently with staff, volunteers and horses. Learn EFT for reconnecting to inner peace.

Helen Racz see bio under G2.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. K3, Stop the Bleed (two 30-minute sessions) CE
See information under H3.

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. BREAK

Session L

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. L1, Saddle Fit and the Changing Horse CE
Repeat of F1.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. L2, The “How To” for Clarity in Service: Out of Exhaustion and Into Empowerment, Part 2 CE
Continuation of K2.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. L3, The Natural Hoof and Care CE, CR ESMHL
Discussion will focus on the benefits to the horse for being natural and barefoot and how to properly maintain a natural foot.

Fred Klotz is a natural hoof care practitioner and has over 13 years’ experience. He has been a horseman for over 50 years. He has started and trained horses during those years. He became involved with therapeutic riding as a volunteer at a center and continues to support the industry.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. General Update, CTRI Q&A

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

8 – 9 a.m. Cowboy Church

Session M

9 – 10 a.m. M1, Updates on Parasite Control, Part 1 CE, CR ESMHL
Modern technology provides an opportunity to use objective methods to assess parasite infestations. Current control measures will be outlined and discussed for both internal and external parasites.

Dennis French, DVM, graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota in 1978 and began his professional career as an instructor at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine where he did both ambulatory and in-house large animal
medicine and surgery. He then went to a private equine practice in Naperville, IL, for a period of time before returning to LSU as an assistant professor of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery. Dr. French was active in large animal practice during his career at LSU as well as being involved in numerous large animal research projects. He has published over 65 refereed papers on various large animal topics. He has also presented numerous continuing education talks to audiences throughout the world. Dr. French certified as a Diplomate of Equine Practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in 1985, and has maintained his certification in 1993, 2006 and 2014. Dr. French served as the lead shelter veterinarian for the Hurricane Katrina equine relief effort in 2005, spending over 50 days meeting the needs of over 300 rescued horses. He joined the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine as a Professor of Large Animal Medicine in 2009 and currently serves as the head of department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine. He and his bride of 35 years are owners of a small farm in East Central Illinois that has chickens, Katahdin sheep, two horses and a donkey.

9 – 10 a.m.  M2, Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder DE

Understanding autism spectrum disorder and the best evidence research practices that can be utilized in the equestrian setting.

Samantha Weiland  see bio under E2.

9 – 10 a.m.  M3, Living the Dream: Opening a New PATH Intl. Facility CE

Learn how to plan for, build and establish a new PATH Intl. facility that will serve a community in benefiting those with disabilities.

Debbie Bright-Chunn has been a member of PATH Intl. for the past five years, obtaining the PATH Intl. Certified Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning and Certified Riding Instructor in Training. She also is certified by CHA as a riding instructor and instructor for individuals with disabilities. She had a lifelong dream of owning a ranch but was only aware in the past five years that PATH Intl. offered these credentials and a way to serve the disabled. This presentation will demonstrate the pathway that led to the building of a new PATH Intl. facility in Northeast Louisiana to serve her community following PATH Intl. Facility Standards and Safety Regulations.

10 – 10:15 a.m.  BREAK

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10:15 – 11:15 a.m.  N1, Updates on Parasite Control, Part 2 CE, CR ESMHL

Continuation of M1.

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.  N2, Diversity Facilitates Leadership Development CR ALL

The first objective is to establish a form of communication with others (a smile could be a sign that today will be a GREAT and productive day!). Along with communication, establish trust with your participants in a way that is most comfortable (if they don't trust you, nothing will be accomplished). Finally, identify a teaching method that works best with the individual participants in your program.

Carole Montgomery is both a professional and a parent. For 23 years, she served as the executive director at Designed and Implemented at the LA Career Development Center for the Deaf and DeafBlind. During her time here, 300 deaf and deafblind people in the Baton Rouge community
were successfully placed in deaf, deafblind and deafblind/autistic specific programs. Currently, Carole is the executive director of Designed and Implemented Whole Person Baton Rouge, a program where all persons are served, and also includes job site support to its participants.

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.  **N3, Volunteer Recruitment and Retention for EAAT CE**

Through the use of targeted presentations, utilization of social media and technologies, education, recognition and identification of burnout, individuals will be better equipped to recruit and retain the volunteers necessary for EAAT. Successfully implemented strategies from both All Star Equestrian Foundation of Mansfield, TX, and Open My World Therapeutic Riding of Leander, TX, will be shared. Participants will also be given an opportunity to share the successes and struggles of their home centers to allow for group troubleshooting.

**Emilie Thomason** started her journey through the therapeutic horseback riding industry as a volunteer at All Star Equestrian of Mansfield, TX in 2004. After graduating from West Texas A&M University with a degree in animal science in 2014, Emilie returned to All Star and became a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Therapeutic Riding Instructor in 2016. Emilie has worked in several positions at All Star including ranch hand, ranch hand manager and volunteer coordinator. Currently she is on the schooling committee, is webmaster and is a full-time therapeutic riding instructor. Emilie is also the PATH Intl. Texas State Chair with Clarissa Correa.

**Clarissa Correa** currently works full time as a PATH Intl. Certified Instructor and event coordinator at Open My World Therapeutic Riding Center in Leander, Texas. Clarissa is also a PATH Intl. Mentor. In 2018, Clarissa graduated with a certification from Austin Community College in Non-Profit Leadership and Management. Clarissa is also the PATH Intl. Texas State Chair with Emilie Thomason.

We look forward to seeing you soon in Baton Rouge, Louisiana!