

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Amy Haymes and I am interested in serving on the board of the Oklahoma Dressage Society. My formal education is a BS in Agricultural Communications and I work as a data analyst. Like you, horses are my passion.

I began my first professional work at the age of 16 with an apprenticeship under multiple national champion Hunter Under Saddle trainer Gigi Bailey. Throughout my youth career I won multiple national championships in horse judging and evaluation. My success as a youth provided scholarships and opportunity in my collegiate career where I won the National APHA Collegiate Championship in 2000 for horse judging and a reserve national IHSA championship in 2002 in Advanced Horsemanship. Following college I returned to training horse's fulltime. I worked for two farms specializing in western and all-around events to diversify my education. During this tenure I prepared, coached and showed on the national circuit with Pullin Ranch in Conroe, TX.

In 2006, I left training professionally to pursue my individual goals. I met my now husband in 2008 and we married in 2011. His work led me to Saudi Arabia where I lived from 2012 to 2016. That is the pivotal experience that made me fall in love with the sport of dressage. I rehabilitated numerous horses during my time there. Without the conveniences we enjoy in the states, I could only rely on sound training principles to help these horses become healthy, purposeful athletes that are fun to ride!

I now live in Oklahoma City where I work at Devon Energy. Burbon River is the 2010 OTTB who currently rules my world. This delightful mare and I are looking forward to showing in 2019 and beyond. I recognize that serving the association who provides opportunity is integral to the sport. I would love to give my time and effort and create new relationships in the dressage community.

Below are photos of some of the horses I worked in Saudi and of course Belle (Burbon River).



14y gelding Bob before



after 9 months of work



under saddle



Belle 9y mare (my current mount)



Attila 18 y gelding



Debihani 16 y gelding