

When I was 13 I got to sit on my first horse and get my picture taken. That was all it took. After a year of begging I finally got my first horse and joined my local 4-H group. At the 4-H meetings and local shows I began to take interest in the techniques and strategies people used to ride and show their horses and began to teach things that I saw to my own horse. I was fascinated by the maneuvers trainers and riders could accomplish with their mounts and the ability that the animals had. It didn't take long before I was hooked on learning to train and show all around events.

While attending The Ohio State University horse program, with the intent of becoming a veterinarian, I realized my focus was always on training horses. The college had a riding program offering both English and western disciplines where I advanced my knowledge in each area.

In 2003, with my mother by my side, we set our goals for the coming year. In 2004 we not only achieved our goals, but surpassed them, as a 2004 International Buckskin Horse Association 2 time World Champion, and also earning 3 top ten placings at The All American Quarter Horse Congress. Along with numerous AQHA and NRHA winnings and placings.

With my focus still on training and showing horses I had the opportunity to go to work for NRHA Professional Woody Taylor. At Taylor Farm I had the opportunity to ride many different styles of horses as well as show many different types and calibers of horses. While learning the Taylor Farm program I made it my goal to qualify for the 2006 Young Riders FEI Olympic Games. Through the year I showed in the qualifying classes and added money to my NRHA open earnings and made it to Kentucky for the finals where I placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, becoming a bronze medalist in the FEI Olympic Games.

In 2007, I decided to take a leap in my career and went to work for NRHA Professional and highest money earning woman in NRHA history, Roberta McCarty. I worked with Roberta and her husband Jim McCarty at their facility in Murrieta, California. Jim and Roberta taught me their program while expanding my knowledge of building the basics in young colts and turning them into strong performers and competitors in the show ring. Their program enabled me to work with the open caliber horses, training and showing, along with assisting many Non-Pro riders and their horses. They are my mentors.

In 2008, I was the Del Mar Circuit Champion, Pacific Coast Horse Show Association year-end Reserve Champion, California Reining Horse Association Challenge-Limited Open Derby Champion and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Limited Open Futurity, as well as instructing and training Non-Pros, Amateurs, and Youths to reach goals of their own.

Now, operating Killiany Performance Horses, I have the opportunity to set new goals for myself and my clients. No goal is out of reach if you have the desire and commitment to achieve them. I look forward to giving my clients and their horses the training, direction and support they need.

Everyone needs a place to start or a place to excel.