



Alexa Derr

"The WIT program was truly life changing. It kickstarted my career as a young professional; it gave me the foundation to my training and horse management system; it helped me develop lifelong mentorships and friendships; but, most importantly, it taught me the value of persistently working hard for my dreams. I wouldn't be where I am or who I am without this program."

WIT Participant 2013



PC: Dawn Maurer Derr



Ali Perkins-LaTorre

"WIT exposed me to a whole different world of dressage that sparked my passion and drive to ride to Grand Prix. The best part of the program is the connections that you make with professionals, other young riders, and most importantly, the horses!"

Participant 2013 & 2014
Assistant 2015
Stable Manager 2018





Annie Klepper

"I am so incredibly grateful for the WIT program--for the priceless opportunities and knowledge it provided--as well as the unique WIT community and experiences that helped develop me both as an athlete and as a person. The WIT program was the perfect introduction to the difficult-to-navigate world of Wellington and CDI competition, and I owe so much to Lendon Gray and her program for giving me that gift."

WIT Participant 2017 & 2018





Caroline Cadorette

"The WIT program is an experience I will forever treasure and draw on; its unique educational opportunities broadened my horizons and bestowed knowledge that changed my world. I carry these lessons along my journey, wherever it takes me.

The friendships built are made to last a lifetime, and I am grateful beyond measure for all that my WIT years have brought into my life."

WIT Participant 2020 & 2021





Emma Teff

"WIT was truly an experience like no other that I will always be grateful. I grew as a person and horseman and met incredible people. WIT prepared me for competitions, clinics, and even going off to college."

WIT Participant 2019





Hayley Baker

"I learned so much about riding/training, equine nutrition, and how to develop a successful career in this sport during my time with Lendon. WIT is an amazing experience, and I can't recommend it enough to young riders wanting to further their education!"

WIT Participant 2019



Eros, owned by Maggie Tiftt



Jessica Gaston

"WIT changed my life's trajectory by opening doors and giving invaluable education and opportunities. I am so thankful for the lasting experience and friendships that the program gave me!"

WIT Participant 2014





Katrina Sadis

"WIT was probably the most valuable experience I had as a young rider. Besides the valuable riding education, I made connections in the industry and lifelong friends."

WIT Participant 2014 & 2015



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Kayla Kadlubek

"The WIT program allowed me to be immersed in day-to-day education about all aspects of riding and caring for horses. I have formed lifelong connections with people that share the same passion for horses."

WIT Participant 2016 & 2017



PC: Melissa Fuller/Sidelines Magazine



Kendall Cox

"The D4K WIT program played a huge role in my development as a rider and propelled my professional career. I have access to incredibly talented horses, enjoy training, competing, and continue to learn every day."

WIT Participant 2017





Kiara Williams-Brown

"WIT gave me the opportunity to learn so much from experts in all aspects of the horse industry, including Lendon herself, and gave me so many valuable connections I will carry with me throughout my career. I would not be where I am today without Lendon and the WIT program."

WIT Participant 2022





Leah Tenney

"The Winter Intensive Training program was easily one of the most influential experiences of my riding career. The program provides excellent instruction, endless opportunities and experiences, and allows you to be a part of a very special community for the rest of your life. I would not be the rider I am today without Lendon Gray and WIT!"

WIT Participant 2017



PC Bethany P. Photography



Marin Roth

"Lendon Gray and the D4K WIT program opened my eyes to countless educational, competition, and equine employment opportunities. I am forever grateful for the program and for all those who continue to make WIT possible."

WIT Participant 2018





Olivia Martz

"The D4K WIT program gave me the opportunity to meet people I never would have expected to meet and ride a horse I never would have expected to have. The kind of dressage it exposes you to is mind blowing and the community it creates is so welcoming."

WIT Participant 2022





Phoebe Keliher

"D4K and WIT provide critical support for those who want to reach their dressage goals. In D4K and in WIT hard work is seen and rewarded with opportunities, regardless of how fancy your horse is. Having been a part of D4K for many years, their programs helped set me up to succeed in WIT and take advantage of all opportunities that came available to me."

WIT Participant 2022





Tessa Holloran

"Training in the WIT program helped me with challenging horses and introduced me to an incredible support system. Thanks to WIT, I have wonderful friends for life. It's an amazing experience that you never forget."

WIT Participant 2017 & 2018



Participant Highlights

Alexa is a Grand Prix Dressage Trainer & Owner of Vue de Lou Dressage. She is a recipient of D4K donation horse: Versace N. She has her USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals as well as USPC C2 Flat and H-B Certifications. With a B.S. in Business Administration and Marketing from Albright College, Alexa is able to embrace both of her passions: dressage training and industrial/operational business.

Ali is a graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington with degrees in Elementary Education and Art. She is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medalist and USDF Certified First Level instructor. She runs her own training business in North Carolina and was a D4K donation horse recipient. She is also certified and regularly teaches equine-facilitated literacy instruction.

Caroline is a first-year pre-med student at University of Florida; she is originally from Maine and now resides in Wellington, Florida. Caroline competed the YR CDIs in 2021 and 2022 and represented Region 8 at the 2021 North American Youth Championships with her D4K horse, Dustin. She continues to train with Katherine Bateson-Chandler and competes the YRs with her D4K horse, Hilly while continuing her pre-med studies and electrophysiology internship.

Emma is a sophomore Computer Engineering major at Purdue University. She boards her horse, Ugo, near school and makes riding a regular part of her schedule.

Jessica is a professional rider and trainer at her business Majestik Dressage in Ohio. She achieved her USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals on a D4K donated horse.

Katrina graduated with a degree in Marketing from Florida Atlantic University in 2022. She works as a rider for Yeguqda de Ymas in Wellington.

Kayla is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist and represented Region One four times at NAYC two of which with her D4K donation horse Perfect Step, generously donated by Suzanne Dansby, as well as four trips to Festival of Champions where she was 2017 Reserve Champion Junior Rider and 2019 Champion Young Rider. Kayla was also part of the 2019 Young Rider European tour and USEF Emerging Athlete program. After WIT she trained and worked full-time for Shelly Francis and Olivia LaGoy-Weltz. Kayla is now a full-time student at Northern Virginia Community College pursuing a degree in engineering.

Kendall Cox double majored and graduated from the University of Findlay with degrees in Business and Equine Science. She is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist and holds the Large Bronze, Small Bronze, and Silver German training medals. Kendall resides fulltime in Wellington employed by Robert Dover as his assistant with 15 horses in training.

Leah graduated from Endicott College and is a certified Interior Designer with her own business specializing in equine facilities and homes. She spends winters in Wellington and is competing the Small Tour with her horse "Tibi."

Marin is working and riding full-time with the Tubmans at Donato Farms in Wellington, Florida. She is currently competing FEI Juniors on her Zweibrücker gelding that she had as a four-year old in the WIT program. Marin graduated early from high school and is exploring college options.

Phoebe is a working student for Ali Brock.

Tessa resides fulltime in Florida and is a Sophomore pursuing a Business Degree at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton. This is her fifth season working for and training with Ali Brock in Wellington.