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Equestrian Vaulting

2021 Junior Squad

2021 Junior 2* Individuals



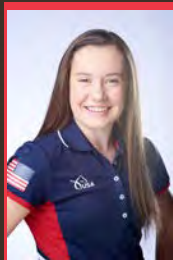
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*Developing promising young vaulters
to reach their peak potential as
internationally competitive athletes.*

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The Athletes

Ascent Jr Athletes & Jr Squad Members



Melanie Ford
Fort Collins, CO Age: 16

2019 Bronze medal Jr World Championships –Squad
2019 Saumur, France CVI Junior 2* Top 10

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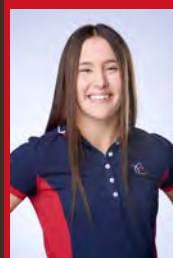
“Vaulting is a sport where you push the limits of what’s possible. No matter how many times you hit the ground, you can then defy all odds.”

Emma Milito
Brighton, CO Age: 17

2019 Bronze medal Jr World Championships –Squad
2019 AVA National Gold High Point Champion USA

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“What I love about vaulting is community – I feel connected to friends all over the country and around the world. And I love the horses!”



Augusta Rose Lewis
Longmont, CO Age: 16

2019 Bronze medal Jr World Championships –Squad alt.
2018 Region IV Bronze Champion

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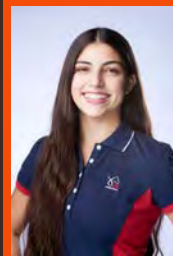
“Vaulting has given me friendships that will last a lifetime, as well as the most special bonds with horses.”

Rhianon Hampton
Greeley, CO Age: 15

2019 Bronze medal Jr World Championships –Squad
2019 CVI Children’s 2* Top 5 Saumur, France

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“I love team vaulting because the bonds developed with your teammates are unlike any other sport... they are literally there to catch you when you fall!”



Giana Massaro
Costa Mesa, CA Age: 17

2017 Prelim 2–Phase National Champion
2018 Prelim Pas de Deux National Champion

ASCENT JR SQUAD

“Vaulting has made me who I am today. It has taught me to push myself, achieve my goals, and work together with my teammates and horses!”

Bryleigh Thornton
Thornton, CO Age: 9

2019 National Trot Women’s Champion
2019 National Trot Pas De Deux Champion

ASCENT JR SQUAD

“Vaulting gives me confidence. It lets me view the world in a courageous and bold way.”



Jr Squad Alternates

Lilly Belinski
Las Vegas, NV Age: 16

2019 USEF National Vaulting Top 5 Bronze
2019 Rocky Mountain Cup CVI Champion Jr 1*

ASCENT JR SQUAD ALTERNATE

“Vaulting has not only taught me to be the best I can be but it has also taught me who I want to be. It has sparked both passion and motivation in me.”



Manny Valdez
Sacramento, CA Age: 16

2019 Jr 2* Pas de Deux 2nd Pacific Cup CVI
2018 National Men’s Bronze Champion

ASCENT JR SQUAD ALTERNATE

“I love the challenge of being a vaulter, honing my skills, working with the horses, and supporting my teammates.”

Nicolette Masitti
Thornton, CO Age: 13

2019 Rocky Mountain Cup Children’s 1* Champion
2019 USEF National Vaulting B Team Champion

ASCENT JR SQUAD ALTERNATE

“Vaulting takes you so far you sometimes forget where you started, when you remember, you understand its beautiful.”



The Coaches

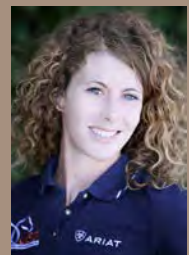


Christoph Lensing
Longmont, CO

3x Gold Medalist World Championships, 1988, 92, 96
3x Gold Medalist European Championships, 1989, 93, 95
4x German National Champion

Mary McCormick
Santa Rosa, CA

6x USA Gold National Champion – 2007, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15
World Equestrian Games – Top 5 Women’s 2010 2014



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Ascending to Excellence ▶ Beauty ▶ Joy

Expressing the joy of vaulting ...

Ascent equestrian vaulting is a high performance athlete development program to prepare dedicated and competitive vaulters for success at the international level. The program is developing a small group of internationally successful athletes with the goal of qualifying for the 2021 Junior and Senior World Championships. These vaulters have found their passion and talent for vaulting and are striving to achieve their goals through hard work and determination.

The program is grounded in the following foundational principles:

Serious athleticism

The program intentionally develops athletes in a way that accentuates the natural beauty of vaulting using ballet and modern dance to build strength, stamina and flexibility. Vaulters in the program are serious competitors who have proven their skill and talent through years of experience. Hard work is most highly valued, along with dedication, positive mental attitude and resilience.

Artistic precision

A fusion of gymnastics, yoga, dance, acro and weight training provides the foundation for a cutting edge artistic vision that is performed as precisely as it is beautiful to watch. A German-influenced focus on perfect performance has been intertwined with creative composition and an additional emphasis on expressive vaulting.

Exceptional horse partnerships

Our U.S. horses are cross trained in dressage, cross country, and jumping and most have competed successfully in eventing. They have daily turnout on pasture and are kept outdoors to stay healthy and happy. The vaulters learn to care for the horses and assist with stable chores. Our coaches also have long standing relationships with vaulting clubs in Europe, including access to horses with World Championship experience.

World champion coaching

Our coaches have earned multiple world champion titles as vaulter athletes, including 3 World Championships, 6 U.S. National Gold Championships and 4 German National Championships. This coaching team has also been involved with coaching of multiple World Championship and World Equestrian Games athletes.



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