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# Read World Equestrian Center Magazine VOL I **2024 Today**



World Equestrian Center (WEC) welcomes equestrians from around the world, uniting them through one common interest. As we gear up for the North American qualifier for the Longines League of Nations™ from March 19-23, 2024, and prepare to host the world's best athletes, we reflect on the global influences that help bring recognition to the name "World Equestrian Center." In this edition, we delve into recent experiences, journeying alongside international competitors as they explore dreams and travel the globe.

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### Take a Peek Inside

#### Across the Globe: Natalie Dean



Our cover story highlights our new feature, Across the Globe, where we follow the journey of American U25 Jumping athlete Natalie Dean. Dean explored numerous world-renowned destinations in 2023 with the Paris Panthers, a team in the Global Champions League™, and in the Longines Nations Cup™ as a part of the NetJets® U.S. Jumping Team.

## **Stable Spotlight: Paul Halpern**



Our Stable Spotlight takes us to Montreal, Quebec, Canada, where we meet Canada's decorated professional, Paul Halpern, and learn more about his Écuries Nova Stables. Since the launch of Nova, WEC - Wilmington has become a frequent destination for Halpern and his barn family.

# **Junior Rider Focus: Lily Kosal**

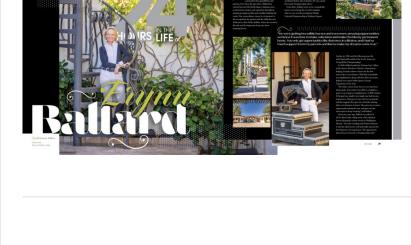


Kosal, a committed young rider hailing from Washington, Michigan, who frequently hones her skills at WEC -Wilmington. She opens up about her connections with her two horses, Castlebridge Cassius and Grandville, while also sharing her future goals and aspirations, as she looks forward to riding on the NCAA Division I Equestrian Team at Delaware State University.

Our Junior Rider Focus spotlights Lily

# We spent 24 hours with Erynn Ballard,

24 Hours in the Life of Erynn Ballard



Palgrave, Ontario, Canada. Her remarkable career stands as a testament to the acclaim she has earned, now channeling her expertise into Ilan Ferder Stables, where she excels in the sale and development of top-tier Jumping horses.

a professional Jumping athlete from

#### We draw inspiration from The Foundation of the Horse, the charitable

**Inspiration: The Foundation of the Horse** 



Equine Practitioners. With a focus on education, altruism, aiding those in need, as well as fostering innovation and discovery, the foundation has significantly contributed to enhancing the quality of life for equids worldwide.

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#### Throughout 2023, we traveled the world by way of food and wine at WEC Ocala with the Stirrups Wine Series

An Odyssey in Exploration of Wine and Culture



presented by Wheels Up. In this month's Scene at WEC - Ocala we remember a culinary journey around the globe and embark on an adventure to four renowned destinations to celebrate the food, wine and culture that makes them extraordinary.



**Behind the Course: Guilherme Jorge** Brazilian FEI Level IV course designer Guilherme Jorge takes us Behind the Course, where he shares his thoughts

on the evolution of equestrian sport, his

design strategies behind the scenes and his experience at both World

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Equestrian Center facilities.

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**About World Equestrian Center** 

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versatile outdoor space, sporting fields and well-appointed exposition centers. An abundance of lodging options and luxury accommodations are conveniently located on-site, along with shopping and dining throughout each property.

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vendors, sponsors and retailers built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction. Learn more at wec.net.

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