

NEW COMMITTEE
Junior Scholarship Committee
Chaired by Katie Rendina

Katie Rendina - Alexy Collies
Chair of Junior Scholarship Committee

I am so excited and honored to chair this committee. As a prior junior, mom, and AKC juniors judge I am extremely passionate about the future of the children of our sport.

I got my first collie in 1994 when I was five years old and started doing 4H and tagging along with my mom to shows. I am happy to say 29 years later I'm still hooked! Staying active in the breed, I competed in junior showmanship from ages 10-18. Since I have bred and finished multiple championships. My first national was in Columbus Ohio (1996) I am happy to say each year I am getting more involved with our club and sport. I am currently the district director of Ohio and Michigan.

Current member of CCA
Secretary of Cleveland Collie Club
Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue
Grand River All Breed Club
Heart of Ohio Saint Bernard club

Committees (past and present)
Yearbook
Constant Contact
Reserved Seating Chair (CCA 2022)
State Basket co-chair (CCA 2022)
Pee Wee Handing program (CCA 2022 and on)

Professionally I have worked as a surgical assistant in fast paced dermatology office. I also am a licensed AKC all breed junior's judge. My passion is being a mom to two wonderful little girls.

Katie Rendina
Alexy Collies

MEMBERS:

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SUMMARY

Successful career as a leader in Project Management and Software Development Manager. Certified PMP with over 20 years of experience in directing and delivering multi-million-dollar technology-related initiatives, and driving business process improvements in Project Management, Information Systems, Finance/Accounting, Human Resource, and Operations. Extensive experience evaluating and streamlining processes and workflows. Recognized for leadership, project management, organizational skills, excellent analytic, problem-solving, process design, facilitation, and relationship building skills.

DISTINGUISHING QUALITIES

- Visionary: Thinks out of the box, with an ability to evaluate and improve processes and workflows.
- Accountability: Leads by example in actions, behaviors, performance, and decisions.
- Relationship-oriented: Thrives in a dynamic environment.
- Leader: Has commitment and passion.
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Louisville Gas & Electric and Kentucky Utilities

10/2013 – present

Transmission Manager, Program Management Office

- Manage Transmission Lines and Substation portfolio and project delivery to ensure reliability and resiliency of transmission systems
- Drive process improvements and reporting within the PMO to provide consistency, best practices, and improved project delivery.
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IT Project Leader, IT Program Management Office

- Provide project management for highly visible enterprise-wide initiatives with budgets up to \$500M.
- Drive process improvements and reporting within the PMO to provide consistency, best practices, and improved project delivery.
- Supervise, train, and mentor a PMO team of six FTE junior level project managers.
- Determine resource availability for approved projects.
- Participate in the IT roadmaps, project approval and budgeting processes.

Humana, Louisville, KY

9/2012 –

10/2013

Technology Project Manager, IT Clinical

- Delivered three major software releases defect free to support Humana doctors and their subscribers.
- Led remote teams of developers and quality assurance personnel that were located both onshore and offshore
- Created detailed project design documents and task-level project plans to organize cross-functional teams.
- Partnered closely with other members of functional project teams to define business requirements.
- Defined test plans to ensure that products were defect free before User Acceptance Testing.
- Developed rollout plans and procedures that encompassed multiple areas of IT and the Business.
- Prepared and presented project budget and cost-benefit analysis.

Café Press, Louisville, KY

Director of Software Development

5/2011 – 9/2012

Responsible for the development and ongoing management of the eCommerce website that had more than 2.9 million users. Drove Project Management and SDLC within the IT organization. Managed a staff of 20 employees located in Kentucky, California, and Washington.

PAPA JOHN'S, Louisville, KY

9/2009 – 5/2011

Project Manager/Sr Business Analyst, Digital Marketing

Lead for the design and requirements of the marketing presentation layer, and implementation of the Alfresco Web Content Management System with a \$9.5M project budget that supported the new online ordering website.

- Responsible for an organizational restructuring of the Digital Marketing department as part of implementation of this project.
- Manage defect assignments to developers, and releases for Business Service and User Interface builds with a team of 7 developers for website of \$2B annual sales.

YUM! BRANDS, INC. (Formerly Tricon, Inc.), Louisville, KY

5/2000 – 9/2009

Process Improvements Lead, Human Resources Service Center

2007-2009

Project leader for all HR proposed initiatives serving as the conduit for HR Leadership, managing the day-to-day activities of the HR Metrics, PeopleSoft training, knowledge management teams, and responsible for the following HRSC relationships: Restaurant Information Systems, Design Excellence, HR Business Partner, and Vendor Management (over 60 vendors).

- Leveraged Yum! Annual Operating Process and PMO processes to build business cases for all HR proposed initiatives, including tasks of pacing and sequencing of initiatives, project costing, resource management, change and risk management, governance and readiness, and implemented an HR change control process.

- Applied project management knowledge, skills, tools and techniques to the processes and systems in the Absence Management Project saving an estimated \$3M the first year.
- Project manager for vendor selection process for new absence management vendor resulting in \$1.8M annual savings.
- Implemented Vendor Management processes and developed Service Level Agreements (SLA) for all HRSC vendors. New SLAs created penalties for vendor non-compliance.

Project Manager, Program Management Office, Restaurant Information Services *2006-2007*

Project manager for 15+ IT Corporate System infrastructure software projects, managed projects outside of IT including FileNet upgrade, Terradata to Netezza Data Warehouse, QA Environment Build Out, Enterprise Framework, Sarbanes Oxley Financial project tests, and Help Desk Knowledge Management System Project.

- Re-designed System Development Life Cycle and implemented standardized documentation templates to gain consistency in data collected and to meet yearly Sarbanes Oxley auditing requirements. SDLC was leveraged to build quality gate review processes for continued project funding of Governance Council.
- Implemented change control process to inform PMs and IT functions of project scope change/implementation.
- Created SQL database of all vendor software providing Vendor Management and IT management an effective resource to manage contracts.
- Coached and mentored other project managers, building the bench for future success.

Associate Manager, Data Architecture *2001-2006*

Lead a team of 4 contractors to design and implement a Canonical Data Model Structure in Rational Rose that was independent from specific applications. Remediated data discrepancies from store systems and minimized dependencies when integrating data for PeopleSoft ERP in a DB2 environment. Senior lead in EAI implementation, data modeling, and data remediation for the Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) in Teradata. Designed and implemented DB2 and SQL Server databases for IT Infrastructure Projects and completed an Enterprise Data Model.

- Reduced system integration costs incurred from acquisitions 50% by eliminating data integration to Corporate Financial system.
- Reduced future integration costs resulting from PeopleSoft ERP replacement 50% as data integration occurs from Canonical to new Corporate Financial software.
- Enabled 50% reductions in data integration team headcount.

Associate Manager, Financial Systems Restaurant Information Services *2000-2001*

Led team of 4 FTE and up to 3 contractors for Pizza Hut, KFC, and Taco Bell General Ledger to resolve system production issues, designed and implemented improved functionality for end users, and project manager of implementation of mainframe CA-7 job scheduling tool for financial processing.

Michelle Esch-Brooks – Heritage Collies

My name is Michelle Esch-Brooks of Heritage Collies out of Spotsylvania, VA. I am the third generation in my family to love Collies. My family pedigree includes parents Mike and Tess Esch of Signet Collies, maternal grandparents Jim and Sue Karbatsch of Sujim Collies, paternal grandparents Vernon and Lora Esch of Verlor Collies, brother Joseph Esch of Vesta Collies, and my daughter, Teresa, who makes a fourth generation Collie lover. I began showing in the early 90s at 4 years old, finished my first dog at 5 years old, finished roughly 20 dogs before my 18th birthday, and won many Junior Showmanship awards including Best Junior (2004 CCA National), #1 CCA Junior (2005), #4 Herding Junior (2005), Top Northeast Junior Handler (2005), and made the finals at Westminster Kennel Club (2006). I showed under my parents' kennel name, Signet, during this time.

I became a Junior Showmanship judge in 2010, and was approved for my breed license in 2014, while in 2011, I married my husband and we started our own kennel, Heritage Collies. I am a current member of CCA (2007), Central States Collie Club, and the Collie Health Foundation, and a past member of Central Virginia Collie Club.

Over the years, I have worked on various CCA committees. Most notably, I was the 2018 CCA National Show Chair, and from 2010 to 2016 the Editor of the CCA Yearbook, completing years 2010-2016 plus back issues 2008 and 2009. Currently, I am a member of the Show Rules Committee and have served on it since 2018.

Professionally, I am a Contracts Specialist for the U.S. Navy, working under the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)-Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC). Previously, I spent almost a decade as the Business and Marketing Manager for Residence Life and Housing at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA.

CCA/JSP

Bio/Deb Smith - Monarch Collies

Thank you for considering me for this opportunity. I am honored. Please allow me to tell you a bit about myself and my experiences with collies. I am a retired teacher of both elementary classroom and special education. I have taught three places: at an international school in the Philippines, the tip-top of the world in Barrow, Alaska (a small Eskimo village) and in Anchorage, Alaska. Although many people know me as Deb from Alaska, I was born and raised in Wenatchee, WA. I am married and have two adult children, both of whom were in the AKC Junior Showmanship Program.

Before owning our first show dog, we joined the Alaska Kennel Club and my daughter Scout (then ten years old) started Junior Showmanship. We went to all the Alaskashows, and Scout and my son Joel, were able to handle numerous breeds. Scout was a top CCA Junior for many years. After moving to WA, Scout and I taught Junior Showmanship at our local club. Judging Juniors has been a goal for a while now and soon I hope to acquire my judge's license.

We have now bred and titled over twenty CHs, and GCHs, plus awards in Obedience, Herding, and Therapy. I have been a member of the Collie Club of America for fifteen years and have not missed a National since 2008. In those years we have won classes, received Awards of Merit, and brought home

National trophies, but none compares to breeding Collies that are loved by a family, especially a family with children. This keeps me on a path of learning and moving forward.

Affiliations:

Collie Club of America

Collie Club of Washington

Overlake Collie Club

Wenatchee Kennel Club

Collie Health Foundation

2015-2022 CCA Breed Education Committee

Bio for Michael Pitt – Kitleigh Collies

I have enjoyed a career in law enforcement and emergency medicine both of which have given me a deep respect for the law and for the dignity of life. Years ago, I joined my wife in the breeding and showing of collies under the kennel named Kitleigh. During these years I have become a 15-year member of the CCA, have co-chaired committees on behalf of the National Specialty shows in areas of grooming and have assisted with the National Trophy Committee. I have also served as President of the Piedmont Collie Club.

I would like to join this committee and help the CCA establish its very own scholarship program in support of our juniors. The opportunity to enhance the future of our youth is an exciting opportunity for me at my stage of life and I appreciate the invitation to join this committee.

Micheal Pitt

Kitleigh Collies

Patrick Wentworth – Shalimar Collies – Junior Scholarship Program (JSP) committee - 2023

As many of us, I grew up with collies and do not remember not having a collie. I was given a collie bitch as a birthday present as teenager in the 1970's. Fortunately, close in her pedigree were many well know Collies from Collie kennels in the northeast. She earned her obedience CD and with some of her offspring I moved into the conformation show ring. I finished my first Champion (owner/breeder) in the early to mid - 1980's. I am very proud to have been the owner/breeder/handler of two CCA Top Ten rough Collies, one in 1998, and one in 2019. As well as being the breeder/owner of many, rough Collie Champions, and multiple BISS winners, and group winners.

I have attended over 20 CCA nationals in all areas of the country, the first being in NY State in 1975. I've been a member of the CCA for almost 40 years and a member of Collie Health Foundation. Also, I am a member of multiple Collie Clubs in the US: including Western Mass, Ohio, Arizona,

Washington, Texas and now Colorado. As a member of the AZ. Collie Clan (ACC) for 14 years, I served on the board for ten plus years, probably in all positions. Currently I serve on the board of Collie Club of Colorado (CCC) as past President/Director and have been on the board in several positions, including President. I have been showchair for both ACC & CCC for several years. Served in the past as CCA District Director for Washington state, Colorado for 4 years, and currently district 11 (AZ, CO, KS, MO, N. Mex. OK).

Professionally – For 20+ years, I was in the optical industry, and for almost 20 years, I have been in higher education. My experience in both industries has been in sales, marketing, training, and management. In higher education, at the director and manager level in Higher Education I facilitated several scholarship programs. Was also a part-time adjunct professor at the college level teaching Organizational Behavior and Group Dynamics, and Marketing for five years, at both the undergraduate and graduate level. As an adjunct professor student group presentations and writing skills were paramount to student success. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and an MBA.

I look forward to serving on the CCA Junior Scholarship Program (JSP) - 2023.