

## President

### Joy Black

In her current role as President of the Eastern New York Dressage and Combined Training Association (ENYDCTA), Joy has consistently prioritized the interests of our membership, striving to deliver the utmost value to the club. Her tenure has been marked by meaningful results that has delivered substantial value to the organization, as well as the local equestrian community.

Under Joy's leadership, world-class clinicians have been brought to the region, benefitting both professionals and amateurs alike. These efforts have helped to elevate the standard of riding, training, and teaching in the area. Additionally, under her guidance, ENYDCTA has undergone substantial updates, including some modernization of out-of-date bylaws, which has helped to pave the way for more efficient and effective organizational operations. Her efforts in fundraising and securing sponsorships have improved the financial stability of the club and enabled reinvestment in its membership by reducing clinic rates, and fostering community growth. This commitment has yielded an increase in membership, member engagement, and helped to create a vibrant and self-sustaining association driven by enthusiasm!

Joy's passion for horses ignited during her youth while riding alongside the esteemed Carol Lavell in her home state of Vermont. As part of her dedication to equestrian education, she has volunteered for Dressage4Kids (D4K) for over a decade. During this time, she played an integral role in the development and administration of written exams at the annual D4K youth festival. She is also an accomplished graduate of the United States Dressage Federation's (USDF) L program, has achieved her USDF bronze medal and is currently halfway toward her silver medal, with her equine partner, Bimini. Currently, Joy makes her home in the Duanesburg, New York region while maintaining a full-time position as a physician assistant. She eagerly looks forward to the opportunity to continue serving as President of ENYDCTA.