

Chester Weber Holds Honored Position On Central Florida Community College Advisory Board

Ocala, FL – Combined Driver Chester Weber, who earned the prestigious title of Equestrian of Honor from the United States Equestrian Federation in 2008, has earned countless awards in the equestrian world – from Silver Medalist at the Combined Driving World Championships to Six-Time United States National Champion in Four-In-Hand Combined Driving. Weber's roles extend beyond holding the reins of his world-class team, however, and one of those roles is as a member of the Central Florida Community College Equine Advisory Board.

As a member of the advisory board, Weber has helped the college develop its equine studies program, one of the fastest growing programs at the college. “Chester has been a huge help in promoting the equine studies program at CFCC, locally, nationally and internationally. He is a strong supporter of the program and a willing speaker to the students. He is always encouraging me to ‘reach further’ to draw students and create a program of excellence for equine studies,” said Judy Downer, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Equine Studies, adding that the college offers an Associate in Science two-year degree in Equine Business Management, Equine Therapeutic Riding and Equine Exercise Physiology.

Weber is pleased to be part of the advisory board and considers education to be a valuable asset. “My family and I understand the importance of education and when I was asked to join the advisory board I was honored,” Weber said.

In addition to his outstanding competition accomplishments, and his role on the CFCC Advisory Board, Weber is active on several USEF committees and is a prime mover in the organization of three combined driving events, including the top rated CAI-A Live Oak International.

“The board consists of prominent area equine business owners, trainers, competitors, veterinarians and farm managers. They represent many different disciplines within the equine community of Ocala,” said Downer. “The advisory board has assisted with fund raising, curriculum development, marketing and job placement activities.”

As an accomplished athlete and dedicated competitor, striving for excellence is a quality Weber holds near and dear to his heart. After becoming the first American to ever win an individual medal in the Four-In-Hand Combined Driving World Championships, and being named an Equestrian of Honor by the USEF, Weber now has his sights set on winning medals at the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Kentucky.



Photo: Chester Weber, a world class equestrian, is also a member of the Central Florida Community College Advisory Board. (Photo credit: JRPR, Inc.)