

## Alex Knode Teacher

My name is Alex Knode. I graduated from San Jose State University in spring 2019 with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English Literature. Most of my studies focused on ethnic literature, and I also wrote many short stories. I am currently attending San Jose State University to obtain my master's degree in English Literature where my concentration will either be in ethnic literature or myth and symbolism. My goal is to become a professor at a university since I love helping people of all ages expand their knowledge of literature and of the world. From the age of four, I have ridden and shown horses. By the time I was sixteen years old, I was competing against professionals and placing within the top five of our country for disciplines such and western and hunter pleasure. Since then, I have competed internationally with my horses, placing within the top ten for dressage. They are my greatest passion and I hope to someday have my own training center. Along with competing and training, I also give lessons to people of all ages and children with disabilities. I am very grateful for these opportunities and I love helping people achieve their goals and dreams. I firmly believe that anything is possible with hard work and dedication. I also believe that each person has something new to offer and we can all benefit from listening to those around us and offering a helping hand.

