



## professional profile

**ROSA VEGA**, Premier Dining Room and Catering Manager

**Born:** 1975, St. Croix. U.S. Virgin Islands

**Education:** I attended St. Patrick's, The Good Hope School, moved to Kentucky, and attended my senior year at Henry Clay High School. After graduation, I attended the Inter American University in San German, Puerto Rico. After a few years I returned to Lexington, where I have made my home for the last 14 years.

**Family:** Children Gabriela, 21; Manny, 13; and twin boys Lukas and Nikolas, 9

**Years in the Business:** I began my career at Keeneland as a special event server during the spring meet in 2011. It evolved into a captain position in the Lexington/Kentucky and the Equestrian dining rooms after I gained knowledge and experience as a server, a server assistant, and a bartender for a few seasons. Later I was invited to interview for the special events manager position in 2015. I now oversee the premier dining rooms during the race meets. I also staff and oversee all special events held at Keeneland throughout the year.

**Hobbies:** With four children, they are my hobby along with the rest of my family.

**Career Highlights:** Planning and organizing the events held during the Breeders' Cup World Championships in 2015 was exciting and challenging because of their prestige and scale.

**What you enjoy about working at Keeneland:** There is such a variety of events and groups that celebrate with us at Keeneland. It is exciting to be part of these dynamic events — weddings, corporate events, and meetings — which range from large scale to personal. It is an honor to be part of historic Keeneland.

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