



Left to right:  
Elaine Pascale,  
Joelle Antico

**TOP**  
**Coaches/  
CHOREOGRAPHERS  
GYM OWNERS**

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**CLAIM TO FAME**

*Founders and owners of World Cup All-Stars*

Most gym owners will tell you that the key to a successful partnership is trust. Elaine Pascale and Joelle Antico, the mother and daughter co-founders/co-owners of three-time World Champion World Cup All-Stars in Freehold, NJ, have this crucial element already built in. Since 1994, World Cup has grown by leaps and bounds, expanding locations, appearing on TV and at events, winning numerous accolades and awards and sweeping such competitions as Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA)

Nationals, Battle Under the Big Top, CHEERSPORT and Worlds.

World Cup athletes have access to a doubly rich history. Pascale's resumé includes coaching nearly every level, winning the 2006 U.S. All Star Federation (USASF) Achievement Award and an induction into the Spirit Industry Trade Association (SITA) Hall of Fame. She was also a founding member of the National All-Star Cheerleading Coaches Conference (NACCC) and serves on the USASF board.

Antico's 20-year cheer career

*"Elaine and Joelle are more than just coaches—they're role models to their kids as well as other coaches and gym owners like me. They're both very creative, recognize the artistic element of the sport and always entertain."*

—Craig El, Ultimate Athletics LLC

includes extensive coaching experience, winning the prestigious Jersey Shore Pop Warner Coach of the Year Award and working with World Cup's Senior All-Girl Level 5 Shooting Stars.

Despite this impressive list, the duo remains down-to-earth, working to preserve their legacy as one of the most successful all-star organizations—period. "We

know how to create champions," says Antico.

The duo recently launched a coach's conference and awarded their athletes a whopping \$25,000 last year alone for scholastic achievements. "You have to keep in touch with your kids, and nothing can give you that experience unless you're on the floor with them," says Antico. —LE

**Q: If a reality show was created around World Cup, what would it be called?**

**EP:** A reality show for WC would be called "Welcome to Organized Chaos as the World Turns!"

**JA:** "The Real Cheer Parents of New Jersey." I don't know how interested people would be, though.

**Q: What's the secret to a lasting partnership?**

**EP:** You have to have lots of trust, respect and admiration for what each partner brings to the table.

**JA:** The secret to *our* lasting partnership is trust. We're so fortunate to be mother

and daughter because there's no closer bond.

**Q: You recently appeared on the upcoming FOX show, "Glee." Any favorite moments?**

**EP:** Taking press photos with the cast was so memorable! I couldn't believe the respect the cast had for our girls. It made me proud to know how highly others feel about us and what we do.

**Q: How do you balance running two gyms?**

**JA:** It's not easy. You really need a good manager at each place, because we can't be everywhere all the time.

**Q: How has WC's sense of fam-**

**ily impacted your athletes?**

**JA:** Our gym is a family—a large one. My sister Janee manages the front office, mom and I run the gym and my daughter, Gianna, is on the Milkyways team. My brother even comes to all our competitions and gets as nervous as we do. My husband will be involved in watching our daughter cheer now. This should be funny as my husband's been to two competitions in my 20 years of coaching!

**Q: Your teams have won Worlds titles three years in a row. What's the secret to your success?**

**EP:** Staying consistent. If it ain't broke, don't fix it! ★