



**Javier Castellano**

**Born:** Oct. 23, 1977 in Maracaibo, Venezuela

**Residence:** Garden City, New York

**Family:** Wife Abby, daughters Kayla Marie and Sienna Grace, son Brady Ryan

**Breeders' Cup Record: 111-10-11-15 | \$17,767,600**

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- Castellano, who has had at least one winner in the past seven years, returns to the Breeders' Cup Championships for the 15th consecutive year. His two victories in 2018 – aboard City of Light in the Dirt Mile (G1) and Bulletin in the Juvenile Turf (G1) moved him into eighth place among all Breeders' Cup winning jockeys.
  - Won at his first Breeders' Cup when Ghostzapper won the Classic in 2004 at Lone Star Park. Ghostzapper was named Horse of the Year. He finished second with Bernardini in the 2006 Classic as the colt went on to be the Eclipse Award winner as top 3-year-old.
  - Won four consecutive Eclipse Awards as nation's top jockey between 2013 and 2016.
  - Biggest 2019 win so far was the \$9 million Pegasus World Cup (G1) aboard City of Light.
  - Regularly rides for the red-hot trainer Chad Brown and has partnered with the three-time champion trainer with Grade 1 winners Annals of Time, Rushing Fall and Valid Point this year.
  - Was inducted into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame in 2017.
  - Won his 5,000<sup>th</sup> race Oct. 20, 2018 aboard Runaway Lute in the Hudson Stake at Belmont. Began 2015 by winning his 4,000<sup>th</sup> race in February; his 3,000<sup>th</sup> win came in February 2012.
  - Castellano is based on the New York/Florida circuit of Belmont Park, Saratoga Race Course and Gulfstream Park. In addition, he ships to several other venues to ride stakes races.

- Scored first Triple Crown race victory with Bernardini in the 2006 Preakness Stakes. The colt went on to win that year's Travers Stakes and Jockey Club Gold Cup on his way to the runner-up spot in the Classic and Eclipse Award at top 3-year-old male.
- Began riding in his native Venezuela in 1996, but moved to the United States in June 1997 to ride on the South Florida circuit. His first winner in the United States was Phone Man on July 31, 1997 at Calder in Miami.
- Moved his tack to New York in 2001, finishing sixth in the jockey standings. He was second the next year.
- Calls his father, a former jockey who died in 2000, the biggest influence on his career. His uncle was a jockey, as was his brother, Abel. Castellano's father-in-law, Terry Meyocks, is a former NYRA and NTRA executive, who serves as the national director of the Jockeys' Guild.