

# Junior Junction

*Winter 2019*



# *ASHA Youth Committee 2019*

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*On the cover...  
America's Black Majic*



# ASHA Youth Club Directory 2019

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## How it works

Participants keep track of the time they spend riding. Owning a horse is not a requirement to participate. Special Saddle Time awards will be given when you complete various hour levels.

- 20 hours: receive a patch and certificate
- 50 hours: receive a patch and lapel pin
- 150 hours: receive a patch and shirt
- 200 hours: receive a patch and tote bag
- 250 hours: receive a patch and award with a short story and photo in the ASHA youth newsletter, Junior Junction

## Saddle Time Rules

- Must be a current and active ASHA member.
- Levels one through three do not have to be accumulated on American Saddlebreds.
- Levels four through six must be earned on registered American Saddlebreds.
- Time recorded begins upon ASHA's receipt of enrollment fee. There is no time limit as long as membership stays active.
- Hours are recorded on the official hours log report by the honor system.
- Ownership of horse is not required.
- Hours will count in the following activities: trail riding, lessons, parades, drill teams and non-recognized events/shows.
- Hours will not count in the following activities: USEF recognized events/shows, competitive trail rides, endurance rides, driving, grooming and hot walking.





## SADDLETIME

### 2019

#### NEW ENROLL

Erica Abend  
Julia Alster  
Kylie Anderson  
Alayna Applegate  
Liza Aronson  
Morgan Ballentine  
Kendall Barrett  
Caroline Battaile  
Anna Beasley  
Victoria Belpedio  
Sara Carrillo  
Kate Chambers  
Hannah Champion  
Isabella Charon  
Emma Cook  
Finn Cooper  
Abby Connolly  
Makenna Deaton  
Stella Dillard  
Samantha Dunn  
Amanda Elliott  
Sara Evans  
Anna Grace Everett  
Samuel Follmann-Eddy  
Kylee Gibby  
Erika Greeson  
Sarah Gross-Ford  
Eva Gruetzmacher  
Natalie Hancock  
Evelyn Hancock  
Amalia Hanley

Emma Grace Hardin  
Laney Henley  
Rachel Hilts  
Emma Holowiti  
Blair Huff  
Alexandra Hughes  
Eden Hughes  
Lilly Hutchins  
Emma Julian  
Ashley Juneac  
Hannah Karlick  
Ada Keilman  
Sydney Kerley  
Tatum Luevano  
Audrey Kim  
Demi Macadam  
Lauren Marx  
Grace McDonell  
Grace McFarland  
Lucy Mellema  
Brayden Hilborne  
Shannah Moore  
Samantha Nelson  
Katelyn O'Laughlin  
Lauren Oswald  
Laurel Pack  
Ayva Palos  
Mia Provenzano  
Allison Ray  
Madison Reed  
Lilly Raye Riggins  
Isabella Rodak  
Nicole Rodriguez

Danielle Rogers  
Sausha Saunders  
Ellie Schmidt  
Jade Schweickert  
Devin Sell  
Allison Smith  
Elena Smith  
Brenna Smith  
Emma Soucy  
Christina Spiliotis  
Olivia Strange  
Alexa Sullivan  
Nissa Sultan  
Salay Tompkins  
Jessica Traft  
Bella Tisci  
Mary Trexler  
Alexandra Varveris  
Ariana Varveris  
Angela Veshia  
Erica Vrabec  
Karaline Wagner  
Emma Wallace  
Piper Wilson  
Gena Wright  
Sydney Young  
Taylor Young  
Tyler Wenzel  
Lydia Wurm  
Connor Ziemann

#### LEVEL 1

Lauren Amos  
Elizabeth Banks  
Carolyn Baker  
Andi Bertschin  
Mary Evelyn Bolding  
Libby Bowen  
Amber Esch  
Sarah Esch  
Stella Frechette  
Paige Greeson  
Kayla Gordon  
Jennifer Harris  
Brayden Hilhouse  
Sara Honeycutt  
George Howard  
Brooklyn Kapella  
Donovan Kelledy  
Kali Lachner  
Savannah Livingstone  
Alexis Martini  
Jackie Mayor  
Maddie Mayor  
Sophie Mears  
Anna Merola  
Grace Mize  
Emily Moorefield  
Allie Poovey  
Isabel Richman  
Emma Robinson  
Morgan Robinson  
Emily Saczek  
Camryn Silverton  
Rebecca Simoneau  
Brayden Smith  
Hattie Steen  
Elizabeth Stewart  
Olivia Strange  
Faith Tittle  
Isabelle Walters  
Emma Katherine Warren

Halle Workman  
Anthony Wilkins

#### LEVEL 2

Madison Austin  
Sara Elizabeth Baker  
Teagan Becker  
Bjorn Brinkley  
Camille Brinkley  
Scarlett Brinkley  
Stephanie Bush  
Ava Cassidy  
Lily Darsey  
Paige Greeson  
Carrie Hester  
Bella Hocker  
Kristina Leverett  
Asher Mabe  
Kaeli McCarty  
Lizzy Miller  
Virginia Nutting  
Mari Pawlowski  
Kennedy Pfafman  
Brooke Phelan  
Liam Purtle  
Laney Shafer  
Lorelei Shafer  
Emma Soucy  
Ramsey Trask  
Laura Wood

#### LEVEL 3

Isabelle Andresen  
Chloe Ball  
Shelby Balmas  
Samantha Bannister  
Mercedez Bohigian  
Hannah Broughton  
Alexandra Dalzell  
McKinsey Denney  
Maria Gudger  
Claire Hankins

Kendall Kelledy  
Drew Mallery  
Ella Manssen  
Erin McNaughton  
Emma Phelan  
Emmi Randolph  
Samantha Rankin  
Chloe Russell  
Anna Sanders  
Kamryn Smith  
Emily Vicari  
Michele Ziegler

#### LEVEL 4

Madison Burriss  
Alexa Dahl  
Emilie Dorrestein  
Brooke Keadle  
Elizabeth Marshall  
Fallon Mieseler  
Maya Spindler  
Bridget Underwood

#### LEVEL 5

Nicole Bigelow  
Madison DoCabo  
Emily Egner  
Marissa Franklin  
Piper Hales  
Laura Plant

#### LEVEL 6

Ava Girton  
Sophia Besch  
Piper Hales  
Lilliana Romero  
Jordan Bartosiak  
Bella Hodge  
Brianna Tolkacz  
Bridget Underwood





# SADDLETIME- Level 6

*Ava Girton*

**1. What is your name, how old are you, and where do you live?**

*My name is Ava Girton. I'm 15 years old and from Edina, Minnesota.*

**2. What are the names of your parents/guardians?**

*Timothy and Anne Girton.*

**3. What grade are you in, and what is the name of your school?**

*I am in 9th grade at Edina High School.*

**4. How long have you been riding?**

*When I was 3 years old I was in lead line. At age 5 I started taking weekly lessons.*

**5. Who is your instructor, and where is he/she located?**

*When I was younger I took lessons with Judy Jensen. Now I take lessons with Todd Perkins. They are both at Centre Pointe in Delano, Minnesota.*

**6. How long did it take you to earn your hours?**

*It took me about 6-7 years.*

**7. What types of activities were completed in order to earn your hours?**

*I take lessons twice a week at Centre Point, go to horse camp at Sabino Equestrian Center during the holidays, and compete in horse shows.*

**8. What did you like about participating in the Saddle Time program?**

*It was fun for me to be rewarded for what I love doing the most-RIDING!*

**9. What do you like most about the American Saddlebred horse?**

*I like their high necks and how showy they look when they perform in the arenas.*

**10. Who is your favorite horse and why?**

*My favorite horse is my horse "Chance." People told me I would learn a lot from him. They were right. I have felt challenged which has helped me improve my riding skills.*

**11. Do you participate in other horse programs?**

*I have always participated in programs through the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association and the Tri-State Horsemen's Association. This year I enjoyed volunteering as a side walker for riders with disabilities at We Can Ride.*



# ASHA YOUTH CONFERENCE

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**Join us for a weekend of hands-on educational opportunities presented by Betty Kregor, owner of StraightShot Inc. and Ellen Beard, founder of Success in Saddles, farm tour, horse presentations, awards, dancing, fun, and seeing old friends and meeting new!**

CONTACT ALEXANDRA HARPER AT  
859-259-3880 OR A.HARPER@ASHA.NET  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



## 2020 ASHA Youth Conference Registration & Sponsor Sign-Up Now Live!

The 2020 ASHA Youth Conference is just around the corner, and the [Registration Form](#) is now available! If you want to save and have the first choice in all the Saddlebred splendor planned this year, be sure to register early and reserve your hotel today. Join us for a weekend of hands-on educational opportunities presented by Betty Kregor, owner of StraightShot Inc. and Ellen Beard, founder of Success in Saddles, farm tour, horse presentations, awards, dancing, fun, and seeing old friends and meeting new! From super fun activities, educational workshops to the exciting field trips of a lifetime, the ASHA Youth Conference is the place to be for any young American Saddlebred lover!

Sponsorship opportunities for the 2020 ASHA Youth Conference are now available! If you are passionate about supporting the youth and future of the American Saddlebred, the ASHA Youth Conference is a great way to keep our community Saddlebred Strong! For the 2020 conference, we have several new opportunities available, along with offering the many great offerings and vendor spaces of years past! We welcome you to review our [2020 sponsorship options](#) and [vendor opportunities](#) today and are grateful for your consideration! For more information or additional opportunities, contact Alexandra Harper at [a.harper@asha.net](mailto:a.harper@asha.net).



## 2020 ASHA YOUTH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

February 14-15, 2020



Please fill out separate form for each individual.

Embassy Suites Lexington, KY  
Reservations: 859-455-5000 Code: ASH

Please select one of the following options for your child to attend.

\_\_\_\_ Younger Youth Friday Activity at hotel where they will participate in various games and meet new youth. (recommended age 13 & under)

\_\_\_\_ Older Youth Friday Activity will be off-site and will be a hands-on educational opportunity for performance riders to learn how to improve their form, mentally prepare to compete, horse responsiveness, and show ring maneuvering tips. (recommended age 14-20)

Last Name	First Name	Member #	Birth Date
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone	Email	Stable Affiliation	

<b>Shirt Size</b> (registered youth only): Youth sizes __ M (10-12) __ L (14-16) Adult sizes __ S __ M __ L __ XL <b>Registrations received after Wednesday, January 29 will not guarantee attendees Conference shirt and materials.</b>		
<b>Adult or emergency contact and phone number during Conference:</b> _____ <b>Date and time of arrival at Conference:</b> _____ <b>Dietary Restrictions:</b> _____		
<b>Youth Conference Pre-Registration</b> - Received at ASHA on or before Friday, January 24 (under 21 years of age) Includes all activities and ASHA Youth Gala	_____ x \$75 per child	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> I will be attending the Youth Gala
<b>Youth Conference Registration</b> - Received at ASHA after Friday, January 24 (under 21 years of age) Includes all activities and ASHA Youth Gala	_____ x \$85 per child	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> I will be attending the Youth Gala
<b>Adult Field Trip Pre-Registration</b> - Field trip is limited to availability after seating of all youth and one advisor per club, or parent of child with a severe medical condition is assigned. Includes Lunch	_____ x \$80 per adult	_____
<b>Adult Field Trip Registration</b> - Received after Friday, January 24. Field trip is limited to availability after seating of all youth and one advisor per club, or parent of child with a severe medical condition is assigned. Includes Lunch	_____ x \$90 per adult	_____
<b>Youth Conference T-Shirt for Adult Attendees</b> __ AS __ AM __ AL __ AXL	_____ x \$11 per t-shirt	_____
<b>Youth Gala</b> - For ALL adults and for youth NOT registered with Youth Conference.	_____ x \$65	_____

\*Riding lessons will be offered Sunday at the following barns. Please contact them directly to set up a lesson.  
 Blue Willow Farm: 859-853-8125 Louisville Equestrian Center: 502-267-0881 Wingswept Farm: 859-490-0197 Zubrod Stables: 859-421-6753

**Everyone must pay registration fee to attend field trips and meal functions!**

**TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PAYMENT:**  Check (make payable to ASHA)  Visa  MasterCard  AMEX

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

CCV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective January 1, 2020 a required 3% Convenience Fee (calculated by ASHA) will be added to all payments made by Credit Card.

Please complete registration form and return with remittance to:  
 American Saddlebred Horse Association  
 4083 Iron Works Parkway  
 Lexington, KY 40511

**RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT.  
 NO REFUNDS! PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020.**

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# Thank you to our 2019 WCHS Youth Activities Sponsors



## World's Championship Horse Show

2019 Youth Programs

### ASHA Activities

Daily ASHA Youth Saddlebred Scenes



It was a great week for our youth at the World's Championship Horse Show! They had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities.

The week started with a Junior Judging clinic on Saturday afternoon, hosted by Betsy Boone and Christy Parker. It was quite informative for the youth and the parents that attended. Everyone learned more about the judging process and show ring tips. There were 20 youth who participated.

The Ice Cream Social was Sunday and the youth had the opportunity to see old friends and meet new! Around 20 youth attended.

Junior Judging returned this year and was offered twice throughout the horse show. Junior Judging was offered Sunday evening and Friday morning. Between the two days we had 65 youth participate. The winner of the 13 & under division received a full bridle from R.E. Fennell Co. and the 14-20 winner received a framed painting of Supreme Sultan from Andrea Hartmeyer Jones. Winners were presented in center ring Friday evening. First through fifth place received a ribbon and plaque, and sixth through eighth place received a ribbon.

Throughout the entire week there was a social media challenge for our youth. They were encouraged to share their pictures during the World's Championship Horse Show on social media for a chance to be featured on ASHA's social media pages. Youth were encouraged to show pictures on what the World's Championship means to them, how they show their horse love, and how they and their friends spend the week. Hashtags used were #WCHSJRJourney and #WCHSJRSocialScenes. Two winners were selected and received a gift certificate from Howard Schatzberg Photography and Saddlethreads.



The Rudder Family





# ASHA Youth Activities

Continued

Thursday brought out our youth's creative side with the Golf Cart Decorating contest. Each contestant donates \$20 to the ASHA Youth Scholarship Fund to enter their decorated cart in the contest. Prizes are offered in three categories and a Grand Champion is awarded. The carts are judged on Thursday with ribbons and prizes being presented after the judging. This year the themes included, horse theme, home barn theme, and horses name theme. 10 entries participated. All participants received a participation ribbon. First place winners in each category received a ribbon and plaque. The Grand Champion received a ribbon and goodie basket.



To close out the week of youth activities, five youth were honored in center ring Friday night for their academic success, community service, and commitment to the Saddlebred industry. Three recipients received a \$5,000 scholarship from the American Saddlebred Horse Association and two recipients received a \$5,000 scholarship in memory of John Biggins.

Thank you to our sponsors for making this week possible, US Equestrian, The Rudder Family, Mary Gaylord McClean, Bank of the Bluegrass, Prospect Lane Farm, Doug Shiflet Photography, Howard Schatzberg Photography, R.E. Fennell Co., Andrea Hartmeyer Johns, and Saddlethreads.



# ASHA Youth Activities

## ASHA College Night



In efforts to support and encourage the young people of the industry, the American Saddlebred Horse Association hosted its first College Night Monday evening. The idea for the event was born when Kaeli McCarty, currently a student at the University of Louisville reached out to ASHA about the possibility of inviting saddle seat teams from Kentucky universities to attend the horse show. ASHA Special Programs Manager, Alexandra Harper expanded upon the idea and coordinated the project.

ASHA Youth were invited to attend, along with equine students from all the Kentucky universities and colleges, Kentucky Horse Council, 4-H Members, ASHA Youth Clubs and was promoted in our local media efforts. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from an impressive lineup of speakers, including Dr. Tom Riddle of Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, Amy Parker of McCauley's Equine Formulas, Dr. Martin Nielsen of the Maxwell Gluck Equine Research Center, Fred Sarver of Cornerstone Farm, and Alex Gravett of Kismet Farms. There were 16 youth in attendance. Those who attended received a bag with an ASHA water bottle and ASHA credit card holder for phones.

This was a new and innovative concept to promote the American Saddlebred and educate the future of the equine industry. The work of ASHA staff created a personal development opportunity not seen for many years for both youth entries of the KSF World's Championship Horse Show, are young equine enthusiasts from across the state of Kentucky. The education from the behind the scenes barn tour, guest speakers and a night of watching the showing stars of the breed is the ideal investment of resources to expanding awareness about the American Saddlebred industry.

**College Night at the 2019 Saddlebred World's Championship Horse Show**  
**Monday, August 19**

Join the American Saddlebred Horse Association for an evening of presentations from top equine industry professionals, enjoy pizza and networking opportunities, behind the scenes barn tour, and tickets to watch the evening session of the World's Championship Horse Show!

5:30-5:45 p.m. Opened doors from North Wing  
 5:45-5:55 p.m. Opening Statements  
 5:55-6:05 p.m. Fred Sarver, Breeding, Cornerstone Farm  
 6:05-6:15 p.m. Amy Parker, Equine Nutrition, McCauley's Equine Formulas  
 6:15-6:45 p.m. Dr. Tom Riddle, Equine Research, Maxwell Gluck Equine Research Center  
 6:45-6:55 p.m. Dr. Martin Nielsen, Equine Management, Kismet Farms Equine Services  
 6:55-7:05 p.m. Alex Gravett, Training, Kismet Farms  
 7:05 p.m. Photo and networking  
 7:30 p.m. Show starts

All of these activities in Rowena Hall

Complimentary to attend Kentucky State Fairgrounds Louisville, KY

The more information, contact Alexandra Harper at a.harper@asha.net or 502.221.2000





# ASHA Youth Club Happenings

## High Caliber Hot Shots

The High Caliber Hot Shots finished off the year with a bang! Many of their members that show finished out the Academy & Performance Season with the North Carolina State Fair while a few of our Performance Riders headed to the UPHA American Royal.

The Hot Shots Charity Horse Show on October 26th was a huge success, raising over \$25,000 to help support the Blues Gingerbread Party for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Not only did they have the competition among the High Caliber kids, they also enjoyed the competition from Legacy Saddlebreds, Jansal Saddlebreds and Heads Up Riding Academy. It was a lot of fun with fun classes, face painting, raffles, and other activities as well as vendors!

December brought out the Christmas decorations, and the Hot Shots headed to The Mad Platter to paint some pottery gifts for a fun evening together. They enjoyed the baking talents of the head of the Hot Shots, Marlie & Hannah's mother, Amy Shileskly.

The following weekend was the very festive High Caliber Christmas Party, where they enjoyed some amazing food, the always fun slide show, as well as the chocolate fountain, a photo booth and dancing by everyone!

The morning after the Christmas Party, Lauren & Elliot Blue, as well as their team of Hot Shot and local volunteers turned the Christmas party tent into the headquarters for the Blues' Gingerbread Party for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They baked and built almost 150 houses to be decorated by the guests in attendance, and put together the biggest Candy Mountain to date! A lot of fun -and sugar- was had by all!



As they look ahead to 2020, the Hot Shots are already thinking about the next MajORR Fun day of lessons and the High Caliber Home Show on January 18th. Not to mention the Young Adult Camp, Becker Brothers coming and the UPHA Convention... and that is only January!



# ASHA Youth Club Happenings

## Equitate Youth Club

It was a busy year for Equitate Youth Club! At the summer barn show they did MoNeighs (Muzzle Paintings) to raise money for Life Striders. Life Striders is a therapeutic riding stables in Waukesha, Wisconsin. MoNeighs have become a barn favorite because you get to create a fun memory with your horse and get a one of a kind piece of artwork to take home.

Equitate finished their third highway cleanup with a nice turnout that made it a quick and easy process. The weather was perfect and afterwards they celebrated with making ice cream sundaes and enjoying them outside while having a club meeting.

Equitate also walked in the local Christmas parade. They brought one of their favorite lesson horse, IRS, and a mini named Millie to walk alongside them. They also had two youth club advisors wear horse mascot costumes which is always a crowd pleaser. Afterward they headed back to the farm for their annual Christmas party.

Finally, they designed youth club sweatshirts. The club had a vote during one of their meetings to decide the color and found a local place to print them. Seeing them around the barn has been fun and it's a good way for the club to show their barn pride.





# ASHA Youth Club Happenings

## Blue Willow Farm Youth Club

The Blue Willow Youth Club has had a busy winter. At their November tournament they made and sold horse treats and the proceeds went to benefit the upcoming ASHA Youth Convention. They raised \$147.

The club also got together and took a field trip to the Kentucky Horse Park to see the Southern Lights. Everyone had a great time and they even rode some camels! It was a great team building experience for the club.

Their December tournament was festive as well as productive! The club put together some stockings with pet treats and donated them to the Lexington Humane Society!



# ASHA Youth Club Happenings

## Mane Attractions

The girls from Mane Attractions have had a busy summer at the barn! A big shout out goes to everyone who showed for their first time in Academy; the club is so proud of Victoria Tagler, Allison Babcock, Ellie Hambrick, Ava Kasper, and Payton Doze! Their hard work resonated in the IASPHA Summer Show at Field and Fences in Gurnee, IL and the UPHA Chapter 10 Show at Beyond Farm in Rockford, IL. Some parents were more nervous than the kids and many had aunts, uncles, and cousins to cheer them on! All of them trotted away with a ribbon and a great learning experience!

As the show season slowed down, the fun in the youth group picked up speed. The club kicked into high gear with our holiday themed meetings. For their Thanksgiving meeting they made cute turkey pumpkins and for their Christmas meeting they spread Holiday cheer and good tidings throughout the barn! The club showcased their artistic talents with personalized Santa hats and decorations for the lesson horse stalls!

Although the year is coming to an end, that won't stop Mane Attractions from planning for 2020! They are working on next year's agenda as we speak and looking forward to another great year!





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## Brannon Barnsters

The Brannon Barnsters have been busy! They had a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Amen House where they collected 130 pounds of food! Next they had a Barnsgiving Party where they got together for a potluck lunch and celebrated all they were thankful for with our barn family. On Thanksgiving barn day the club was introduced to mounted archery.

Coming up, the Brannon Barnsters will be at Walmart with their miniature pony, Dudley, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. They will also be having a Christmas barn day with more mounted archery lessons!



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## Wingswept Walk Trots

The Wingswept Walk Trots have been busy in the community the past few months! From creating "sweet cases" for children in need, raising over \$500 for Saint Judes Children's Hospital, to lending a helping hand during local horse shows!





## A Boy and His Horse

Often it is only the victory pass smiles and post-win interviews that give champions of our community an opportunity to share their Saddlebred story. Yet, for most, the road to that accomplishment started way before you ever thought about a blue ribbon. The journey involves more passion and commitment than one can convey in a one-minute interview. Many achievements in this world are lifelong goals, and they get that title because of the time and dedication it takes to get there. So when one gets the opportunity to give a window into the love they have for their horse, this sport and our community, it is a special moment. This year one dedicated ASHA junior member and American Saddlebred lover got the rare chance to achieve his #asbdreams and go above and beyond to #sharethesaddlebred with the world.



Michael Arquilla is this special young man. In the ring, Arquilla was a force to be reckoned with this year in the Senior Saddle Seat Equitation division. He took home a World's Champion title and two jewels of the Saddle Seat Equitation Triple Crown. That in itself is a tremendous achievement, but what is unique about this Saddlebred Strong Story is the partnership behind these accomplishments. His special bond with his longtime partner CH Mooi Mooi, aka "Nelson," has inspired everyone from his barn family to US Equestrian to highlight their incredible #asbdreams journey this year.

Michael and Nelson, as he is affectionately known at home, have a remarkable bond that can be seen in the ring, out of the ring and everywhere in between. They radiate that undeniable love and commitment that is only possible between two partners that are wholly dedicated to each other. One could say they go together like peanut butter and jelly or better yet maybe beet pulp and water. Michael had a story to tell and a devotion to his American Saddlebred partner that needed to be shared.

While often achieving your #asbdreams means sacrifice of many different forms, one sacrifice Michael refused to make was to part ways with his trusted partner. Together since almost day one of Michael's equitation career, their connection prevailed division change, age group transitions and the potential for "better" opportunities. This year this combination got to cash in on those years of experience, understanding and hard work. In the end, they achieved Michael's equitation goals, and most importantly, they were able to do it together as a boy and his horse.

To view the video that went with this story, [click here](#).

We congratulate Michael on his accomplishments and thank him and the Equitate LLC team for allowing us to come along for the ride. His dedication to Nelson is an excellent example of loving partnerships throughout the American Saddlebred community. We thank Michael for volunteering his time during the most significant moments of his equestrian career to help #sharethesaddlebred and are proud to have him as a young leader working to build a Saddlebred Strong future!



## ASHA Partners to #SharetheSaddlebred at Eastern National 4-H Round Up

ASHA led a #SharetheSaddlebred weekend at the 2019 Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up during the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY! Each year over 700 hundred 4-H youth members from 25 different states travel to Louisville to spend a marathon weekend testing their equine knowledge and expanding their equine horizons. These young leaders work hard all year long to qualify to be selected by their state to compete in equine hippology, horse judging, horse bowl and communications.



This year ASHA Special Programs Manager Alexandra Harper worked with Signature Stables of Louisville, KY to provide American Saddlebreds to present in a breed In-hand and Saddle Seat pleasure class for the Horse Judging and Horse Bowl competitors. We extend our deepest gratitude to the Signature Stables team and their riders for volunteering their time to represent the American Saddlebred for the Saturday competition rounds.

On Sunday, the ASHA was honored to join forces with the Eastern National and other equine industry leaders to sponsor the prize program and awards breakfast. We were proud to be a co-sponsor of the Horse Bowl Team and Individual Overall Award Winners prize premiums and provide a \$250 scholarship for the Horse Judging Individual Overall Award Winner. ASHA Marketing and Communications Manager Jessica Cushing was on hand to present these awards and meet with many of the over 1000 breakfast attendees.



The ASHA looks forward to strengthening our relationship with 4-H and finding more ways to support programming that affords us many mutually beneficial opportunities. As we continue to partner on educational initiatives with 4-H it will bring enrichment to our current ASHA Youth programs and provide more avenues to share the American Saddlebred with dedicated young horse enthusiasts from across the country.

For more information on the [Eastern National 4-H Round Up](#).

For more information on [ASHA Youth Programs](#).





## ASHA Alpha Classes are a Big Hit at 2019 National Academy Championship Horse Show

Last weekend brought over 1000 entries to Murfreesboro, TN, and hundreds of American Saddlebreds to compete at the National Academy Championship Horse Show (NACHS). An exciting new addition to the show was the ASHA Alpha Open English Pleasure Classes. The two classes offered this year are the ASHA Alpha Open English Pleasure WTC for riders 13 and under and the ASHA Alpha Open English Pleasure WTC for rider 14 and over. Our 2019 winners were Piper Hales, riding Roi Du Soleil (115972G) for Elite Riding Academy of Arab, AL in the 13 & under division, and Haley Bowland riding Kalarama's U.C.U.C. (151934M) for Lenux Stables of Huntersville, NC in the 14 & over division. Each winner received a commemorative leather halter from the ASHA, donated by Shelby Horse Supply, and a custom riding suit from Marsha de Arriaga.

We thank Joyce Webster and the NACHS for allowing us to offer an opportunity like this to the competitors and supporters of their show. The ASHA sees great potential for the ASHA Alpha classes in our breed community. The ASHA looks forward to working with our regional affiliates to promote and offer these classes at more shows across the country.

This division is for riders that have either moved out of the Academy Division or are new riders entering show horse classes for the first time. These classes, unlike the novice or limit rider classes will give riders two show seasons to compete at an entry-level of competition. This will provide riders with more experience before moving up to stronger competition. "We are very excited to debut these new classes which will act as a bridge between academy and performance competitions," says David Mount, Interim Executive Director of ASHA.



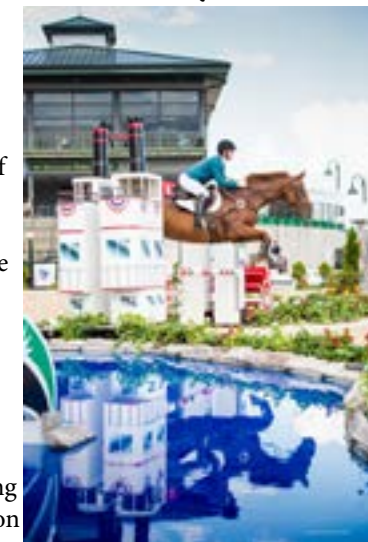
13 & Under ASHA Alpha Class winner  
Piper Hales, riding Roi Du Soleil



14 & Over ASHA Alpha Class winner  
Haley Bowland, riding Kalarama's  
U.C.U.C.

## ASR November 2019 Diplomat of the Breed - Royal Crest's Granite Permission

We are pleased to announce the November 2019 ASR Diplomat of the Breed Sponsored by Freedman Harness is Royal Crest's Granite Permission (113232G) from Harrisburg, Missouri. He is affectionately known as "Moose," this 16-year-old gelding by Red Hot Lovin' and out of Royal Crest Stone that has been taking the eventing scene by storm with his trusted partner Lily Callahan! This gentle giant was bred by Bruce and Rusty Rademann and was part of a group of yearlings donated by the Rademanns to a group of 4-Hers. Brianna Kingsley started Moose's education, using him as her trail riding horse and then teaching him to jump. Moose was a star breed ambassador from the beginning attending many 4-H horse shows, where he competed successfully in the games classes, including barrels and poles.



In the fall of 2015 was a pivotal point in the life of Moose and would bring him to his calling as both an eventing champion and breed ambassador on the national level. Lily Callahan was a young American Saddlebred lover in search of a new horse that could jump in October 2015.

Lily began an online search for just such a horse. The first horse shopping expedition, to neighboring Iowa, did not produce "the one." Then, a friend sent Lily a Facebook post about a horse in Wisconsin. Lily saw Moose's picture, convinced her grandparents to lend her the purchase price, and she and her parents, with the horse trailer in tow, headed to Wisconsin.

While it was not a fairytale start, it has turned into the ride of a lifetime. In the past four years, Lily and Moose have not only succeeded themselves in eventing, working hunter, jumping, poles and barrel racing, but they have succeeded in changing people's perception of the breed in each of those equestrian communities. Moose has multiple National Championships to his credit in the Working Hunter division and has qualified for the American Eventing Championships three years in a row, placing in the top five in the Novice Division each time out.

He also continues to compete in Barrel Racing and Pole Bending, also finishing in the top three at every competition. In addition to competing Moose and Lily attend public demonstrations to introduce people to horses and the breed. Moose will demonstrate jumping to show the athletic ability of the American Saddlebred and even will ride bareback and bitless around barrels to highlight the special bond he has with his young owner, trainer, rider, and best friend, Lily Callahan.

Above all the titles, changed public perspective and breed ambassador work Moose has fulfilled the highest calling one can ever ask of a horse he has changed his owner's life for the better. Lily herself shares, "Moose was simply a blank piece that fit into the puzzle of my heart. [Initially], Moose temporarily took my mind off all of the bad things in my life, but, overtime, he became the missing piece I needed so desperately. Not only has Moose changed the minds of many ASB naysayers through jumping demonstrations, high level awards, and his personality, he has changed the way I view life. Now, after feeling Moose's deep love and trust, I have gained the strength and courage to pursue my dreams and push past all of the haters."

The American Saddlebred Registry is honored to have an individual like Royal Crest's Granite Permission representing and promoting our breed in the world of eventing and beyond! It is our privilege to award him a customized halter from Freedman's as our next ASR Diplomat of the Breed and acknowledge him for the contributions to our breed and the horse lovers outside of our community!





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