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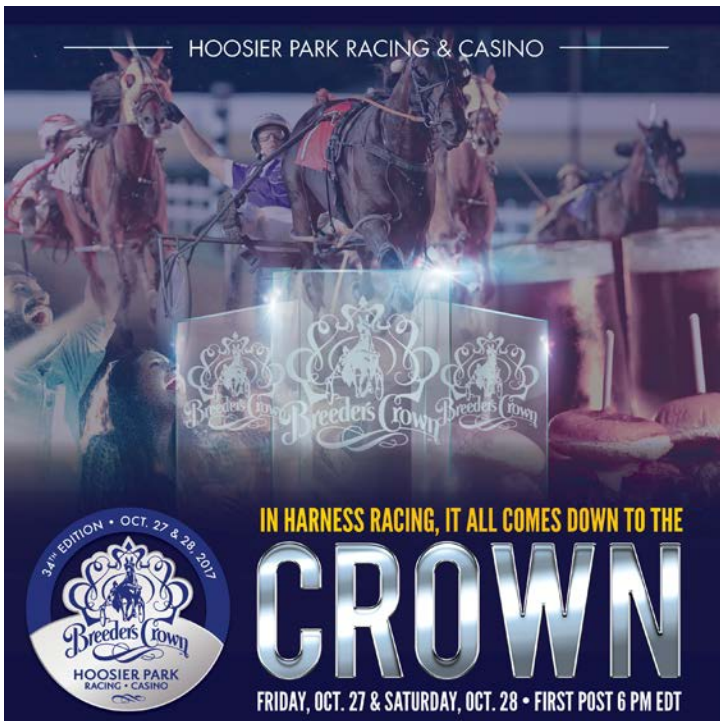
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The official Newsletter of the Harness Horse Youth Foundation.

Hoosier Park Racing & Casino is the proud host of this year's Breeders Crown

*For the first time ever on Indiana soil!*

The 34th edition of these championship races are sure to provide outstanding, competitive fields with 2 days and 12 races with \$6 million in purses!



## What is ART-Rageous?

Hoosier Park invited the talented art students of all ages as well as teachers of Anderson Community Schools to create one-of-a-kind pieces in their medium of choice. The 30 items are featured in an on-line auction open to the public which began on October 9 and runs through 9PM on October 28. All items will be on display throughout the facility on Breeders Crown weekends for further inspection.

## Giving Back!

In addition, **Hoosier Park Racing** has always been keenly interested in community projects and philanthropic efforts. Staff has very creatively intertwined these concepts into the Breeders Crown festivities this year by naming four charities –

***Harness Horse Youth Foundation, Animal Protection League, New Vocations, Standardbred Retirement Foundation*** – who will benefit from **ART-Rageous - Culture For A Cause On-Line Auction!**



From glassware to paintings to horse shoe sculpture, there is sure to be an item that catches your eye AND you will be supporting the important work of kids and horses and pets!

To view, register, and bid on the auction items, use this link:  
<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/art-rageous-2923>



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## Update on 2016 Gallo Blue Chip Recipient Laura Doherty



### The second annual Anderson Community School Field Trip to Hoosier Park • September 27 & 28 with nearly 600 4<sup>th</sup> graders visiting the track!

The students rotated through stations Meet The Athlete, Dressing The Racehorse, It's All Related, What A Colorful World, and It's A Bike, Not A Buggy – learning about different aspects of the racing industry. Hoosier Park employees and local horsemen and women volunteered to keep the process running smoothly while explaining conditioning and nutrition of racehorses, common equipment, and racing as it relates to agribusiness.

Each young person had the opportunity to design his/her own colors using small wooden cutouts as well as to sit in a bike and jog cart and learn how to pace. The track provided box lunches and organized a very popular mock race which resulted in much cheering from the completely



filled clubhouse. Guest trainers and drivers answered questions from the audience. Each student received a goodie bag and lucky horse shoe to take home and teachers received resource guides along with other educational items.

Comments like “the best field trip ever”, “I wish we could do the whole thing again because it was so fun”, and “I never saw or touched a horse before” make the event a highlight for students and those who assist.

*(HHYF recently received the sweetest email from Laura and her busy life. We are including the highlights of this dynamic young lady's message).*

“Here are some highlights of things I have been so thankful to be able to do over the past year:

Throughout my time in school, I have really enjoyed being able to take advantage of the liberal arts education and exploring so many areas of interest. From government, policy, and law to technology, social issues, and human rights, I've been so blessed to have the opportunity to be exposed to so many important, relevant topics.

During my first year and a half of exploring different educational paths, I spent a lot of time studying both policy and engineering. My classes ranged in everything from political analysis and sociological theory to electronics, and although I really enjoyed all of my courses, I ultimately decided that I enjoyed the legislative side of research more than building electronic circuits in a lab. When it came time to declare concentrations in November of last year, I decided to do more research on government and sociology over engineering, and focus more on the implications of technological development than building the technology myself (although I have certainly enjoyed building robots with the Undergraduate Robotics Club over the past two years!).

To gain more hands-on experience with the applications of what I was learning in class, I began working with an aerospace company in Boston called Analytical Space last fall. As a Regulatory Affairs intern, I did research on how international regulatory frameworks govern business operations and the utilization of satellite technology across the globe. I spent the academic year holding down a part time job with the company before applying to a summer internship with the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC. I was fortunate enough to be selected as both a Leonard D. Schaeffer Fellow and Director's Intern with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Institute of Politics.

Throughout my time at NASA this summer, I was able to do internal legislative research for the Agency, conduct Congressional Hearing Analyses, interface with Congressional Members and Staff frequently, and perform other internal administrative tasks that helped me better understand both how federal agencies conduct work with Congress and other federal agencies, as well as the implications of NASA's technological developments from a regulatory perspective.

While in DC, I also started doing research on the use of increased access to high resolution satellite data for tracking global human rights abuses. I'm really interested in how utilizing geospatial information systems meets the intersection of policy, international regulatory processes, national security, international relations between nations, ethical concerns, and of course humanitarian goals. Given how increasingly relevant this issue is becoming as we prepare to launch more sensing and communications satellites than ever before in the next few years, and subsequently make access to high resolution data cheaper and more efficient than ever before, this is a very exciting field for research, and I am really looking forward to diving into it more this year!

I just wanted to send this along to demonstrate a few of the incredible things that I have been able to do that would not have been possible without all of the support you, Mr. Scharf, and the HHYF have offered. Thank you so much for helping to make this educational experience so fulfilling- there are no words to explain just how much it means to me.

All the best,

**Laura L. Doherty**

A.B. Candidate • Harvard University | Class of 2019”



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## Bragging Rights – Our Alumni Continue to Succeed!

In August, HHYF alumnus **Dr. Kathleen MacMillan** (1992 Merit Scholarship) spoke at the World Trotting Conference in PEI. "I was honored to be asked to be a speaker. My presentation 'Health and Welfare of the Standardbred Racehorse: Major Concerns and Challenges' was heard by delegates from 11 different countries. The talk covered major health issues like respiratory disease, lameness, medication use, and disease prevention.



The World Trotting Association conference was an amazing opportunity to meet people from all around the world who are just as passionate about harness racing as I am. This is truly a special community. There were many highlights but the big one for me was meeting John Campbell!"

**Olivia Kimelman** (2007 Saratoga and multiple Leadership Programs) has recently accepted a position with Patterson Veterinary in Lexington, Kentucky!

She is working part time as "inside Customer Service Representative" until her December graduation from University of Kentucky when she begins full time employment. Good luck, Liv – you will do great things for sure!



The 2009 Odds On HHYF Camp must have been especially good! Graduates from that camp - **Mike Arnold and Artie Dick** – have been showing up in many in programs and winner's circle photos this year! Artie scored a trainer/driver victory at the Meadowlands this fall.

Congratulations to both and keep up the great efforts!



At the 4-H National Engineering Competition, 16 year-old **Austin Stafford** (2013 Harrington Raceway) finished 5th in the nation in the tractor driving division!

Remembering our intense conversations at camp regarding proper track maintenance, this is no surprise coming from a very talented and knowledgeable young man!



**Besim Odza** (pictured here with *Tim Tetric*) participated in the 2011 Goshen Historic Track camp as well as multiple Leadership Programs.

Besim has now begun his training career too – in between college classes and volunteering with HHYF activities when he has time! His first win is just around the corner given his harness racing enthusiasm!

**Travis Ceppaluni** (2011 Gaitway, multiple Leadership Programs, 2016 Summer Intern, 2017 Sweet Karen Scholarship) continues his exploration of career opportunities in harness racing. Most recently, he has been hired as race office assistant at Freehold Raceway in addition to obtaining his trainer/driver license last year! Travis' passion for the business is indisputable and we are quite proud of his willingness to diversify and learn other aspects!





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## 2017 HHYF Scholarship Recipients

### Gallo Blue Chip

**Maja Bown** and **Hannah Wieder** have been selected as recipients of the 2017 Gallo Blue Chip Scholarship. The scholarship, sponsored by Martin Scharf, honors the pacer who retired as the richest pacer of all time. Bown and Wieder will be honored at a special dinner and winners circle ceremony at The Meadowlands later this year.

"I'm so honored to have received this scholarship as it relieves some of the financial burden of obtaining my college education," said Bown who will receive the \$15,000 stipend. She is currently studying nursing and wellness at the University of New Hampshire which will allow her to enter a nursing program after graduation. She is particularly interested in oncology, as she lost her father to cancer while she was in the sixth grade.

"I was so unbelievably excited to hear the news about the scholarship. My parents have done and sacrificed so much for me over the years that I want to make them proud" said \$5,000 Gallo Blue Chip recipient Hannah Wieder, of Yonkers, New York. She will attend Quinnipiac University to study Diagnostic Medical Sonography. A graduate of Maria Regina High School, Hannah is an after school religious teacher, a Eucharistic minister and has volunteered at White Plains Hospital, where she was born. Her father Alex campaigns a small stable at Yonkers Raceway.



### Curt Greene Memorial

**Jessica Hallett** has been named recipient of the 2017 Curt Greene Scholarship. Hallett, of Margate, Florida, is a freshman at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale where she plans to study for a dual-track pre-law/pre-med degree. She has a wide range of community involvement including hundreds of hours in the Broward County Sheriff's Explorer program and also in the companion Fire Cadet program. She is the daughter of trainers John and Michelle Hallett. The \$2500 Curt Greene Scholarship is awarded to an individual who has demonstrated a passion for harness racing and has financial need. It honors the late Hall of Fame journalist and racing official.

### Sweet Karen



**Travis Ceppaluni**, the recipient of this year's \$750 Sweet Karen Scholarship for HHYF program alumni, has a broad range of experience in harness racing. (see

alumni updates page 2). A graduate (and salutatorian) of Ocean County Academy of Law and Public Safety, Travis plans to attend Ocean County College in Tom's River, New Jersey, where he will study business. He plans to eventually attend Rutgers University to continue his business studies and to study equine science. He is the son of Shannon and Chris Hubert of Jackson, New Jersey.

Ceppaluni was thoughtful as he discussed his experience. "HHYF has been a big part of my life for years. The continued support I receive from everyone at HHYF means so much to me. With Sweet Karen by my side I attended camps, worked as a summer intern, trained on several well-known racetracks and taught others about harness racing since I was 12. I am honored to receive the Sweet Karen scholarship award and feel it is a privilege to be a part of such a great organization which has given me the support I need to follow my dreams."



## Helping Hands



### HHYF NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Our 2017 fundraising goals are far short of our budget. Please consider a donation now in order for HHYF to continue our quality programs.

**Your check, no matter what amount, will make a difference.**

Mail today to: HHYF, 217 E. Main St., Sudlersville, MD 21668.

HHYF also accepts credit card donations through the *PayPal* button at [HHYF.org](http://HHYF.org) *see side bar >>*

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You can!

Simply hit the donate button, enter the amount you want to donate and then select pay with credit or debit card.

PayPal will take you to a secure guest payment page where you can safely send your donation via your card through PayPal.

It's quick, easy and safe.

HHYF often receives thank you notes but these two from Summer 2017 were especially touching.

*"I just wanted to thank you and HHYF for everything that you have done for Connor this summer. You took a chance on a kid from Etters, PP and made him the happiest he has ever been. Connor now wants to be the next Tim Tetrick. His desire and want to continue Harness Racing is endless. Please let me know what we need to do to continue his dream. He is already talking about camp next year! Your program is one of the best I have ever seen and I am glad we are now a part of it. I look forward to working with you in the future at events and future races. Again I cannot express how grateful we are for everything." Keith – 2017 HHYF parent*

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*"My daughter Emma has been bugging me :) to email you since she got home from HHYF camp last month. I cannot adequately describe to you how much my daughter loved the experience. She says it was the best week of her life.*

*Emma has asked me repeatedly to email you to find out how and when she is able to participate with your foundation again. She mentioned something about returning for next year's camp as a helper or a volunteer. She says she will take any opportunity available, just so she is able to return to assist. We live in Kingston, Pennsylvania but would be willing to travel a reasonable distance so she is able to participate.*

*Can you offer any feedback as to whether or not that is a possibility or any opportunities you may be aware of in the near future?*

*Thank you SO much for everything and for the experience my daughter had. She truly loved all aspects of it and cannot stop talking about her career in harness racing."*

*Lisa – 2017 HHYF parent*



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## 2017 HHYF Travel & Event Highlights



### << Diamond Creek Open House

June 3

Volunteer Ely Branca and her mother JoAnn assist with the HHYF display. Not pictured: volunteers Hayley Halloran and her mother Lee and HHYF ambassador Sweet Karen.

### Harrington Raceway >>

June 17 – 21

Montrell Teague (2002 Harrington Raceway graduate) took time to visit campers and share his experiences including driving champion Wiggle It Jiggleit!



### << American Horse Council Convention

June 11, 12

Justin Irvine joined Brock Murphy (American Quarter Horse Youth Association), Sedate Kohler (US Pony Club), and Flora ElmColone (Arabian Horse Youth Association) as a member of the Youth Panel.

He represented harness racing and HHYF in fine style! "A grassroots love of horses stems from the industry being inclusive." Many thanks to OHHA for sponsoring Justin!

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### Fair Winds Open House >>

June 24

Sweet Karen stole the show (again) as she and Travis Ceppaluni met the public and participated in the breed demonstration in harness!



### << Ocean Downs

June 29

Grant Kidner patiently taught how to roll a bandage properly at the one-day event. As usual, participants also learned about harnessing and got the chance to jog a horse!

### Hall of Fame Day at Goshen >>

July 2

Always a racing fan, Justin Irvine sought out autographs!





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### << Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

July 2

2017 Interns Katie Eick and Amy Pruner attended the festivities in Goshen.

### Leadership Program >>

July 5 – 9

Along with daily stable care and jogging, guest speakers included Scott Zeron, Caroline Vazquez, and Alex Dadoyan. The last night always includes a nice dinner with a brief review of table etiquette.



### << Vernon Downs

July 11 – 15

The five-day format of a regular event plus a field trip to Morrisville State College with Cole Wimmer as the tour guide!





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### The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono >>

July 18 – 22

Pocono horsemen welcomed campers for a great week. Attendees needed to release some nervous tension just before their exhibitions!



Lots of great media coverage for harness racing this summer! Thanks to Jenn Starr – television segments on SSPTV and WBRE and front page on the Times Leader and photos in Citizens Voice! The Fayette County Harness Horsemen's Association (in Ohio) spearheaded an entire 16-page harness racing insert with a HHYF feature on the back page which went to 15,000 households in the area!

### << Delaware State Fair

July 27

Ethan Stafford and *I Want Another* (with his father Andrew, not pictured) just before they led the post parade for the Ben Stafford Memorial Pace!



<< **Gaitway Farm**  
July 29 – August 2  
Campers at Gaitway were lucky to have Meadowlands announcer Ken Warkentin and legendary Bob Heyden as roving reporter on their exhibition day!



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### << The Meadowlands

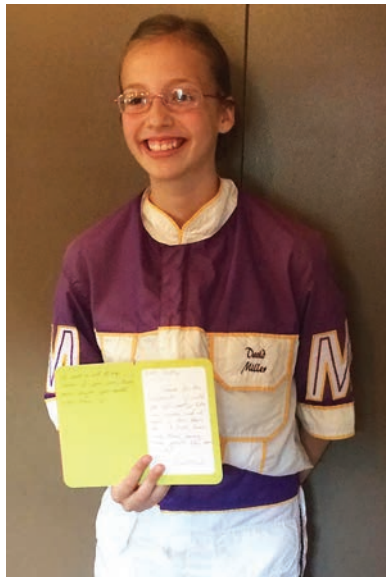
August 4, 5

One invited student from each HHYF event - Sundene Lodge (Harrington Raceway), Lilly Kairewicz (Vernon Downs), Connor Lutz (The Downs At Mohegan Sun Pocono), Danny Eick (Gaitway Farm) - received VIP treatment at the Meadowlands during Hambletonian weekend. They were even escorted to the front side by the Winbak carriage horse team!

### How special is this?

Lilly was one of the lucky students to attend the HHYF Finals at the Meadowlands and was assisted by driver David Miller.

A couple of weeks afterwards, she received her OWN set of David's colors along with a super cool note from him!



### Open Space Pace at Freehold Raceway (above)

September 16

A large contingent represented HHYF in the OSP Parade down Main Street in Freehold, New Jersey, as well as assisting in the HHYF Booth during the races! Sweet Karen missed the photo opportunity which doesn't happen often!

### << Great Frederick (MD) Fair

September 21

With assistance from Nancy Hendricks, HHYF provided colors and a fun facts display for the Equine Expo tent throughout the fair. On Kids Day, local schools dismissed and students headed to the fair for lots of agricultural education including multiple divisions of the pedal horse races!



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## 2017 Conditioners, Transporters, Off Season Care

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