

THE NEWS LETTER

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Creating new generations of harness racing fans and participants since 1976 by providing unique equine experiences.

FUN FACT: On a random Thursday night this past winter, HHYF had a graduate, scholarship recipient, and/or intern working at every racetrack in North America! Keep the updates coming either through our social media channels or by contacting the office.



The official newsletter of the Harness Horse Youth Foundation.

PROUD OF OUR GRADS

We are always happy to celebrate the success of our grads whether inside or outside of racing. Here are just a few of their 2022 accomplishments! (indicates first year and location of HHYF camp experience/location)



Brady Brown
(2005 The Meadows)
1000 career driving wins



Maggie Copp
(2019 Shenandoah Downs)
Virginia State Champion 4-H Public Speaking Table Setting and a "catch" caretaker at Shenandoah during their fall meet



Molly D'Agostino
(2008 Vernon Downs)
singer, songwriter, attorney, entrepreneur, guitarist, Billboard Top 40 hit "End of the World" and part owner of New York Excelsior Trotting Champion Makadushin N Cheez



Sophie Norton
(2014 Harrington Raceway)
recently graduated from Suny/Morrisville, passed her trainer/driver test and racing in New York as well as featured in HRU and Youth Beats articles



Dee Sanders
(2019 Goshen Historic Track)
first official start finishing second with Western Memory at Lincoln County Fair in Fayetteville, Tennessee



Ryder Skinner
(2019 Harrington Raceway)
three thirds at the Pokomoke Fair in Pokomoke City, Maryland



Montrell Teague
(2002 Harrington Raceway)
2000 career driving wins

Here's an email received this summer from a parent:

Hello Ellen!

It's been a number of years since my daughters Logan and Keenan attended the youth camps. Logan at Mohawk and Keenan at Wilkes Barre/Pocono. Such a wonderful program. Helped the girls become more confident, and helped instill a love of horses and harness racing.

Logan spent time at the track as a groom and ended up going to Old Alberta to Agriculture College. Keenan is now not only a chiropractor on people, she also is an equine and canine chiropractor too.

Both girls appreciated your kindness, and so do I. Such a wonderful experience for me as a parent too. So nice to see you still doing the camps. Enjoy the rest of your summer! Take care.

Janice

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTIONS

Due to the generosity of the David Snyder and International Sound, the following students have been selected as the 2022 recipients of the Harold and Marcia Snyder Memorial Scholarships:



Kelly Weigle: from East Berlin, PA will receive \$7500 to pursue her veterinary medicine degree from Lincoln Memorial University.



Landon Blumenfeld: from Winter Park, FL will receive \$3500 to pursue his mathematics/statistics degree from Arizona State University.



Victoria Moore: from Washington Court House, OH will receive \$2000 to pursue her degree in social work/occupational therapy from Wilmington College.



Jonas Scott: from Warwick, MD will receive \$2000 to pursue his degree in computer science/engineering from Bucknell University.

“My family and I are very pleased with the selections of the recipients for the scholarship named in honor of my parents. It is our hope that the financial assistance will help these students continue their educational goals and, hopefully, stay connected to our wonderful horse racing industry,” said David Snyder. “We are also excited to have HHYF administering this effort going forward which helps keep our memories of Stan Bergstein and his immeasurable HTA impact alive as well.”



Lilly Kairewich was selected as the 2022 recipient of both the Curt Greene Memorial Scholarship and the Sweet Karen Scholarship. Lilly is the daughter of Matt and Haylee Kairewich from Chittenango, New York. She has begun her freshman year at SUNY Morrisville in New York and is pursuing an associate’s degree in nursing.

“The selection committee immediately recognized the aptitude of Lilly. While not from a racing family, Lilly will always love harness racing and appreciate what her HHYF experiences taught her which will help both in her collegiate efforts as well as in life” explained HHYF Executive Director Ellen Taylor.

The Greene Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of the late Communicator’s Corner Hall of Famer Curt Greene whose passion for harness racing ran deeply. The Sweet Karen Scholarship is named after the HHYF trottingbred whose patience allowed many young people hands-on harness racing experiences.

If your organization needs guidance in establishing an assistance program or in your scholarship selection process, please contact the office to discuss.

This fall, HHYF plans to update our industry list of scholarships in hopes of helping students (and parents) find available resources for post high school education. Once completed (hopefully by the holidays), a flier complete with a QR code for easier access, will be distributed to race-tracks, horsemen’s associations, and other industry professionals. Of course, it will be posted on our website www.hhyf.org too!

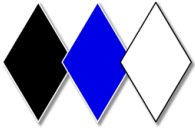
FUN FACT: Providing financial support to those with ties to harness racing through their families or as individuals who are actively participating in the industry is the oldest program of HHYF. Since 1976, HHYF has assisted with the distribution of just shy of \$1 million in scholarships.

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT SPECIAL SPONSORS; ANOTHER THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2022 SUPPORT



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And of course special thanks to our stable spring conditioners: John DeLong Stable, Hank Devan Stable, Ryan Miller Stable, and Vicky Rouch AND to the HHYF horses' 2021/22 winter home of Winbak Farm and their 2022/23 winter home Fair Winds Farm!

WE LOVE OUR PROMOTION PARTNERS

In April, the Indiana Standardbred Association board unanimously voted to support HHYF in the purchase of Activity Boxes for EVERY FFA CHAPTER in Indiana, that's 200 plus if you are wondering. One day after mailing the boxes, HHYF received a request for a field trip from the Whitko Career Center Animal Science class.

Diamond Creek Farm's annual Open House in June is always a wonderful time. HHYF trustee Suzanne D'Ambrose supervised the table, ran the fundraiser, and offered a simple craft for the little ones! (P.S. She did this at the Hambletonian too).

OHHA and US Trotting Association rented a 10 x 30 booth complete with the simulator, bone box, bandaging station, and spin the wheel at Equine Affair in Ohio and invited HHYF to share the space to promote the camps and share information. Then, the three groups invited ISA and we all joined forces at the National FFA Convention with a similar set up. Our theme was "Making A Living...Horsing Around". Potential audience: 50,000 Blue Jackets!

Promotional efforts work when we all work together for the common good!

HANDS - ON - NO BET

Once again, HHYF was on the road from early May to early October. Here are the details and photos which help capture the spring/summer/fall experiences.



**Harrison County Ag Days,
Corydon, IN - May 5 & 6, October 5 & 6**

Volunteer: Bob Heyden



**Hearts & Horseshoes 4-H Tour @ Fair Winds
Farm, Cream Ridge, NJ - May 14**

Volunteer: Suzanne D'Ambrose



**Van Wert County Fairgrounds,
Van Wert OH - May 21**

Volunteers: Paige Kopiec, Roger Wilt, Aaron Knittle



**Union County Fairgrounds,
Marysville OH - June 4**

Volunteers: Paige Kopiec, Haylee Easterday, Roy Burns



Harrington Raceway, Harrington DE - June 27

Volunteers: Daina Behe, Barbara Boese, Corey Callahan, Suzanne D'Ambrose, Eddie Dennis, Susan Garey, Grant Kidner, Tammy King, Heather Vitale



Crimson Lane Farm, Anderson IN July 10 - 14: Leadership Program

Volunteers: Vicky Rouch, Ernie & Darla Gaskin, Tabby DeLong, Sally Gilbertson, Bob Heyden, Brooke & Bryce Nickells, Emily Ratcliff, Jacob Roglitz, Trent Stohler, Robert Taylor, New Wave Equine



FUN FACT: Estimated number of young people introduced to

BETTER WAY TO LEARN!

** A tip of the hat to our 2022 shipper Bob Lasky **



Westfield Washington Field Trip at DeLong Farm, Anderson IN - July 8

Volunteers: John & Tabby DeLong, Bob Heyden, Dennis & Kathy Petty



DeLong Farm, Anderson IN - July 16

Volunteers: Vicky Rouch, Tabby & John DeLong, Shane Cave, Payton Ode, Trent Stohler, Mike Wilson



Windsor Fairgrounds/Union Fair ME - July 23 - 24

Volunteers: Kim Asher, Craig Coffin, David Crochere, Chris Nye, Deb Patterson, Mary Ann Tompkins, Dr. Tim Powers, Bill Ellis



Goshen Historic Track, Goshen NY - July 30 & 31

Volunteers: Katie Eick, Olivia Kimelman, Oscar Kimelman, D.R. Ackerman, Shane Darish, Jamie Siegelman



Gaitway Farm, Manalapan NJ - August 7 & 8

Volunteers: Suzanne D'Ambrose, Katie Eick, Travis Ceppaluni, Jim Foley, Spicer Symon



Shenandoah Downs, Woodstock VA - October 1

Volunteers: Dee Lineweaver, Tyler & Marna Shehan, Scott & Debbie Warnick

to harness racing through HHYF in 2022 - in excess of 6500!

HOW CAN YOU HELP HHYF?

There are many ways to help HHYF in our mission of introducing and educating young people and their families. Here are just a few reminders:

- donate items for future fundraisers;
- call the office for the most recent gifts-in-kind list;
- select Harness Horse Youth Foundation as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile;
- host an online fundraiser with proceeds to HHYF;
- make a holiday donation to honor a loved one;
- actively participate in our year-end annual campaign;
- purchase a set of HARNESS HEROES trading cards or an Activity Box for your hard-to-buy for persons on your holiday list.

If you have a passion for kids, horses, and harness racing (in no particular order), HHYF will be expanding our team in 2023. Details about a new position will be available very soon so stay tuned to industry resources to find out more.

HOW CAN HHYF HELP YOU IN OUTREACH?

Do you have a need for **HHYF** handouts for field trips you may be hosting or career days at which you will be speaking?

Are you a 4-H leader or FFA Advisor or on a youth group team?

HHYF is your go-to source for harness racing youth education materials - when our phone rings or our computer dings,

HHYF tries to assist.

Here's a sampling from this year:

Dennis Reisert - requested a care package for the White County Fair in Indiana.

Matt Sparacino - requested Careers In Horse Racing copies for the Mid-Atlantic Harness Racing Career Day.

Janet Terhune - requested HHYF stable star Missy for the Base Ball at Goshen Historic Track event. Not only did Missy make an appearance there but squeezed in another cameo at Harrah's Hoosier Park on Memorial Day.

Annise Montplaisir - requested HHYF information to share at the National Museum of Racing in Saratoga (yes, we help our Thoroughbred brethren too!).

Karin Bump - requested handouts for the Standardbred booth at the NY State Fair.

Vicky Rouch - distributed HHYF bags at the Little Brown Jug.

Terry Chindano - requested ideas for her speaking engagement at the Indian Rocks Baptist School in Largo, FL.

Daina Behe - offered to represent HHYF with a booth at the Great Frederick Fair in Maryland.

MALINOWSKI HONORED WITH STY



On Friday before the Hambletonian, HHYF had the pleasure of presenting the 2022 Service To Youth Award to Karyn Malinowski, Ph.D. Malinowski's passion for harness racing and dedication to educating youth through her work at Rutgers University is unmatched. She and HHYF have collaborated for years so her selection as this year's recipient was an obvious choice and perhaps a bit overdue," Allison Conte, HHYF President stated.

Dr. Malinowski, an accomplished equine scientist, is the Founding Director of the Rutgers Equine Science Center at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES). She is a strong advocate for youth as reflected in her extension project entitled, "Careers in the Green Industry: Youth Sow Seeds for Their Future," which involved horses and adjudicated youth, and has served as a model for

similar programs around the globe. She also led the effort in developing the "Horse Industry Handbook" during her presidency of the American Youth Horse Council. The handbook is used by young people around the world as they study proper horse care and management.

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