



Dear Members,

2020 was filled with obstacles that caused all of us to change the ways we operate our businesses, barns, competitions and meetings. Together we not only navigated the constantly changing landscape of 2020, but we found a way to move forward when so many other sports came to a stop. UPHA is grateful to our members, sponsors, show organizers and breed organizations for their support.

This year's National Conference was held virtually. During the Conference we said goodbye to two valued members of the Executive Board, Nancy Troutman (Secretary) and Chuck Herbert (Director at Large). Their vision for the Association, valued input and unselfish service will be missed.

At the Annual Meeting of the Members Missy Hughes-Smith (Secretary) and Jim Taylor (Director at Large) were welcomed to the Executive Board. Both individuals bring a wealth of experience and service to their office. I feel extremely fortunate to have them join the leadership of UPHA.

There is little doubt 2021 will be challenging, but I am certain UPHA is ready for any challenge we may face.

Cindy Mugnier  
UPHA President



### *UPHA Annual Membership Meeting*

The Associate and Professional Annual Membership meetings were held virtually via Zoom on January 13, 2021. During both the Associate and Professional meetings, Frankie Trull spoke about the status of the PAST act and Ray Krussell, UPHA Treasurer, gave a finance report. The Equitation Committee announced they are revising the workout manual and it will be available soon to download at no charge for professional members; hard copies will be available for purchase for anyone interested. President, Cindy Mugnier encouraged members to get involved with committees and reach out to us if anyone is interested in serving.

The Associate members elected their panel of officers for 2021: President, Elizabeth Ghareeb, First Vice President Bridget McNeese Cummins, Second Vice President Ling Fu Wylie and Secretary Anne Tasch. They have launched an Associate member Facebook page to increase communication with associate members.

The Professional members held their meeting later the same day where they passed the proposed bylaw changes. These changes make the Directors At Large position a voting seat on the Board of Directors and created a new category of membership for young professionals 35 or under. The Nominating Committee chaired by Tammie Conatser, presented their recommended slate of officers for 2021 which was approved by the membership: President Cindy Mugnier, First Vice President Nelson Green, and Second Vice President Josh Greer.



Photo courtesy of UPHA

### *Ribbons of Service Meet and Greet*

The Ribbons of Service Meet and Greet was held via Zoom Thursday evening during the UPHA Virtual Conference. This year's Meet and Greet was with Alayna Applegate. The Youth were able to pick Alayna's brain asking things like what she thinks about before she hits the ring, to who is her favorite lesson horse and what it has taught her. It was a fun night for everyone!

*Pictured is Kennedy Martin, attending the Ribbons of Service Meet and Greet via Zoom.*

## **2020 UPHA Ribbons of Service Awards**

### *UPHA Foundation Donates Over \$700,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Other Charities*

The UPHA Ribbons of Service program is a wonderful example of how young people can use their passion for horses to help the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and learn to give back to their communities. To date, UPHA youth members have raised over \$550,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and almost \$150,000 to other nonprofit charities.

COVID-19 restricted Ribbons of Services participants traditional fundraising and community service efforts. However, they rose to the occasion and created new ways to raise funds and perform their community service hours. A few of their fundraising and community service projects are featured in the video below. 2020 proved just as successful as participants volunteered 1,988.5 hours in community service and collected over \$65,500 in funds to be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and over \$4,400 to other nonprofit charities.

Congratulations to the following Ribbons of Service participants completing a minimum of ten community service hours and fundraising a minimum of \$1,000 for St. Jude or other approved charity to achieve the Platinum Level.

**Willow Allen**  
**Callie Burroughs**  
**Abby Connolly**  
**Karysn Corwin**  
**Abby Crusier**  
**Collins Dabezies**  
**Olivier "Cle" Dabezies**  
**Ashlyn Deaton**  
**Carolyn Dreyer**  
**Gavin Gove**  
**Elizabeth Hampton**  
**Ella Hampton**

**Kylie Janes**  
**Cara Jones**  
**Magnolia Jones**  
**Maggie Keith**  
**Kendall Kelledy**  
**Ayla Kinney**  
**Caroline Kivett**  
**Campbell Kreitzer**  
**Aubrey Kufeldt**  
**Sydney Ladine**  
**Ava Lambert**  
**Kennedy Martin**

**Amber Miltz**  
**Samantha Nguyen**  
**Aisley Pace**  
**Avery Pierce**  
**Layla Pierce**  
**Ria Raju**  
**Jacqueline Schatzberg**  
**Kolby Smith**  
**Maya Tasch**  
**Salay Tompkins**  
**Alyssa Watanapongse**

## **2020 UPHA Ribbons of Service Scholarship Recipients**

*Scholarships are graciously donated to reward those participants raising the most funds or completing the most community service hours. Congratulations to the following participants earning scholarships for their efforts in 2020:*

**Willow Allen**  
\$2,000 Becker Brothers, LLC  
Saddle Seat Equitation Youngest Participant Award

**Aubrey Kufelt**  
\$2,500 Grace Arnold Western Seat Award (All Breeds)

**Ella Hampton**  
\$2,500 Golden Creek Farm, Inc. American Saddlebred  
Saddle Seat Equitation Award  
Arabian Breed Saddle Seat Equitation Award  
\$1,500 Kenneth and Ceil Wheeler Saddle Seat Equitation  
Rider Community Service Award  
\$1,000 William Woods Saddle Seat Equitation Rider  
Community Service Award

**Cara Jones**  
\$2,500 Golden Creek Farm, Inc. American Saddlebred  
Saddle Seat Equitation Award

**Ashlyn Deaton**  
\$625 Academy Walk & Trot Rider/Driver Most Funds Raised  
\$625 Academy Walk & Trot Rider/Driver Community Service

**Maya Tasch**  
\$1,500 Dave and Sarah Patton American Saddlebred  
Breed Performance 13 & under Award  
\$1,000 Independent Equine Agents Performance Young-  
est Participant Award

**Sydney Ladine**  
\$2,500 Golden Creek Farm, Inc. National Show Horse  
Saddle Seat Equitation Award

**Caroline Kivett**  
\$1,500 Charles N. Gish Memorial Morgan Breed Perfor-  
mance Rider/Driver Award 17 & Under Award  
\$1,000 The Kelley Family Morgan Breed Performance  
Community Service Award  
\$2,500 Terri and Roland Sturm Family Foundation Mor-  
gan Breed Hunt Seat Scholarship Award

**Ayla Kinney**  
\$625 Academy Walk/Trot/Canter Rider/Driver Most Funds Raised  
\$625 Academy Walk/Trot/Canter Rider/Driver Community Service

**Kendall Kelledy**  
\$2,500 Grace Arnold Hackney Pony Breed Award  
\$750 Louise Bennett Hackney Pony Breed Community  
Service Award

**Samantha Nguyen**  
\$1,500 Dave and Sarah Patton American Saddlebred  
Breed Performance 14-17 Award

**Elizabeth Hampton**  
\$2,000 CA Gabriel Fund Arabian Breed Performance  
17 & Under

**"Cle" Oliver Dabezies**  
\$750 Louise Bennett American Saddlebred Breed  
Community Service Award

**Jacqueline Schatzberg**  
\$5,000 Golden Creek Farm, Inc.  
Saddle Seat Equitation Overall Award (All Breeds)  
\$2,500 Golden Creek Farm, Inc.  
Morgan Breed Saddle Seat Equitation Award

# 2020 Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients



The United Professional Horsemen's Association (UPHA) Executive Board announced the Tom Moore Hall of Fame, Helen K. Crabtree Instructor Hall of Fame, Larry Bacon Lifetime Achievement Award and the Alvin C. Ruxer Lifetime Commitment Award for 2020. These award recipients will have the option of having their awards presented at the 2022 UPHA National Conference in Orlando, FL or a show in 2021 when COVID-19 restrictions ease.

## Tom Moore Hall of Fame- Carter Cox and Eddie B. Womble

To be eligible for induction into the UPHA Hall of Fame, a person or persons (can be a couple/partner) must have derived his or her livelihood from the profession of training show horses or ponies. He or she must have reached their success not only through the champion horses and ponies they have developed and shown, but must possess the respect of their peers throughout the professional conduct they have maintained throughout their careers. He or she must have willingly given of himself or herself the knowledge that they have acquired over the years, in an effort to help their fellow professionals and further the success of the show horse industry and the training profession. Induction into the UPHA Hall of Fame means this person has earned the highest esteem of their peers.

## Helen K. Crabtree Instructor Hall of Fame- Melissa Smith

The UPHA Helen K. Crabtree Instructor Hall of Fame shall be presented to a professional (can be couple/partner) who has demonstrated extraordinary teaching and training skills (riding/driving) by consistently having winning combinations in the show ring and setting new standards of excellence year after year. By his/her dedication to teaching and training, effective teaching techniques, strong work ethic and superior conduct, the individual promotes the show horse/pony industry to youth and amateurs.

## Larry Bacon Lifetime Achievement Award- Nelson Green

The UPHA Larry Bacon Lifetime Achievement Award is reserved for a few very special people whose deeds and actions, over many years of involvement in the show horse sport, have consistently demonstrated their integrity, unselfishness, sportsmanship and competitive spirit. They are persons highly respected by their peers as leaders not followers. They are people who display an unconditional love for horses and who have shown a genuine concern for the betterment and advancement of the show horse industry by dedicating themselves to that end. They further feel a responsibility as custodians and "keepers" of the show horse breeds and can always be counted upon, to have the best interest of these breeds at heart. They are innovators, can be movers and shakers or people who are happy making a great impact from behind the scenes. All, so honored, will have one thing in common; our show horse world is a better place because of them. Those selected may be Trainers, Breeders, Owners, Exhibitors, Sponsors, Show Managers or simply people with a true appreciation of these horses and ponies we all love. To be considered for this award is to be paid the highest of compliments, to receive it is to receive the highest of honors.

## Alvin C. Ruxer Lifetime Commitment Award- C.A. Lee III

The UPHA Alvin C. Ruxer Lifetime Commitment Award recognizes the dedicated service and support of an UPHA Associate Member. Named for Alvin C. Ruxer, whose generous financial and personal commitment afforded the UPHA the opportunity to realize its formation, the recipient of the Award is someone who embodies that same commitment. The recipient has shown a lifetime of dedication to the UPHA's mission, goals and programs. The recipient has participated in the UPHA; its various breed organizations and its programs for numerous years. The recipient has supported the UPHA's members, missions, goals and programs in order to see the UPHA succeed and grow.

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**2022 UPHA National Conference**

We are pleased to announce, that the 2022 UPHA National Conference will take place in Orlando, Florida, January 4-8, 2022, at the magnificent Renaissance Orlando at Sea World. We look forward to a forward thinking agenda and great networking opportunities for all who attend.

