



Maryland 4-H Horse Program Awards Information and Past Recipients

Awarded at the annual Maryland 4-H Horsemen's Party

Maryland 4-H Horse Program Youth Development Professional of the Year Award

The Maryland 4-H Foundation established this annual award in 1994 to recognize and honor a Marylander of outstanding character who has contributed significantly to the development of Maryland youth and their horse interests. It is hoped that these honorees, by their positive contributions in helping youth to become competent, caring, responsible individuals, will inspire others to do likewise.

Past Honorees: Helen and Bob Spedden (1995); Richard C. Wilcke (1996); Fred Lewis, Sr. DVM (1997); Bob Shirley (1998); Tom and Frankie Pardoe (1999); Earle Nicholson(2000); Shirley Geis (2001); Lynne Spahk (2002); Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society (2003); Holly Hamilton(2004); Nancy Hendricks (2005); Kathleen Schwartz (2006); Judy and Tommy Smith (2007); Janie Dell (2008); Christine Johnston (2009); Karol Dyson (2010); Jim Steele (2011); Kristen Wilson (2012); Conrad Arnold (2013); Dr. Al Starr (2014); Elaine Bailey (2015); Jennifer Reynolds (2016); Sheri Chisholm (2017); Dr. Amy Burk (2019); Christa Stibolt (2020); Shannon Dill (2021); Catherine Porterfield (2022).

Maryland 4-H Horse Program Volunteer of the Year

This award was established in 2005 to recognize a University of Maryland Extension Volunteer that has made significant contributions to the Maryland 4-H Horse Program in the area of youth development and horsemanship. The award recipients display great initiative, leadership, and dedication to the Maryland 4-H Horse Program, as well as demonstrate the ability to make a difference in the lives of youth, their families, and their community.

Past Honorees: Darryll Ann Buschling (2005); Ferrara Family (2006); Dr. Al Starr (2007); Kim Gladwell (2008); Diana Cullum (2009); Sabrina Ginn (2010); Rita Anselmo (2011); Russ and Sue Snyder (2012); Karen Macleod (2013); Tim & Candy Cole (2014); Monica Mason (2015); Carol Spicknall (2016); PJ Cooksey (2017); Tracey Adams (2019); Val Willis (2020); Brigitte Wehrs (2021); Lori Sewell (2022)

Maryland 4-H Horse Program Industry Partner of the Year

This award was established in 2014 to recognize an individual, organization, or business that has made significant contributions to the Maryland 4-H Horse Program in the area of youth development and horsemanship. The award recipient should display great initiative, leadership, and dedication to the Maryland 4-H Horse Program as well as demonstrate the ability to make a difference in the lives of youth, their families, and their community.

Past Honorees: Dover Saddlery (2014); Damascus Equine and Associates (2015); The Equiery (2016); Cricket Goodall; Maryland Horse Breeders Association; Dr Alex Barnard (2019); Dr. Michael Odian (2020); Ross Peddicord; Maryland Horse Industry Board (2021); Maryland State Fair and AG Society (2022).