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**A-Level Certification Achievements Honored at
USPC Equine Symposium & Convention**

February 7, 2020 (Lexington, KY) – Six Pony Club members who earned A-Level Certifications were recognized for their accomplishment during the 2020 Equine Symposium and Convention hosted by USPC, presented by the Ben B. Cheney Foundation in Seattle, Washington, on Feb. 1st.

The following members were honored for achieving their A-Level Certification during 2019, with the presentation of awards sponsored by Stites & Harbison Attorneys PLLC:

Arielle Aharoni, Amwell Valley Hounds Pony Club, New Jersey Region

Gabrielle Dickerson, National Member

Alexis DiPasqua, Radnor Hunt Pony Club, Eastern Pennsylvania Region

Alexa Ehlers, National Member

Ema Klugman, Seneca Valley Pony Club, Capital Region

Lindsay Woods, Loudoun Hunt Pony Club, Virginia Region

The A Certification is the top level in the USPC certification program and is reached by fewer than one in 300 dedicated members. Throughout the international equine industry, it is widely recognized as the mark of a highly competent and knowledgeable horseperson.

“We are very proud of our newest A recipients,” stated Connie Jehlik, USPC Director of Instruction Services, noting this was not the first recognition for some. “Alexa Ehlers has now earned her second A Certification, and Ema Klugman has become Pony Club’s second ‘triple A,’ earning her A Certification in Eventing, Dressage and Show Jumping, which shows great determination and a very competent horsewoman.”

Each of the Pony Club certification levels is more difficult than the preceding one, and requires Pony Club members to learn more about horses and their care, and to become increasingly accomplished riders and teachers to younger members. Along with an emphasis on helping its members learn to ride and care for horses, Pony Club promotes teamwork, a sense of responsibility, safety, good moral judgment and self-confidence.

About Pony Club - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (Pony Club). There are approximately 9,000 Pony Club members in over 600 clubs and riding centers throughout the US. USPC is proud to provide education to equestrians of all ages (including adults); incorporate more than nine riding disciplines (including Western) into instruction and competition opportunities; and to be instrumental in curriculum development for schools and universities across the United States. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including several of our Olympic team members, as well as business professionals, government leaders and military officers have roots in Pony Club.