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Pony Club Awards Members College Scholarships

August 3, 2020 (Lexington, KY) – Six exceptional Pony Club members were awarded college scholarships through The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. for outstanding achievements in academics, sportsmanship, and leadership through horsemanship. A total of \$6,500 was awarded, with recipients selected based on essay applications reviewed by a scholarship committee and administered by Pony Club according to the requirements for each opportunity.

“These students are excellent examples of all that the Pony Club experience offers in developing valuable lifelong skills that will serve them well in the classroom, the workplace, and beyond,” said USPC Executive Director Teresa Woods. “We are so proud of all that these members have achieved, and as a nonprofit organization, we appreciate the generous donations that make these scholarships possible.”

The Pony Club Triple Crown Nutrition Scholarship is sponsored by Triple Crown Nutrition, Inc. to reward Pony Club members for excellence in academic pursuits and outstanding achievements in Pony Club, earning a Pony Club certification higher than a C-2 and an overall GPA of at least 3.0. This year’s recipient is Elizabeth Larson, an H member of Patton Valley Pony Club from Bend, OR. Larson is currently studying chemistry and studio art at Willamette University.

The Dorothy Renfro Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually for higher education to an active Pony Club member who exhibits the qualities that Dorothy Renfro valued most: leadership, horse management, and volunteering time and energy to beneficial activities. This year’s recipient of the Renfro Memorial Scholarship is Virginia Klecker, a C+ member of Run O’ the Mill Pony Club from Jefferson, WI. She plans to pursue studies in nursing and pre-med.

The Stanley R. and Martha C. Helbert Scholarship is awarded annually to a Pony Club member pursuing a Liberal Arts degree in areas such as literature, music, theater, and visual arts. Second-time recipient Mckenna Miller, C-2 member of Keeneland Pony Club from Fort Thomas, KY, is majoring in digital media and design at the University of Kentucky.

The Pony Club Jubilee Scholarships are awarded to two Pony Club members for excellence in academic pursuits and outstanding achievements in Pony Club, with a certification of C-2 or higher. Recipient Tanner Kooistra, a C-3 member of French Creek Pony Club from Carnation, WA, is studying data science/entrepreneurship at the University of Washington. Recipient Madeline McDougal, an H-B member of Butte Valley Pony Club from Chico, CA, will be majoring in kinesiology at William Jessup University.

The Anson W. H. Taylor Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by Pony Club and the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) in memory of former Pony Club President and ELCR founder Anson Taylor. The scholarship is awarded to a current Pony Club member who has been actively committed to land conservation efforts. This year's recipient is Kara Echternacht of West Chester, Ohio. A C-3 member of the Miami Valley Pony Club, Echternacht plans to major in data analytics.

Visit the Pony Club [website](#) to learn more about our college scholarship opportunities.

About Pony Club – The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (Pony Club) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1954. Pony Club is the largest equine education organization in the world, with more than 10,000 members in the US, and over 500 clubs and riding centers nationwide. USPC is proud to provide education to youth and equestrians of all ages, with instruction and competitive opportunities in more than nine English and Western riding disciplines. Pony Club's educational standards continue to be instrumental in curriculum development for schools, universities, equestrian professionals and organizations across the United States. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including Olympic team members, as well as successful business professionals and government leaders, have roots in Pony Club.

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