



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 24, 2014
Contact: AHA
303.696.4500

Arabian Horse Youth Wins 2014 USEF Youth Sportsman's Award: AHA Represented by Two Youth Members

(14-November-14 – AURORA, CO) – The Arabian Horse Association (AHA) loves to brag about their youth! The youth members of the AHA are bright, energetic and passionate about the Arabian horse. They compete in a variety of disciplines, volunteer and serve through many organizations, and are competitive both in the United States and abroad with their horses.

This year, **McCamey Kimbler**, member and Vice President of the Arabian Horse Youth Association (AHYA) took home the honor of winning the United States Equestrian Federation's (USEF) 2014 Youth Sportsman's Award. The award is designed to identify potential leaders for the future equine industry and provide an opportunity to recognize and reward youth for their achievements and accolades.

Kimbler is 18 years old and grew up riding Arabian horses. She currently competes in endurance and has been ranked in the top five in the USEF Endurance Junior/Young Rider Standings and the top ten in the FEI Young Riders World Endurance Rankings. Kimbler was also the youngest rider to be named to the USEF Long List for the 2012 Longines FEI World Endurance Championships.

This accomplished young lady has competed all over the world: the Tom Quilty Gold Cup race in Australia and the Pan American Endurance Championship in Uruguay. She also competed stateside in the 2014 Tevis Cup, a 100-mile one-day trail ride just a few months ago.

Beyond competition, Kimbler is also extremely active in AHYA, serving as Vice President, President of the Student Senate at Central High School, a National Honor Society member and is active in her 4-H club, as well as cross country. Kimbler's accomplishments both on and off horses are impressive and provide a positive outlook for the future of the Arabian breed.

Kimbler will receive a commemorative trophy, a \$1,000 grant and a lifetime membership to USEF for her winning accomplishment. AHA is very proud of her and all that her future holds.

Ryan Melendez, another member of AHA and AHYA was also nominated for the award. His prowess in the show ring and his sportsman-like attitude earned him a nominated spot for USEF's prestigious award. Melendez is a leader among his peers, initiating a scholarship for Arabian youth members for their sportsmanship during Arabian Youth Nationals. This scholarship will launch in 2015. Melendez is also an avid golf competitor and enjoys volunteering.

AHA is extremely proud of these AHYA members for all their goals and accomplishments. They are proud to have such intelligent and well-rounded youth members representing the Arabian breed and are excited to see what the future holds!

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATIONSM

10805 East Bethany Drive | Phone 303-696-4500
Aurora, Colorado 80014 | Fax 303-696-4599
www.ArabianHorses.org | info@ArabianHorses.org