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2017 Arabian Horse Youth Judging Contest Results: Another Great Year for Youth Judging

(31-OCT-17) – AURORA, COLO. – The results are in for the 47th Annual Arabian Horse Youth Judging Contest, sponsored by Awards Recognition Concepts, and hosted at the 2017 U.S. National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show.

This year at the contest in Tulsa, Okla., 27 teams and over 83 individuals, from all over the country competed on October 27, 2017, for their chance at a National title. The youth were asked to judge six performance classes, four halter classes, including Half-Arabians and Purebreds, and present four sets of oral reasons. The classes judged included Ranch Riding, Reining, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Hunter Seat Equitation, Country English Pleasure, Purebred Geldings In-Hand, Half-Arabian Stock Hunter Geldings In-Hand, Half-Arabian Stock Hunter Mares In-Hand, and Purebred Mares In-Hand.

Following are the results from each division:

4/H/FFA Division

High Individual Halter: Bridget Stanton, Riley County 4-H
High Team Halter: Illinois 4-H
High Individual Performance: Kendall Haas
High Team Performance: Wyoming 4-H
High Individual Reasons: Bridget Stanton, Riley County 4-H
High Team Reasons: Virginia 4-H
High Individual Overall: Bridget Stanton, Riley County 4-H
High Team Overall: Wyoming 4-H

Jr. AHA Division

High Individual Halter: Lydia Groshong, Jr. Colorado Arabian Horse Club (AHC)
High Team Halter: Jr. Colorado AHC
High Individual Performance: Bennett Groshong, Jr. Colorado AHC
High Team Performance: Jr. Colorado AHC
High Individual Reasons: Lydia Groshong, Jr. Colorado AHC
High Team Reasons: Jr. Colorado AHC
High Individual Overall: Bennett Groshong, Jr. Colorado AHC
High Team Overall: Jr. Colorado AHC

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Sr. Division

High Individual Halter: Hana Murphy, Oklahoma State University
High Team Halter: Oklahoma State University
High Individual Performance: Olivia Child, Michigan State University Team 1
High Team Performance: Oklahoma State University
High Individual Reasons: Trevor Yglecias, Texas A&M University
High Team Reasons: Oklahoma State University
High Individual Overall: Hana Murphy, Oklahoma State University
High Team Overall: Oklahoma State University

A special congratulations goes to our **High Individual Overall, Bridget Stanton** from Riley County 4-H. Bridget was awarded an Outlaw trophy saddle and a scholarship to Arabian Horse Association's Judges and Stewards school. She also had the opportunity to judge the Arabian Western Pleasure Junior Horse Championship at U.S.Nationals from center ring.

AHA and the Arabian Horse Youth Association (AHYA) would also like to thank all of the U.S. National exhibitors who provided horses for the contest. Without them and their beautiful horses, this contest would cease to exist.

Congratulations to all of the teams and participants. Complete results can be found at <http://www.arabianhorses.org/youth/contests/judgingcontest.asp>.

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AHA is a major equine association serving 85,600 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horse owners across North America. AHA registers and maintains a database of more than one million Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses and administers approximately \$3 million in annual prize money. AHA produces championship events, recognizes over 550 Arabian horse shows and distance rides and provides activities, education, and programs that promote breeding and ownership.