



Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund

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The New York Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund will introduce its six scholarship students this year at the 7th Annual College Day at Saratoga Race Course on Wednesday, July 29th.

Returning to the Equine Studies program at SUNY Cobleskill this fall are Stephanie Salvato from South Glens Falls and Amanda Tinkler from Schoharie. Both will graduate in 2016.

Salvato comes by her appreciation of speed in the Thoroughbred naturally, as she twice won the title of Champion NYS District Barrel Racer. Salvato has just completed an internship program in Kentucky at Pin Oak Stud.

Amanda Tinkler heads into her senior year fresh off a summer learning the ins and outs of the Thoroughbred business at McMahon Thoroughbreds of Saratoga, renowned as the birthplace of NY-bred Kentucky Derby winner Funny Cide. Tinkler was welcomed by farm owners Ann and Joe McMahon under the fledgling New York Thoroughbred Fellowship Program, which is designed to improve opportunities for top equine students through quality hands-on internships.

Both scholarship winners from Cornell University hope to become large-animal veterinarians, and their favorite large animals are, not surprisingly, Thoroughbreds.

Lauren Bookbinder of Cazenovia hopes to pursue a PhD when she graduates next spring, with an eye on a long-term career in research and academia.

Cassandra Cromer of Brooktondale will become a licensed veterinarian because she wants to give back to the animals who made her who she is today. Cromer has also demonstrated an interest in aftercare for Thoroughbreds, and has adopted a Thoroughbred named Shark from Hoosier Park in Indiana.

Morrisville State College provides two scholarship winners who hope to one day train Thoroughbreds to demonstrate that water, hay and oats are the right way to reach the winners circle.

Jessica Brusa, who grew up near Syracuse, exudes enthusiasm for the Equine Studies program at Morrisville. When she returns as a sophomore in the fall, she will concentrate on racing and looks forward to the completion of the Morrisville training track right on campus.

The second scholarship winner from Morrisville College is Patricia Gallway from central NY. A barrel racer, she says she is the "current fastest youth (19 and under) in New York." This sophomore transfers the fearlessness developed in that sport to morning gallops for the school horses that train and race at the Finger Lakes.

Each student will receive a \$3,000 scholarship from the Fund. A ceremonial check for \$18,000 will be presented in the Saratoga winner's circle on Wednesday, July 29th.

The NY Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund Corporation began its scholarship program in 2012 and has awarded \$73,000 in scholarship money since that time to students who demonstrate through their studies, internships and work experience dedication to pursuing careers within the Thoroughbred breeding or racing industries in New York State.

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