

## Future NYS Equine Leaders Receive Fund Scholarships



NYS Thoroughbred Breeding & Development Fund Executive Director Tracy Egan and Director of Racing Promotion & Development Charlie Diamond present the scholarship winners with a check from the Fund

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The New York Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund presented a total of \$15,000 in scholarships during NYRA's College Day at Saratoga Racecourse on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Six students who've demonstrated through course selection at one of New York State's colleges or universities offering equine studies, as well as through their work experiences, the intention to join the workforce within New York State's thoroughbred breeding or racing industries will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

The head of the State's new Office of Racing Promotion and Development, Charles Diamond, joined the Fund's Executive Director Tracy Egan at a check presentation to the students in the winner's circle following the sixth race.

The scholarship winners were selected from among students attending SUNY Cobleskill, Morrisville College and Cornell University.

Cobleskill student Paige Montanye of Ballston Spa is already part of the racing industry, as she is currently working for veterinarian Luis Castro after spending two summers working for one of New York's leading trainers, Chad Brown, himself a graduate of Cobleskill as well as Cornell University.

Maireid Mulhern of Hyde Park showed enough dedication to the breeding side of the industry in her two semesters at Cobleskill, where she earned a 3.9 grade point average, to merit a scholarship. She is working at Meadow View Farm in Canajoharie and says she "just loves working with mares and foals."

Cornell University's Lauren Jacobs of Poughquag, shown below with ex-racehorse Monaco, also has a 3.9 average and looks forward to working at a New York racetrack or breeding farm when she becomes a veterinarian.



Kaylan Spatney from Setauket, NY, who also boasts an impressive grade point average, rides thoroughbreds and works in Dr. Lisa Fortier's orthopedics lab at Cornell. She loves research as well as caring for horses, which she did recently during an internship at Oakencroft Equine Clinic in Ravena, NY. Kaylan is pictured below with her 24-year-old off-track thoroughbred Gus, with whom she's been paired for 14 years. Kaylan says the ex-racehorse learned a new

career and became a "great equitation horse" epitomizing "all of the wonderful characteristics of the thoroughbred breed!"



Morrisville College has selected third-year student Hannah Hoskins and second-year student Danica Rose Cochran to receive scholarships.



Photo: Hannah Hoskins with Copper Turret

Hannah, from Batavia, is confident her education through Morrisville's Thoroughbred Equine Racing Management Program will help her in "any aspect of the thoroughbred industry I decide to enter, whether it be managing my own stable, training, exercise riding or breeding."

Danica Rose Cochran, who studies in the same program at Morrisville, wants to become a trainer and will make sure that her future charges find a good life after their on-track careers. Danica, who came to Morrisville from Massachusetts to study, is shown below with a thoroughbred named Mossy Oak.



The students uniformly applaud their New York schools for providing educational programs that help prepare them to become part of the equine or agricultural work force in the Empire State.

This is the second year in a row the NYTBDF Board of Directors has funded equine scholarships.

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