



## PHHA Announces 2015 Manderino Scholarship Recipients

CHESTER, PA (October 7, 2015) — Encouraging future generations to make harness racing their profession is the goal of the PHHA's Manderino Scholarship fund. This year, five recipients were chosen, and all have strong connections to our sport.

Melissa Becker of Moosic is biology major at Loyola University Maryland who plans to apply to vet school. This summer, she shadowed track vets at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono from May to August, during which time she says her interest in equine science grew significantly. She is also a member of her school's biology club.

Caitlin McDermott of Allentown, a student at Florida Southern College who grew up around her family's training business, plans to incorporate horses into her future career as an occupational therapist. "Horses have an essential, honored and effective position and role to contribute to and on a therapeutic team dedicated to healing," she said.

Carly Ray of Wilkes-Barre is student athlete at Coughlin High School who has competed in swimming, field hockey, soccer and track. Described by her counselor and swimming coach as "highly competitive," Carly plans to apply her drive for winning to sports management and marketing when she begins her college studies.

Alleysha Reynolds of Duryea is in her second year of college at Delaware Valley University, where she majors in equine science. Her dream is to continue her education and become a track vet. No stranger to harness racing, she has worked as a groom and served as a volunteer for the Harness Horse Youth Foundation.

Ryan Zidek of Greensburg PA has the chops to follow his father, Jeff, into the world of harness racing communications. He has already written articles for the USTA and TrackPackPA.com and has served as a photographer on the fair circuit since 2009. He is currently a student in the communications program at St. Vincent College in Latrobe.

### About the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association

Founded in 1967, the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association (PHHA) is a trade group that promotes the development of harness racing in Pennsylvania. The organization represents horsemen at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and Harrah's Philadelphia Casino & Racetrack. Its mission is to provide a stable foundation for horsemen by encouraging competitive racing that increases fan participation and enhances the reputation of Pennsylvania harness racing on the national scene. The PHHA maintains branch offices at the tracks it represents.

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