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PATH INTL. CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 26-28 2023



PATH
INTERNATIONAL

CONFERENCE

**Charlotte
North Carolina**

October 26-28, 2023

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Command Sergeant Major,
United States Army (Retired),
Sa'eed Mustafa

Dear PATH Intl. Members, Certified Professionals, Stakeholders and Friends,

It is an exciting year to attend the PATH Intl. Conference. The PATH Intl. CTRI® was just accredited, we're moving to an every-other-year conference schedule making this conference the last international conference until Denver in 2025, the silent auction and PATH Intl. merchandise are back in addition to exhibitors, posters, stellar presentations, an exceptional keynote speaker, awards ceremony and fireside chats.

What a fun and educational way to spend more than two days in an atmosphere of inclusion and networking. I have personally attended fifteen annual conferences as a member and seven as CEO. Each time I have returned energized by the education and connections and grateful for the experience.

We think you will be pleased to see the registration fee for members continues to be an outstanding value as we strive to keep prices low for members and those new to the industry. The conference hotel rate even includes free breakfast for those staying in the rooms! There is no denying the priceless contacts we make, the friendships we build, the ideas we generate and the implementable tools we take home from the PATH Intl. conference. This year's presenter lineup is indicative of the world-class EAS education only available at a PATH Intl. conference. We had to turn down as many abstracts as we were able to accept demonstrating the exceptional quality of those that rose to the top.

This flyer is a snapshot of the schedule, some high points of the event and a registration form. You can see all session descriptions, presenters and up-to-the-minute information at www.pathintl.org/path-intl-conference-2023/.

We look forward to seeing you in Charlotte, NC October 26-28, 2023!

Sincerely,

Kathy Alm, Chief Executive Officer,
Professional Association of Therapeutic
Horsemanship International

Kathy Alm



REGISTER AT:
WWW.PATHINTL.ORG

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 26

Hotel breakfast available for conference attendees with a Wednesday night hotel reservation.

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Preconference workshops (lunch on your own at hotel)

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

First-time Attendee Meet and Greet

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Session 1

5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Session 2

6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

Opening reception with the exhibitors and networking

Dinner on your own

Friday, October 27

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Breakfast (included with room reservation, in hotel breakfast area)

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Opening session/Keynote Presentation

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Session 3

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Session 4

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Awards Lunch

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Session 5

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Session 6

4:45 – 6:00 p.m.

Members-Only Reception

Dinner on own/Region networking dinner

Saturday, October 28

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast (included with room reservation, in hotel breakfast area)

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Session 7

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Session 8

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Session 9

11:30 am – 12:45 pm

Boxed Lunch and Networking in Exhibit Hall

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Session 10

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Session 11

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Sessions

Sessions start on Thursday, October 26th at 4 p.m. Eastern Time and end on Saturday, October 28th at 3:30 p.m. ET

Members of the PATH Intl. Health and Education Advisory have selected an outstanding array (50+ sessions!) of topics in every aspect of the equine-assisted services industry to fulfill the learning goals of professionals, administrators, program staff, and more. Sessions have been divided into tracks for easy access to the sessions you most want. For a full listing of sessions and presenters, visit www.pathintl.org.

Preconference Workshops

**Thursday, October 26th
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

PATH Intl. preconference workshops provide longer and more in-depth and topic-intensive education opportunities. Select one of five focused preconference workshops—three at the Embassy Suites Charlotte Concord Golf Resort & Spa Hotel and two off site at Wings of Eagles Ranch. Spend the day at the hotel learning about successful mentoring; research-based changes you can make to benefit your program presented by the Horses and Humans Research Foundation's education and equine well-being committees; or the importance of education and building infrastructure for a successful volunteer program. Or choose to go off site for a hands-on workshop designed for newer PATH Intl. CTRLs to hone their skills. The Thank You for Your Service Workshop will guide attendees through steps to better work with veterans with PTSD. Preconference workshops are an attendee favorite for the attention each receives and the deep dive into relevant topics. Whichever topic appeals to you, we promise the experience and learning will be exceptional.

Fireside Chats in the Exhibit Hall

A fun option to the standard session format, these informal conversations will be curated with the EAS professional or administrator in mind. Attendees take the driver seat with a subject matter expert for these chats, shaping the conversation with opportunities to share challenges, triumphs and the questions most important to their work. Explore themes important to a global audience of EAS professionals while supporting fellow attendees in this unique, out-of-the-classroom, collaborative format.

Friday General Session Keynote Presentation

**Friday, October 27th
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

Command Sergeant Major, United States Army (Retired), Sa'eed Mustafa

Resilient Transition - Bridging the Gap Between Equine-Assisted Services and Suicide Prevention

Anyone who has the pleasure of meeting CSM Mustafa recognizes he's a force of nature. He wears his positivity and message of resilience like a cloak of honor everywhere he goes. Along his storied path we're fortunate he's become captivated by the equine-assisted services industry, its benefits for participants and the passion, caregiving and stamina of the professionals doing the work. Having visited and ridden at several centers, he is bringing his message of hope and optimistic intention to the PATH Intl. Conference and we can't wait for attendees to enjoy his keynote presentation!

CSM Mustafa's book, *Resilient Transition*, was published on Amazon September 11th, 2021. It is about effectively managing feelings of stress and



anxiety. He is a combat veteran and two-time Bronze Star recipient, and has served in the Persian Gulf War, Somalia and two tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He entered the Army in May 1984 in Albany, New York. He served over 30 years in the military and retired from active duty on October 8th, 2014 in front of family and friends at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Since his retirement he has been elected as the first African American councilman in the history of the Town of Highlands. He has worked tirelessly as an advocate for veterans, first responders, and their families. He planned, organized, resourced and hosted seven annual Veterans Resiliency Awards Gala's in the Hudson Valley, New York region and two consecutive in Houston Texas. He was selected as a 2020 New York State Veteran Hall of Fame Inductee by New York State Senator James Skoufis. CSM Mustafa has recently started the Master of Social Work program at Columbia School of Social Work in New York City.

**Awards Celebration Lunch
12:30 – 2 p.m.**

Celebrate the credentialed professionals, equestrians, volunteers, veterinarians, equine caretakers and of course the equines at this special lunch honoring the national winners. We'll also announce the James Brady Professional Achievement Award Recipient!

Network and Engage

Affinity Space

Open throughout the event the affinity space is back for the second year. It's a safe place for individuals from the BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ communities, first-time attendees/those new to the EAS industry to reflect, process and join in conversation.

Thursday, October 26th

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

First-time Attendee Meet & Greet

This meet and greet is provided to introduce first-time conference attendees to the overall structure of the event, affording them the opportunity to make the most of the experience. Attendees will be introduced to the variety of education opportunities and events on offer while connecting with other attendees right from the start!

6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Opening Networking Reception
Exhibit Hall**

Come celebrate in the exhibit hall after the initial round of breakout sessions to network with friends and colleagues in a fun party atmosphere. Meet the PATH Intl. Board of Trustees and PATH Intl. CEO. Network with exhibiting solution providers including sponsors who are eager to discuss the challenges and opportunities in therapeutic horsemanship. Be the first to peruse the silent auction items and PATH Intl. logo merchandise while enjoying light snacks and a cash bar!

Friday, October 27th

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Members-Only Reception

Join fellow PATH Intl. Members to discuss new ideas learned in the day's sessions, network with friends and colleagues from near and far and join the Membership Outreach Committee for fun getting-to-know-you activities. A cash bar will be available.

Saturday Networking Opportunity

Region Networking dinner hosted by PATH Intl. Region Representatives

The PATH Intl. Region Representatives will host an evening out on the town to eat and connect with members in your region. Each dining adventure will be a unique experience, so join up, meet others in your region over dinner and enjoy Charlotte/Concord together! (The cost of dinner is not included with your conference registration.)

2023 PATH INTL. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

When completing this registration form, please put a check mark in the bullet next to your choices.
It is helpful to have online conference registration information in front of you during the registration process.

PATH Intl. Center Affiliation (if applicable)		College/University Student Affiliation (if applicable)		
Individual Name	Preferred Pronouns	PATH Intl. Membership Number		
Address	City	State	Zip Code	
Day Phone	Fax Number	Email (required for confirmation)		
Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> This is my first time attending the PATH Intl. Conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Please check only if you are attending a preconference workshop and NOT the full conference		How did you learn about this event? <input type="checkbox"/> PATH Intl. website <input type="checkbox"/> PATH Intl. eNews <input type="checkbox"/> PATH Intl. Strides <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Social media <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Meal Requests:		<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic	<input type="checkbox"/> Gluten free
		<input type="checkbox"/> Vegan	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

(PATH Intl. will make every attempt with the hotel and caterers to accommodate requests; however, accommodations cannot be guaranteed.)

PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Centers are eligible to receive one complimentary full registration when three or more individuals are registered and paid for (one per center, per year). To take advantage of this discount, please mail or fax your registration forms. This discount is not available online and cannot be combined with any other offers.

PATH Intl. centers can register up to five individual non-members at the member rate. To take advantage of the center discount, please mail or fax your registration forms. This discount is not available online and cannot be combined with any other offers.

CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – A FUN WAY TO MEET COLLEAGUES!

- Registration
- Silent Auction
- Merchandise booth
- Conference concierge

SECTION 1: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration Type	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> PATH Intl./AHA, Inc. Member Fee by Sept. 12	\$525
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member Fee by Sept. 12	\$625
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty/Students of PATH Intl. Higher Ed Member Institutions Through Onsite	\$495
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Student Fee Through Onsite (with valid full-time, accredited college/university ID)	\$505
<input type="checkbox"/> PATH Intl./AHA, Inc. Member Fee Sept. 13 – Oct. 10	\$600
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member Fee Sept. 13 – Oct. 10	\$700
<input type="checkbox"/> PATH Intl./AHA, Inc. Member Fee Onsite	\$660
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member Fee Onsite	\$760

Section 1 Subtotal: \$

SECTION 2: PRECONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Thursday, October 26

Price

Transportation is not provided to the arena. Please plan on driving on your own, carpooling or using a ride share.

- PATH Intl. Preconference Day at Wings of Eagles Ranch**
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., lunch will be provided at the arena
 - PATH Intl. Members \$135
 - PATH Intl. Non-members \$165
 - Option 1: Horse-centered Instruction
 - Option 2: Thank You for Your Service
- PATH Intl. Preconference Day at the Embassy Suites Charlotte/Concord**
8 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on your own
 - PATH Intl. Members \$110
 - PATH Intl. Non-members \$140
 - PA1
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Volunteer Programming
 - OR
 - PB1
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Mentoring Seminar
 - OR
 - PB2
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
From Research to Knowledge to Practice: Implementing the Stages of Change

Section 2 Subtotal: \$

SECTION 3: MEALS & EVENTS

Please check all meals and events you be attending. Included with full conference registration only. See Section 4 to purchase additional tickets for guests. For conference attendees staying at the hotel, a hot breakfast is included in your room rate.

Thursday, October 26

Exhibitor Networking & Meet the Board Reception

Friday, October 27

Awards Lunch
 Member Reception (You must have a current PATH Intl. membership to attend)

Saturday, October 28

Boxed Lunch

SECTION 4: GUEST TICKETS (PRICE PER PERSON)

Ticket Type & Day	Price	# Tickets	Total \$
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Awards Lunch, Friday, October 27
 \$54 x _____ = _____

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Boxed Lunch, Saturday, October 28
 \$41 x _____ = _____

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

For attendees not staying at the Embassy Suites Charlotte/Concord you may purchase the hotel hot breakfast for \$15.00 per person per day through the hotel.

Section 4 Subtotal: \$ _____

Individual Name _____

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SECTION 5: TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT & PAYMENT

Registration Totals (Please add the totals from the following sections to get the grand total.)			Total \$
Section 1	Section 2	Section 4	
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Round up and donate now to the PATH Intl. Disaster Relief Fund			
Discount Code (write if applicable):			
Grand Total: \$			

Payment (Please make a copy of your registration forms to keep prior to sending them to PATH Intl.)

I wish to pay by (check one): Check Number: _____ Money Order Visa MC AmEx Discover

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ CCV# _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____