



“Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies”

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PATH Intl. Announces 2012 Scholarship Winners**

Denver – Eighteen individuals have been awarded scholarships to attend the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) Conference and Annual Meeting in Bellevue, Wash.

The event, sponsored by Purina, will be October 31 through November 3 at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue and will feature the Horse Expo, keynote luncheon speaker Jim Bergquist, educational seminars led by industry experts, discussion forums and networking opportunities, and the much anticipated awards banquet on Friday night.

PATH Intl. received more than 140 applications, and a team of judges who are each experts in the equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) industry chose the winners. Seventeen of these individuals received the general scholarship and one individual received the Marjorie V. Kittredge Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy and Learning (EFP/L) Scholarship. All winners must be PATH Intl. members, and the winner of the Marjorie V. Kittredge award must also be an EFP/L professional or studying to become one. Scholarships cover the cost of the conference registration of \$675. The conference, including educational credits, is valued at more than \$2,600.

Congratulations to our 2012 PATH Intl. Conference scholarship winners!

General Scholarship Winners: Claire Adamson, Brittany Aspen, Charlotte Bass, Holly Byers, Patty D'Andrea, Christine Davis, Pam Dance, Susan E. Grant, Tammy Harty, Jeffrey Kyle Hensley, Natalie Langston, Peggy Lore, Cherie Page, Mary Riffon, Jodi Teal, Amanda Weaver and Michelle Weed

Marjorie V. Kittredge Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy and Learning Scholarship: Elisia Fernandez Mutter

Find more information about conference sessions, the conference hotel, the conference travel deals and fun things to do in Bellevue on our [conference page at www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org). If you would like information on donating to the PATH Intl. scholarship fund, contact [Megan Ferry](mailto:Megan.Ferry@pathintl.org) at (800) 369-7433, ext. 107.

About PATH Intl.:

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.), formerly NARHA, was formed in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals

with special needs. At more than 800 member centers, nearly 48,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several certified instructors and licensed therapists. In addition to therapeutic equitation, a center may offer any number of equine-assisted activities including hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. There are more than 43,000 volunteers, 3,700 instructors, 6,000 therapy horses and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. centers.