

"Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies"

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PATH Intl. Celebrates Its 2014 International Award Winners

Denver—The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) Award Winners were honored October 31, 2014, at the annual PATH Intl. Awards Banquet, an exciting highlight of the 2014 PATH Intl. Conference, Annual Meeting and Horse Expo, held this year at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego, CA. The banquet featured a fun opening with Polynesian dancers followed by an excellent dinner. Anticipation was high as attendees waited for the award winners to be announced. The night was a celebration of the people who exemplify the best of the wonderful population of equestrians, certified professionals, veterinarians, volunteers and equines who work together to change the lives of people who live with physical, mental, emotional and learning challenges.

The following people received 2014 PATH Intl. Achievement Awards:

James Brady Lifetime Achievement Award: Ainslie Kraeck, Region 11, San Diego Hippotherapy, a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center (PAC), Imperial Beach, CA

PATH Intl. Equine of the Year Award (sponsored by The Equus Foundation): Pete, Region 11, DreamPower Horsemanship, a PATH Intl. PAC, San Martin, CA

PATH Intl. Certified Professional of the Year (sponsored by Purina): Margaret (Marny) Mansfield, Region 2, Pegasus Therapeutic Riding, Inc, a PATH Intl. PAC, Brewster, NY

PATH Intl. Volunteer of the Year (sponsored by AIM/Equine Network): Harry Ayala, Region 5, Heavenly Hooves, Inc., Kissimmee, FL

PATH Intl. Veterinarian of the Year (sponsored by Luitpold Pharmaceuticals): Dr. Manuel Himenes, Region 11, Therapeutic Horsemanship of Hawaii, a PATH Intl. PAC, Waimanalo, HI

PATH Intl. President's Award: Kim Henning, Chair, Membership Oversight Committee, Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center, a PATH Intl. PAC, Augusta, MI

<u>Click here</u> for more information on these winners as well as all the region winners.

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About PATH Intl.:

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International® (PATH Intl®.) was formed in 1969 to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) for individuals with special needs. At 852 member centers, more than 58,000 children and adults may find inproved health, wellness and a sense of pride and independence

through involvement with horses. Therapeutic horsemanship at member centers may include hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work and stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful EAAT programs. There are nearly 53,000 volunteers, 4,544 instructors, 7,733 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Member Centers.