



Academy of Achievement 2017 Alumni Honorees

Kathleen Carr, DVM, MS, PhD

Jennifer Lord, MD

Lisa Roskens

Sara Williams

Each year several USPC alumni are inducted into the Alumni Academy of Achievement, and join the delegates during the 2-1/2 day Congress. The alumni honorees play a vital role in the National Youth Congress because they bring the voice of experience into the discussions. They listen, encourage, laugh, and commiserate with the young people, and share personal stories of success and failure, helping the youth delegates to recognize that life is filled with the unexpected and that flexibility and a sense of humor can be as important as excellent goals and plans.

Class of 1999

Sophie H. Pirie, J.D.
Stirlin Harris
Tracy Moore Jarman
Pat Maykuth, PhD
Paula Parker Raye
Henry S. Taylor
Nancy Todd, PhD

Class of 2000

Susanna Colloredo-Mansfield
Ian M. Grant
Lendon Gray
Jill Hassler-Scoop
Donald B. Hebb
Marian Zerfoss Kessler
Jean Swank, PhD

Class of 2001

Sally Garner
Sali Gear
Tad Leithead, Jr.
Catherine Stoppioni-Johnson
John Strassburger

Class of 2002

Liesl Clark
Tremaine Cooper
LTC Lorelei Copen
Laurie Penfield Fichter
Anita Huntsman
Mary Kahan, DVM
Tom McLaughlin
Dorothy Smith
Emily Wiley, PhD

Class of 2003

Georgia Gerber
Patti Jo Hassler
Gary Keating
Richard Lamb
Kelly Wycall Phillips
LTC Stacy Yike

Class of 2004

Beth Clarke, JD
Ben Duke
Dorothy Eisenberg
Dr. Anthony Patt, PhD
Rhonda Rathgeber
Anne Tuttle-Roller

Class of 2005

Nancy Ambrosiano
Gillian Clissold
Christine Harris
Donald McLean, Jr.
Michael B. Richardson
Catherine Scott, MD
Peter Zimmerman

Class of 2006

Jillian Dunham
Ann Haller
Christine Knox
Mary Beth Larsen
Brian O'Connor
David O'Connor

Class of 2007

Tom Eversole, DVM
Susan Knox, JD
John A. Kosanovich
Linda Miller
Carol Ripple, PhD

Class of 2008

Erika de Papp, DVM
Russell Gilfus
Liz Halliday
Kevin Price
Sharon Turner, PhD
Carey Williams. PhD

Class of 2009

Holiday Banta
Jim Hamilton
Caroline McCabe
John Staples
Kate Sweeney

Class of 2010

Conrad Adams
Stephanie Drachkovitch
Janell Hoffman
Michael Hoffman
Gina Miles

Class of 2011

Lola Blackwell Chambless, M.D.
Janell Goode Hoffman
Sondra Russman Marshall
H. Jerry Schurink
Melanie Smith –Taylor

Class of 2012

Loranne Ausley
Laurie Chapman-Bosco
Parker Pearson
Yvette R. Seger, Ph.D.
Jennifer S. Welter, DPT

Class of 2013

Heather Bell
Dr. Mary Sarah Bergh, DVM
Margaret "Meg" Johnson
Dr. Amy Story, Ph.D.

Class of 2014

Stephanie Church
David Courreges
Katharine Devereaux Byron, MFH
Mark Lloyd

Class of 2015

Jennifer Goss
Heather Rosenker
Brian Sabo
Lisa Sabo

Class of 2016

Marc Donovan
Linda Zang



Kathleen Carr, DVM, MS, PhD

Dr. Kathleen Carr is an H-A graduate who grew up in a military family. Her introduction to Pony Club came when she was 17 by joining the Benning Pony Club, though she began riding as a 4-year old.

Dr. Carr is a graduate of the University of Georgia, receiving her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the College of Veterinary Medicine. She earned a Ph.D. in microbiology from Auburn University and her Masters of Science in International Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Dr. Carr retired in July 2007 at the rank of Colonel after a 22-year active duty career in the U.S. Army. She served in a variety of key operational and strategic positions throughout the Department of Defense (DoD). Since 1994, Dr. Carr's career focused on biodefense medical countermeasure research with assignments at the U.S Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

Dr. Carr is married to Edwin (Ned) Taylor. They enjoy their time on their farm in Sharpsburg, Maryland with their 3 dogs, 4 horses and barn cat. Kathleen is the managing partner in Quantum Leap Eventing, LLC, a home-based business that focuses on teaching, coaching and training three-day event riders and horses.

Jennifer Lord, MD

Jennifer is an H-A graduate of Berks Pony Club in the Eastern Pennsylvania Region. Jennifer enjoyed everything Pony Club had to offer, although her favorites were the show jumping and combined training rallies, and teaching younger Pony Club members.

Jennifer graduated from Albright College in Pennsylvania with honors, where she obtained degrees in both Biology and Business Administration, as well as a minor in International Business. She went on to earn her Doctor of Medicine degree at Medical College of Pennsylvania-Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. After finishing her training she moved to Austin, Texas where she began private practice specializing in hand and upper extremity surgery. After treating patients for eight years, Jennifer realized she wanted to have a bigger impact and reach more patients and left active medicine to pursue a start-up company. She is currently working on a medical device to improve fracture care, although still maintains her medical license.

Jennifer currently lives with her husband and their two adopted rescue cats, Zen and Zoe. She enjoys riding, competitive rowing, volunteering with the local animal rescue, and being an environmental steward as a Master Naturalist.



Lisa Roskens

Lisa is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Burlington Capital Group LLC. Under Ms. Roskens leadership, the Company was restructured from an investment management firm to an organization with ongoing operating businesses built on a shared services platform. Prior to coming to the Burlington Capital Group in 2000, Ms. Roskens served as Managing Director of Twin Compass, LLC and was the Director of Business Development at Inacom Corporation. From 1995 to 1997, Ms. Roskens served as Finance Director for the U.S. Senate campaign of Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska. A graduate of Stanford Law School, Ms. Roskens was an attorney with the Kutak Rock law firm in Omaha, Nebraska from 1992-1995, specializing in commercial litigation.



Ms. Roskens competed in marathons and triathlons, but her primary hobby has been equestrian, specifically as an amateur jumper rider. In 2001, Ms. Roskens founded Take Flights Farms, a 501(c)(3) organization that incorporates horses into therapeutic and learning programs. Her love for the sport and her home city spurred her to found the Omaha Equestrian Foundation in 2011, a 501(c)(3) that hosts an annual volunteer-run equestrian event, The International Omaha, and won the bid to host the 2017 World Cup Finals in Jumping and Dressage.

Sara Williams



Sara Williams, a graduate "A" member of Panache Pony Club in the Sierra Pacific Region, has been involved in Pony Club for over 28 years as a member, instructor, examiner, DC and RIC. She became an attorney in 2004 and has primarily focused her legal career on helping youth as a juvenile defense attorney. Combining her knowledge of horses with her legal profession, she also handles equine law cases, including anything from contract disputes, sales and lease agreements to equine related personal injury cases.

Her memories of Panache Pony Club in California are so special to Sara. She believes that because they had so many involved parents that supported the member's successes, many graduates are still involved in Pony Club today. Sara has tried to bring that sense of involvement to the clubs she has worked with since she has graduated from Pony Club herself.

Grooming for Gina Miles was an amazing experience for Sara as she was able to see professional horsemanship at the very top levels, as they traveled the world with horses. She and Gina would joke about how they used all of their Pony Club skills through this incredible journey.

Sara has a three year old daughter, Crosby, and lives in Woodland, California.