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Dude Ranch Foundation Newsletter – June 2020



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The Foundation Board of Directors would like you to know that we are thinking about all of you during this trying time of all that is going on in the World, you are in our thoughts and prayers. The last few months has brought a roller coaster of emotion to body and mind. From economic impact to physical implications of health and quarantine, this is certainly an unprecedented time in history. During these uncertain times the foundation made the decision not to send dues statements out as we did not want to burden you any more than you all have been due to COVID-19. However, now that things are starting to open up and trying to get back to normal, we felt this was a more appropriate time to send yearly dues statements. That being said, we understand times are still difficult for many of you and want you to know we are happy to work with you in any way we can. Together we can all get through this. Thank you for your continued support and please Stay Safe.

Thank you, DRF Board of Directors



Karen Ferguson
Nov. 29, 1947 to April 19, 2020

It is with a very sad heart that we say goodbye to Karen Ferguson, the leader of the Dude Ranch Foundation, long time rancher (Eatons' Ranch) and a friend. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and aunt. She did so much for the Dude Ranch Foundation, the Dude Ranchers' Association and the industry as a whole. She had a heart for helping everyone she came into contact with. I know my life is better for having Karen in it as I am sure yours is. She will be missed by so many. RIP Karen [Read Obituary here.](#)



Dude Ranch Foundation
Scholarships for 2020/2021

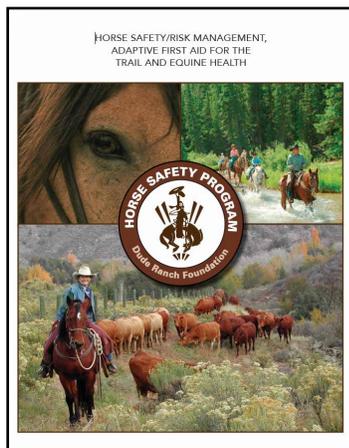
The Foundation had a wonderful group of applicants this year, and we were able to give out 15 scholarships for a total of \$29,000 in scholarship monies. This brings the total amount of money given in scholarships to over \$350,000. Below are the deserving recipients and the ranches they are associated with.

<https://duderanchfoundation.org/scholarships/scholarship-recipients/>

Julia Halmay, Lazy L&B Ranch
Jonathan Henrichs, White Stallion Ranch
Cole Christensen, 4UR Ranch
Kathryn Varian, V6 Ranch
Felicity Halmay, Lazy L&B Ranch
Sarah Bushmire, Red Horse Mountain Ranch
Hannah Zellers, Latigo Ranch
Alicia Miller, Elkhorn Ranch, South
Grace Johnson, Wind River Ranch
Thatcher May, Black Mountain Ranch
Derek Van Berkum, Rainbow Trout Ranch
Caroline Van Berkum, Rainbow Trout Ranch
Harley Spicer, CM Ranch
Gaby Hayden, Rainbow Trout Ranch
McKenzie Frizell, White Stallion Ranch

Congratulations!

We have a winner of the Dude Ranch Foundation Raffle. The lucky lady is Karen R, from Utica, NY. We know that Karen and a guest will so enjoy their trip to White Stallion Ranch, Tucson, AZ. Thanks to all the ranches and Dude Ranch Foundation members that participated. Congratulations!!



Dude Ranch Foundation Horse Safety Program

<https://duderanchfoundation.org/horse-safety-program/>

The Dude Ranch Foundation is excited to have Will Ferguson from Eatons' Ranch on board as the new Wrangler Instructor this year. With Will's experience with horses and dude ranch horse programs we know he will bring a lot of knowledge and wisdom to these classes. Once again at the 2020 DRA convention Philadelphia Insurance presented a check in the amount \$30,000 to the foundation in support of the Horse Safety Program. We can not thank you enough for your continued support.



Welcome to our new Board Member Don McIntyre



I loved growing up in Louisiana where there was an emphasis on faith, family and friends and where food and fun were a huge part of the culture. The only thing missing was horses, so after I graduated college, I headed west to join the staff of Elk Canyon Dude Ranch in Montana. It was there that I found my calling and took a bit of the Cajun culture West! In 1998, I got my dream job and began working at Wind River Christian Dude Ranch. It was in 2002, that a guest at WRR introduced me to my future bride, Sara McIntyre. With a great 15 years of marriage now under my belt and the blessing of two buckaroos, Lena and Cason, I feel incredibly

blessed that we get to serve in dude ranching as a family. I am also honored to get the opportunity to serve on the Dude Ranch Foundation Board and I will strive to help the Foundation grow and carry on its traditions.

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