

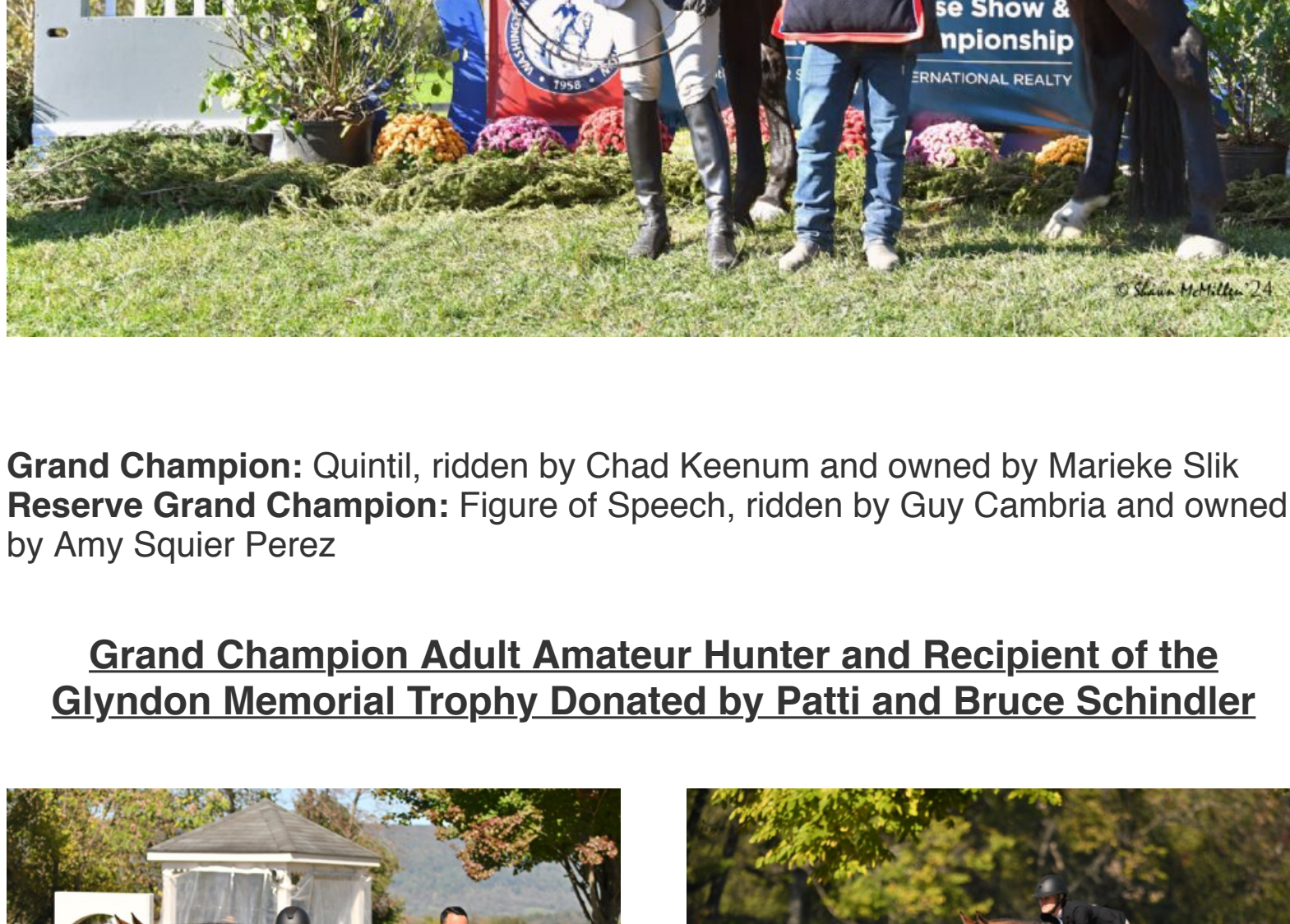
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New Champions Crowned at the 2024 WIHS Regional Horse Show Presented by TTR Sotheby's International Realty and the Lowham-Ruzzo Family

Upperville, VA – The 2024 WIHS Regional Horse Show & USHJA Zone 3 Championship presented by TTR Sotheby's International Realty and the Lowham-Ruzzo Family took place at the Salem Farm Showgrounds in Upperville, VA, on October 17-20. The annual event showcased local and regional riders and crowned new champions.

WIHS Regional Horse Show & USHJA Zone 3 Championship Result Highlights

Grand Champion Green Hunter



Grand Champion: Quintil, ridden by Chad Keenum and owned by Marieke Slik
Reserve Grand Champion: Figure of Speech, ridden by Guy Cambria and owned by Amy Squier Perez

Grand Champion Adult Amateur Hunter and Recipient of the Glyndon Memorial Trophy Donated by Patti and Bruce Schindler



Grand Champion: Party Line, ridden by Christina M. Thomson and owned by Sarah Silver
Reserve Grand Champion: Deputy Balou, ridden by Jessica VanBrocklin Smith and owned by Esther Lander

Grand Champion Children's Hunter



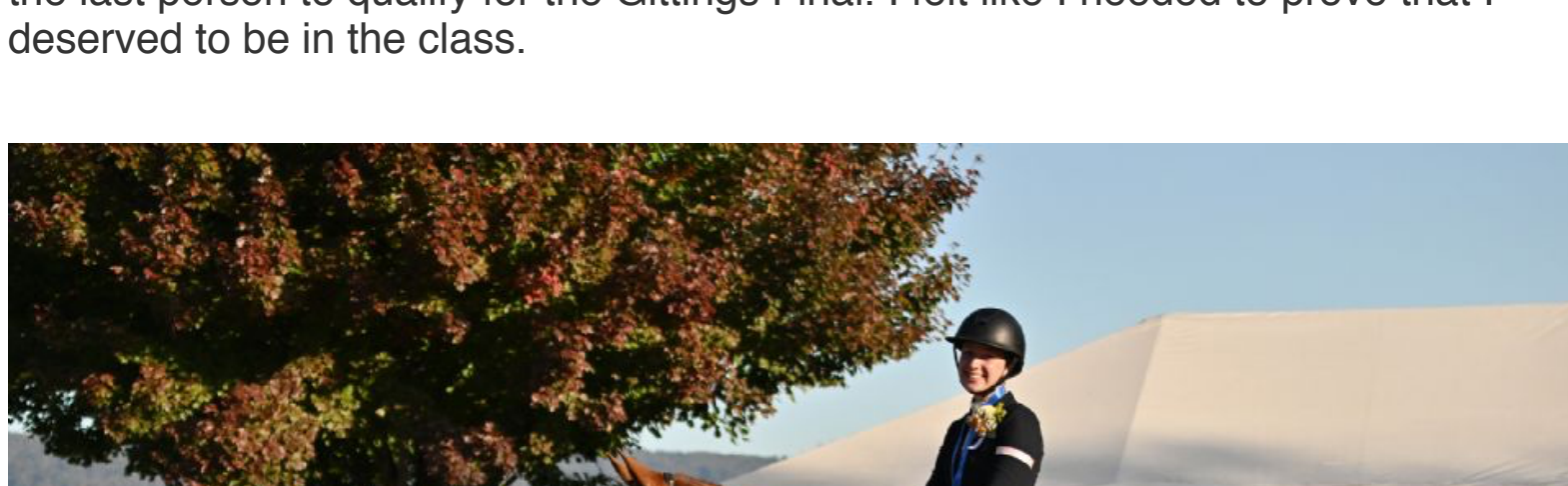
Grand Champion: Conquest, ridden and owned by Anna Fountain
Reserve Grand Champion: Asanté, ridden by Kylie Martin and owned by Reinbow's End Farm

Grand Champion Children's Pony Hunter



Grand Champion: Love Letters, ridden and owned by Lane Costa
Reserve Grand Champion: Bordeaux, ridden and owned by Lily Scheurich

Grand Champion Amateur Jumper and Recipient of the Papillon Peanut Perpetual Trophy Donated by Wendy Libert



Grand Champion: Java Joe, ridden and owned by Kristiane Pellegrino
Reserve Grand Champion: Beijing Z, ridden and owned by Alison Wichman

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Samantha Bourque Tops MHS A Gittings Horsemanship Finals

Samantha Bourque, of Glenwood, MD, and Linda Hake's Colbrew, won the Maryland Horse Shows Association (MHSA) Gittings Horsemanship Finals, which was a featured event on Saturday at the WIHS Regional Horse Show.

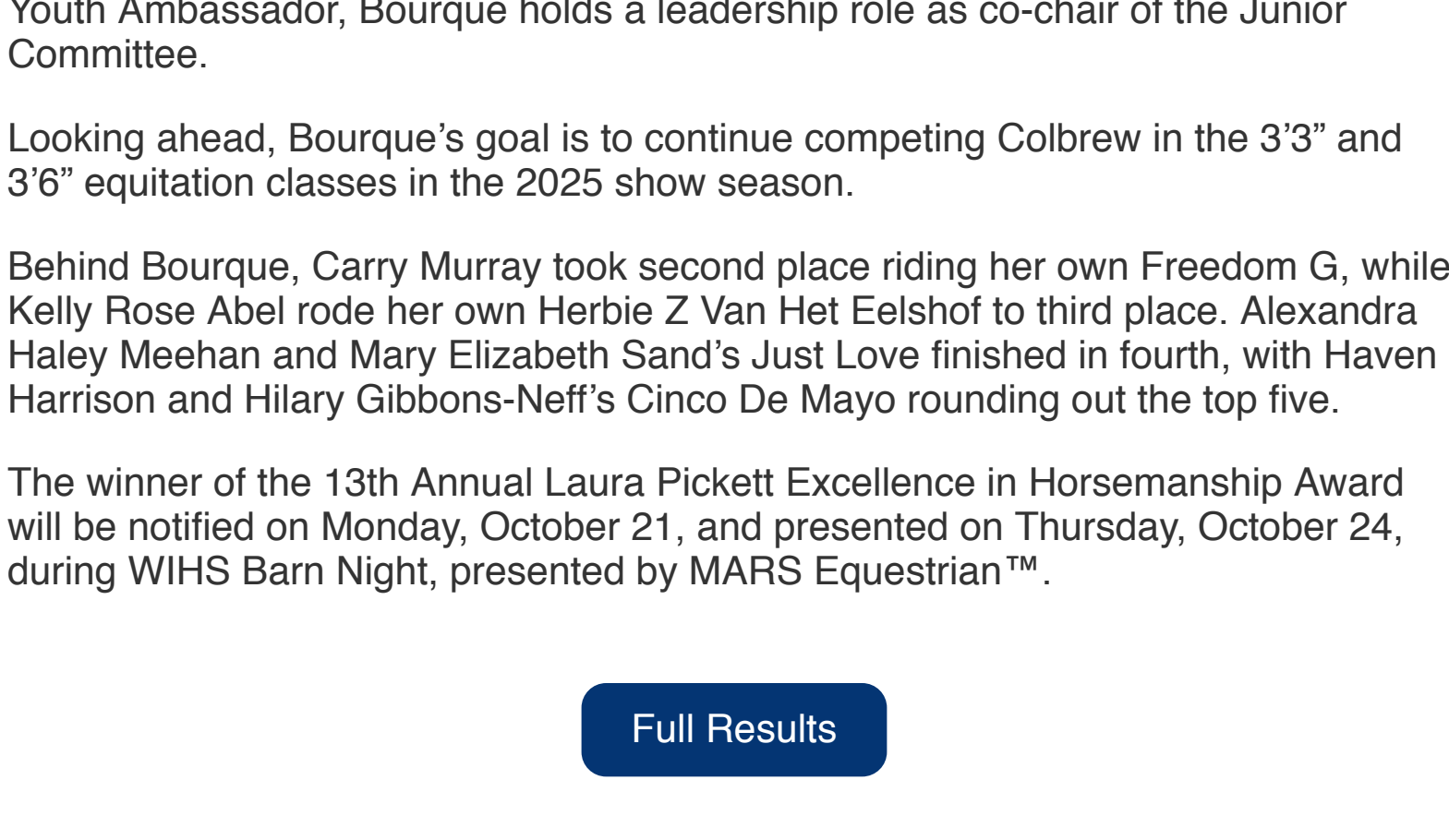
While Bourque, 17, competed at the WIHS Regional Horse Show three times before, this was her first appearance in the Gittings Final, and she notes her win was relatively unexpected.

"Over the past year, I competed in the Gittings class 10 times and placed second in four of those classes before winning a class," explained Bourque of her journey to qualify for the final, which requires competitors to obtain a minimum of 10 points and one first-place ribbon. "It was a little bit difficult coming in as an underdog and the last person to qualify for the Gittings Final. I felt like I needed to prove that I deserved to be in the class."

With Colbrew, a horse she's only been partnered with since August, Bourque demonstrated that her qualification was well earned by tackling the course designed by Patrick Rodes of Argyle, TX, and impressing the judges, Rodes, and Tucker Ericson of Philadelphia, PA.

"My trainer, Kim [Williams], really prepares her students and treats all shows like a big final," Bourque continued. "She wants us to be ready for any challenge that a course or test might present to us in the future. For this final, Kim emphasized having me stay tight around the turns and coming in with me up in the long lines to show off Colbrew's adjustability and our compatibility throughout the course."

Though Bourque's skilled ride earned her the win, she is quick to acknowledge the team effort behind her recent success.



MHSA Gittings Horsemanship Finals winner Samantha Bourque and Colbrew receive their awards alongside their trainer Kim Williams.
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"It feels amazing, and it makes me so happy to know that my partnership with Colbrew has developed, and it enabled us to top the classes," Bourque continued of her win. "We were able to conquer the different challenges we've been working through, and it really means a lot to know it's not just me thinking, 'I know I can do this.' The win is really validating that the judges and others recognized I could do it. I'm so grateful that all of my hard work has paid off because it really was a tough season trying to qualify and get here. I knew I could do it. I really needed to push through and make it happen."

Behind Bourque, Carry Murray took second place riding her own Freedom G, while Kelly Rose Abel rode her own Herbie Z Van Het Eelshof to third place. Alexandra Haley Meehan and Mary Elizabeth Sand's Just Love finished in fourth, with Haven Harrison and Hilary Gibbons-Neff's Cinco De Mayo rounding out the top five.

The winner of the 13th Annual Laura Pickett Excellence in Horsemanship Award will be notified on Monday, October 21, and presented on Thursday, October 24, during WIHS Barn Night, presented by MARS Equestrian™.

[Full Results](#)

Scenes From the Show



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The excitement will continue this week at the 66th annual Washington International Horse Show CSIS®-W presented by MARS Equestrian™ running October 21 through October 27, 2024, at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD. WIHS attendees will experience the beauty and athleticism of the finest horses and riders in the country and the world, including Olympic veterans, plus enjoy entertaining exhibitions, boutique shopping, historical displays, VIP hospitality, and WIHS Kids' Day presented by Delta Air Lines. As a 501(c)(3) event, WIHS benefits Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS). Tickets are available on [Ticketmaster](#). A special half-price offer is available for U.S. military and first responders. Daytime admission is free every day.

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