

Hello,

I am very honored and excited to serve as the 2011 OQHYA President. It has always been an aspiration of mine since I first got involved with OQHYA, 10 years ago.

My goals for this year include: more effective and organized fundraisers, strengthening leadership by older youth, and encouraging youth to be involved at a higher level (e.g. regional, national).

I literally have grown up at the OQHA shows. I first started showing in the lead line with Ashley Pylman or Jamie Collins at the lead. As a small kid I would follow around the older youth, watch them show, and cheer for them. Besides my Mom, they were my inspiration! With the help and support of many people who have influenced me, I have accomplished many of my goals, and have won many beautiful awards. I think what OQHYA has that is so special... is that our members want to see their peers succeed! I have no doubt in my mind, that if it wasn't for all the support our members give I wouldn't be where I am now. I hope that I too can be an inspiration to our younger members. To our future! Through my passion of this great sport I want to get kids excited about what we have to offer. 2011 is my last year as a youth. I want it to be filled with even more great memories with my Mom, my Horse, and all my great friends. I hope to see new faces and want to encourage everyone to get involved. It just makes it that much better!

Good luck to everyone, make your dreams come true....I have!

Your Youth President

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