

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name of Principle Contact: Clay A. Cavinder, Ph.D.

Date of Birth: September 27, 1976

Title: Assistant Professor of Animal Science; Horse Judging Team Coach, Texas A&M University

Education: B.S. in Animal Science - Oklahoma State University- Dec. 1998
M.S. - Missouri State University- May 2003
Ph.D. - Texas A&M University- August 2006

Honors:

- Professional judge for:
 - American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA)
 - American Paint Horse Association (APHA)
 - Palomino Horse Breeders of America (PHBA)
 - Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC)
 - National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA)
 - National Reining Horse Association (NRHA)

- Member of AQHA Professional Horsemen's Association
- Judge for the 2006 APHA World Championship Show (Open/Amt.)
- Judged breed association shows throughout U.S. and in Australia, Canada, Italy and Sweden.
- Member of AQHA World Champion (1995, 1996) and NRHA Futurity Champion (1996) Collegiate Judging Teams
- Coached judging teams to the following wins:
 - 2001 and 2005 Reserve AQHA Congress Champion, 2002 AQHA Congress Champion,
 - 2001 and 2006 Reserve and 2002 and 2005 AQHA World Champion,
 - 2006 and 2008 Reserve NRBC Champion,
 - 2007, 2009 and 2010 Champion NRBC Futurity,
 - 2009 NRHA Futurity Champion
- Shown, ridden, and trained performance horses for the public.
- Given riding lessons to 4-H, youth, and amateur exhibitors.
- Participated in the 2005, 2007, and 2009 AQHA International Horsemanship Clinics (Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden, and Austria).

Teaching Experience:

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami, OK (2002-2003) - Lecturer

- Instructed 2-year old training and management for approximately 30 students per year
- Taught horsemanship, equine science, equine health and disease, and equine reproduction
- Coached the horse judging team

Texas A&M University (2003-2006) – Graduate Student

- Teaching Assistant for Equine Training and Management, Western Horsemanship section of Equestrian Technology
- Horse Judging Team Coach
- Award with the Distinguished Graduate Student Award from the Association of Former Students (only 5 selected across campus)

Texas A&M University (Currently) – Assistant Professor

- Instructor for Equine Training and Management and Advanced Stock Horse Training
- Horse Judging Team Coach
- Advisor for the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys
- Member of the American Society of Animal Scientist and Equine Science Society

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Name: Ari Sear

Date of Birth: July 23, 1989

Title: Undergraduate student

Institution: Texas A&M University

Education: Animal Science Major- TAMU; Expected Graduation: May 2011

Honors:

Horse Showing

- 3 Time TQHA Champion of Champions Qualifier- Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation

Horse Judging at Texas A&M

- 2009 National Reining Breeders Classic Champion Team
- 2009 National Reining Breeders Classic 5th High Individual
- 2008 NRHA Futurity 6th Place Team
- 2008 AQHA World Championship 10th Place Individual Reasons
- 2008 All American Quarter Horse Congress 3rd Place Team Halter
- 2008 Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show 4th High Point Team
- 2008 Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show 3rd High Point Team Performance
- 2008 Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show 3rd High Point Individual Performance

Academics

- 2007-2009 Geico Family Scholarship
- 2009 William Potter Memorial Scholarship
- 2009 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Little Scholarship

Other Qualifications

- TAMU Summer Horsemanship School Clinician
- TAMU Summer Horse Judging Camp Lecturer
- TAMU Summer Horse Judging Camp Counselor
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Horse Show Intern

- Whipple Tree Farm Hunter/Jumper Student
- TP Ranch Hunter Under Saddle/Western Pleasure Student

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name: Amy Heartfield

Date of Birth: April 4, 1989

Title: Undergraduate student

Institution: Texas A&M University

Education: Agricultural Leadership and Development- TAMU; Expected Graduation: May

2011

Honors:

Horse Showing

- 2004 Reserve Grand Champion Senior English Bell Co. Youth Fair
- 2005 Grand Champion Senior English Bell Co. Youth Fair
- 2006 Grand Champion Senior English Bell Co. Youth Fair
- 2007 Reserve Grand Champion Senior English Bell Co. Youth Fair
- 2007 3rd High Individual Showmanship Bell Co. Youth Fair
- 2007 Bell Co. 4-H Open Show All Around Champion

Horse Judging

- State FFA Team Qualifier
- 2006 Area 8 3rd Place Team (1st High Individual)
- 2006 San Angelo Livestock Show 3rd High Individual
- 3 time top 25 individual at the Houston Livestock Show
- 2008-2009 member of the TAMU Horse Judging Team
- 2009 9th high individual, Champion team at the NRBC

Academics

- 2007 FFA scholarship
- 2007 Cowboys and Cowgirls of Bell Co. scholarship

Other Qualifications

- Taught Summer Horsemanship Clinics for Texas Cooperative Extension
- Western manager for the A&M Women's Equestrian Team
- Capstone Ranch studying horsemanship under Beth Bass

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name: Raul Valdez

Date of Birth: May 19, 1988

Title: Undergraduate student

Institution: Texas A&M University

Education: Management Major- TAMU; Expected Graduation: May 2010

Honors:

Horse Showing

- 2007 NCHA Central Texas Cutting Horse Association Reserve Champion
- 2007 NCHA World Finals Qualifier
- 2008 NCHA Area 10 Champion
- 2008 NCHA Central Texas Cutting Horse Association Champion
- 2008 NCHA Three and ½ Amigos Productions Champion
- 2008 NCHA World Finals Qualifier
- 2009 NCHA Area 10 Champion
- 2009 NCHA Central Texas Cutting Horse Association Champion
- 2010 American Stock Horse Association Collegiate Show 1st place Overall Team
- 2010 American Stock Horse Association Collegiate Show 1st place Pleasure Team
- 2010 American Stock Horse Association Collegiate Show 1st place Trail Team
- 2010 American Stock Horse Association Collegiate Show 1st place Reining Team
- 2010 American Stock Horse Association Collegiate Show 1st place Cow Horse Team
- 2010 American Stock Horse Association Collegiate Show 2nd place Reining Individual
- 2010 American Stock Horse Association Collegiate Show 4th place Cow Horse Individual

- 2010 American Stock Horse Association Collegiate Show 6th place High Individual Overall

Academics

- Mays Business School at Texas A&M University
- Management Major
- Bachelor of Business Administration

Other Qualifications

- Member of the 2009 TAMU Stock Horse Team
- Member of the 2010 TAMU Stock Horse Team
- Member of the TAMU Horsemen's Association
- Member of the TAMU Beef Cattle Association