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Scholarship Report

In May 2017 my horse and I went to a Lendon Gray clinic at Concord Ridge. During this time my Holsteiner gelding would either brace against my hands or go way to deep. I didn't realize that I panicked every time my horse would bury his head until Lendon said "Alex you need to stop worrying about the head, he will figure himself out. Just encourage him that being deep is not where he should be." After I realized that I was the reason that he would go back and forth I really had to focus on encouraging him to stay round and forward. Quickly he decided that he could only stay round or go forward. By getting the forward before asking him to go round, he became much more accepting of the contact, and had many more correct moments than before. We have always had issues with Bear's hind end getting left behind in the leg yield. By making sure that I didn't allow for his front end to leave his hind end he became much more willing to leg yield. I had also been struggling with counter canter and my horse automatically doing a flying lead change or half passing. Watching the lessons before me gave me a better understanding of how to set your horse up for success. After the clinic we traveled to our first rated show and scored a 72% and earned first place. Thank you for this scholarship and the opportunity to have a clinic with Lendon Grey.