



\$25,000 D4K Christian Kennedy Scholarships Awarded

Dressage4Kids and Anne Baber Wallis are pleased to announce that the recipients of the \$25,000 D4K Christian Kennedy Scholarships for 2024 are **Nash Gagnon** and **Quinn Ridgway**.

The D4K Christian Kennedy Scholarships are awarded in memory of Christian Kennedy. Christian's legacy is one of love - love for the horse, a spirit of respect between trainer and rider, and love and understanding that builds a bridge between the rider, the trainer, and parents.

D4K Christian Kennedy Young Adult Scholarship

Quinn Ridgway is a 21 year-old dressage rider from Springfield Township, New Jersey. She is currently a USDF Silver Medalist with placings at USDF Regional Championships, USEF Festival of Champions, and the North American Youth Championships. In addition to her riding ambitions, Quinn graduated early from The College of New Jersey in the Spring of 2023 with a Bachelors in Marketing with aspirations to pursue a Masters in Business Administration. Quinn has been an active Dressage4Kids member for many years and currently trains with Nicole DelGiorno out of her family's farm, Greymare Farm, where Quinn lives and helps care for both her horses and boarder's horses.

Quinn's trainer, Nicole DelGiorno, writes, "Quinn makes me proud every day. She jumps at every opportunity to learn, and she perseveres through every challenge put in front of her. Her resilience knows no bounds and she inspires me and everyone around her with both her grit and her humility."

Quinn is the recipient of the 2024 D4K Christian Kennedy Young Adult Scholarship and will train with Oded Shimoni of OS Dressage. Quinn says, "I am filled with excitement to have received this once in a lifetime opportunity. I am truly looking forward to gaining new knowledge and experiences during my time in Florida with Oded. I am also looking forward to bringing my friend and partner, Chessie, to continue to train and further develop our partnership. I am honored to be riding in memory of Christian and I am so grateful to all who have made this outstanding scholarship possible. Going to Florida has been a long-time dream that I never thought would be possible, but as a result of the generosity of Dressage4Kids, Oded Shimoni, Anne Baber Wallis, and all other donors, my unimaginable dream has turned into a reality."



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D4K Christian Kennedy Training Grant

Nash Gagnon is an 18 year-old dressage rider from Region 8. He has always had a passion for “forses”, as he used to call horses when he was younger. Even though he grew up in a non-horse family, horses have always played a major role in Nash’s life. Nash grew up riding in southern Maine before graduating early and taking a working student position with Jane Hannigan. Nash is a self-funded young rider who works full time both at the barn during the day and at local restaurants at night in Massachusetts and Florida in order to support his riding. Nash is currently a USDF Bronze Medal and recently competed in the Young Rider division at the North American Youth Championships. Nash is currently taking a gap year from college in order to focus on riding.

Jane Hannigan writes, “Nash is in my opinion a very hard working and dedicated horse person focused on learning. He works many jobs to be able to get where he wants to go with horses, and he’s exactly the role model you want other kids to look up to.”

Nash is the recipient of the 2024 D4K Christian Kennedy Training Grant and will continue training with Jane Hannigan. Nash says his reaction to receiving the scholarship was one of awe: “I couldn’t believe that I had received the scholarship. I could barely contain my excitement and was overwhelmed with joy! We celebrated at dinner and spent our evening in awe as the news sunk in.” Nash is thrilled to have the opportunity to pursue a career in dressage and most importantly wants to be able to feel the joy of being around horses until he’s well into his eighties.



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The Christian Meriwether Kennedy Memorial Fund was established with Dressage4Kids to support Dressage4Kids' mission to develop youth riders through training that promotes horsemanship, riding, sportsmanship, education, and fun.

Thank you to the many generous donors, and thank you especially to Oded Shimoni, for making these scholarship opportunities possible.

To donate to this Fund, visit <https://dressage4kids.org/donate/> or contact Mary Livernois at d4k.org@gmail.com.

Congratulations, Nash and Quinn!

About Dressage4Kids

Dressage4Kids, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated for the express purpose of providing educational and competitive opportunities for youth riders and the adults who support them.

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