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## **2019 END OF YEAR AWARDS**

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**Volunteer of the Year: Bertha Durbin, Hoof N Woof 4-H Club, Albemarle** – her nominator said “Bertha IS 4-H and Bertha will find a way! She has an amazing passion for teaching these kids and supporting them as they grow and make choices. She always knows how to handle the situation or question at hand. She seems to have endless energy and is very generous with her time and resources”.

**Runner Up** – Hannah McDonald, Golden Horseshoes 4-H Club, Frederick

**4-H Member of the Year: Hannah Beaver, member Hoof N Woof 4-H Club, Albemarle** – Hannah participated in the State Fair, State Show, EquiSmartz, Southern Regionals. She was tapped as an All Star. She was her club president, part of the State Hippology and Horse Judging Teams and a member of the Horse Ambassador Program. She mentioned this year was one of her favorite years in 4-H and learned a lot about horsemanship, leadership and citizenship. She cannot wait to give back to the program!

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Martina Essert, member of Chesapeake 4-H Horse & Pony Club, Chesapeake

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Kate Hudson, member of Triple Crown Equine 4-H Club, Caroline

**4-H Club of the Year: Nokesville Equestrian 4-H Club, Prince William** – This was a tight group! Only one point separated first and second place! Members from Nokesville participated in a wide range of events from EquiSmartz, Hokie Horse Camp, Southern Regionals, the State Show, 4-H Congress, Teen Summit. They had members on the State Hippology, Horse Bowl and Judging Teams. In their application, they stated “Our members and leaders collectively try to take advantage of the many opportunities that the Virginia 4-H Horse Program has to offer. In addition to being passionate about showing horses, we have embraced the knowledge side of the program as well. We have fallen in love with it. Our senior and junior teams have done very well and have bonded together while learning how to function as a team”. And “Members also take on leadership individually, sometimes without even knowing it. As some of our members have grown older, they have taken it upon themselves to help out the younger 4-Hers. Many of us remember our early 4-H years when older members were like our idols, those that we wanted to be one day. Older youth set the example for the younger members and help to shape their experiences. Our older members are also very willing to give back to this program.”

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Albemarle Hoof N Woof 4-H Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Wythe Saddles and Bridles 4-H Club