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Texas Breeder Erin Bell Altman Awarded the 2024 AHS Foundation Breeder Advancement Fund

The American Hanoverian Society Foundation (AHSF) is delighted to announce that Erin Bell Altman of Bulverde, Texas, has been selected as the 2024 recipient of the Breeder Advancement Fund. This prestigious award will help Erin realize her dream of attending the Hanoverian Verband stallion or mare breed seminar in Germany, a significant milestone in her journey as a breeder.

Erin's passion for Hanoverian horses and her dedication to improving her breeding and training program have been evident through her active participation in domestic breed seminars, including those hosted by the American Hanoverian Society at Dressage at Devon. It was at one of these events that Erin first learned about the Hanoverian Verband seminars, sparking a vision to one day attend. However, the financial demands of international travel have made this goal challenging to achieve while also managing a growing breeding and training operation.

"This opportunity is a dream come true for me," said Erin. "I am incredibly grateful to the AHS Foundation for supporting my aspirations and providing the resources to expand my knowledge and experience. Attending the Hanoverian Verband seminars will not only benefit my own program but also allow me to share insights with the broader Hanoverian community in the U.S."

The Breeder Advancement Fund was established to provide financial assistance to individuals who seek to expand their knowledge and skill set through educational opportunities. By investing in the growth and success of breeders, the Fund aims to elevate the standards of Hanoverian breeding across North America.

The AHS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the American Hanoverian Society's educational initiatives, including scholarships, seminars, and online resources. Since its inception, the Breeder Advancement Fund has helped breeders like Erin access world-class learning opportunities that were previously out of reach.

For more information about the Breeder Advancement Fund or to support its mission, visit <u>http://www.ahs-foundation.org/</u>.

About the American Hanoverian Society Foundation Launched in 2024, the AHS Foundation is committed to fostering education and advancement within the Hanoverian breeding community. The Foundation supports a range of initiatives, including the Podcast Series, in-person events like the Breed Orientation Course, and an online library. Through generous donations, the Foundation has raised over \$50,000 and awarded multiple scholarships, continuing its mission to strengthen the Hanoverian breed in North America.