

CONGRATULATIONS!

Katie Caldwell

2023 Will James Society Scholarship winner.

Katie Caldwell grew up riding horses and was an active competitive member of the Silver State Pony Club and local Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association. She is certified as an HB, which is a two-day test that proves she is proficient in taking the highest-level certification of HA in Fall 2023 which is a professional level of riding instructor and horse/barn management. Katie's involvement in SNHSA has led to many accolades in the Equitation and Hunter-Jumper horse showing division. She is very proud of receiving the annual sportsmanship award for the 2021 season this past January, and for being chosen to represent SNHSA with her horse Rabbit, at the Las Vegas national Horse Show in November 2021. Katie also received a riding and working scholarship to keep her horse at Franktown Meadows Equestrian Center in Washoe Valley; January 2020 through June 2022. This was offered to her for her outstanding work ethic and commitment to horse care.



Dr. Shane Miller, Katie, John and Arline Washington, Sharon DeCarlo

She worked 5 days a week at the barn for this opportunity. Katie received the unique opportunity one day a week to volunteer shadow renowned local Great Basin Equine Veterinarian, Dr. Shane Miller. Additionally, she worked several days a week at Tahoe Equine Rehab and conditioning Center, assisting with horse care and barn management.

Katie has recently chosen Veterinary studies. Her decision came after she arrived one day to the barn after school and saw one of the ponies were choking, she knew she needed immediate veterinary assistance. She did all she could to help the pony, kept her upright and calm while she massaged the mass in her throat and waited for

vet help to arrive. They helped her pass the choke but unfortunately there was too much damage, and she passed away in the night. This experience prompted her to want to become a veterinarian.

Katie is now attending the University of Reno in pursuit of a BS degree in Veterinary Science. She will then apply to be accepted into one of the 30 US Veterinary schools to achieve a DVM graduate degree.

The Will James Society is proud to award this year's scholarship to such a worthy, dedicated young woman.



Katie giving us a tour of the facility at Great Basin Equine