

Well here it is, my final letter to all of you. I don't know where this past year has gone! I can't believe I have been an officer for three years now. What an amazing three years it has been. To think I started out as a shy 15-year-old terrified to speak in front of large groups, to now speaking at the AQHYA YES conference in front of hundreds of kids and adults. It's amazing to see how much NRHyA, the officer team and myself have changed and grown over the past few years. We as officers have been given so many opportunities that I will never forget. We have been taught valuable life lessons and made friendships that will last a lifetime.

I am sad that I have to say goodbye, but I can't wait to see what the future holds for the NRHyA. I want to say thank you to NRHA for supporting us and letting us be a part of so many amazing events. One event was the celebration of the 50th running of the NRHA futurity and we got to help escort some of the most well know riders in our industry. Thank you to our youth advisors for helping us so much throughout the years, Sara Jensen, Hayley Eberle, and Emily Schafer. Without any of you we could not do any of this. A special thank you to Shianne Megel, you have been the one person who has helped me endlessly throughout all of this. From your pep talks before big speeches to just being there when I needed someone to talk to, you have impacted my time as an officer and taught me so many life lessons.

Thank you to my parents for pushing me to try something different and get outside my comfort zone. You guys have always taught me to push to be my best and never give up no matter the challenge. I must thank all the officer teams I have been a part of. Shaelyn, Claire, Courtney, Kenleigh, Taylor, Liz, and Regan you guys are some of the most caring and generous people I have ever met and you all are what have made this experience as an officer so memorable. Thank you for making the past three years so amazing! Best of luck to the next president and future officers I know you will love the experience as much as I have!

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