

## Meet the 2014 USDF Youth Convention Scholarship Winners!

*Supported by funds raised at the annual USDF Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee Silent Auction, held at the annual convention, these scholarships provide financial support to young dressage enthusiasts to help defray the expenses associated with attending the annual convention.*

### Lisa Mauriello



Lisa Mauriello is sixteen years old and lives in Montague, NJ. She is an active member of the Eastern States Dressage & CTA, Lehigh Valley Dressage Association, and Orange County Dressage Association. She regularly volunteers her time at licensed Dressage shows. In 2013, Lisa received her USDF University Certificate. She also received her USDF Rider Performance Award for Training Level in 2012 and for First Level in 2013. Most recently, Lisa helped and rode in Anne Gribbons' clinic presented by Eastern States Dressage & CTA. She also participates in school plays, Autumn Pony Club and has served as an Equestrian Program Coordinator at the Tri State Christian Camp in Deerpark, NY. Lisa has attended many USDF Conventions in the past and has taken part in the Youth Education sessions, Youth Programs Committee meetings and the FEI Jr/YR Committee meetings. She feels the experience is invaluable to her Dressage education.

### Danielle McMurphy

Danielle McMurphy is a seventeen year old and lives in Idaho Falls, ID. Currently, Danielle competes at local USDF shows and has plans to participate in the USDF Jr/YR Clinic Series. Danielle's dedication is evident as she travels from Idaho to Arizona just to ride under her trainer, who recently moved. She is also working on her high school and college degrees. Danielle is a writer and currently working on her first novel, which she plans to have completed by the summer of 2015. She stays active at the barn, giving beginner riding lessons. In addition, she leads a 4H club, teaching English riding. When Danielle is not involved with Dressage related activities, she enjoys playing the guitar for the Youth at her Church and participating in musicals. Danielle's greatest passion in life is Dressage so she continually strives to further her knowledge to actively advance.



## Lindsey Witcher



Lindsey is sixteen years old and lives in Sherwood, OR. She has received her USDF Silver, Bronze, and Gold Medals and Performance Awards in both Training and First Level. Lindsey hopes to be an inspiration to others as the first Junior to compete at the Grand Prix Level for NW Championships and Region 6 Championships. She also participates in S.H.O.U.T. (Students Helping Others Understand Tualatin [High School]), Key Club (student-based volunteering), and recently began taking yoga classes. As part of the IB (International Baccalaureate) Program, Lindsey wants to give back to the community. She strongly believes the learning experience of volunteerism as a teenager is an essential part of growing into adulthood. Lindsey wants to further her dressage knowledge in hopes of sharing and helping others grow. She sees the value in making new contact and maintaining previous connections to deepen her education.