

HTBA 2018 IRISH NATIONAL STUD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO GEORGIE CAVANAGH

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Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association, is pleased to announce the 2018 Irish National Stud Breeders Course Scholarship, is awarded to Miss Georgie Cavanagh of Vinery.

Miss Cavanagh has gained valuable experience in many aspects of Thoroughbred Breeding and Racing and has a very bright future ahead. Both Mr Hodges and Mr Thew feel confident that she will be yet another great ambassador for the HTBA.

The HTBA received many applications for this scholarship from candidates with excellent resumes and background in the equine industry. The HTBA, congratulates all applicants and encourages them to consider applying for the 2019 INS application round.

“The high calibre of candidates again this year highlights the strong competition for this prestigious scholarship. The HTBA congratulates Georgie and wishes her every success with the course. We are confident that Georgie will be a great ambassador for both the HTBA and Australia.” Mr Thew said.

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BACKGROUND: IRISH NATIONAL THOROUGHBRED STUD COURSE

Georgie Cavanagh joins a long list of HTBA sponsored graduates to the prestigious INS Course. Most recent graduates include Damien Fitton (Arrowfield, 2016) Kate Curran (Vinery, 2015); Emily Star (Holbrook, 2014); William Lee-Warner (Darley, 2013) and Heath Justin (Chatsworth, 2012). All scholarship recipients return to their Studs to carry out the Breeding Season on completion of the course, building on the knowledge from the INS course and providing another asset to Hunter Valley's Breeding Industry with another upskilled staff member.

The first Thoroughbred Breeding course was held in the Irish National Stud in 1971 and remains the best-known equine training program to this day. The aim of the course is to educate young people for a career in the thoroughbred industry. Since its inception in 1971, graduates have progressed to fulfilling careers in the industry and many have become prominent leaders in thoroughbred breeding throughout the world, racehorse training, bloodstock sales, insurance and the media.

The full time residential course begins in February and continues throughout the Northern Hemisphere's breeding season culminating in exams, prize giving and graduation in July. The course covers all aspects of the science and art of horse breeding and racing together with the ever-expanding areas of the thoroughbred industry such as Marketing, Human Resource and Work Health & Safety.

Students are provided a hands-on experience while they live and work on the stud, gaining a deeper knowledge and understanding of each business area, with lectures held each afternoon. Students are taught by leaders of the Irish Thoroughbred industry. They are also exposed to other Stud farms, racing stables and sale complexes in the area to broaden their experience. Written, oral and practical exams are held at the end of the course. Successful candidates receive the Irish National Stud certificate, which is a highly acclaimed award recognised worldwide throughout the Thoroughbred industry.