



2017
ARBA
YOUTH
CONTEST
RESULTS

Tee Shirt Design Contest Participant

National 4th Runner-up
BENJAMIN VREEKEN - FL
National 3rd Runner-up
KRISTA SKOVIRA - PA
National 2nd Runner-up
JAMES KUHLMAN - FL
National 1st Runner-up
WILLOW PHILLIPS - IN
National Winner
ALLISON HORVATH – IN

Tee Shirt Design Contest Volunteer

National 4th Runner-up
AMBERLIN FLEMING - AZ
National 3rd Runner-up
PIPER PHILLIPS - IN
National 2nd Runner-up
EMILY ELIZABETH ZIMMER - IN
National 1st Runner-up
ZANE ORTMAN - OH
National Winner
ABIGAIL CORBIN - FL

Management Contest Cavy

District Winner - District 1
ASHLEY MAHAFFEY - WA
District Winner - District 2
CHRISTINA COOPER - CA
District Winner - District 3
SELAH GALKOWSKI - IA
District Winner - District 7
ELIZABETH FREY - NY
District Winner - District 8
WILLOW PHILLIPS – IN

Management Contest Cavy

National 4th Runner-up

ELIZABETH FREY - NY

National 3rd Runner-up

PIPER PHILLIPS - IN

National 2nd Runner-up

WILLOW PHILLIPS - IN

National 1st Runner-up

TRINITY SERAFIN - OR

National Winner

ASHLEY MAHAFFEY - WA

Management Contest Limited

District Winner - District 1

BAILIE SHULTZ - WA

District Winner - District 2

BAILEY WALVOORD - CA

District Winner - District 3

BROOKE BRADY - WI

District Winner - District 4

MERCY OBRECHT - CO

District Winner - District 5

MADYSON SMOTHERMAN - KS

District Winner - District 6

SARAH GRACE FOSTER - FL

District Winner - District 8

ZANE ORTMAN - OH

District Winner - District 9

KEEGAN TILLEY – PA

Management Contest Limited

National 4th Runner-up

CAITLIN MCCABE - OR

National 3rd Runner-up

LOLA MELENDEZ - OR

National 2nd Runner-up

ELIZABETH SANDY - WA
National 1st Runner-up
BAILEY WALVOORD - CA
National Winner
BAILIE SHULTZ - WA

Management Contest Average

District Winner - District 1
ALINA ADAMS - WA
District Winner - District 2
RILEY WRIGHT - CA
District Winner - District 3
RACHEL PENTERMAN - WI
District Winner - District 4
MORGAN BARBA - CO
District Winner - District 5
JULIA MADDOCK - KS
District Winner - District 6
SOFIA DELISA - GA
District Winner - District 7
CHRISTOPHER ROMAN - NY
District Winner - District 8
EMILY ELIZABETH ZIMMER - IN
District Winner - District 9
MADISON R SHAW – PA

Management Contest Average

National 3rd Runner-up
SYDNEY TONE - WI
EMILY ELIZABETH ZIMMER - IN
National 2nd Runner-up
MADISON R SHAW - PA
National 1st Runner-up
MORGAN BARBA - CO
National Winner
RACHEL PENTERMAN - WI

Management Contest Unlimited

District Winner - District 1

PJ HEUSTED - WA

District Winner - District 2

ABIGAIL POLASIK - CA

District Winner - District 4

CHEYENNE HARTFIELD - TX

District Winner - District 5

KATJA WALLS - IL

District Winner - District 6

MORGAN ST PIERRE - LA

District Winner - District 7

REBECCA COOMBE - NY

District Winner - District 8

TREVOR SIERZPUTOWSKI - IN

District Winner - District 9

ANDREW MILES – PA

Management Contest Unlimited

National 1st Runner-up

REBECCA COOMBE - NY

ABIGAIL POLASIK - CA

TREVOR SIERZPUTOWSKI - IN

LAUREN TURNER - PA

National Winner

ANDREW MILES - PA

Achievement Contest Junior

District Winner - District 1

ABBY FORRESTER - WA

District Winner - District 3

MATTHEW BOEDER - WI

District Winner - District 4

CHEYENNE HARTFIELD - TX

District Winner - District 5

CLARA JOHNSON - KS

District Winner - District 6

JAMES KUHLMAN - FL

District Winner - District 7

ALEXANDER UCIECHOWSKI - NY

District Winner - District 8

KAITLYN KEEN - MI

District Winner - District 9

LEVI BELL – PA

Achievement Contest Junior

National 4th Runner-up

CLARA JOHNSON - KS

National 3rd Runner-up

ABBY FORRESTER - WA

National 2nd Runner-up

ELI BELL - PA

National 1st Runner-up

ABIGAIL BELL - PA

National Winner

LEVI BELL - PA

Achievement Contest Intermediate

District Winner - District 1

TRINITY SERAFIN - OR

District Winner - District 2

ABIGAIL POLASIK - CA

District Winner - District 3

LAYNA HOFF - MN

District Winner - District 4

MORGAN BARBA - CO

District Winner - District 5

SARAH L BETZ - IL

District Winner - District 6

MORGAN ST PIERRE - LA

District Winner - District 7

REBECCA COOMBE - NY

District Winner - District 8

MADDISON CAMPBELL - MI
District Winner - District 9
CALEB BELL – PA

Achievement Contest Intermediate

National 4th Runner-up
ISAAC BELL - PA
National 3rd Runner-up
CALEB BELL - PA
National 2nd Runner-up
TRINITY ROACH - CA
National 1st Runner-up
TRINITY SERAFIN - OR
National Winner
ABIGAIL POLASIK - CA

Achievement Contest Senior

District Winner - District 1
PJ HEUSTED - WA
District Winner - District 2
LENA MAGEE - CA
District Winner - District 3
RACHEL PENTERMAN - WI
District Winner - District 4
LIANA DORN - TX
District Winner - District 5
GRACE A BETZ - IL
District Winner - District 6
SOFIA DELISA - GA
District Winner - District 7
ELIZABETH FREY - NY
District Winner - District 8
CAMI LOWERY - OH
TREVOR SIERZPUTOWSKI - IN
District Winner - District 9
MADISON R SHAW – PA

Achievement Contest Senior

National 3rd Runner-up

KYRA CLARK - OH

PJ HEUSTED - WA

National 1st Runner-up

CAMI LOWERY - OH

TREVOR SIERZPUTOWSKI - IN

National Winner

MADISON R SHAW - PA

Educational Contest Art

National Winner

CAMI LOWERY - OH

Educational Contest Craft

National Winner

JAMES KUHLMAN - FL

Educational Contest Creative Writing

National Winner

SELAH GALKOWSKI - IA

Educational Contest Poster/Display/Game

National Winner

SAMANTHA PAPE - IN

Educational Contest Photography

National Winner

JOSIE KILE - IN

Educational Contest Wood and Metal

National Winner

KATJA WALLS - IL

Individual ID Contest Junior

National 4th Runner-up

DAYTON TERVORT - CO

National 3rd Runner-up

ELLA SWIFT - CO

National 2nd Runner-up

MAYA LOWDER - ID

National 1st Runner-up

RANDI CARPENTER - IN

National Winner

JOSIE KILE – IN

Individual ID Contest Intermediate

National 4th Runner-up

EMMA EARLY - OH

National 3rd Runner-up

ELLA KONENCY - WA

National 2nd Runner-up

ABIGAIL POLASIK - CA

National 1st Runner-up

MORGAN BARBA - CO

National Winner

PIPER PHILLIPS – IN

Individual ID Contest Senior

National 4th Runner-up

ASHLEY MAHAFFEY - WA

National 3rd Runner-up

KATE BIAS - WA

National 2nd Runner-up

CAMI LOWERY - OH

National 1st Runner-up

SYDNEY TONE - WI

National Winner

SHELBY TONE - WI

Team ID Contest Junior

National 2nd Runner-up - District One

ABBY FORRESTER - WA

JESSICA HOFFMAN - WY

MAYA LOWDER - ID

JARED TALMADGE - WY

National 1st Runner-up - Team Ohio Juniors

JACKSON HENRY - OH

SHAYNE LENTZ - OH

SAM SONCRANT - OH

HAYDN TINSLEY - OH

National Winner - Team Indiana

RANDI CARPENTER - IN

JOSIE KILE - IN

SAMANTHA OVERBAY - IN

SAMANTHA PAPE – IN

Team ID Contest Intermediate

National 2nd Runner-up - Maryland

AIDAN DOUGLAS - MD

ANNIKA GULLING - MD

ALEXIS MISKELLY - MD

JACOB UDOVICH - MD

National 1st Runner-up - Team Indiana

MOLLY NEWMAN - IN

NATALIE NEWMAN - IN

PIPER PHILLIPS - IN

WILLOW PHILLIPS - IN

National Winner - Team Washington

PEYTON BRACKENBURY - WA

AVERY COPA - WA

ELLA KONENCY - WA

ISABELLA STOUFFER - WA

Team ID Contest Senior

National 2nd Runner-up - Pennsylvania Blue

JACOB BELL - PA
ZACHARY FARLOW - PA
MADISON R SHAW - PA
LAUREN TURNER - PA
National 1st Runner-up - Wisconsin Senior Breed ID
GRACE LEGRAVE - WI
RACHEL PENTERMAN - WI
SHELBY TONE - WI
SYDNEY TONE - WI
National Winner - Team Washington
KATE BIAS - WA
PJ HEUSTED - WA
ASHLEY MAHAFFEY - WA
GRETHE STEENSGAARD - WA

Individual Contests Junior

National 4th Runner-up
MOLLILYN PETRO - PA
National 3rd Runner-up
SAMANTHA PAPE - IN
National 2nd Runner-up
DAYTON TERVORT - CO
National 1st Runner-up
CLAYTON MARTONE - MD
National Winner
JOSIE KILE – IN

Individual Contests Intermediate

National 4th Runner-up
LINDSEY FRASER - AR
National 3rd Runner-up
GWYNETH GLOMBOWSKI - MI
National 2nd Runner-up
CASE BOXELL - IN
National 1st Runner-up
HADASSAH CLAAR - IN
National Winner

LUKE BREWER - KY

Individual Contests Senior

National 4th Runner-up

KARA HUTCHISON - MD

National 3rd Runner-up

SARAH GRACE FOSTER - FL

National 2nd Runner-up

EMILY ELIZABETH ZIMMER - IN

National 1st Runner-up

STEPHANIE R BURNS - WY

National Winner

PJ HEUSTED - WA

Team Contest Junior Team Quizbowl

National 2nd Runner-up - District 8 Quizbowl Team

SARAH ANDERSON - KY

DUNCAN BAITZ - IN

SYDNEY HOOPER - OH

TATUM JONES - IN

DEVON KELLEY - IN

MAKINSEY MURPHY - IN

National 1st Runner-up - Ks Quizbowl jr

EMMA JOHNSON - KS

WESTON JOHNSON - KS

HALEY TILLERY - KS

CONNOR WEAVER - KS

NOAH WEAVER - KS

National Winner - Texas Juniors Team

HENLEY BALLINGER - TX

CHEYENNE HARTFIELD - TX

PARKER HARTFIELD - TX

SAMANTHA STRICKLAND – TX

Team Contest Intermediate Team Judging

National 2nd Runner-up - California Team Intermediate

AVA CURLETTO - CA

CLARA HILL-GASTON - CA
ABIGAIL POLASIK - CA
TRINITY ROACH - CA
National 1st Runner-up - D-9 Intermediates
CALEB BELL - PA
ISAAC BELL - PA
EMMA HAYNES - NC
ABIGAIL SMITH - PA
National Winner - illinois inter judging
SARAH L BETZ - IL
AARON J HOOVER - IL
EMILY SCHELL - IL
KATJA WALLS - IL

Team Contest Senior Team Judging

National 2nd Runner-up - illinois sr judging
GRACE A BETZ - IL
NICHOLAS HEIMOS JR - IL
ZACHARY PRICE - IL
ISABELLE WOLFF - IL
National 1st Runner-up - Pennsylvania
JACOB BELL - PA
ANDREW MILES - PA
MADISON R SHAW - PA
LAUREN TURNER - PA
National Winner - District 3 Senior Judging Team
ABIGAIL LUERSEN - WI
SHELBY TONE - WI
HEATHER TRUMPOLD - MN
ISAAC WHITE - NE

Royalty Contest Lord

4th Runner-up Lord
JAYKOB HENRY - OH
3rd Runner-up Lord
ROY SCHLICKMAN - IL
2nd Runner-up Lord

NOAH WESTERCAMP - IA

1st Runner-up Lord

WESTON JOHNSON - KS

ARBA Lord

NOAH WEAVER – KS

Royalty Contest Lady

4th Runner-up Lady

KLAIRE SPIRZ - CO

3rd Runner-up Lady

MORIA NOVAKOSKI - MI

2nd Runner-up Lady

ABIGAIL BELL - PA

1st Runner-up Lady

KAITLYN KEEN - MI

ARBA Lady

ABBY FORRESTER – WA

Royalty Contest Prince

4th Runner-up Prince

LEVI BELL - PA

3rd Runner-up Prince

JACKSON HENRY - OH

2nd Runner-up Prince

SAM SONCRANT - OH

1st Runner-up Prince

CLAYTON MARTONE - MD

ARBA Prince

ELI BELL - PA

Royalty Contest Princess

4th Runner-up Princess

MOLLILYN PETRO - PA

3rd Runner-up Princess

EMMA JOHNSON - KS

2nd Runner-up Princess

RANDI CARPENTER - IN

1st Runner-up Princess

MAYA LOWDER - ID

ARBA Princess

JOSIE KILE – IN

Royalty Contest Duke

4th Runner-up Duke

JOSHUA GOULET - MN

3rd Runner-up Duke

CODY MORRIS - IN

2nd Runner-up Duke

JACOB UDOVICH - MD

1st Runner-up Duke

CALEB BELL - PA

ARBA Duke

ISAAC BELL – PA

Royalty Contest Duchess

4th Runner-up Duchess

ELLA KONENCY - WA

3rd Runner-up Duchess

LAYNA HOFF - MN

2nd Runner-up Duchess

PIPER PHILLIPS - IN

1st Runner-up Duchess

MORGAN BARBA - CO

ARBA Duchess

ABIGAIL POLASIK - CA

Royalty Contest King

4th Runner-up King

DYLAN WHITMER - IN

3rd Runner-up King

ANDREW MILES - PA

2nd Runner-up King

JACOB BELL - PA

1st Runner-up King

JOEY UDOVICH - MD

ARBA King

TREVOR SIERZPUTOWSKI - IN

Royalty Contest Queen

4th Runner-up Queen

STEPHANY BRUNDAGE - CA

3rd Runner-up Queen

BAILEY WALVOORD - CA

2nd Runner-up Queen

SHELBY TONE - WI

1st Runner-up Queen

JULIA MADDOCK - KS

ARBA Queen

PJ HEUSTED - WA

Educational				
Division	Award	Winner	District	ST
Art - Drawing - Intermediate	Best of Class	ABIGAIL CORBIN - FL	6	FL
Art - Drawing - Junior	Best of Class	HENLEY BALLINGER - TX	4	TX
Art - Painting - Intermediate	Best of Class	KATJA WALLS - IL	5	IL
Art - Painting - Junior	Best of Class	MAKINSEY MURPHY - IN	8	IN
Art - Painting - Senior	Best of Class	LIANA DORN - TX	4	TX
Art - Sculpture or Carving - Intermediate	Best of Class	KATJA WALLS - IL	5	IL
Art - Sculpture or Carving - Junior	Best of Class	JAMES KUHLMAN - FL	6	FL
Art - Sculpture or Carving - Senior	Best of Class	CECELIA TRESENITER - MI	8	MI
Crafts - Any Other Craft - Intermediate	Best of Class	MORGAN BARBA - CO	4	CO
Crafts - Any Other Craft - Senior	Best of Class	JORDAN SAGER - CO	4	CO

Educational				
Division	Award	Winner	District	ST
Crafts - Ceramics or Pottery - Intermediate	Best of Class	KAITLIN N BURNS - IN	8	IN
Crafts - Ceramics or Pottery - Junior	Best of Class	ASHLEY LAMBERT - IL	5	IL
Crafts - Ceramics or Pottery - Senior	Best of Class	HALEY TRUMPOLD - MN	3	MN
Crafts - Clothing (made by the exhibitor) - Intermediate	Best of Class	MALORIE BAUMLER - MI	8	MI
Crafts - Handmade Jewelry - Senior	Best of Class	KATIE HAYNES - NC	9	NC
Crafts - Needlework - Intermediate	Best of Class	BRANDAN WEISS - NY	7	NY
Crafts - Needlework - Junior	Best of Class	SUNORAH SADOWSKI - IN	8	IN
Crafts - Needlework - Senior	Best of Class	MADISON R SHAW - PA	9	PA
Crafts - Puppet or Stuffed Animal - Intermediate	Best of Class	DIXIE CORBIN - FL	6	FL
Crafts - Puppet or Stuffed Animal - Junior	Best of Class	LYLABETH CORBIN - FL	6	FL
Crafts - Puppet or Stuffed Animal - Senior	Best of Class	MORGAN KULHA - PA	9	PA
Crafts - Stenciled Item - Intermediate	Best of Class	ABIGAIL CORBIN - FL	6	FL
Crafts - Stenciled Item - Junior	Best of Class	EMILY MARIE HAMBRIGHT - TX	8	TX
Crafts - Stenciled Item - Senior	Best of Class	CECELIA TRESENITER - MI	8	MI
Crafts - Wearable Art - Intermediate	Best of Class	KATJA WALLS - IL	5	IL
Crafts - Wearable Art - Junior	Best of Class	MAKINSEY MURPHY - IN	8	IN
Crafts - Wearable Art - Senior	Best of Class	BRIDGET WILLIAMS - IN	8	IN
Creative Writing - Poem - Intermediate	Best of Class	ISAAC BELL - PA	9	PA
Creative Writing - Poem - Junior	Best of Class	MERCY OBRECHT - CO	4	CO
Creative Writing - Poem - Senior	Best of Class	ASHLEY MAHAFFEY - WA	1	WA
Creative Writing - Short Story - Intermediate	Best of Class	TORI ECKARD - IA	3	IA

Educational				
Division	Award	Winner	District	ST
	Class			
Creative Writing - Short Story - Senior	Best of Class	KIRSTEN MORRIS - IN	8	IN
Display - Intermediate	Best of Class	KATJA WALLS - IL	5	IL
Display - Junior	Best of Class	GRETCHEN BLOM - IL	5	IL
Game - Intermediate	Best of Class	KATJA WALLS - IL	5	IL
Game - Junior	Best of Class	HAYDN TINSLEY - OH	8	OH
Game - Senior	Best of Class	SAM KROLIKOWSKI - MI	8	MI
Photography - Photo Series - Intermediate	Best of Class	BENJAMIN VREEKEN - FL	6	FL
Photography - Photo Series - junior	Best of Class	SELAH GALKOWSKI - IA	3	IA
Photography - Photo Series - Senior	Best of Class	ISAAC WHITE - NE	3	NE
Photography - Single Photo - BW - Intermediate	Best of Class	JUSTICE MURPHY - IN	8	IN
Photography - Single Photo - BW - Junior	Best of Class	XANDER NOVAKOSKI - MI	8	MI
Photography - Single Photo - BW - Senior	Best of Class	LINDSEY VAUGHT - CA	2	CA
Photography - Single Photo - Color - Intermediate	Best of Class	SARAH L BETZ - IL	5	IL
Photography - Single Photo - Color - Senior	Best of Class	GRACE A BETZ - IL	5	IL
Poster - Intermediate	Best of Class	SETH LAWRENZ - IN	8	IN
Poster - Senior	Best of Class	BRIDGET WILLIAMS - IN	8	IN
Woodworking and Metalworking - Decorative - Junior	Best of Class	MAKINSEY MURPHY - IN	8	IN
Woodworking and Metalworking - Rabbit or Cavy Equipment - Intermediate	Best of Class	KATJA WALLS - IL	5	IL
Woodworking and Metalworking - Rabbit or Cavy Equipment - Junior	Best of Class	SELAH GALKOWSKI - IA	3	IA
Woodworking and Metalworking - Rabbit or Cavy Equipment - Senior	Best of Class	KELBY MOORE - MO	5	MO

Lord – Noah Weaver, KS

Hello, my name is Noah Weaver and I am from Atchison, Kansas. I am eight years old and a third grader at Atchison Elementary School. I enjoy drawing, soccer, baseball and playing with animals. This is my second year raising and showing rabbits and I have greatly enjoyed the many experiences and the friends I have made. I currently raise Himalayan, Havana and Champagne D'Argent rabbits. My oldest brother, Connor Weaver helps me with my rabbit project. I want to continue to raise and show rabbits in the ARBA and 4-H for many years to come. I also want to thank my parents, my grandmother, Diana Gauntt, and all of the other youth and project leaders that have helped me this year.

Lady – Abby Forrester, WA

My name is Abby Forrester. It is such a pleasure to be named the 2017 ARBA Lady. I am 7 years old and am in 2nd Grade. I live in Richland, Washington and am in the Rada Rabbits and Cavies 4-H Club and am the Washington State Rabbit Breeders Association 2017 Lady. I breed and show Thrianta rabbits. I really like their size and bright red color. I started my first breeding project this year and was so happy that my Thrianta doe had four baby kits. It was fun to watch them grow and to be able to handle and play with the baby rabbits. I hope that anyone with a rabbit or cavy project would try out for the Royalty contests. They are a lot of fun and you get to make new friends in the rabbit world. I have participated at the State and National levels of Royalty. What I have learned is that you need to study hard, practice handling your rabbit, and practice answering questions from everyone about your rabbits. Doing these things gets you ready for your contests. Once you are at your contests, it is just a lot of fun talking to friends, going to activities, and just seeing new places. Outside of my rabbit hobby, I like to sing, write stories, draw pictures, and I am good at math. I also like to help my mom or dad cook meals. I am really good and making fun fruit or vegetable faces as a fun snack or meal. I also enjoy playing on the monkey bars at school and the park.

Prince – Eli Bell, PA

Hi, my name is Eli Bell. I am 11 years old and am in 5th grade and I am homeschooled. I have lots of rabbits. I have 5 cats, 5 buff Orpington chickens, and 1 khaki Campbell duck. I raise Havanas, Californians, Tans, New Zealands, Mini Lops, a Flemish Giant, and a French Angora. I have one sister and 4 brothers. My dad's name is Brian and my mom's name is Ruth-Ann. I am a member of the Fur and Feathers 4-H Club, Dauphin Youth Rabbit Club, Lebanon Valley Rabbit Breeders, Pa State Rabbit Breeders Association, and Mid-Atlantic Rabbit and Cavy Shows and. I live in Jonestown, Pa.

We show our rabbits. I help a lot with taking care of our animals. I like to go to the Pennsylvania State Farm Show and I help there with the PaSRBA booth. I like to go to Ag Progress Days and help my 4-

H club run the booth. I like to go to rabbit shows with Mommy and help her. I like to help my brothers with showing rabbits. I work with my rabbits every day. I especially like to play with the babies.

Someday I want to be a missionary pilot. I am going to use rabbits to teach people to raise them for meat. I want to teach people to raise angora breeds so that they can use the wool to make money in their country. I also want to be a rabbit judge someday.

I also like to play tag, dodge ball, baseball, football, basketball, and soccer. I like to square dance at the Grange. I am a member of the Juniata County Junior Hillbillies Square Dancing Team. At church, I go to Sunday School and I go to AWANA Club. I like to fly with Mommy and Daddy in our Taylorcraft. I like to go kayaking with my family.

I am excited to be the ARBA Prince. I was the PA State Rabbit Breeder's Association Lord in 2014 and 2015 and I am the 2017 PaSRBA Prince. I have seen that my brothers, Jacob, Caleb, Isaac, and Levi, have had fun when they were PaSRBA and ARBA Royalty. Thank you for letting me do this.

Princess – Josephine Kile, IN

Hi, my name Josephine Kile. My friends usually call me Josie or JoJo, and I am your ARBA Princess! My birthday is on Christmas Day and I am 11 years old. I am from the small, but great town of Cicero, Indiana. I live on our hobby farm with my parents, my older sister, Kendra, who is also involved with rabbits, and lots of animals. We have two horses, 29 rabbits (Havanas, Netherlands, New Zealands, an American Fuzzy Lop and one Holland Lop), 31 chickens, 1 fantastic dog, Clementine, 2 parakeets and one bossy cat named Schatzie. I don't have far to travel for school because I am homeschooled and I love it. I also attend homeschool classes at a school once a week. I am a very lucky gal as I have six awesome mentors with the rabbit project. My biggest encouragers have been my family. I have my mom, my dad and my sister, Kendra to thank. My mom and dad gave me my first rabbit, CeCe, many years ago and encouraged me to spend time studying and learning about rabbits and working hard at my rabbit project. My mom works with me a lot, finding creative ways to help me study. My dad also has great ways of helping me remember important rabbit facts. Kendra has been so helpful with preparing me for State and Nationals, and she has been a great coach and mentor to me. My grandmother has also been one of my biggest fans. She is always there to support me and I love having her watch me compete. I also have Sabine Urbanus and Dakota Whitmer to thank. These two former 4Hers have been so kind with helping me prepare for rabbit contests. It has been wonderful to have these six people helping me through my 4th year in 4H. This year of 4H was a great one for me as I won Grand Champion for Rabbit Ambassador in my division at the Hamilton County Fair. Next was the Indiana State Fair where I was so happy to earn 1st place in my division for Rabbit Ambassador, out of the top 33 competitors in my age division. I have also enjoyed winning a Best In Show with my rabbit, Champ, and also many other Best Of Breeds with my Havanas and Netherlands. In the past two years, I have won several awards at ISRBA and was especially proud of 2nd runner up in Royalty in 2015 as well as making the Breed ID and Quiz Bowl teams for Nationals. My favorite place to vacation is Rehoboth Beach, Delaware where my family and I enjoy the ocean. Other than spending a lot of time with my family, my friends and my

animals, I also really enjoy my 4H dog project with my dog, Clementine. I have taught her sign language and that is so fun! I also enjoy volleyball, my church youth group and hanging out with friends. Having rabbits in my life has changed everything for the better and I am forever grateful for these opportunities. Looking ahead at what my journey may be in my life is where I see more work with rabbits, training and helping youth as well as organizing rabbit shows. I look forward to always having ARBA, 4H and rabbits as a part of my life. I would like to dedicate my win to my Great-Grandfather, John Boyer, whom I call Pop-Pop. He passed away in August and he was very special to me.

Duke – Isaac Bell, PA

Hi! My name is Isaac Bell. I live in Lebanon, PA. I am 12 years old and am in 8th grade in my homeschool that we call the Bell Academy. I have four brothers, one who is my twin, and one little sister. I am number three in line out of the six of us.

I am involved with the Fur and Feathers 4-H Club in Dauphin County, PA. Both Mrs. Lori Jo Whitehouse and Lia Schmittel are my leaders. I was also in the Hoppin' Habbits youth club where I was a director. My brothers, sister, and I raise black, blue, broken, chocolate and lilac Havanas, Silver Fox, black, blue, chocolate and Lilac Tans, Californians, Mini Lops, French Angora and my favorite, White New Zealands. We also used raise Red, Black, and Golden Agouti American cavies. I show my Havanas and New Zealands and like to do showmanship with them. I help at shows by making sure rabbits and cavies are put on the table. I also help by writing for judges at shows. I like to help with whatever I can at all shows and fairs that I go to. My mom is a rabbit judge and I like to go to shows whenever I can with her. I was the 2013 American Rabbit Breeders Association Lord, 2013 Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Association Lord, 2014 American Rabbit Breeders Association Prince, the 2015 American Rabbit Breeders Association Prince, the 2016 American Rabbit Breeders Association Prince, and the 2017 PaSRBA Duke. I have helped my mom and other friend's set-up and tear down various shows and fairs like the ARBA Convention, PA State Convention, the Lebanon Valley Rabbit Breeders shows, the different MARCS shows, the Lebanon Area Fair, and the Elizabethtown Fair.

Besides playing with animals, I like to ride scooters and bikes with my brothers and do 5 mile bike troops down the road. I like to fly in our family's Taylorcraft whenever I can. I would like to be a pilot someday and would like to live close to my mom and dad so that I can fly with them. When I grow up, I would like to be able to go to the Air Force Academy and serve there and while there maybe play on their Baseball team. I am already working on this because of my involvement in Civil Air Patrol or CAP. In CAP my rank is C/SrA or Cadet Senior Airman and am working for Staff Sergeant now. I would also like to be a rabbit judge because I like to raise rabbits and the challenge of picking out good ones.

Thank you for letting me be the 2017 American Rabbit Breeders Association Duke. I look forward to teaching others more about rabbits and I hope to have a good time.

Duchess – Abigail Polasik, CA

My name is Abigail Polasik and I am overjoyed to be the 2017 ARBA Duchess! I live in Placerville, California, and have two younger sisters Isabella and Alexandra. My rabbitry name is Buff Puff Bunnies named after our first rabbit breed, a Lionhead. I currently raise Mini Rex, Lilacs, Satins, Lionheads, and Californians. I also have Appaloosa horses and Belgian Tervuren. I have been raising rabbits for almost seven years, and love to attend shows. I am thankful to ARBA for the royalty competitions, youth events, and amazing mentors and friends I have met.

This year was a whirlwind year for me, achieving the Duchess title at California State Convention as well as Best in Show. I was also the Satin Club Duchess at the National All Satin Show, and Duchess at West Coast Class. At my State fair I won small animal master showmanship. My rabbits have had an incredible show year as well. My Lilac was best in show at the Lilac National at West Coast Classic, and I also won the Mini Rex best in youth specialty show, Californian best in open specialty, and two allbreed Reserve in Show wins.

I am in 8 th grade at Gold Trail School, and besides rabbits my other hobbies are music (I play flute), archery, running, horseback riding, and hiking. As ARBA Duchess I will seek additional ways to volunteer and support ARBA, and help the kids from my 4-H rabbit group and my county learn more about this event and how I studied to prepare for each phase of competition. It is an honor to win this title, and I will support and encourage others to participate. I look forward to convention every year, and I am proud to represent the hobby as part of the 2017 ARBA royal court!

King – Trevor Sierzputowski, IN

Hello! My name is Trevor Sierzputowski and I am serving as this year's American Rabbit Breeders Association King. I am honored to be the recipient of this award. I would first like to thank all of those who have put in so much work into the Indianapolis convention, and all of those who have contributed in any way. I am a Senior at Penn High School in Mishawaka, IN. I have been raising rabbits for 5 years mainly focused on Dutch and Holland Lops. I also have New Zealands, Californians, and American Cavies.

My rabbit experience started in 2007 where I got a pet rabbit, "Rusty Nibbles," who created my passion for rabbits. In 2012 I wanted to get involved in my 4-H club and began my rabbit project and started off with a trio of Hollands and a trio of Dutch. I would like to thank 3 influential local breeders, Tiffnie Maples, Tonya Rogers, and Gina Cook who have helped me in so many ways. I would also like to thank everyone else who has helped me, however there are far too many to mention. My rabbit project has only grown from there.

I have had much success in my rabbit project with some of the most memorable being awarded the American Dutch Rabbit Club King 3 years in a row, and Duke before that. I have also won numerous Best In Shows, Best Of Breeds, and Best Opposites with my breeds. My rabbits have helped encourage

me to become a leader in my project such as serving as my county's 4-H Rabbit Club President and being a recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Junior Leader award at my 4-H fair. Rabbits have been a huge part of my life for the past 5 years. Most weekends are spent at rabbit shows, hours upon hours spent in my rabbit barn, and endless conversations with many lifelong friendships I have made in this hobby.

Because of the rabbit hobby, it has expanded on what profession I plan to pursue. I plan on attending Purdue University studying Veterinary Medicine and my rabbit experience has helped with that. I currently intern and work at Kryder Veterinary Clinic which has also helped me expand my knowledge on many species. Another goal I would like to pursue within the ARBA is becoming a Registrar and Judge. I look up to so many ARBA judges in their success and knowledge they share at the judging tables.

Unfortunately, on August 31, 2017, my barn caught on fire and I lost 108 rabbits and 1 cavy. Many, many people stepped up and showed their support. The rabbit industry has amazed me and touched me in so many ways. I simply cannot thank everyone enough for their outpouring of love and support they have given me. I will continue to focus on picking up the pieces and building a herd from here on out.

Again, I am extremely honored to be the King of the American Rabbit Breeders Association in 2017 in my home state of Indiana and at my last ARBA Convention as a youth exhibitor. I will do my absolute best in representing the American Rabbit Breeders Association well and promoting the hobby we are all involved in.

Queen – PJ Heusted

Hello! If you are reading this then that means that I am your 2017 ARBA Queen! My name is PJ Heusted and this is my sixth year working with rabbits and cavyes. Over the past few years I have raised Mini Rex and Beveren rabbits as well as Teddy Satin and American cavyes. In the past six years I have seen myself grow as a person and my project grow from being just a small hobby to seeing national success.

It all started when I bought a black Mini Rex from a rescue that I affectionately named Charmin. I then found myself interested in a local 4H club and then in showing at ARBA shows. Through the years I have expanded my project from this one rabbit and attending local shows to taking a respectably sized show team to several shows around the country. My work with my rabbits has allowed me to win Best Opposite Youth Beveren at the 2014 ARBA Convention and Best Opposite of Variety Otter Mini Rex at the 2016 ARBA Convention in addition to several Top 5 placings with Mini Rex in their classes at Conventions in the past. I also have seen success in Sweepstakes contests having been the top Youth in WSRBA points, 2nd place Youth in Beveren points, and top 10 Open Otter Mini Rex points in past years. The area of my project that I feel I have grown the most though is the Youth Contests. In the past few years of competing I have won age group Breed I.D. titles at state and national levels, placed on team

Breed I.D. and Judging at Convention, and won the title of Duchess at WSRBA Convention, WCC, and at the ARBA Convention as well as been a runner up for Queen both of my years in that age division.

I do have a life outside of my rabbit project though. When I am not busy at shows, cleaning cages, or doing other rabbit activities I enjoy working with horses, reading, and going to concerts. I am a senior at Inglemoor High School working to receive an International Baccalaureate diploma. I am a part of my school's improv team as well as the Copy Editor for our yearbook. I enjoy the challenge of school and feel that the study habits I've learned through the Royalty program have helped me with classes.

I want to thank everyone who has helped teach me in the past years and helped me gain skills to get me to where I am in my project today and everyone who is continuing to push me to get even better. I am absolutely honored to have been named the 2017 ARBA Queen and I am excited to see what next year holds for me!