

Larry Bacon Lifetime Achievement Award

The UPHA Larry Bacon Lifetime Achievement Award is reserved for a few very special people whose deeds and actions, over many years of involvement in the show horse sport, have consistently demonstrated their integrity, unselfishness, sportsmanship and competitive spirit. They are persons highly respected by their peers as leaders not followers. They are people who display an unconditional love for horses and who have shown a genuine concern for the betterment and advancement of the show horse industry by dedicating themselves to that end. They further feel a responsibility as custodians and “keepers” of the show horse breeds and can always be counted upon, to have the best interest of these breeds at heart. They are innovators, can be movers and shakers or people who are happy making a great impact from behind the scenes. All, so honored, will have one thing in common; our show horse world is a better place because of them. Those selected may be Trainers, Breeders, Owners, Exhibitors, Sponsors, Show Managers or simply people with a true appreciation of these horses and ponies we all love. To be considered for this award is to be paid the highest of compliments, to receive it is to receive the highest of honors.

2025	Robert K. Ruxer
2024	Kevin Michael and Michael Craghead
2023	Don and Phyllis Brookshire
2022	Lavery Family Rob and Sarah Byers
2021	James Nichols
2020	Nelson Green
2019	Jimmy and Helen Robertson Larry Bolen
2018	Moore Family
2017	Dick and Jeanette Durant
2016	Mike Goebig
2015	Nancy and Bill Becker
2014	Ed and Suzi Teater
2013	Rex and Shirley Parkinson
2012	Larry Bacon Family Don and Judy Harris
2011	Claude and Alice Shiflet
2010	Keith Bartz
2009	Raymond and Lillian Shively