



Taylor Bradish and Katydid Duchess
3 Time USEF Advanced Single Horse Combined Driving National Champions
2022 and 2024 FEI Combined Driving World Championships Highest Placed US Pair

2025 Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant Recipient Taylor Bradish

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AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA: The **Aiken Horse Park Foundation** and the **Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant Selection Committee** are pleased to congratulate **Taylor Bradish** on being named the 2025 Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant recipient.

Annie's father, Putter Goodwin, who has been integrally involved with the grant since it's inception commented:

"This is the second year of this grant in Annie's memory. We continue to get quality applications from aspiring young professionals working hard to be successful in the horse business. It's so important we do all that we can to give those most deserving a leg up. If we can **continue to grow this fund**, we will be able to make even more of an impact."

This year's grant cycle received seventeen applicants from many different equestrian backgrounds including Polo, Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, Eventing, and Combined Driving. Bradish, a 10 year full time resident of Aiken, SC, stood out from the rest, not only with her impressive professional resume boasting accolades such as 3 Time USEF Advanced Single Horse Combined Driving National Champions and the highest places US pair at the 2022

and 2024 FEI Combined Driving World Championships, but also her dedication to growing the sport here in Aiken.



Upon being awarded the 2025 Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant, Bradish remarked:

"I am incredibly honored to have been chosen to receive the 2025 Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant. Unfortunately, I never had the opportunity to meet Annie. I have heard many great things about her lifelong dedication to her sport, which is something I think we would have had in common. Receiving this grant will be instrumental in helping me towards my goals of growing the sport of Combined Driving, as well as continuing to develop my training business and competing at the international level."

Not only did Bradish and Katydid Duchess again represent Team USA at the 2024 FEI Combined Driving World Championships in Le Haras Du Pin, France, placing 6th overall and being the highest placed US pair, but following their time abroad and training with coach Boyd Excell, Bradish sold her 2 time World Championship mare to the world number 1 as his new lead horse for his 4 in hand team. It is a familiar, monumental decision that so many young professionals are faced with in their early career of selling their top horse in order to focus on the next string of up and coming equine athletes and continue propelling their career forward.

The selection committee was deeply impressed by Bradish's commitment to do right by her horse and her own career, a choice Putter Goodwin shared Annie faced at one point with Bruno. The fact that the world number 1, Boyd Excell, thought so highly of this horse Bradish produced he added her to his own team, speaks so highly of Bradish's talent and skill as an equestrian and horsewoman. The story echoes that of another Boyd's partnership with another truly spectacular, self-produced horse, who also took a trip to France this past summer.

To learn more about Taylor Bradish and the sport of Combined Driving, you can visit her website goldencarriagedriving.com



Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant

Selection Committee

The selection committee is comprised of a cross section of equestrian industry professionals, a member of Annie Goodwin's Family, members of the board of directors and staff of the Aiken Horse Park Foundation.

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- Putter Goodwin, Annie Goodwin's Father
- Robert Stevenson, FEI Judge
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Pictured above, the 2024 Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant recipient, Isabelle Bosley, being presented with a check for \$20,000 by Putter Goodwin at the 2024 \$100,000 Conceal Grand-Prix Eventing Showcase at Bruce's Field, presented by Taylor, Harris Insurance Services.

Thank you to all of Annie's friends and family who have already donated to the Annie Goodwin Rising Star Fund. To date, we have received \$197,034.22.

Please continue to donate to this fund in Annie's memory so that more aspiring young professionals may experience the impact of Annie's gift.

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