

# Lines from Linda

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## Our Future Looks Bright with These Juniors



The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and advocate for all dogs, is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2018 Junior Versatility Awards. As a result of generous donations to the AKC® Humane Fund by Carolyn and Gary Koch and the Triangle Judges Group, the AKC awarded five scholarships at

the AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin to Juniors who compete in a minimum of three different titling events. These donations were specifically earmarked for the Junior Versatility Awards.



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The program is designed to recognize Juniors that participate in a variety of sports. Juniors are awarded points for event participation, earning qualifying scores or placements, and earning titles in AKC events. The top four Juniors receive scholarships. The first and second place scholarships are offered via the generous donation by Carolyn and Gary Koch in memory of GCHP Hill

Country's Let's Get Ready to Rumble. Third through fifth place scholarships are offered by the donation from Triangle Judges Education Group.

"We are honored to recognize these five Junior Handlers who participate in various AKC sports," said Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President of AKC Sports & Events. "These Juniors have demonstrated hard work, commitment,

and a passion for dogs. We appreciate the enthusiasm that Juniors bring to our sports and we are pleased to acknowledge their accomplishments with the Junior Versatility Awards."

Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President of Sport Services, announced the 2018 winners at a ceremony held in conjunction with the AKC National Championship in Orlando. ■

