



2009 NARHA James Brady

Professional Achievement Award Nomination Information

The growth of the equine assisted activities and therapies industry continues to grow at dramatic rates. It is the untiring commitment of professionals in the industry that has spurred this growth and the credibility and visibility that our pursuits with equines and the participants with disabilities and amazing abilities continue to earn. The James Brady Professional Achievement Award recognizes the contributions made by these professionals (occupational therapists, physical therapists, educators, psychologists, riding instructors, executive, program coordinators and others) to the field.

The award is presented annually in the name of James Brady by NARHA to a professional who has made a contribution to the industry. Contributions have been, but are not limited to, areas such as research, publication, public relations or program development. What professional is this industry has had an impact on your life, organization and community? The 2008 award recipient will be presented "The Helper," a bronze sculpture of a horse, rider and sidewalker, at the 2009 National Conference and Annual Meeting Awards Banquet on November 21, 2009.

NARHA Applauds the 2008 NARHA James Brady Professional Achievement Award Winner!



It is with pride, gratitude and deep respect I present the James Brady Professional Achievement Award to Pat Mullins who served on NARHA's board from 2002 through 2006 and as our president from 2003 through 2005. Pat has seen NARHA through our highlights and challenges, making improvements, friends and contacts all along the way.

Pat received his BA in economics from Columbia University and his J.D. degree from George Washington School of Law as well as picking up degrees in CPCU and Risk Management from the Insurance Institute of America.

We first came to know Pat more than 16 years ago as a representative of the Markel Insurance Agency. It was Pat's drive and expertise that convinced insurance underwriters to make it possible for therapeutic riding centers to purchase insurance that was both adequate and affordable—a dramatic step forward for the EAAT field.

Pat will never be described as "standoffish." The hospitality suite at NARHA's national conference is his invention. Throughout his association with NARHA he has probably attended a conference in every region and probably knows more members than anybody else. Pat has developed sound relationships with the American Quarter Horse Association, The American Hippotherapy Association and the American Paint Horse Association. Not satisfied to change the face of EAAT in the USA, Pat initiated a successful Rotary Club Project to establish a therapeutic riding center in South Africa.

Region Two Representative Ross Braun, writes of Pat, "He's quick and articulate in his praise; and he knows how to make people laugh and feel good. Thanks to Pat Mullins, NARHA is more! More effective, more membership-oriented, more visible, more important, more friendly and certainly more fun!"

James Brady Professional Achievement Award Criteria:

- Nominations may be submitted by a NARHA center or a NARHA individual member.
- Please submit the nominee's resume.

- Provide a letter in narrative form explaining the nominee's skills, exceptional contributions, NARHA affiliation and other pertinent information.
- Include names, addresses and phone numbers of the nominee's local newspaper, equine magazine and other appropriate publications. Press releases will be sent for all award recipients.
- Nominations must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2009.
- Please do not send any photographs at this time. The NARHA office will contact you if photos are needed.