Equine Canada Announces the 2014 Junior Equestrian of the Year

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2014 Junior Equestrian of the Year - Natalie Alves

About the award:
This award was first presented in 1993 in honour of Gillian Wilson who served as technical director of the Canadian Equestrian Federation for more than 15 years. The EC Junior Equestrian of the Year Award is given to a junior equestrian athlete who has excelled in equestrian competition for the current year while demonstrating exceptional talent, horsemanship, sportsmanship and dedication to the sport, vision and mission of EC.

About the recipient:
Equine Canada has named Natalie Alves of Mission, B.C. the 2014 Junior Equestrian of the Year. An avid competitor since the age of six, Alves, now 17, is a well-respected ambassador of equestrian sport in Canada. She routinely competes regionally, nationally and internationally on the Arabian horse circuit aboard her horse Shake It Up Baby+//.

In 2014, she was the Canadian flag bearer at the U.S. Arabian Youth Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico, earning Top 10 National Honours in both the Junior Owner and Junior categories of the HA English Show Hack Championship Finals.

Her hard work, dedication and passion extend well beyond the ring and into all areas of her life. This talented young woman embodies all the values of a true equestrian.

AHA would like to congratulate this amazing young woman on receiving this prestigious award. What a fantastic representation of the Arabian Horse Association. Congratulations to Natalie Alves.