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## President's Letter

I want to express my sincere appreciation for this opportunity to serve the entire West Coast Reining Horse Association for 2017. It was not surprising that our 2016 was a great year for WCRHA Shows. Additional money was added to the Open and Non Pro and the Derbies at Affiliate 5 Show. With the hard work of Eric Laporte and many of our trainers we held the Rolling Hills Reining Clinic to benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund. At our Year End Show we included a \$500 Added Youth Maturity which was graciously sponsored by Kelsey Njus and Robison Construction. The Youth Association also sponsored the Freestyle Class with the hard work of Youth Members Grace Bentien and Paley Capachi.

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*Sandra Bentein and "Gotta Twist It Up", better known as "Ace" scored big at the 2016 Oklahoma NRHA Futurity Finals...full story on page 11.*

*Cam Essick and I Love Ya, at the 2016 NRHA Futurity where I Love Ya was the \$100,000 highest selling horse...full story on page 6.*

## *Year End Show & Banquet Photos Inside!*

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To make it easier for members to attend the monthly BOD Meetings, the Board held the meetings at various locations including two Affiliate Shows. Tragically, we lost our beloved Delbert Tullos, Past WCRHA President. Many of you may not have known him and may not understand, but those who knew him just loved him. Delbert will be remembered in many ways.

The Year End Award Banquet was a lot of fun. The Top Five High Point Riders receive their Year End Awards while their Show Pictures filled the screen. Thank you to John O'Hara and Felix Weiss for all your work on the slideshows. Great Job Riders! You make us proud. And to all of you who did not make it to the Top Five you should be very proud of your participation in the sport. As that Trainer said

in International Velvet "It's not the winning, but the taking part." Our Youth Association presented 4 Youth Scholarships with their funds from the Rolling Hills Reining Clinic and other fund raising events in 2016. We are proud of our Youth Riders. They work hard and give back. Many of our members have been inspired by other members. Jake Cagle and Kristen Zuraek received many nominations for the Kathryn Cagle Inspire Me Award. Jake and Kristen selected Delbert Tullos as the recipient. Delbert's nephew John Tullos accepted the custom made buckle and the perpetual trophy on Delbert's behalf. The Horse of the Year for 2016 is Diamond Oak, a little red horse with a BIG engine. The perpetual trophy and customized cooler were presented to his proud owner, Paige

Barton and his trainer Martin Padilla. Mark Faley presented the Dick Randall Horseman of the Year Award to Elizabeth "Liz" Rammerstorfer. Liz also received a custom made buckle and perpetual trophy donated by Dick Randall. But more importantly Liz received wonderful admirations from our members and trainers. The Banquet finished in a reasonable time and everyone enjoyed the food, drinks and a great Silent Auction. Thank you so much to Kelsey Njus and all the Silent Auction Sponsors for making that event very successful.

## Looking forward to 2017

One of my goals this year is to build on the Signature Events we started over the last few years and to make successful our new Affiliate 2. At the time of writing this letter we are swimming through the Schooling at Rancho Murieta and Affiliate 1 is just around the corner. Looking forward, we are breaking out of our sandbox and trying





something new!!! Our Affiliate 2 will be held at THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER AT ROLLING HILLS CASINO. I hope you will embrace this opportunity to compete at our local Hotel Casino and Equestrian Event Center. Rolling Hills Casino will be hosting several special events for us including a Welcome Party, Champion Saddle, Slot and Golf Tournaments. You will not want to miss this!!!

The Murieta Equestrian Center Non Pro Shoot Out will be held at Affiliate 4. The Shoot Out is a Blast!!! More and More Non Pros are getting involved. You're a Rock Star for 6 minutes and a have chance to win big bucks. The Star Spangle Slide - Open and Non Pro Derby and Maturity, and the High Scoring 4 Year Old Buckle events will be held at Affiliate 5 at Brookside Equestrian Park. These events are growing and getting everyone ready for Regional and National competition. These events are also great opportunity to be an Event Sponsor.

Rookie Day will be held on May 19th and sponsored by Murieta Equestrian Center. The MEC Schooling will follow on May 20th and 21st. This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to Come For Rookie Day and Stay For The Schooling. Practice, Practice, Practice those skills you just learned.

WCRHA will also host a NRHA Judges' Seminar. How can you compete without knowing the Rules and what is expected of you in the pen? This is the place to gain that knowledge. Keep checking the WCRHA website for upcoming information.

You will be happy to know the point award system for California State Horseman's Association and Gold and Grand has been revised so every show will count towards our WCRHA Year End Awards Points. Also Green As Grass rules have been revised to better

serve our very important grass roots riders. Make sure to check out the rules on our website.

Britta Jacobson continues to take the reins on promoting our sponsors. Don't miss the opportunity to promote your business, product and services with the WCRHA. Just call, ping, text, email, or just say "Hi" at the show to get things started. Britta will take care of you.

The WCRHA IS The Best In The West. I'm thrilled to be a part of it. Cheers to a Great 2017!!!

JoAnn Campas  
WCRHA President



## *Banquet Fun!*



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# *Banquet Fun!*



Photos courtesy  
John O'Hara Photography







# Change in Eligibility for WCRHA Green as Grass Class Starting in 2017!!

To meet the needs of our new WCRHA members just starting out in reining who may have shown one time years ago or joined WCRHA in the middle of the year and want to show a reiner without losing their chance at a full year of the WCRHA Green As Grass class, the WCRHA Board of Directors has changed the eligibility for the WCRHA Green As Grass Class starting in 2017.

*If you have any questions about if you are eligible please contact Kelli Brummett at 209-748-1909 or Rachel Fingerle at 916-698-7224.*

**WCRHA GREEN AS GRASS \*NOT NRHA APPROVED - \*\*\*NEW for 2017\*\*\***for Non Pro, Youth and Amateur riders in their FIRST OR SECOND YEAR ONLY of showing reiners. If you have shown a Reiner at any show whatsoever at any time that counts as one year of showing. You will not be eligible for a second year of showing in Green As Grass if (1) You win the WCRHA Year End High Point Champion or Reserve Champion Award in Green As Grass or any other class, or (2) You have more than \$50 in lifetime reining earnings (from any and all shows, NOT limited to NRHA earnings). Green As Grass riders may use two hands with any legal bit, and may ride a horse owned by someone else (including non-family members). Not Jackpotted (no prize money paid out) – ribbons or awards only.



# I Love Ya

## \$100,000 Highest Selling Horse at the 2016 NRHA Futurity

By Wendy Lind

The last of three NRHA Futurity Sales was the 2016 NRHA/Markel Select Yearling Sale which offered 81 highly scrutinized consignments. Each boasted the promise of a bright future, backed by generations of bold type performers and producers. The bidding started briskly on several colts, but the high seller ultimately proved to be a stellar bred filly named I Love Ya. When the bay mare walked through the ring as Hip #3055, high activity from the floor ensued with a final winning bid of \$100,000 being placed by Coguaike, LLC. Consigned by her breeder Cam Essick of California, I Love Ya is by Gunnatrashya and out of Cam's great mare Love Em N Lena (Smart Little Lena x Slide Me Again), a mare with \$114,191 in NRHA and NRCHA earnings. With that pedigree, I Love Ya is a full sister to 2016 NRHA Open L4 and L3 Futurity Finalist and Open L2 NRHA Futurity Reserve Champion, Loveya, a colt also bred and owned by Essick that earned \$76,294 in his futurity season with rider Fernando Salgado.

Cam and her husband Jim "Too Tall" Essick, own and operate Pacific Range Ranch in Clements, California. Breeding a select group of around 8 broodmares, their program is anchored by three full sisters—Love Em N Lena (NRCHA and NRHA LTE: \$114,191, PE: \$240,927), Slylena (LTE: \$8,540, PE: \$192,631), and She Slides Wright (LTE: \$3,319, PE: \$136,746), all sired by leading sire and performer Smart Little Lena

and out of Slide Me Again (PE: \$260,518) which also produced the 1994 NRHA Open Futurity Champion, Lenas Wright On. Essick said I Love Ya reminds her a lot of her dam, Love Em N Lena.



*I Love Ya, owned by Cam and Jim "Too Tall" Essick was the highest selling horse at the 2016 NRHA Futurity*

"They have all been serious, working horses; they don't have attitudes, they don't need a lot of attention, and they're very quick to learn. Her dam was just a straight-up athlete," Cam noted. "During the sale I had a lot of people that wanted me to price her before she went through the ring, but I work in this industry and I always want to be good for my word and credible. So I felt it was important to have her run through the sale." As the owner of Pacific Range Design Group, Cam is well known throughout the performance horse industry thanks to her talented photographic, graphic, and marketing skills. A leading non pro rider,

Essick has NRHA earnings of over \$117,000, and did the fitting herself on her consignments in the Select Sale. Her other consignment, Gunna Slide Me Again (Gunnatrashya x Slylena) was purchased for \$22,000 by Heather Ruthven. "My goal is to always breed a Level 4 Open horse. As a non pro, that's what I have to ride. Because I ride by myself after work with no instruction, I have to at least have that athletic ability underneath me," she said. Due to the time constraints of her job, Essick added, she doesn't have the opportunity to ride



with a professional on a regular basis. "I choose to have my job first, but I also take my breeding program and riding seriously because I basically show for dollars. I can't go to a show unless I feel fairly confident that I am going to get a check. I love the industry and I love the challenge of it, but I take it very seriously. Sometimes I do wish it was more of a hobby for me." In 2015 Cam bred the L4 Non Pro Futurity Champion and was #12 breeder of Reining Horses worldwide. In 2016 she finishes up #14 as an owner and is also a leading breeder of Reining Horses. Her mare Love Em N Lena is now the dam of four yearlings that have received High Selling honors and four offspring to make the L4 Open finals in NRHA and NRCHA Futurities.



The Essick team and I Love Ya at the NRHA Futurity Sale

NRHA Futurity Sales Highest Sellers		
204 horses consigned • \$4,415,900 gross 151 sold • \$3,040,100 net • \$20,133 average • \$15,000 median		
<small>Legend: Horse, selling price, DOB, color, sex, pedigree, brood- mare information, seller, buyer.</small>		
1/2	<b>I Love Ya</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<small>(3/3/2015 bay m) (Gunnatrasnya x Love Em N Lena x Smart Little Lena); Cam Essick; Cogualke LLC.</small>		
1/2	<b>Shine Dot Shine</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<small>(4/25/2014 palomino s) (Shine Chic Shine x Sugar Dot Gun x Custom Crome); Prospects Unlimited LLC; David/Terri Stroud.</small>		
3	<b>Makelt In Hollywood</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>
<small>(6/1/2014 red dun s) (Hollywoodinseltown x SR Mischief Maker x Holldoc); Prospects Unlimited LLC; Julie Ridgeway.</small>		
4		<b>\$80,000</b>

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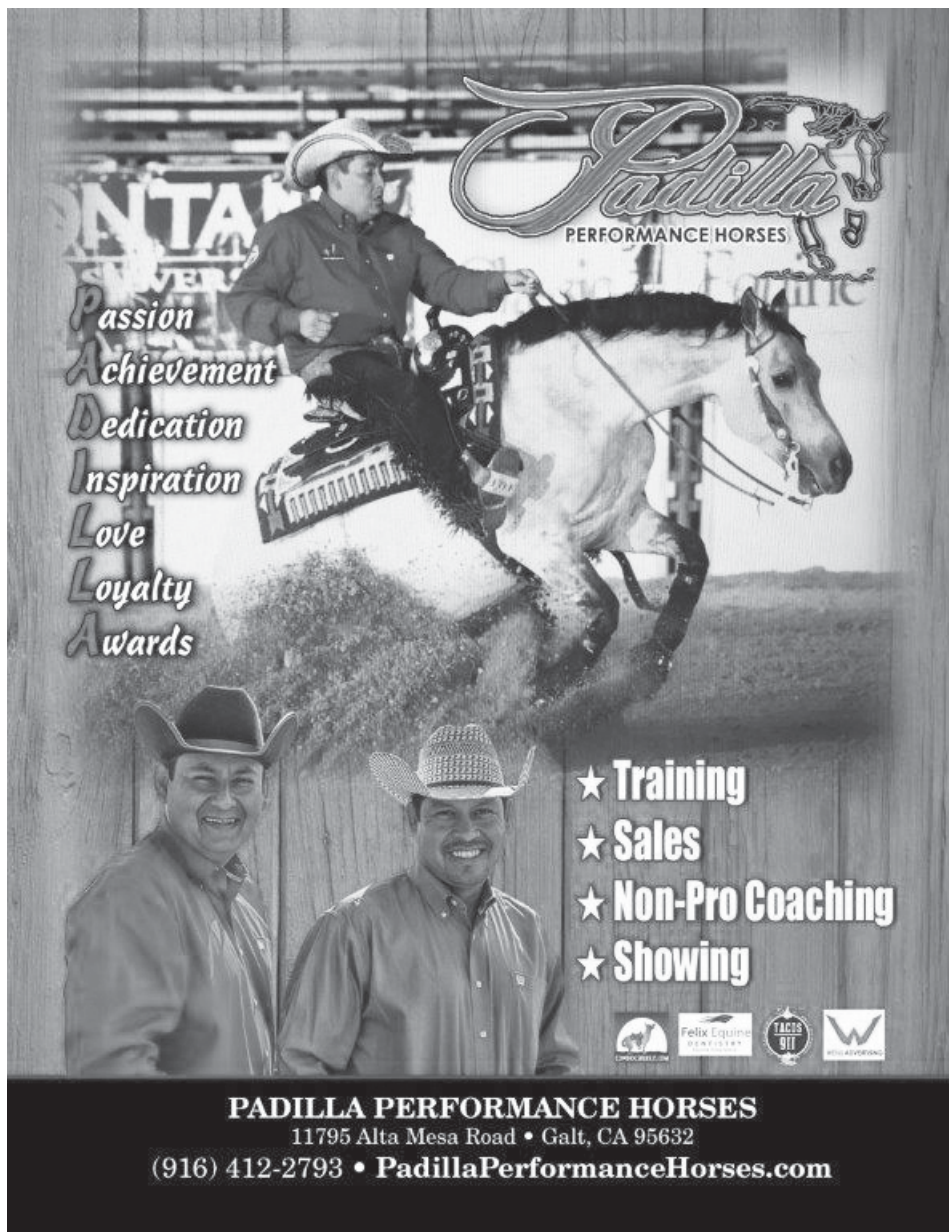
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*Cady Shaw was spotted sporting a WCRHA ball cap while skiing!*


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# Gotta Twist It Up at the 2016 Oklahoma NRHA Futurity Finals

by Gracie Bentien

One of our very own members had fantastic success out at the 2016 Oklahoma NRHA Futurity Finals. Sandra Bentien and "Gotta Twist It Up", better known as "Ace", scored a 215 with a beautiful run that earned them the titles of Level 2 and Level 3 futurity champions, as well as fourth in Level 4, winning \$62,737. For Sandra to have so much success her first time showing in the futurity finals is incredible, especially considering the fact she put on most of the stud colt's training. Gotta Twist It Up is out of Spooks Gotta Whiz and Sandra's own successful mare, Make It With A Twist. Sandra tore her ACL completely a couple years back, and knowing that she could not even swing a leg over a horse without a mounting block, she sent Ace out for a couple months to Jenny Sherbo to get him broke. Jenny rode him out with cattle and just let Ace learn the basics without teaching reining maneuvers. Sandra is a big advocate for starting babies with the intent of getting them broke before teaching them how to perform. Ace even got a little bit of time with Mark Harnden, who helped in bringing about Ace's best feature, his stop. The rest was all Sandra's patience, dedication, and passion for the sport shining through. From the ground up (or perhaps I should say by the embryo up), this horse was her own handiwork. With a couple weeks of coaching from Casey Deary leading up to and during Oklahoma, Sandra continued staying humble and setting herself up for success. Going to the futurity and not only making it to the finals, but winning some championships, was a dream come true for her. Gotta Twist It Up's LTE are now \$67,000+, and Sandra and her friends and family are excited to see where this talented horse will go from here.

Sandra dedicated her futurity final ride to her dad who had brought home her first pony at the age five. He surely had no clue what he had started by encouraging his daughter's love for horses, but he was always her biggest cheerleader, and she knows how proud he must be up above.



Sandra Bentien and "Gotta Twist It Up", better known as "Ace" scored big at the 2016 Oklahoma NRHA Futurity Finals. Sandra dedicated her final ride to her dad who had brought home her first pony at the age of five.





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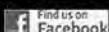
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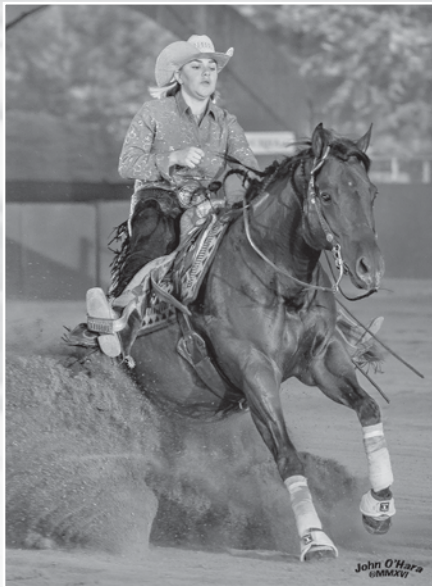


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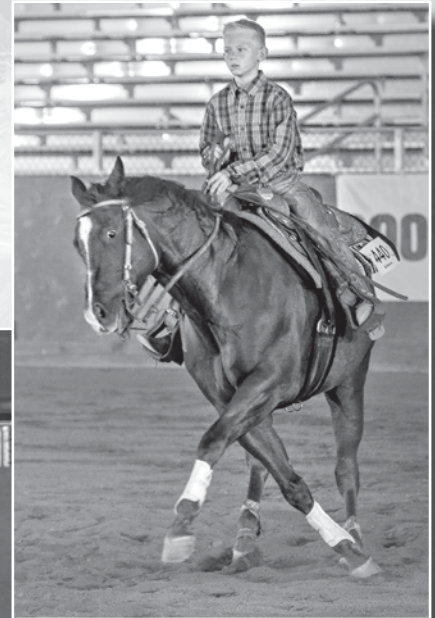
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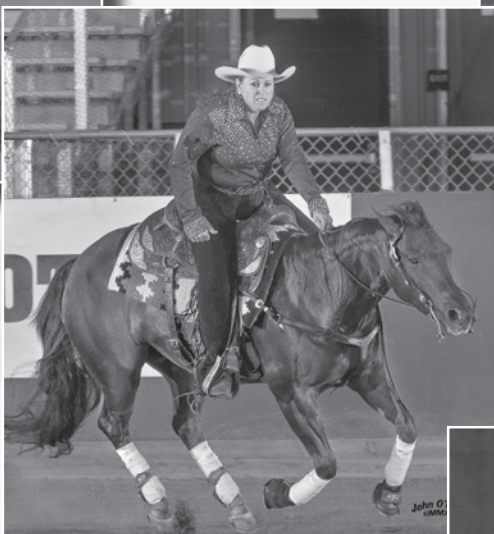
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Non Pro and Non Pro Maturity Champion,  
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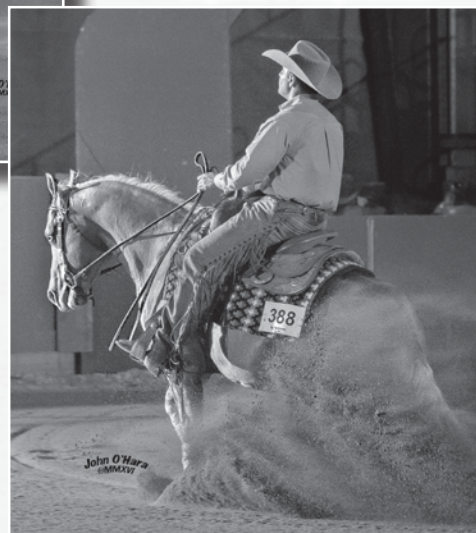
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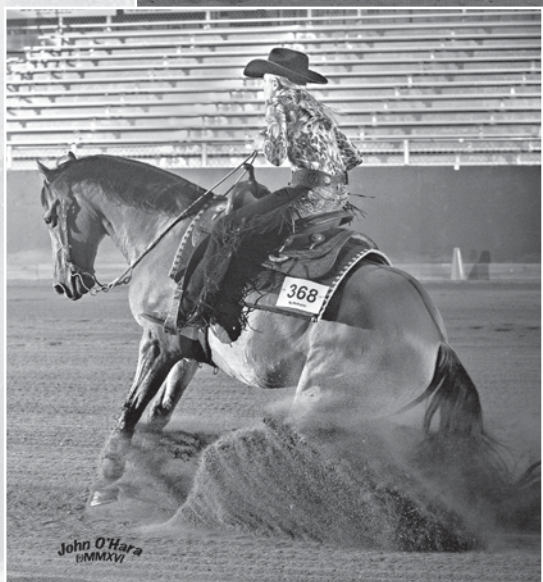
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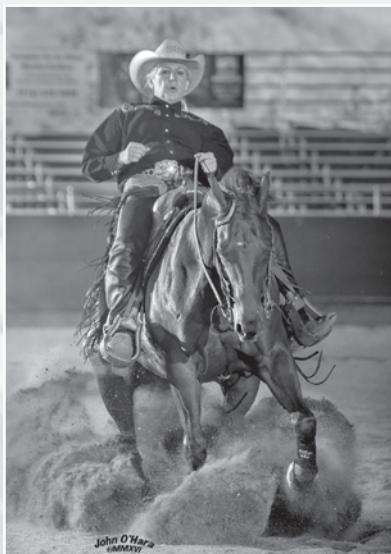
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# 2016 WCRHA Year End Show



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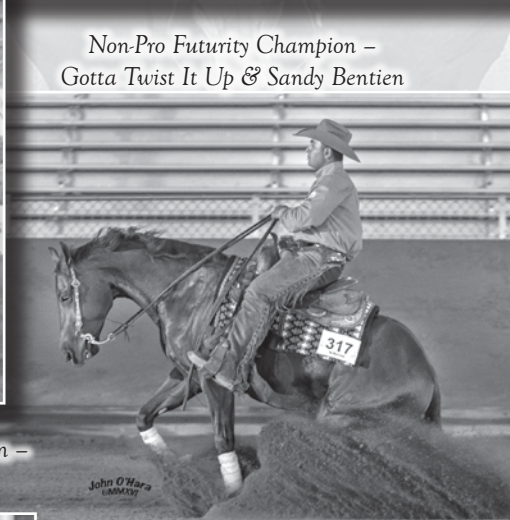
Prime Time Rookie  
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Non-Pro Futurity Champion –  
Gotta Twist It Up & Sandy Bentien



Freestyle Champion –  
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winners!**

## Youth Scholarship Being Offered by RHSF DEADLINE IS MAY 15TH.

The Reining Horse Sports Foundation (RHSF) is committed to providing leadership and scholarship opportunities to enable youth to further excel in their future careers and competition.

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