



ATRC: OF THE MONTH

The monthly newsletter for our families, followers, and supporters of the Albany Therapeutic Riding Center.



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SESSION ONE

Session 1 began on March 3rd and we had a fantastic first week of lessons! It was so wonderful to see all our riders again after our long winter break. Our herd was excited to get back into regular work and reunite with all their riders and volunteers.

Though we have had to take a break from lessons for now, we are very excited and hopeful to start back up as soon as it is safe for our community do so. For more information on how we are handling COVID-19 please see the information on page 2, refer to the e-mail updates from Taylor, or contact us at albanytherapeuticridingcenter@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: NICOLE ROMANZO



According to the staff at ATRC, Nicole is "incredibly dependable and always there when we need her" To get to know Nicole a little better, we asked her a few questions:

What is your favorite part about volunteering with ATRC?

My favorite part about volunteering with ATRC is seeing the joy that each lesson brings. Being around the horses, in a beautiful area outside of Albany, and serving others brings visible joy to both the volunteers and riders and seeing it always makes my day!

When you're not at ATRC, what do you like to do?

When I'm not studying, I like to go to CrossFit classes, run, spend time with my cat and guinea pigs, hang out with my friends, read, and try out new recipes.

If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it?

If I won a million dollars, I would put some in savings for my future. I would also spend some of it on a trip all around Europe because I really enjoy travelling and then donate whatever is left over.

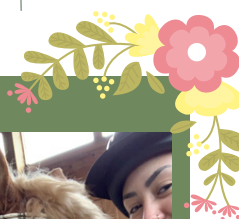
Why do you volunteer with ATRC?

I volunteer at ATRC because I love being around horses and I love working with kids. I have really enjoyed the two-ish years I've been volunteering with ATRC and I feel like I have learned so much through the opportunities I have been given to participate in lessons with riders of different abilities. I hope that my time here will one day make me a better physician.



Welcome, Makena!

This month, we welcomed Makena into our ATRC family! She began at the beginning of the month as our new stable hand! Makena is a senior in Public Policy at UAlbany and is thrilled to be working at ATRC. She has a lot of love for all animals, especially horses. She is passionate about non-profit work and excited to be part of such a beneficial cause.



COVID-19

With the recent updates from our state government and the CDC:

Albany Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc has decided to extend our lesson cancellations and center closure beyond Sunday 3/22 and until State and Federal Health Agencies feel it is safe to resume.

With the recent NYS shut down, all residents of NY are encouraged to remain home until further notice to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Since ATRC cares for animals, our staff are considered essential employees and will report to work as normal to take care of our four legged staff members! The horses are all doing well and miss you all dearly! We will be monitoring state laws and school closures to make our re-opening decision!

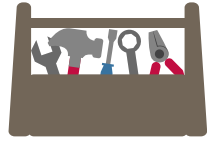
Effective immediately, ATRC will be implementing the following changes to daily operations at the farm:

- No outside visitors or volunteers will be allowed on the property
- Essential staff (and barn volunteers ONLY) will be taking over all equine related chores and training. These changes allow us to do our part to help limit the spread and impact of COVID-19 in our community and continue to do our best to protect the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, and horses.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to Albany Medical College and their Service Learning Program for their donation of lumber for our new saddle racks! Another huge thank you to the Lang family for coming out to the barn and giving their time to build our saddle racks! These racks will help staff, volunteers, and riders tremendously with tack organization and labeling!



Happy Birthday, Luke!



Luke turned 10 this month! We are very excited to celebrate his birthday!

