

WAYNE HALVORSON

2015 NDQHA Hall of Fame

Wayne Halvorson now hails from Guthrie, Oklahoma, but he grew up on a cattle ranch near White Earth, North Dakota. He started breaking and training horses for the public at age ten, and showed horses and cattle in 4-H and FFA throughout high school. He continued to rodeo and show horses while earning a degree in Business Administration from UND Williston, where he graduated with honors. An interesting fact about Wayne: He was a North Dakota Champion Bull Rider.

Wayne has spent his entire life devoted to horses and the people who are passionate about them. He has never hesitated to donate his money, time, facilities, or equipment to help any of the associations, especially those involving youth.

An AQHA Director for more than 20 years, Wayne has devoted countless hours serving on AQHA committees, and he and has been a strong proponent for the welfare of the American Quarter Horse. He also served as the Equine Specialist on issues concerning animal welfare and horse processing for the American Farm Bureau in Washington D.C.

Wayne is a Director Emeritus of the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association and served two terms as its president. In 2012 he was voted the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association Horseman of the Year, and he went on to be named the Professional's Choice Most Valuable Professional, or "MVP", at the 2013 AQHA Convention in Houston.

Wayne helped establish the Redbud Quarter Horse Show, was a National Snaffle Bit Association founding member and director, and was a World Conformation Horse Association founding member and served as President. He holds AQHA, NSBA and WCHA judges' cards, and has judged many prestigious shows including: Congress, AQHA Youth World Show, Arizona Sun Circuit, European Championships, and numerous others.

Truly dedicated to the best interests of AQHA and its members, Wayne currently raises and trains world-class halter horses. He has trained and shown numerous Congress and AQHA world champions, as well as helping his clients and his three children, Lauren, Austin and Calyn, earn their own world championship titles.

Wayne is married to Rebecca Merchant Halvorson who is also an AQHA Professional Horsewoman, Director and Judge.