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## **Julie Goodnight to Be a Keynote Speaker at the 2016 Certified Horsemanship Association International Conference**

*(May 2016)* – The Certified Horsemanship Association is thrilled to announce that trainer and clinician Julie Goodnight will speak at the CHA International Conference as the Keynote Speaker on Friday, October 21, at MTSU during lunch and on Saturday, October 22, during the CHA Awards Banquet. This year’s conference is scheduled for October 20-23 in Murfreesboro, Tenn., at the Holiday Inn Murfreesboro/Nashville on Silohill Lane and the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Horse Science Center. The conference is open to the public, so any horse enthusiast can register for the event.

Goodnight, who is the former CHA Program Director and currently the CHA International Spokesperson, is an internationally recognized trainer and clinician best known for her work on her weekly RFD-TV show called "Horse Master with Julie Goodnight." As a CHA Master Instructor and Clinician, she has used the knowledge she has gained through CHA and through her lifelong experiences with horses to help riders develop better leadership, communication, and horsemanship skills when working with their horses. Goodnight strives to help riders master their equestrian dreams and skills while helping them become the leaders their horses want and deserve. Her methods are grounded in natural horsemanship, classical riding, and understanding horse behavior. Goodnight's experience includes training in dressage, jumping, racing, reining, colt-starting, cutting, and wilderness riding.

“I always look forward to the CHA conference,” says Goodnight. “I see so many old friends and colleagues, plus get to network with some of the top leaders in the horse industry, as well as the equine professionals that are in the trenches every day, all of us sharing ideas and swapping stories. For my Friday keynote talk, I’ll be mounted and in the arena, talking about building trust—both in humans and in horses. At CHA, we focus on safety, fun and excellence in horsemanship and that’s a perfect description of our conference too. This conference provides awesome continuing education for all of us, to help us better serve the horses in our care and the people that support them.”

Goodnight grew up riding ponies and horses outside of Orlando and competed in hunter/jumpers throughout her childhood. She earned extra money during college as an exercise rider at a Thoroughbred track in New Mexico and by working on breeding farms until she graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1984. She stayed out West and soon found her stride within Western disciplines and on the trails. She has been a wilderness trail guide, worked at an Arabian training center, and eventually developed her own training facility and camp in Colorado called Goodnight Training Stables, Inc. She offers an

abundance of educational materials on her website, a 12-month interactive online horsemanship course, how-to DVDs, and her own tack, training tools, and products. Goodnight is also the author of "Goodnight's Guide to Great Trail Riding," along with Heidi Nyland Melocco.

Her dedication to teaching and safety is easily recognizable. In 2008, she was named Equine Affaire's Exceptional Equestrian Educator and in 2013 she won CHA's Partner in Safety Award. Goodnight has done a worldwide clinic tour and many expo appearances, in addition to her work on her award-winning TV show. She currently lives with her husband, Rich Moorhead in Salida, CO. For more information, visit <http://www.JulieGoodnight.com>.

In addition to Goodnight's Keynote presentations, there will be lessons from other CHA Master Level Certified Instructors and top veterinarians, horse trainers, farriers, equine behaviorists, and other equine professionals. In addition, the ever-popular mounted workshops and the National Reining Horse Association "Ride a Reiner" event will give participants the chance to ride during an educational session. For more information on the CHA International Conference or to register, visit <http://CHAInstructors.com/conference>. For questions, please contact CHA's headquarters in Lexington, KY, at [859-259-3399](tel:859-259-3399) or [info@CHA-ahse.org](mailto:info@CHA-ahse.org).

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