

To all of the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders,

My name is Stephen Deville, and I am seeking election in the 2024 race for the Central District on the LQHBA Board of Directors.

I have lived, breathed, and slept Louisiana Racing Quarter Horses my whole life. As far back as I can remember, I would ride along with my dad on weekends, who is a reproductive Equine Veterinarian in the small town of Abbeville. I grew up riding from farm to farm, client to client, meeting and understanding what brings us all together in this amazingly unique sport, and seeing what lights everyone's fire to breed and raise that one big winner to stick your name to and be proud of. I worked under a few major outfitters in my high school and college years, learning the ropes on the reproductive side, sales prepping side, and the equine hospital side of things.

In 2013, I was given an opportunity to work at the Louisiana Center For Equine Reproduction, where I worked my way up from the bottom, and now 11 years later, I am proud to be a part owner in the company with Dr. Eddie Cramer, Dr. Travis Miller, and Dr. Joe Squillace. I also started S&E Sales Prepping as well with Dr. Cramer, and over the last 9 years, we have grown tremendously, meeting new clients and friends by the day.

I feel that all this experience and hard work that I have put into the industry, even at only 32 years of age, has helped to prepare me to represent those that I learned from and look up to on a daily basis. I have met and know personally many of you individual members and breeders. I have heard all sides of the good and bad that has grown and developed over the years in our organization. This organization of breeders, in my opinion, is by far the best and strongest in the country. My goal is to bring new and fresh ideas, as well as continue to learn and prosper from those who have taught me so much already. The thought of my kids and their kids coming into this world down the road to relish the benefits that we put forth today is crucial to my daily thoughts and actions.

I humbly ask you for your support and help through this new transition in life. I want to hear your voices and concerns, and to proudly and profusely promote the organization and the quarter horse industry as a whole. I plan to work with as many State officials and Louisiana State Racing Commission members as possible, and to personally speak with any and all breeders about the future of this sport that we all love.

Thank you all for allowing me to speak about myself. I would greatly appreciate your vote and support in this upcoming election, and to be able to move forward as the next possible board member for this great organization.

Sincerely,

Stephen Deville