



## **Lucia Dizon**

"My name is Lulu Dizon and I am incredibly excited to be competing in this year's Youth of the Year contest. Some information about me is that I'm 16, I have an amazing family with one brother and one sister, I absolutely adore animals including my 6 pets, and I currently attend Del Oro High School as a junior. A unique aspect of Del Oro is that they had an Equestrian Team that I was a part of. Unfortunately due to covid the team doesn't exist anymore. I am still very active in the horse community, as I ride and work at Grand Finale Stables. My trainer, Megan Gallager, has really been a big part in the growth of my career in the Morgan Horse world. Because of her, and the continuous support from my family, I have been able to compete at many horse shows throughout the years. It is incredible to look back and remember the first schooling show I did on a little buckskin Morgan, to now 6 years later, and I am attending The Morgan Grand Nationals for the first time. Throughout those years I have been faced with challenges that have facilitated my learning and horsemanship skills. 5 years ago I was given my very first horse, Stanley. He is a stunning 16.1 hand bay Morgan and he is my whole world. He was an energetic, green five year old, and I was a novis 12 year old, with not even half the knowledge I have now. The beginning of our journey was tough, but we managed to grow and bond together into the great team we are now. Showing him this past year has been a dream and we have been doing considerably well at major shows such as: The Oregon Morgan Classic, The Morgan Medallion, and Springfest. The experience of the contest alone is going to be incredible, but I would love to be selected as the Youth of the Year because it is a really cool achievement that I could be proud of for the rest of my life."