



Alexa Rahman

My name is Alexa Rahman. I am a senior at Ithaca College, studying voice with an outside field in Civil Rights Studies. At college, I am the Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees, President of the Musicians of Color Association, President of the Amani Gospel Singers, and Treasurer of Sister 2 Sister organization for women of color. I recently created and lead “A Place Where You Belong: The BIPOC Experience” Jumpstart Program for first-year students. I am also on the equestrian team and dance in my free time. Outside of school, I am an intern at a law firm and plan on attending law school after graduation in May. I have three Morgan geldings, one of which I am training in dressage while at school. I compete mostly in hunter pleasure, equitation, park saddle, dressage, and park harness, but I also love showing saddleseat and western equitation. At my barn in Ithaca, I am also a volunteer with the Ithaca High Riders, an equestrian Special Olympics Team. My biggest accomplishments include scholarships from Cornell University MALIK Fraternity and the New England Morgan Horse Association, being a finalist in the George Shirley Vocal Competition, being named Junior Horseperson of the Year of NYSMHS, and my World Championships with my hunter, EKL Assets Vision GCH. I also was a chosen panelist at Ithaca College’s panel: “Facing Antisemitism, Racism, and Prejudice” last year.

I am actively involved in social justice work in multiple aspects of my life, including horses, music, and on my college campus. This past semester, I put on a recital that highlighted liberation of marginalized communities, where I sang R&B, Musical Theatre, African American Art Songs, Opera arias, and African American Spirituals, all by composers of color. I also had an article in US Equestrian this spring, called “We can build a more inclusive community,” where I talked about the importance of racial diversity in the equestrian world. I am currently living in Ithaca with my rescue dog, Aurora, but we drive home to Galway, NY almost every weekend to see my parents and to ride my hunter and park horse at the Braeburn Equestrian Center. I would like to be selected as the Morgan Youth of the Year to show my dedication, appreciation, and love towards the Morgan Horse, and to promote representation of Black equestrians.