

NATIONAL COWBOY HALL of FAME
and Western Heritage Center

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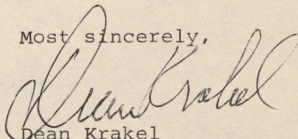
Congratulations upon being an Award Winner in the Ninth Annual Western Heritage Awards competition. This year's competition had the largest number of entries in the various categories since the competition began in 1960; five years before the National Cowboy Hall of Fame was put into actual operation.

The National Cowboy Hall of Fame is unique among museum type institutions in that it is owned by the people of the West and is operated by a Board of Trustees representing our Seventeen Western States. There are no government or appropriated funds at any level in our institution's operation. Nor is there any one single person we can look to as the benefactor. While the National Cowboy Hall of Fame is dedicated to the preservation of the heritage of the West, it is also an active, vital Institution desirous of becoming a force in America.

Our major activities are the Annual Cowboy Artists of America competition, co-sponsorship of the great National Finals Rodeo (the World Series of Rodeo), and of course, our Western Heritage Awards.

Again, I congratulate you upon winning in this year's Awards and thank you for coming to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. If I can help you in anyway during your visit here, please don't hesitate to telephone me. My home number is 946-0482, office number 478-2250.

Most sincerely,



Dean Krakel
Managing Director

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