



Winning Ponies Thursday at 5 PM Pacific

June 16th 2016: Winning Ponies Welcomes Eclipse Award
Winning Writer Joe Drape and VIP Player Services Manager
Gary Palmisano

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Featured Guests



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Gary Palmisano

28-year-old Gary Palmisano was born in New Orleans and is the son of long time Louisiana based trainer Gary Palmisano Sr. He attended the University of Louisville, where he obtained degrees in Equine Business and Marketing. In 2007, he started as an intern in the Marketing Department at Churchill Downs. After graduation, Gary transferred to Fair Grounds in his hometown and completed a management training rotation program during which he shadowed leaders of every department within the operation. In 2013, he came back to Louisville as the VIP Player Services Manager for Churchill Downs Race Track and Twinspires.com, which is his current role today.

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