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UK Ag Equine Programs

In the past few days, conversations with fellow faculty have focused on classes starting up and “Where did the summer go?”

When I think of the “Where did the summer go?” I reflect on how quickly the time has passed since the end of the spring semester. It has passed quickly, but why? Well, here in the “Horse Capitol” it is because the industry is so active—or better said, busy.

How does that affect an incoming freshman or a returning student to the Equine Science and Management program? It can mean opportunities to be involved in the industry. For many it may be part of the reason



you chose the program at UK. The ongoing activities give students tremendous opportunities to experience the industry. For some it may be an initial experience, such as going to a Keeneland sale or opening day at the Keeneland fall meet for those who do not have classes on Friday afternoon. Other opportunities include activities at the Kentucky Horse Park, and the list goes on and on.

Balancing all that is available at UK that is non-horse and horse related, and most importantly, school and your class obligations, is a huge challenge. I left classes to the end of the list because it was the most important, but sometimes for students it is last on the list.

Making the most of your time at UK requires keeping all things in balance, but school has to come first. At orientation, you may have heard going to school is a full-time job that needs a high level of commitment for you to be successful. Studying or getting assignments in on time should be a priority for a student as part of his or her academic life here.

As this semester starts, I hope all Equine Science and Management students take advantage of the opportunities to further their goals to be a part of the ever-exciting, ever-changing horse industry.

Dr. Bob Coleman, Associate Director of UK Ag Equine Programs and Extension Horse Specialist

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News and Announcements

RREH scholarship and equine clubs and teams fund

Due to the generosity of Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, UK Ag Equine Programs has established a scholarship fund to offset costs of equine focused students. Congratulations to our most recent scholarship winners!

2012-2013

Jillian Louise Gordon

2011-2012

Jillian Louise Gordon

Virginia Shenandoah Stilwell



Internships

Summer adventure in Colorado

Three University of Kentucky students ventured to Estes Park, Colo., to complete their internships at Sombrero Ranch. Lindsey Scherer, Shelby Morrison and Claire Dingess spent their respective summers as wranglers, taking guests on guided trail rides through the Rocky Mountains as well as caring for of a herd of more than 150 horses.

“We worked 15 hours a day, six days a week and were in the saddle riding approximately six to eight hours each day,” said Dingess, a Equine Science and Management junior. “I really enjoyed being able to work so closely with the horses and meeting new people every day. I also made some really close friends with the other wranglers. I had a great boss, which made things even better!”



Claire Dingess leads riders on the trail.

This is not the first time UK has sent interns to Colorado. Sombrero Ranch has hosted summer seasonal interns for the past four summers and has had students from UK for the past three.

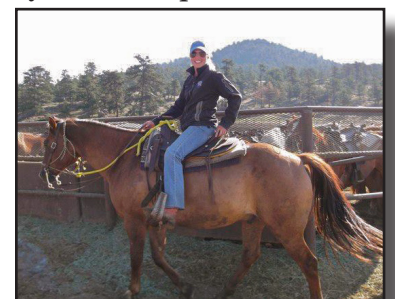
Bryan Seck, Sombrero Ranch Manager said “It’s great to see new faces that are excited to work and those that take the initiative. They know what’s expected and that really helps us run an enjoyable business.”

“I think some of the best internships are when students step out of their comfort zone,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, Internship Coordinator. “I was so proud of these three to travel west

and spend their summer with horses in the Rocky Mountains. We have developed a great relationship with Sombrero Ranch and our students that go there always enjoy it.”

“I would definitely recommend this internship to other students, because you can improve immensely on your riding skills, ground skills with the horses, your work ethic, and being an all-around people person,” said Dingess. “This job isn't for everyone, as we worked very long hours, and were in close quarters with our co-workers. You have to be an extremely hard worker and be willing to learn.”

Dingess’ original career focus was to manage a farm, give riding lessons and train horses. Now she said she’s leaning more towards the ranch life because she’s enjoyed her experience in Colorado so much. “This job has opened my eyes to so much that I would have never seen otherwise and I am so thankful that I have done this,” said Dingess.



Shelby Morrison prepares for a trail ride.

According to Seck any students interested in the position should be comfortable with leading and care of horses on the ground as well as feeling confident in their riding skills. They will ride several different horses with varying temperaments. It is also important to enjoy working with the general public and small children.

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The University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture has several equine-related pages that present the latest news and events information. Stay up-to-date with UK's horsey happenings by following their activities on these pages:

- UK Ag Equine Programs
- Gluck Equine Research Center
- Saddle Up Safely
- UK Horse Pasture Evaluation Program



Bluegrass Equine Digest

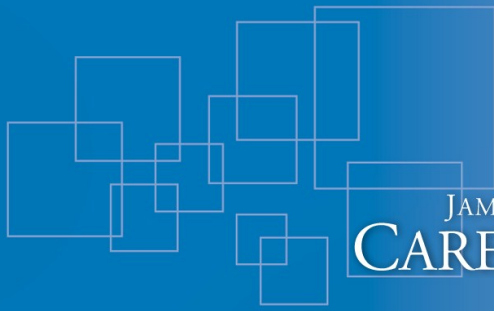
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A free monthly online newsletter with the latest research and practical, use-it-today advice from the University of Kentucky's Gluck Equine Research Center and the Equine Initiative.

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www.thehorse.com/enewsletter/register.aspx

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Career Assessment Workshop Series

Career Assessment Workshops introduce students to one of the steps involved in making important life decisions; self-assessment. The Strong Interest Inventory (SII) can help to identify preferred majors, motivating work environments, and potential careers.

Before attending this workshop, students will need to stop by our Drop-In Hours at the Stuckert Career Center and chat with a Career Professional and RSVP for a workshop. Students will receive the assessment instructions at that time and may complete the SII online prior to the workshop date.

*Please visit during our drop-in hours
Monday-Thursday 11am-3pm or call the Stuckert Career
Center at 257-2746 for more information.*

*Please be advised that career decision-making is a process; the SII is a tool that can assist you in the career decision-making process.

All workshops will be held on
Thursdays
3:30-4:20pm
in the Conference Room
at the Stuckert Career Center
(Across from the Singletary Center)

Visit Drop-In Hours
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Fall 2012 Workshop Dates

September 6

September 13

September 20

October 4

October 11

October 18

October 25

November 1

November 8

November 15

December 6

Clubs & Teams

Dressage & Eventing Team

Interested in joining the Dressage and Eventing Team? Its first meeting was held Aug. 29 and the next will take place on Sept. 12. Meetings will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 228. Dues are \$40 each semester and this payment includes official membership as well as access to discounted lessons, clinics, etc.

The team is also excited to welcome new coach Emily Hamel from Windy Knoll Farm.

A clinic presented Erik Deriks will also be held Oct. 6 and 7. Space is limited to 20 participants and the costs for the two lessons and dinner is \$150. Any non-members wishing to participate should contact Shalise Gallaher at (814) 577-9492.

Lastly, we are assembling a team to compete at Team Challenge and entries are due by Aug. 31. Financial assistance will be provided for stabling of team competitors.

Questions? Contact Lauren Hansen at lhytonh@gmail.com or Jen Borgie at jlbr223@uky.edu

Equestrian Team

A special congratulations to the Equestrian Team for their feature in the Friday, Aug. 24 issue of the Paulick Report's Good News Friday! Read their story at <http://www.paulickreport.com/features/three-chimneys-presents-good-news-friday/three-chimneys-presents-good-news-friday-rallying-around-the-team/>

Western team:

Welcome back! The UK Western Equestrian Team held its first informational meeting, Thursday Aug.23 at 6:30 p.m. in AgNorth. Learn about the team's future activities, dues and more by contacting Allie Board at allison.board@uky.edu, with questions.

Western competition schedule:

- Sept. 29-30 at Midway
- Nov. 18 at Gatewood hosted by Northern Kentucky University
- Feb. 2-3 at Midway cohosted by University of Cincinnati
- Feb. 9 at Morehead State University

Horse Racing Club

The Horse Racing Club had a terrific turnout at its spring auction last semester and was pleased to present a \$2,500 donation to the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. Many exciting plans are underway this semester for students interested in the horse racing industry. Contact Bethany Wurl at (812) 374-2362 or blwu222@l.uky.edu, to join.

Register now for 2012 Ag Round Up

One of the oldest alumni traditions on campus exists within the College of Agriculture. The College of Agriculture's "Ag Roundup" is a time for the College's departments and their accomplishments to shine and for faculty, staff, students and alumni to celebrate the College and the University of Kentucky.

Mark your calendars for the 2012 Ag Round Up on Saturday, Sept. 15. Join your fellow students as well as past alumni for a day of food, fellowship and fun! Meal lines will open at 4:45p.m. Kickoff for the game is at 7 p.m. as the Cats take on the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers. College students can attend for \$10, which includes a full buffet meal. Football tickets will be sold for \$44,

on a first-come, first-served basis as supplies last. To register for tickets contact Debbie Cruse at (859) 257-7211 or go online to www.ukalumni.net/roundup



To learn more about UK's equine clubs and teams, please visit their web pages:

Dressage and Eventing Team: www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/dressage

Equestrian Team: www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/equestrian

Horse Racing Club: www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/horseracing

READ: www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/READ

Polo Team: www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/polo

Saddle Seat Team: www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/saddleseat

UK Polo Pony Spotlight: Leona

UK's Polo Team is a competitive team affiliated with the United States Polo Association that competes in the southeast region of the intercollegiate league. The team aims to provide a fun and safe learning experience in the sport of polo and welcomes all members.

The University of Kentucky polo program is very fortunate to have some of the best playing ponies in the country. All of the ponies are donated by various polo players throughout the U.S. We have been very lucky to have some fantastic horses donated to our team who have been awarded Best Playing Pony at national tournaments. This year, our pony Leona earned Best Playing Pony honors at the Southeastern Regional Tournament for the men's team. Leona was a favorite of all the riders who played her at the tournament. Leona is like a cat when she moves--she goes so fast and flat. Leona is also just as fast side-to-side as she is moving forward, which is important in a polo pony. We love Leona and can't wait for her to win more awards and lead UK to victories this year.



Polo Pony Leona earned Best Play Pony Honors at 2012 Southeastern Regional Tournament.

This year, UK will host games in our new arena at Westwind Farm on Haley Road in Lexington. Be sure to check the Facebook page, U of Kentucky Polo, for updates. We will have our informational meeting during the first week of school and the dates will be on Facebook. We will have varsity women's and men's teams, a JV team and club teams! New for this year, we will be having a Wildcat Boot Camp, which will be lessons once a week for people who might not have the time to do the club, but want to try polo!

If you're interested to learn more about UK's Polo Team, contact Posey Brecht: poseyobrecht@aol.com

Posey Brecht

UK Polo Team President

Equine Science and Management Senior

4-H Spotlight on Incoming Freshman: Emily Drury



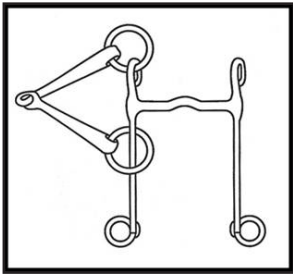
I graduated in May 2012 from Anderson County High School and currently live on a 120 acre farm in Lawrenceburg, Ky., with beef cattle, horses and hay. I will start my freshman year at UK's College of Agriculture as an Ag Education major with an Equine Science minor.

In high school, I was heavily involved in 4-H and Future Farmers of America. I have been a member of the Anderson County 4-H Horse Club for the past five years and served as Club President for four years. Some competitions I've participated in include Horse Bowl and Hippology, and as well as serving as the team captain for four years. This past year, our Horsebowl and Hippology teams were the State Horse Contest state champions.

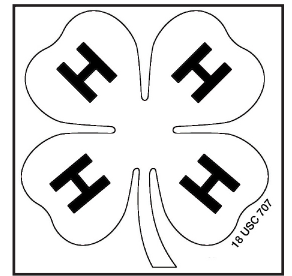
I also show horses through the 4-H Horse Program, competing in barrel racing, pole bending, stakes race, and showmanship. Some of the shows I've competed in include District 4 and State 4-H horse shows for the past four years where I won the District High Point-Contest Division each of those years. I have also entered numerous 4-H exhibits in the Kentucky State Fair, many of which won their class. Lastly, I competed at UK's 4-H/FFA Field Day in 2012, winning the senior job interview contest and placing third in the horse industry knowledge contest.

Aside from 4-H, I serve as the State Youth Director for the Kentucky International Barrel Racing Association. Over the past two seasons, I have won three state championships atop my two self-trained Quarter Horses, Rocky and Nova. In 2011, I was named the Kentucky Farm Bureau Outstanding Youth Contest Female Winner and chosen by my peers as Miss Congeniality.

I truly enjoy working on the farm, spending time with my family, public speaking, and serving others and I am excited to have the opportunity to attend the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture so I can further my education. I will be a first generation college student and I am thrilled to be able to receive a post-secondary education.



Educationally, I look forward to learning how to better advocate for agriculture. Being involved in organizations like 4-H and FFA helps you learn the necessary skills to better advocate for agriculture. While at UK, I hope to continue to hone those skills.



What costs are involved in postsecondary education?

It is important to have some idea of what the cost will be when putting together a plan for how to pay for postsecondary education. Costs will vary according to the type of school (e.g., college or trade school), length of the educational program, program of study chosen, and whether the school is public or private. Scholarships earned and financial aid awarded will also affect the overall cost of education. It is fair to say that some postsecondary education can be very expensive, but there are also less expensive options available.

Below is a list of the different types of expenses that will be included in the cost of a postsecondary education.

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- **Tuition:** The amount that a school charges a student for instructional services which may be charged per term, per course, or per credit hour.
- **Fees:** Money, separate from tuition, charged by schools per student per term to cover costs not associated with a student's classes, such as student activity fees, technology fees, clubs, and special events.
- **Books and supplies:** This expense covers the cost of a student's course materials including books, lab supplies, special equipment, etc. These expenses can range anywhere from \$300 to \$1,000 (or more) per term.
- **Room and board:** These are expenses charged by the school if the student lives in housing provided by the school. Amounts will vary depending on the room and meal plan the student chooses. Even though these fees are not charged if a student lives off campus, you would need to estimate those living expenses instead of room and board fees.
- **Personal expenses:** This includes things like clothing, telephone, laundry, personal care items, and entertainment. These costs can vary widely from student to student.
- **Travel expenses:** This includes car expenses, gasoline, insurance, and travel between a student's home and school.
- **Tuition and fees generally account for 35 percent of the total school expenses with the other 65 percent going to room, board, books, supplies, personal expenses, and travel.**

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