

UK Equine Initiative Student Newsletter

February 2008

In the middle of classes, exams and other assignments, on top of gloomy winter weather, it is easy to get into a rut. But don't forget that outside UK's walls is the Horse Capital of the World, a community where horses dominate entertainment, tourism and business! Many of our equine students come to UK for that very reason, and I encourage all students to make the Horse Capital part of your education. The experiences you gain outside the classroom can help you get the career you want.

If you are not from Kentucky, you might not know that horses are the number one agricultural industry in the Commonwealth at \$1.1 billion in sales, and that the \$8 million tourism industry depends largely on the horse industry. The Bluegrass Region is the seat of the Thoroughbred breeding and health industry, but there are more Quarter Horses, Tennessee Walking Horses and Mountain Horses registered in Kentucky than Thoroughbreds. The region is also experiencing tremendous growth in sport horse activities, and the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games showcases this region as plans build for the 2010 event.

Make no mistake, good grades are important, but your education will be enriched in many ways if you get to know the horse business in this region. Whatever your interest, you are likely to find it here. Approximately 50 equine organizations have headquarters in the Kentucky Horse Park, ranging from breed organizations to philanthropic concerns. The region has more than 80 equine attorneys, the two largest equine clinics in the world -- Hagyard Equine Medical Institute and Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, the headquarters of Blood-Horse publications, several prominent feed companies and sales operations at Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton and Tattersalls. This is just a sampling of the horse-related businesses that surround UK.

You might wonder how to go about getting to know such organizations better, so that you can get that all-important experience beyond the classroom. One great advantage is that most in the horse industry love sharing their excitement with students. Don't be afraid to make an appointment to ask for advice about your career plans; you will probably make a friend for life and might even find an internship or a permanent position. With luck and perseverance, you can find a lifetime career that is rewarding and fun! The UK Equine Initiative office is a great place to start for career advice if you would like to get more information contact Holly Wiemers at holly.wiemers@uky.edu.

Dr. Nancy Cox
Associate Dean for Research



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for his future...**

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The graphic features a dark blue background with white text. At the top, it reads 'Serving Kentucky's horse industry through research and education'. Below that is the 'University of Kentucky Equine Initiative' logo. The central image shows a brown horse lying in a bed of straw, wearing a blue t-shirt with 'UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY' printed on it. The text 'We share the dream for his future...' is overlaid on the image. At the bottom, the UK logo and 'UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY College of Agriculture' are on the left, and the website 'www.ca.uky.edu/equine' is on the right.

Equine Initiative News Attention all Equine Students!

You are invited to a seminar and reception for Dr. Jamie MacLeod, candidate for the Director of the Equine Initiative and Dickson Professor of EquineScience and Management, on Monday, February 18 beginning at 3 p.m. in the E.S. Good Barn on the UK campus. We look forward to seeing you on February 18 and getting your feedback about this critical position. An RSVP is respectfully requested by Thursday, February 14 to khagan@email.uky.edu or 257-2226. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Dressage Team Update

Upcoming Shows

- Feb. 17 at Bethany University in West Virginia

Volunteering Activities

- April 24-27, 2008, Rolex Three Day Event

UK Equestrian Team Update

The UK Equestrian Team hosted an IHSA show on Feb. 2 at Fiddler's Run in Versailles. This show proved to be very successful for many of UK's riders. **Some outstanding accomplishments include:**

1st place ribbons went to:

- Christy Burrington, Advanced Horsemanship
- Savannah Craddock, Open Horsemanship
- Emily Gaskin, Advanced Horsemanship
- Lacey Werczynski, Alumni Horsemanship

The team won Reserve High Point Team and Savannah Craddock was High Point Rider. The *Kentucky Kernel* published two stories about the team. To check them out, visit: **Equestrian team hosts competition; riders capture multiple ribbons.**

media.collegepublisher.com/media/paper305/stills/24yed0ok.jpg

Both the English and western sections of UK's Equestrian Team will be competing Feb. 16-17 at Morehead State University. If you would like information regarding the horse show or the team please contact Kathleen Reed at (502) 544-9990.



Photo: UK Western Team

Equine Initiative News Continued

UK Horse Racing Club Mentorship Program has developed a program pairing students with professionals in the horse racing industry. The mentorship program will allow students to see what the horse racing industry is all about and gain experience in a field they're thinking about going into.

Interested students will complete a form asking them about what they hope to get out of the program, their experience level, what career(s) they're interested in and how much time they're willing to put forth in the program. Professionals will also complete a similar form including a question asking what they hope to get out of mentoring a student.

The club hopes the program will provide students a contact in the industry to turn to for career and internship advice. The club also hopes this program will give club members more experience in their prospective field and contribute to recruiting new members.

Club membership is required to participate in this program. However previous participation is not required. Other benefits to the program are having monthly meetings with guest speakers from all parts of the racing industry. They also take farm tours and participate in numerous fundraising activities.

The program is in full swing and ready for participation. If you are interested in participating, please contact the UK Horse Racing Club at UKhorseracingclub@hotmail.com.

Around the College of Agriculture

It is leap year and most of us are ready to leap into spring and out of this crazy winter weather. But in the meantime here are some updates from around the college.

COA Ambassadors Bring the Excellence in Agricultural Literacy and Communications National Award to UK

The Equine Initiative would like to extend a big congratulations to the 2007-2008 University of Kentucky Ag Ambassadors. These hard working students recently received the 2008 Excellence in Agricultural Literacy and/or Communications Award at the National Agricultural Ambassadors Conference in January. Ambassadors who attended the conference include:

- Chris Chance, Sophomore, Ag Biotechnology
- George Clements, Senior, Plant and Soil Science
- Brian Conlon, Junior, Animal Science Pre-Vet
- Savannah Craddock, Senior, Ag Education & Ag Communications
- Laura Curth, Senior, Food Science
- Cara Drury, Junior, Merchandising Apparel and Textiles
- Samuel Evans, Junior, Ag Education
- Jason Headrick, Ambassador Advisor & Director of Student Relations

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

Graduation activities will be Sunday, May 4, 2008 at Rupp Arena. The College of Agriculture Recognition Program will be at 8:30 a.m. on the Cox Street side of Rupp Arena. Students should report to Rupp Arena at 7:45 a.m. for check in and lineup. Main Commencement will be at 2 p.m. in Rupp Arena. Students should report at 1:30 p.m. for lineup on the Cox Street side of Rupp Arena for lineup. Senior Salute will be February 26-29 at King Alumni House from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Additional information may be found at www.uky.edu/commencement.

DEGREE AUDITS FOR AUGUST & DECEMBER 2008 GRADUATES

Degree audits for August & December 2008 graduates will be February 18-March 7.

ADVISING & PRIORITY REGISTRATION Advising for the summer and fall 2008 terms will be March 17-April 4. You may begin signing up for appointments March 3. For more information, please go to www.ca.uky.edu/Students. Click on Current Students. Click on Advising. Priority registration will be March 24-April 16.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 18-March 7 - Degree Audits for August & December 2008 graduates

March

3 - Midterms

7 - Last day to withdraw from a class for academic reasons. Students who need to withdraw after March 7 for non-academic reasons should contact Susan Skees (sskees@uky.edu) or Louise Gladstone (lgladstn@uky.edu)

10-14 - Spring Break

17-April 4 - Advising for Summer & Fall 2008

24-April 16 - Registration for Summer & Fall 2008

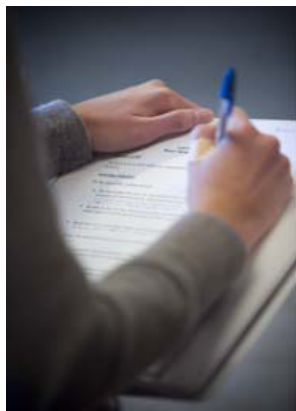
April

17-May 2 - Students permitted to change colleges

21-25 - Degree Audits for August & December 2008 graduates

25 - Last day of classes

26-May 2 - Finals Week



Graduate Student Forum

The College of Agriculture's Equine Initiative at UK includes an exciting branch of Master and Doctorate-level research in equine related topics, including equine economics, land management and animal & vet science. Graduate students are encouraged to post summaries of their research interests at www.UnbridledNews.com, an online community for equine research, business, and related topics. The goal is to create an online graduate student equine research organization where students, faculty, and the equine industry can learn more about equine-related graduate work. The news forum is hosted by the chair of this new organization, Kimberly Brown (kimberly.brown@uky.edu).

Around the College of Agriculture Continued

Professionalism Series

Last month we started a professionalism series; things that can help or hurt your professional life. We started with the Grandma Rule; Making your Facebook Profile Professional. Over the next two months, we will feature professors' opinions about online lingo, how to professionalize your e-mail address and interview and resume techniques faculty and staff look for in potential employees. We hope you enjoy the stories and learn a lot in the process!

The Woes of Facebook

Here are some news stories that have gained worldwide attention and might make you think twice about who or what you feature on your profile.

Prince Moulay Rachid, King Mohammed VI of Morocco's younger brother, was a victim of Facebook fraud. According to authorities, Fouad Mourtada was arrested for "villainous practices linked to the alleged theft of Rachid's Identity" on a Facebook profile. Mourtada created a profile for the prince and was pretending to be him on Facebook, he was arrested for these acts.

So beware, you may think it is a joke (impersonating someone else) however those actions can net you criminal charges! To check out more information on what happened to Prince Moulay Rachid click on the link below:
www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/02/07/morocco.facebook/

Rudy Giuliani's daughter, a college student, joined a group on Facebook that could have made the cover of numerous gossip magazines or even the New York Times. She joined a "Barack Obama" group back in the summer, prior to her father's withdrawal from being a presidential candidate. For Giuliani this wasn't a very tactical move to promote her father's run for president.

Even though your mother or father may not be running for the next President of the United States this just shows how cautious you should be with the groups that you join and the things that you post.

To read more about Giuliani's daughter and some other do nots you should remember with Facebook, check out the link below:

www.cbsnews.com/blogs/2007/08/07/couricandco/entry3143891.shtml

If you think these world stories might not be enough proof of ways to be careful on Facebook check out these blurbs from folks right here on UK's campus!

"I was searching for a president of a student organization to get their e-mail address on Facebook. Once I typed in the person's name a photograph of them in their underwear showed up on the screen. To my dismay the more I scrolled down the profile to find the address the more risqué the profile proceeded to get. I was so embarrassed I couldn't even e-mail that person to get their information, let alone look them in the eye. This person sure knew how to represent their club well."

Submitted by: I Think You Need a New President -Lexington KY

The Woes of Facebook Continued

"I was really excited for an interview I had gotten for a job on campus. It was a really good way to work and stay around campus. So I go in for the interview and the person who would have been my boss quotes the status that I had just put up on Facebook, 'I'm so excited to finally get a job where I don't have to do ANYTHING except homework.' So she asked me if that was how I planned on spending my days working for her and I told her no. But needless to say I didn't get the job."
Submitted by: How not to get a job - Lexington KY

"My best friend threw a huge Halloween party on a Saturday night and by Sunday photos were up in newsfeeds all over Facebook. So the next Monday in class everyone including the professor was talking about a girl in the class (in the photos they had seen) who had on a pretty revealing outfit. But the outfit wasn't the only thing that was revealing; one photo showed her pretty snuggled up to guys who weren't the one she was in a relationship with. She was not only humiliated that the whole class had seen her with her tacky outfit and a different guy but that the professor had seen it and was laughing at her too."
Submitted by: Be aware of what you're doing at all times- Lexington, KY

While Facebook can be a very handy tool but it is really important to keep it professional. Try and remember last week's segment on the "Grandma Rule;" don't post anything you wouldn't want your grandma to see or read. I hope you've enjoyed some of these stories and look out for next month's section on advice from professors around UK about how they appreciate professionalism in e-mails as well as Facebook!

Industry News

Blustery winter weather didn't stop UK's Maine Chance Farm from participating in another successful showing at the Fasig Tipton Winter Mixed Sale. UK students, Horse Unit Manager Larry Poole and Animal Resource Manager Bryan Cassill successfully sold six Thoroughbred yearlings from UK's Maine Chance Farm.

"The kids did really great," said Dr. Laurie Lawrence. Students that participated in the sales included:

- Keith Haag
- Shannon Hawkins
- Maggie Hitron
- Sarah Ison
- Marissa Long
- Ashley Meyer
- Jessica Wilson

The Kentucky Horse Park will host a special "Women & Horses: Health and Happiness" seminar on Feb. 23, featuring nationally-recognized speakers and authors. For more information, contact Tracy Walker at (859) 259-4262.

For some of the latest equine news from the College of Agriculture, please visit the Equine Initiative website news section at www.ca.uky.edu/equine/press_news.html.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Please note, classifieds listed here are not directly affiliated with UK or its equine programs, rather information passed along from equine businesses as an FYI.

UK Graduate and Undergraduate students wanted for AQHA and APHA breeding facility in Edmonton, KY. Positions are open for both full-time and part-time DVM and also for handlers for foaling, turnout and breeding assistance.
Contact: Amber Roberts
circlerstallionstation@yahoo.com

Full time barn manager wanted for a diversified farm in Chattanooga, Tenn. It is a 182-acre farm with cows, sheep, chickens, goats, Warm-bloods and Mustangs. The manager would be required to take care of a 10-stall barn with foals and broodmares. If you are interested in this position, Contact Sue Anne Wells at (423) 240-1284.

Equestrian camp counselor wanted for YMCA Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Ind. The counselor is required to teach riding lessons in both English and western riding styles and lead evening devotionals. Must have completed at least freshman year of college. Staff training begins May 25, pay is between \$2,550-\$2,750. Please contact Amie Gleason at amieg@camptecumseh.org or visit the camp website at www.camptecumseh.org.

Surgery Technician wanted for Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. At least one year of experience in handling horses required. Some training with medical or horse care preferred. Job openings available include full-time or part-time. Work days may vary from eight to 10 hours, **five or six days a week.** amathes@roodandriddle.com

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Suggestion Box

We want to hear from you! What are we missing? What should we change? What would you like to know more about? What information should we feature in an upcoming issue?

Your feedback is important and we welcome your comments! Please email equineinitiative@email.uky.edu and let us know what you think.

Student Spotlight: For the Love of the Horse; the Adventure of Audrey Jarrett

By: Savannah Faye Craddock



PHOTO: Jarrett With UK Horse Ghost

Since February is the month of Love, we find it easy to spotlight Audrey Jarrett for her outstanding love of the horse. Jarrett traveled to UK from the coastal city of Belfast, Maine, nearly four years ago. After her campus tour when she was just 18, her dreams led her to UK and the “Horse Capital of the World.” Jarrett is now a 21-year-old senior majoring in Animal Science with an Equine Option.

When I first talked with Jarrett, I asked her why in the world she came to UK from Maine. “Horses! As a little girl I developed a passion for them and here in Kentucky I am continuing to pursue that passion,” she explained.

In high school Jarrett played tennis and soccer, and was on the state championship soccer team her senior year. She worked at a pizza parlor named Alexia’s and enjoyed being on the ocean and riding other people’s horses whenever she could get her hands on them. Her background may not give you the impression of being much of an equestrian, but for this “Mainer” it wasn’t her past but her future that brought her into the horse industry.

Since her arrival at UK, Jarrett has become an active member of the UK Equestrian Team, winning multiple first place ribbons and qualifying for a regional competition. She has been an employee at High Point Equestrian Center for two years. There she has helped care for, train and break American Quarter Horses. She also just received an internship at McCauley Feeds because of her interest in equine nutrition.

The Quarter Horse industry is one that sparked Jarrett’s interest through her involvement with UK’s Equestrian Team. She has become a member of the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association, the American Quarter Horse Association and plans to keep Quarter Horses a big part of her life in the future. Equine nutrition may be one option for Jarrett or she may take a path that leads her into training horses.

Dr. Bob Coleman, who has been an advisor to Jarrett with the Equestrian Team as well as through her academics said, “While Audrey enjoys horses; she works hard to learn about the horse and has become a student of the horse, as both a rider and as a horsewoman.” With the experience and knowledge that she has gained in her four years at UK, the opportunities upon her graduation in May are endless.”

But riding horses isn’t the only hobby that Jarrett has; she also enjoys knitting, singing, continuing to play tennis and spending time with her friends. “I’ve enjoyed being a Wildcat and making new friends from all different backgrounds. My college experience has definitely been once in a lifetime.”

Jarrett doesn’t just stand out for her dedication to academics and the Quarter Horse industry. She sets an example for all students out there with a non-equine related background. That example is one that shows you can accomplish your goals and make your dreams come true if you work hard and take chances. For Audrey Jarrett the love that led her to this great passion is just beginning to unfold. Since her arrival at UK, Jarrett has become an active member of the UK Equestrian Team, winning multiple first place ribbons and qualifying for a regional competition. She has been an employee at High Point Equestrian Center for two years. There she has helped care for, train and break American Quarter Horses. She also just received an internship at McCauley Bros Feeds because of her interest in equine nutrition.

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PHOTO: Jarrett Trail Riding Winnie