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Photo courtesy of David Traxler

I am excited to be representing, serving and supporting this college as the Dean of CAFE. I started this position on Jan. 2, 2014, after working as associate dean for research since 2001. My background training is in animal science, and for many years I taught and did research at Mississippi State University in reproductive physiology, mostly with pigs and cattle. As associate dean for research, my job was to support our great research programs, many of those in equine science. I bring that same perspective to the student life of the college as does Associate Dean Larry Grabau and his student support team. I am quite familiar with the equine science program, having been the lead administrator for getting the program up and running, working with the amazing faculty and staff of Equine Programs. A lot of people work hard to ensure that you have a great equine education that is second to none.

As I think frequently, once an animal scientist, always an animal scientist, and it is fun to work with students who share the appreciation for the human-animal bond. After barrel racing and saddle seat endeavors as a youngster, I am now enjoying the thrill of hunting with the Iroquois Hunt Club and eventing

with a horse I bought three years ago, who was patient enough to drop down a few levels so I could learn to jump! I am proud of the opportunities our college offers, not only for students interested in animals, but in all areas. CAFE can prepare a student for almost any career! And what's more, we embody the land-grant college philosophy of teaching, research and service. That means that you can learn not only from world-class research faculty but extension faculty who are considered key influencers of Kentucky's agricultural economy and quality of life. And because you are an equine major in the Bluegrass, you have the added benefit of interacting with industry professionals in the Horse Capital of the World. This interaction comes in many of your classes, your internships and people who give their time to help with our program. Two such people, Matt Koch and Edith Conyers, featured in this edition of the Canter, serve on the Equine Advisory Committee. Members of this committee give their time to advise us on how to get you the best preparation for the working world.

The take-home message is that you have a support team in achieving your goals in CAFE's Equine Programs. We care not only about your college experience but your success as one of our valued graduates. Good luck with those dreams!



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Upcoming Events:

March 4

UK Ag Equine Programs
Career & Opportunities Fair, 4:30-7 p.m.
Spindletop Hall, Lexington
(Contact: Elizabeth LaBonty)

March 10-April 11

Advising for 2014 summer and fall terms

March 13-16

Road to the Horse
Kentucky Horse Park, Alltech Arena
<http://kyhorsepark.com/events/road-horse>

March 17-21

Spring Break

March 20

Kentucky Equine Networking Association
(KENA) Meeting, Networking 6 p.m.; Dinner
6:30 p.m. Topic: Cushings
<http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/kena/> to
register (Contact: Ed Squires)

March 31-April 22

Priority registration for 2014 summer and
fall terms



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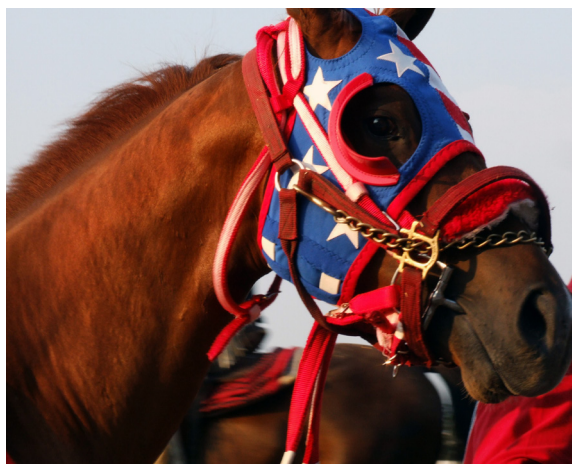
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3rd Annual UK Equine Showcase and 5th Annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course held Feb. 7-8



More than 165 people attended the 3rd annual University of Kentucky Equine Showcase and 5th annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course on Feb. 7-8, respectively.

At the Equine Showcase, equine research specialists from UK presented lectures about:

- Equine Cushing's disease in the aged horse;
- Is your horse fat? There's an app for that!;
- The Kentucky Horse Racing Necropsy Program: for the health and welfare of horses, humans and the racing industry;
- The economic impact of Kentucky's equine industry;
- Stem cells for equine tissue regeneration;
- Age-related susceptibility of foals to Rhodococcus equi;
- Genetics, health and performance;
- Why did my performance horse test positive for prohibited substances?

At the Kentucky Breeders' Short Course, presentations included:

- Reproductive anatomy and physiology of the mare;
- Starting and stopping a mare's cycle;
- Methods for evaluating stallion sperm;
- Methods to predict foaling;
- Diagnosing cryptorchids and ovarian tumors;
- Problems in newborn foals;
- Managing your stallion for a natural mating or artificial insemination program;
- Diagnosing placentitis (placental problems);
- Problem mare panel

More detailed summaries of specific talks will be highlighted in upcoming issues of the Bluegrass Equine Digest. To be added to the list for future Showcase and Short Course announcements, email Jenny Evans at jenny.evans@uky.edu.

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Saying goodbye to more than an internship

Erin Morgan

As I sit at my desk, lights completely off – which I’ve so often done during my time here -- spinning in my chair, I have been tasked with perhaps my last work request for UK Ag Equine Programs, to write my farewell letter. I type, keys clicking, but I am at a loss for words. How do I say goodbye to such wonderful people? Nothing I can write equates to how much I’ve enjoyed my time here.

What do I want to say in this letter? The answer is somewhat simple; I am not saying farewell or goodbye at all. In some office settings, these people would be termed ‘colleagues’ but here, they are much more than colleagues, they are friends. We have built some amazing friendships that will have everlasting effects. Working here has been a pleasure to say the least.



During my time as a Communications Intern in the UK Ag Equine Programs office, I have witnessed some amazing things. So let’s look back on some of them.

The first is planning events. I had never planned an event before and had no idea what I was doing. I was fortunate to help with an international conference, several Gluck Equine Research Center events, as well as many other UK Ag Equine Programs’ events.

The second notable experience during my time here was going on internship site visits. We would travel to different internship sites to see students in the Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program working. As we would drive back to campus, I would sit there in awe at some of the things our students are doing. It always left me feeling proud of our program and the opportunities our students were utilizing.

The third event was writing stories for the Wildcat Canter. When I started this internship, I had no idea what AP Style was. However, I was quickly informed that it is the style of writing that most journalists use. It is called a ‘style of writing’ but I consider it another language. Certain things such as Oxford commas and normal ways of referring to states are frowned upon. But I have to admit, using it for writing stories has helped me become a better writer. I embarrassingly enough have to admit that I have the AP Style app on my iPad.

Some of my favorite stories I wrote for the Wildcat Canter were about Marshall and Casiguapo, both University of Kentucky Maine Chance Farm-bred horses. Marshall is an energetic colt with a lot of curiosity. The first story I wrote on Marshall was just a few days after he was born. I remember going out to the farm, and seeing him being led out of the barn by some of the student workers, along with his dam, Italian Opera. I knelt down slowly, and Marshall came right up to my camera. He was intrigued by the clicking noise of the shutter closing. My lens fogged up from the warmth of his breath. A few months later, I returned to Maine Chance to do a follow-up story. Marshall had grown a lot since I first saw him, but was still the same curious and energetic colt.

Casiguapo has reached success with racing in graded stakes. Part of Casiguapo’s story was picked up by ESPN, which is one of my proudest moments to see the name recognition Maine Chance got because of this horse.

I’ve saved perhaps my favorite for last. Design. I never thought I wanted to be a graphic designer, but after this internship, it looks like a great career option. One of the things I designed while here was the Wildcat Canter. The new layout took a lot of time, but I am so happy with the new professional appearance. Another newsletter publication I redesigned was the Gluck Research and Service Report. I also worked on several fliers, signs, programs and even a Christmas Card.

While I look back over all of these great things since I started working here, I can’t help but smile. It has truly been a pleasure to have worked here and I wish the program the most success. The purpose of an internship is to help you learn, grow and discover your talents. The sky is the limit!

UK student heads to Wellington to follow her dream

You all may be wondering what I mean when I talk about finding the distance or anything related to that. Well, here is a brief explanation...

George Morris explained that many riders never go as far as Laura Kraut or Beezie Madden in the international ring. Out of all of the top amateur and junior riders, only a few will “go the distance” or, in other words, make it to the very top. So I sat on this for a while then thought to myself, everyone has to find their distance, in and out of the arena. Whether that is the hunter ring, the grand prix ring or the international ring, everyone has their own distance. The distance I have chosen won't be easy, I know, but I WANT to go the distance. Of course I'd love to go as far as Beezie, but thinking realistically here, I want to go the distance that best suits me. To me, finding your distance relates to where you take off for a jump, finding your chosen path, living your goals and most of all finding your purpose.

For the next three months I will be a working student for Melissa Murphy from Lexington, Kentucky. I am a full time student at the University of Kentucky and my riding and training in Wellington will fulfill my internship requirements for school. I plan to pursue a career in the hunter/jumper industry and one day show across the country in the Grand Prix ring.

This is my first time writing a blog! I wanted to be able to share my very first Wellington experience with all of my family and friends around the world so everyone can follow me while I work on finding my distance. Hope you enjoy! –Cate Thomas

To follow Cate's journey go to <http://findingthedistance.weebly.com/>

UK CAFE Equine Industry Advisory Committee members' fun features

UK is incredibly fortunate to have several esteemed equine industry professionals serve the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in an advisory role. Recently, two stories featured Matt Koch and Edith Conyers. Both serve on the College's Equine Industry Advisory Committee. See those stories below.

A dog, a farmer and their labor of love

Paris, KY. (WKYT)- On a cold and messy Valentine's Day we have a special love story to warm your heart, but it may not be what you are thinking. WKYT's Amber Philpott has the story here: <http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/A-dog-a-farmer-and-their-labor-of-love-245631421.html?device=phone>

Throwback Thursday: Long ears and a big heart

By Lindsay Berreth, The Chronicle of the Horse

She was admired by eventing legends like Neil Ayer, Col. Paul Wimert and General Jack Burton. Olympic gold medalist Tad Coffin even took a spin on her. She was featured on the cover of the Wall Street Journal and was known throughout the country for her cross-country prowess. So, who was this famous eventer? Kit the mule!

Read the entire story here: <http://www.chronofhorse.com/article/tbt-long-ears-big-heart>

UK Student - the four-legged kind - on course as a Kentucky Derby contender

Liane Crossley

Source: *KY Forward* correspondent

Casiguapo is still a good student even after leaving the University of Kentucky, where he received his early education.

The stylish athlete is no ordinary college graduate — he is a horse, of course. And not an ordinary horse either. With his mind on winning, this Thoroughbred is a Kentucky Derby contender

To read the entire story, visit <http://www.kyforward.com/2014/02/uk-student-the-four-legged-kind-on-course-as-a-kentucky-derby-contender/>.

University of Kentucky-bred colt is on the Kentucky Derby Trail

Jennie Rees

Source: *Courier-Journal*

It's not unusual to see Kentucky-bred horses in the Kentucky Derby, but this year there is a University of Kentucky-bred on the Derby trail.

To read the entire story, visit http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20140221/SPORTS08/302210071/-1/rsslink?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter.

engAGer- UK student body newsletter

In this issue you will find a spotlight of a student organization, a word from the new dean, and some upcoming dates for events around the College of Agriculture, Food & Environment.

Stay up to date with information and events from around the college by following us on social media!

To view the newsletter, please visit <http://us3.campaign-archive1.com/?u=14d2c12fa5cac6a256cfc8390&id=d424926c1f&e=e4828f0225>

Thinning the herd: Team cuts numbers in hopes of better results

Kevin Erpenbeck

Source: *KY Kernel*

The UK equestrian team has discovered that the best way to excel in their season is to build a smaller team.

That has been a priority of the team's first-year head coach, Diana Conlon, who rode at UK from 2003 to 2008.

To read the entire story, visit <http://kykernel.com/2014/02/06/thinning-the-herd-team-cuts-numbers-in-hopes-of-better-results/>.

The Race for Education scholarships

The deadline for most Race For Education scholarship applications is fast approaching.

Whether you're a child of an equine industry worker or pursuing your own future in the equine and agriculture industries, we have a scholarship for you!

Our first scholarship deadline is Feb. 28. For more information please visit <http://www.raceforeducation.org/scholarships/>

Thoroughbred Scholarship

Multiple Awards; Up to \$6,000 per year; Deadline 2/28/14

The Thoroughbred Scholarship is available to students from any background wishing to pursue a career in equine science, racetrack management, equine business management or pasture management as it pertains to horse farms and other related fields.

Washington State Thoroughbred Foundation Scholarship

One award; Up to \$5,000; Deadline 2/28/14

The Washington State Thoroughbred Foundation Scholarship is available to a Washington state student/resident from any background wishing to pursue a career in equine science, racetrack management, equine business management or pasture management as it pertains to horse farms and other related fields.

Recipient is selected from the Thoroughbred Scholarship applicants.

H.B.P.A Horsemen Scholarship

Multiple awards; Up to \$5,000; Deadline 3/28/14

The HPBA Horsemen Scholarship is available to children of horse farm and back stretch employees. Students may pursue any field of study.

Robert J. Frankel Scholarship

One award; Up to \$5,000; Deadline 3/28/14

The Robert J. Frankel Scholarship is available to a New York state student/resident who is a child of a horse farm or back stretch employee. Students may pursue any field of study. Recipient is selected from the Horsemen's Scholarship applicants.

John R. Velazquez Scholarship, sponsored by Team Valor

One award; Up to \$5,000 a year for four years; Deadline 3/28/14

The John R. Velazquez Scholarship is available to a Hispanic student who is a child of a horse farm or back stretch employee. Student may pursue any field of study. Recipient is selected from the Horsemen's Scholarship applicants.

Isaac Murphy Scholarship, sponsored by Team Valor

One award; Up to \$5,000 per year for up to four years; Deadline 3/28/14

The Isaac Murphy Scholarship is available to an African American student who is a child of a horse farm or back stretch employee. Student may pursue any field of study. Recipient is selected from the Horsemen's Scholarship applicants.

4-H 'Leg Up' Scholarship

Multiple awards; Up to \$4,000; Deadline 5/30/14

The 4-H 'Leg Up' Scholarship is available to Kentucky High School seniors actively involved in their 4-H Horse Club Chapters.

RTIP Xpressbet Scholarship

One award; Up to \$5,000; Deadline 6/2/14

The RTIP Xpressbet Scholarship is available to a student to attend the Race Track Industry Program at the University of Arizona.

Driving into the future

Alexandra Harper

Crosby Reed from Morganton, N.C., is a senior in the Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program. Reed chose to come to the University of Kentucky because of its recognition and location in the Horse Capital of the World.

“Being close to the best large animal veterinary clinics, the Gluck Equine Research Center and the many large horse farms provided more opportunities for me than I could have received in North Carolina,” Reed said.

Growing up, Reed competed with Saddlebreds, Quarter Horses, Paints, Peruvian Horses, Arabians, Morgans, Shetland Ponies, Miniatures, Standardbreds and Warmbloods in just about anything from saddleseat to western pleasure and jumping to driving.

“I was fortunate to have a family that supported me no matter what I wanted to do,” Reed said.

“Crosby is incredibly driven and hard working,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, Internship Coordinator. “She wanted an internship that expanded on what she knew instead of just reinforcing it.”

Reed chose to do her internship this spring at Gayla Driving Center in Georgetown because of its specialization in driving horses. As an intern, she exercises and grooms the horses, takes care of the barn and harnesses and takes lessons from the resident instructor. Her favorite part of the internship is the hands-on work with the horses and talking to the clients.

“Although I am very familiar with driving and compete in driving myself, I do not have much experience with combined driving,” Reed said. “Working here is valuable training.”

After graduation, Reed will go home to train horses, riders and drivers at her family farm in North Carolina.

“This experience has taught me a lot about farm management, some things that I can use and some I will avoid,” Reed said. “My goals for the future are to go back to North Carolina and continue to manage and train at my farm, Mimosa Hills Farm, LLC. I train for nearly every discipline, so the more I am exposed to, the more diverse I can make my farm and the more clients I can reach.”



Faculty spotlight: Craig Carter

Alexandra Harper

Craig Carter, director and professor of epidemiology at the UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, grew up in Whiting, Ind., right on Lake Michigan.

Carter earned his Master's in Epidemiology, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and doctorate in Veterinary Public Health from Texas A&M University. He also attended Command and General Staff College for the U.S. Army. Carter came to the VDL (then called Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center) in 2005 to establish a veterinary epidemiology unit in the Department of Veterinary Science to better follow animal disease trends and major outbreaks for the animal agricultural industries. Carter then became Director of the UK VDL in 2007.



At the VDL, Carter serves as chief administrator of a full-service veterinary diagnostic laboratory with 10 faculty, three pathology residents and 58 scientists, technicians and support staff. The laboratory takes, on average, 60,000 clinical cases annually from more than 500 veterinary hospitals throughout Kentucky and the U.S. He also plans for emergency management of endemic, emerging, foreign or intentionally-introduced diseases and develops and teaches university and international courses.

From 1967-2009, Carter served on active and reserve duty in the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army, which gave him the opportunity to serve around the world in places like Vietnam, Thailand, Korea, Spain, Honduras, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. Carter led the first veterinary unit into Afghanistan after the 9/11 events. A military veterinarian's job in a combat theater is to assure food and water safety for the troops, protect deployed forces against dangerous animals, provide rabies and other infectious disease surveillance to protect troops from acquiring those diseases, provide medicine and surgery to military working dogs to assure the health of the animals that detect explosives, hunt for mines, pursue enemy insurgents, patrol and guard base perimeters and much more.

Before coming to the VDL, Carter ran a general veterinary practice in Texas for five years, focusing on cattle and horse medicine and surgery. He responded to an event in the winter of 1983 where more than 2,000 horses died during an unexpected winter storm that froze all stock ponds and killed all the winter grass in Falls County, Texas. He also raised horses and Sicilian miniature donkeys for 15 years. Over the last several years, Carter has been working to fund a research project to develop a leptospirosis vaccine for the horse, which is a major cause of abortion and eye disease in horses in the U.S.

Carter has been a pilot for more than 40 years and is now working on a helicopter rating, which hopefully will allow him better access to Kentucky farms when needed. He has also played in bands part time (guitar and vocals) round the U.S. to help pay for school and for other various charities. Some of his other hobbies include riding his Harley motorcycle when the weather permits, along with playing tennis and maintaining his small farm with his wife and German Shepherd.



Student professionalism series

Elizabeth LaBonty, Lecturer and Internship Coordinator

The University of Kentucky Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program strives to not only educate you about equine science, but also to prepare you for your future career. Part of this preparation includes classroom guest lectures, hands-on labs, requiring an internship before you graduate, exposing you to numerous industry-related careers, and most recently, we have added an all-new series called the Student Professionalism Series to the Wildcat Canter. The Student Professionalism Series will offer insight and tips to help you effectively prepare for, find, apply to and obtain the career of your choice. This month, we will be exploring what the UK Equine Career and Opportunity Fair is, why you should go and what you should do while you're there.

6th Annual UK Equine Career and Opportunity Fair

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

-Winston Churchill

For the past six years, the University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs has hosted an equine-specific career fair. This event is designed by our very own UK ESMA students and is open to students at UK, as well as to college students inside and outside Kentucky's borders. The Equine Career and Opportunity Fair brings local businesses with volunteer, internship, part-time and full-time jobs and career opportunities together with a gamut of students, from freshman exploring how to get involved in the industry to seniors actively searching for careers. Last year alone, more than 220 students attended. So why should you go?

Get involved

The first step in building your career is to get involved in the industry. Simply joining organizations like the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association, the Kentucky Horse Council, the Kentucky Equine Networking Association and Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association gives you the opportunity to network, meet people in the industry, listen to guest lecturers and become educated about industry issues and opportunities. Students who are members of industry organizations are not only more informed, but also more involved and they have greater opportunities to meet potential employers compared to students who aren't involved. If you leave the Equine Career and Opportunity Fair having simply joined one professional or industry specific organization, you will have already invested in your future career.

Volunteer

At first glance, volunteering does not sound very glamorous or beneficial. But the second step in building your career is to gain experience. Not every business can

afford to pay you, but almost all of them will let you volunteer to gain hands-on experience. Volunteering shows potential employers you care about the industry, you are committed to learning more and that you are invested in improving yourself. Not only do you gain hands-on experience by volunteering, but you also are able to network, build your resume and broaden your horizons by doing so. So if you see a business you really want to work for someday, even if they aren't currently hiring, consider offering to volunteer for that organization and you may be surprised at how far it will take you.

Internships

The next step in building your career is to develop valuable hands-on skills, and one of the best ways to do that is through internships. Internships encompass a set amount of time and serve as a quick introduction to different jobs and careers. They are excellent ways to learn more about a business. Internships can lead to paid, more permanent jobs, and even if you don't stay with the business you can gain a professional reference. I encourage everyone who attends this year's Equine Career and Opportunity Fair to get more information on at least two different internship opportunities.

Jobs

Obviously the final step in building your career is landing the right job. Most people come to a career fair looking for jobs, but as you may have already gathered, if you haven't invested time getting involved in the industry, gaining experience and developing skills, you will be less likely to land a job than someone who has done these things. No one gets their dream job right out of college. Even with a degree, you still need to put in your time as an employee and work your way up to your ideal career. But learning about different jobs that are available, meeting people who work where you want to work one day, and introducing yourself to those who do what you want to do will help.

I would encourage each of you to use this year's Equine Career and Opportunity Fair to help you build your career. Whether you are early on in your degree and just looking to get involved, in the midst of your education and want to gain experience or you are about to graduate and not sure what the next step might be, there is something for everyone at this year's fair. In addition to the businesses attending, we will have experts in the Thoroughbred industry, pharmaceutical sales and graduate school on hand to give you one-on-one advice about these career paths and point you in the right direction.

Students travel from all over to come to UK's Equine Career and Opportunity Fair, which is the only known equine specific event like it in the country. I hope that each and every UK student will take advantage of it as well!

For more information please see the event announcement on page 13 or visit our Facebook page at: UK Equine Career Fair.

Annual career fair unites college students, equine industry

Holly Wiemers

The University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs will host its sixth annual UK Equine Career and Opportunity Fair from 4:30 to 7 p.m. EST March 4 at Spindletop Hall in Lexington.

The event provides college students the chance to meet prospective equine industry employers and to learn about potential volunteer, internship, part-time and full-time employment opportunities. In addition to booths from area equine businesses, attendees can also participate in sessions led by industry professionals, who will offer tips and one-on-one career advice. New this year, participants will also have the opportunity to meet local boarding facilities and trainers.

“This year’s fair will be the biggest and best one yet. In years past, this has been an excellent event for students to connect with industry organizations. We had more than 220 students attend last year alone,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, lecturer and internship coordinator in UK’s Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program, and whose equine careers’ class is planning the event.

“This year we have expanded it to include businesses students can join for networking purposes, barns that are student friendly and trainers who offer riding and lessons,” she said. “What makes this event so special is that it is student initiated, student driven and student planned. We have 13 students hard at work, and it’s exciting to watch them work, hear their ideas and see it all come together.”

The event is free and will offer college-aged attendees the chance to visit local equine business and organization booths. Informational sessions will allow participants to explore opportunities related to pharmaceutical sales, graduate school and jobs within the Thoroughbred industry. Food and drinks will also be provided, as will a shuttle service for students without vehicles on UK’s campus.

“Being a part of the 2014 Equine Career and Opportunity Fair is such an awesome experience. It’s really fun to learn what actually goes into planning an event. I have attended the fair in the past and made a lot of new connections by doing so,” said Courtney Schneider, a junior equine major from Frankfort, Ky. “This year we hope to make it bigger and better than ever before.”

Another student in the class, Morgan Reece, a freshman equine major on a pre-vet path from North Vernon, Ind., echoed those sentiments. “I am excited for the fair because it has evolved into this event that offers students a variety of opportunities. The fair is so different than anything that I have had the chance

to help plan. It is amazing to think that I can help bring all of these people together in one event to help us all out,” she said.

Confirmed participants currently include Central Kentucky

Riding For Hope, Darley Flying Start Program, Gluck Equine Research Center, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Keeneland, Kentucky Equine Management Internship, Kentucky Equine Humane Center, Kentucky Horse Park, Kentucky Horseshoeing School, Kentucky Quarter Horse Association, Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass, Makers Mark Secretariat Center, New Vocations, North American Racing Academy, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, UK Ag Equine Programs, UK Animal and Food Science Graduate Association and the United States Equestrian Federation.

Students and potential employers who would like more information about the UK Equine Career Fair may contact Elizabeth LaBonty at 859-257-2226 or email equine@uky.edu. There is also an event Facebook page, University of Kentucky Equine Career Fair, which provides up-to-date info. For more information about UK Ag Equine Programs, visit <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/>.

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Clubs and teams updates

Equestrian Team

HUNT SEAT TEAM

UK's Equestrian Team had a successful show at the Tournament of Champions. The team finished seventh out of the top 20 teams on the East Coast.

On Feb. 8 and 9, the University of Kentucky hunt seat equestrian team competed at Morehead State University.

All of the riders competed well, allowing them to receive reserved high point team on Saturday after winning a tie breaker with two other teams, and high point team on Sunday. Saturday's high point rider was also a UKET rider - congratulations to Rachel Porter!

The team has had several riders qualify for this year's regionals and pointed out of their divisions! Congratulations to: Kate Bucciarelli in novice flat (now intermediate flat), Lucy Hart in open fences (making her ineligible to also compete in intermediate fences at regionals, according to IHSA rules) and Stephanie Spooner in walk-trot-canter (now novice flat).



Polo Team

In between snow storms, the Polo Team has squeezed in a few games this semester. The Varsity Women played a great game against the University of Wisconsin. The Varsity Men's team competed against Michigan State and won by an impressive margin. Women's Varsity and the JV team also played against the University of Michigan on Feb. 14 and 15. Anyone who wishes to come watch a game can check out the team's Facebook page or website for more information.

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Buy UKDET For A Day!

Need some maintenance work done around your home or farm that you just don't have time to get to? Well we can help! Rent the University of Kentucky Dressage and Event Team to paint jumps, shovel snow, weed, clean, etc. Individual trailer washing also available.

Half Day (4 hours): \$100

Full Day (8 hours): \$200

Trailer (size dependant) \$30-\$60

Guaranteed at least 8 hardworking, strong girls. Weekends only. All proceeds go towards sending our team to the Intercollegiate Dressage Association National Championships and FENCE Intercollegiate Horse Trials in April. Contact Aileen O'Brien by phone: (630) 824-8347 or email: aileen.obrien@uky.edu



SPRING HUNTER PACE

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014
9 AM- 3PM

Masterson Station Park
3051 Leestown Rd, Lexington Ky

Come join the UK Dressage & Eventing Team for a day of beautiful riding, fun, and food.

Concession will be available.

HUNT*PLEASURE*JUNIOR DIVISIONS

Awards for top finishers in all divisions, and a prize will be given to the team with the best turnout or costume (*derby theme*)!

ASTM/FEI helmets mandatory-Coggins required-All fences optional

Pre-registration appreciated, but not required.
Teams of 3-4 riders please.

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