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It has been my pleasure to serve as UK Ag Equine Programs Director for the past two years. Some of my goals for the past year have been to engage students in more of the equine opportunities at UK and in the horse industry. The advice I gave to students when I spoke to Ms. LaBonty's class is to "Go the extra mile," which means to network and volunteer in order to get more experience and knowledge of the horse industry. Lexington is a great area in that nearly every day there is something going on in the horse industry. Those that make the extra effort to meet industry leaders are going to be the ones that get the good jobs when they are available.



When I first came to UK about five years ago, I was impressed with the breadth of the faculty interested in horses. I know of no other place where once a month during our equine forum we will have faculty from Veterinary Science, Animal and Food Sciences, Community Leadership Development, Plant and Soil Science and Agricultural Economics, just to mention a few.

This has allowed us to propose a curriculum change that will provide students with the ability to customize their educational program to fit their interests and to increase their chances of employment after graduation. Our steering committee has proposed that the Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program would have six emphasis areas instead of the current two options. These would be science, industry, pre-professional, business, community leadership development and forage/pasture. All students would take the required core classes for the major and select courses from one or more of the emphasis areas. We have also added courses in equine reproduction, equine genetics, event planning and the Thoroughbred industry. Additional courses will be added once the curriculum changes have been approved by the College of Agriculture and the University. In my mind if these changes occur, UK will have the most novel and exciting equine science degree in the country. We plan to take advantage of the intellectual and physical resources in the area, such as the industry leaders, the Kentucky Horse Park, sales facilities, veterinary clinics, race tracks and breeding and training facilities in Central Kentucky.

Oh to be young again, where I could enroll and go through our equine program!

Edward L. Squier

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News and Announcements

Career Fair Recap

By Alexandra Harper

The fifth annual Equine Career Fair was the most successful one yet. Presented by the UK Ag Equine Programs, this year's fair was held March 5. More than 25 area organizations provided career information and networking opportunities for students.

More than 220 college students from UK and 33 other colleges around the United States were in attendance, with more than 29 states and two countries represented. Students enjoyed free pizza and drinks while gaining valuable networking experience.



Participants talked one-on-one with local businesses to learn about internships, jobs and volunteer opportunities. The fair also held interest sessions with industry leaders in the areas of graduate school, the Thoroughbred industry, pharmaceutical sales and alternative therapy careers.

One student commented, "There was a lot more information available than I expected."

Vendors who participated said they were equally pleased with the event.

One vendor said, "The event was very successful and I really enjoyed the communication from the students."



This year's Equine Career Fair was organized by Equine Science and Management students in the Equine Event Planning class led by instructor, Elizabeth LaBonty, lecturer and internship coordinator.

According to LaBonty, that was what made the event so successful. "From the planning and marketing to the execution, this event was student driven. I could not be more proud of our students or more pleased with the support of our industry," she said.

Some of the organizations that participated included Alltech, American Saddlebred Horse Association, Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, Darley Flying Start Program, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Keeneland, Kentucky Equine Management Internship, Kentucky Equine Education Project, Kentucky Horse Council, Kentucky Horseshoeing School, Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers' Club, Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass, Makers Mark Secretariat Center, North American Racing Academy, Paulick Report, New Vocations, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, Taylor Made and Woodford Equine Hospital.

Job Club

The University of Kentucky Alumni Association and Fayette County Cooperative Extension Service is pleased to announce the formation of a Job Club. The free group is open to the public and will meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-10:15 a.m. at the Fayette County Cooperative Extension Office, 1140 Red Mile Place, Lexington, Ky.

The purpose of the Job Club is to provide a positive environment for motivated job seekers to meet, connect, share and learn. Each meeting will consist of a brief career-related program and provide time for sharing and networking among attendees. Some program topics include: job search strategies, a personal 30-second commercial, resumes, networking, interviewing, finances, unemployment benefits, social media and goal setting.

For more information, call the UK Alumni Association at 859-257-8905 or the Fayette Cooperative Extension Office at 859-257-5582.

Kentucky Equine Youth Festival Celebrates the Horse and Kentucky's Youth

By Holly Wiemers

Photos by Matt Barton

Bookmark design by Dennis Durross

UK Agricultural Communications

More than 2,500 school-aged children attended the 2013 Kentucky Equine Youth Festival, Celebrating the Horse, at the Kentucky Horse Park's Alltech Arena March 27.

Hailing from 46 Kentucky counties and two neighboring states, participants ranged in age from 4 to 18. The event featured several breeds of horses that demonstrated equestrian sport in a variety of disciplines, including jumping, stock horse versatility, vaulting, driving, Arabian Horse versatility and gaited breeds, including those native to Kentucky.

Other educational opportunities included up-close-and-personal sessions about vaulting, horse dentistry, therapy horses, size comparisons of different breeds and biomechanics of jockeys and racehorses.

"This year's festival was an educational and rewarding experience. The UK College of Agriculture was happy to join with our partner organizations in celebrating two of Kentucky's signature assets, the horse and our youth," said Jimmy Henning, associate dean for extension and director of the Kentucky

Cooperative Extension Service. "We are happy to have been a part of this special day at the Kentucky Horse Park, as well as every day and across the state through our 4-H equine programs at our county extension offices."

This year's festival build upon the first one held in 2010, where children packed the venue to watch world-renowned elite equestrian athletes demonstrate the disciplines of the World Equestrian Games.



New this year was an art contest with the theme, "What Horses Mean to Kentucky." Winners were revealed during the event, and bookmarks featuring the winning art were distributed to all participants.

The event was staged by the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program in conjunction with the University of Kentucky's Ag Equine Programs and in partnership with the Equine Academy at Lexington Catholic High School, Equine Land Conservation Resource, Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Equine Education Project, Kentucky Horse Council, Kentucky Horse Park, Midway College, United States Equestrian Federation and the United States Pony Clubs.

The event's major sponsors included the Bluegrass Palomino Horse Association, North American Equine Ranching Information Council, Race for Education, United States Equestrian Federation and the University of Louisville's Equine Industry Program.



Art Festival Exhibit:
"What Horses Mean to Kentucky"

High School Winner

Bobbie Jones
10th Grade

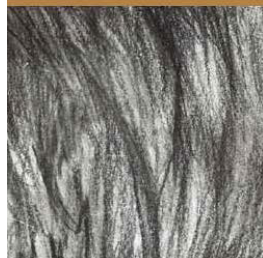
Jones Independent Baptist Academy
Winchester, KY



Art Festival Exhibit:
"What Horses Mean to Kentucky"

Middle School Winner

Emily Adams
Russell Middle School
Russell, KY



Art Festival Exhibit:
"What Horses Mean to Kentucky"

Elementary School Winner

Virginia Walsh
5th Grade
Concord Elementary
Paducah, KY



28th Annual National Conference on Equine Law

The University of Kentucky College of Law is presenting its 28th Annual National Conference on Equine Law. The conference will be held on May 1 and 2 at Keeneland Racecourse in Lexington, Ky.

The conference will be focused on giving an understanding of current legal issues affecting breeding, buying, selling, ownership interests, racing and other business operations of the horse industry. The program is intended for attorneys who counsel, represent or litigate on behalf of buyers, sellers, breeders, brokers, owners of interests in horses and other entities involved with the industry, as well as the general public.

The sessions will range from case law updates, law of service animals, expert witnesses in equine litigation, ethics for the equine lawyer, to transportation issues in the equine industry, equine law tax updates, status of the law on race-day medication, equine veterinary malpractice and third-party liability issues and the legal issues surrounding equine after-care.

If interested in attending, registration with materials on a jump drive will be \$500 in advance and \$575 at the door, registration with a hard copy of materials is \$575 in advance and \$650 at the door. The registration fee includes attendance for all sessions, course materials in format selected, Wednesday and Thursday luncheons, Wednesday reception, continental breakfasts and refreshments.

For more information on this conference, call (859) 257-2921.

UK's Jill Stowe Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Kentucky Wesleyan College recently inducted seven All-Americans, two revered coaches, a NFL executive and a legendary broadcaster into its first Athletics Hall of Fame class.

University of Kentucky's Agricultural Economics faculty member Jill Stowe was inducted as the first two-time Academic All-American in two separate sports in Division II- basketball and volleyball. She holds the career attack percentage at .363 for volleyball and the career scoring average record at 16.7 points and career rebounding average record at 9.8 for basketball.

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New series about a Maine Chance Farm foal

By *Erin Morgan*

The horse walks into the ring standing tall with its perfectly-groomed coat, not a speck of dirt in sight and hundreds of people contemplating whether to bid on that horse. The sound of the auctioneer is heard in the background. All of a sudden, the auctioneer calls out, "Sold!"

Have you ever wondered what it takes to get a horse to this point? Raising a horse from its very first steps as a foal, to watching it grow and interact with other horses, to leading it onto the trailer for the sales. While many of us know the basics of raising a horse, we often forget the countless hours spent and the tremendous amount of dedication it takes.

Starting next month, we'll begin a series of stories featuring a foal at the University of Kentucky's Maine Chance Farm. We will follow its growth, progress and development, and include some fun pictures as well. Stay tuned for the first story in the series in the April issue of Wildcat Canter, where we'll release the name of the foal and a brief background. We hope you will join us!

UK Student Bethany Wurl finds her Passion for the Racetrack

By Kelli Crosby

When Bethany Wurl came to Kentucky she had no idea how her life would be shaped by the Thoroughbred industry. Wurl, a sophomore in the Equine Science and Management program at UK, moved to Lexington from Indiana. She arrived knowing that she wanted to work in the equine industry, but had limited knowledge of exactly what opportunities there were. Her only previous equine experience was giving lessons to children in 4-H.

During her time at UK, Wurl became heavily involved in campus life. She immediately joined the UK Horse Racing Club and after one year of club membership, she became a board member and was able to become more directly involved with the industry. This involvement opened her eyes to opportunities available in the Thoroughbred industry and ultimately Wurl took advantage of the opportunity to intern at Winstar Farm.

Winstar is one of the largest Thoroughbred farms in the country and is involved with all aspects of Thoroughbred racing. Bethany's supervisor, Amy Nave, said, "We always hope our interns will take away a better understanding of the Thoroughbred industry. Bethany has helped us greatly with maintaining horse health records and Bloodstock Department projects."

During her internship, Wurl was responsible for giving tours of the stallion barn and breeding shed. She also worked with the administrative staff to assist with research information needed to support the farm's endeavors.

"My internship has helped me to gain extensive knowledge of the industry and prepare me for many different career paths within it," Wurl said. "It is a surreal experience being in the stallion barn with legendary sires such as Tiznow and Distorted Humor on a daily basis, and to see some of the farm's current race horses, such as Revolutionary, make their way to the Derby."

"We are fortunate to be able to send interns to Winstar," said Internship Coordinator, Elizabeth LaBonty. "It is a very reputable farm and takes the time to really invest in its interns. Bethany was a great fit for this internship."

Upon graduation, Wurl plans to pursue a career in the Thoroughbred industry. Though unclear at this time whether she wants to pursue a job in the field of pedigree and conformation analysis, breeding, or bloodstock, the experience with Winstar Farm has given her experience in each of these areas.

"Winstar has given me knowledge of the mechanics, hands-on experience and insight into each of these fields, as well as notable resources and industry contacts," Wurl said.



Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital Scholarship Spotlight

By Alexandra Harper

Jennifer Brogie, a senior majoring in equine science and management and minoring in biological sciences was a recipient of the Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital scholarship from 2010-2011.



Brogie is originally from Acton, Mass. and has recently been accepted to veterinary school at both the University of Pennsylvania and Colorado State University. During her time at UK, Brogie has worked at Rood & Riddle as a surgery technician.

According to Brogie, her experiences at Rood & Riddle taught her a vast amount about veterinary medicine and helped to confirm her desire to pursue veterinary medicine as a profession.

"Receiving the Rood & Riddle scholarship has helped me to save more money to put towards my veterinary school education," she said. "This scholarship allowed me to volunteer in different veterinary practices, rather than having to find a job, so that I could build a strong application for veterinary school."

Brogie is the current UK Dressage and Eventing Team president and likes participating in clinics and competing in the Intercollegiate Dressage Association. Besides horseback riding, she enjoys swimming and can't wait to spend time at the beach this summer.

Clubs and Teams

Dressage and Eventing Team

The University of Kentucky Dressage Team celebrates success after holding its first combined test and dressage show during the first weekend in March. The combined test, which was open to all riders and had more than 50 entries, was held at the Windy Knoll Farm in Lexington. Despite the unexpected winter weather and a few stuck trailers, the day ended with ribbons and smiles all around.



The team's highlights included:

- Kimmy Cecere placing reserve high point rider with a score of 68.3% on a first level dressage test.
- A first place ribbon was awarded in the preliminary division to Conner Giesselman as well as a second place finish for her in the training division.
- Aileen O'Brien and her mount finished in second place after their ride in the beginner novice division.
- Riders Michaela Lambert and Ellison Humphrey finished second and third respectively in the starter CT division.

After a day of success the UKDET plans to hold the combined test again next spring with hopes of even a larger turn out and fingers crossed, more sunny weather!

The following weekend was just as noteworthy, as the team competed in the Midway College IDA show and placed 5th overall with a win by team member, Maura Goldner, in the training division.

Also, on the 24th, the UKDET hosted a dressage clinic with dressage rider, trainer and clinician Reese Koffler-Stanfield at Maplecrest Farm.

Looking ahead to April 13 and 14, a group of four members from the UK Dressage & Event Team will be competing in the FENCE Horse Trials in the college team challenge in the beginner novice division. Big congratulations to the team for all of its success this past semester and good luck to all riders in events this coming season!

Equestrian Team

Western Team

The UK Equestrian, Western Team competed at the semi finals for the first time on March 23 and 24. In addition to the team, the following individuals represented UK in the individual competitions: Elyssa Smith, Lindsey Scherer and Allie Board (reining and horsemanship) competed for a chance at nationals. Open rider Allie Board will represent Zone 6 Region 3 in the AQHA Cup at nationals May 2-5 in Harrisburg, Pa.



Horse Racing Club

The Horse Racing Club will be taking a tour of Claiborne Farm on March 30 at 11 a.m. The club will also have a spring event on April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Willy T Library titled Inside Horse Racing: Picking a Winner. The event will take an in-depth look at handicapping, what it is and how to use it. A panel of industry professionals will discuss handicapping and how to pick winners for Keeneland's biggest day, The Bluegrass Stakes. The panel will also look at who to follow on the Derby Trail. The panel will consist of Ed DeRosa, Sean Feld and Tom LaMarra and the Emcee will be Mike Penna from the Horse Racing Radio Network.

For all additional information, readers can follow the team on Facebook as University of Kentucky Horse Racing Club. Twitter-@UKHRC.

Polo Club

The Polo Team competed March 23-24 at the University of Virginia in the Southeastern Regional Tournament. The team played University of Virginia, Michigan State, George Washington and University of Louisville. The last weekend in March, the team will be hosting Emory University for two matches and the first weekend in April it will be hosting Virginia Tech. Times for the matches will be posted on the team's Facebook page soon!





Keeneland Scholarship Day

Date: Friday, April 5, 2013

Event Description: \$10,000 in scholarships, prize drawings, free food, live music and more!

As one of Keeneland's most popular promotions, College Scholarship Day is an opportunity for college students to enjoy a day at the races and possibly walk away with a college scholarship or other great prizes.

College Scholarship Day Facts:

- Free general admission with college ID at East Gate
- Registration begins at 11 a.m. in the College Zone
- Free T-shirts to the first 1,000 students who register, courtesy of Kennedy Book Store
- Free snacks, courtesy of Qdoba & Coke
- Photos with LexScene to be featured in the magazine & online
- Win great prizes throughout the day
- Live music
- Free student-only handicapping contest

College Scholarship Day Rules:

- Each student must currently be enrolled FULL TIME at a college, university, technical school, trade school, or other such school that qualifies for federal aid. Each student must be present to win
- There will be 10 drawings, nine from the general pool and one from the Thoroughbred Industry pool. One drawing will be made immediately after each of Keeneland's 10 races, with the Thoroughbred Industry Drawing after the tenth race.
- After each drawing, the winner's name will be posted on boards at the East and South Gates and at the registration table in the College Zone. Keeneland will attempt to call or text each student to notify them.
- When a student hears or sees their name, please report back to the registration table in North Terrace area for validation.
- Check one of the boards at the East and South Gates or the registration table in the College Zone at the end of the day to make sure you have not missed your name. All 10 names will be listed.



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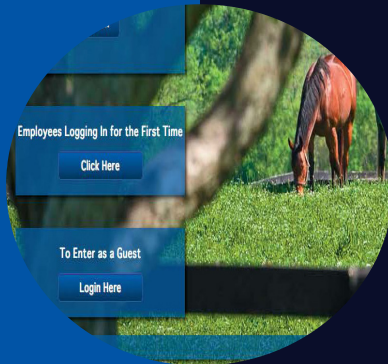
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Upcoming Events

April 1

Deadline for College of Agriculture scholarship applications

April 5

Last day to withdraw from a class for academic reasons

April 26

Last day of classes

April 30-May 3

Finals Week

May 4

Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs

May 5

Graduation at Rupp Arena



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