

Wildcat Canter



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UK Equine Initiative
Student Newsletter

The weather is warming up and spring is just around the corner. Lots of things are happening around the College and in Central Kentucky that are affecting the Equine industry. The Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree was officially approved by the UK Board of Trustees, the Horse Racing Club is hosting a trainer panel that will feature well-known Thoroughbred trainers, riding teams are competing in regional and national competitions and the student working group is hosting a career fair to help prepare you for life after college!

With all these exciting new things happening, we hope that you will continue to keep up with news on the Equine Initiative website and by reading the Wildcat Canter.

Enjoy your spring break and be safe!

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Equine Clubs Upcoming Events

Polo Club

No update available

Equestrian Team

The UK Equestrian Team has again been named the High Point Team for the region and will be defending its national championship title at IHSA Nationals April 23-26, 2009. The Western Team also had more individual riders qualify for the National Semi-Zones competition to be hosted by Morehead State University on March 21-22, 2009, than ever before.

The riders that individually qualified include:

- Savannah Craddock- Alumni Reining
- Jenna Layne- Novice Horsemanship
- Molly Peyton- Reining and Open Horsemanship
- Kevin Sipes- Intermediate Horsemanship
- Lacey Werczynski- Alumni Reining and Alumni Horsemanship

Dressage Team

On Feb. 14-15, UKDT competed in a regional IDA (Intercollegiate Dressage Association) show located at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio. On the first day of competition, Team A received 5th place overall, a season high. The individual standings were as follows:

- First Level-Alison Wilaby-7th
- Upper Training-Jessica Wolk-7th
- Lower Training-Emily Mysinger-4th
- Introductory Level-Jourdan Hahn-4th

On the second day of showing, Team B also competed and finished 6th. Team A was consistent over the weekend and again placed 5th. Individual placings for each team were:

Team A:

- First Level-Alison Wilaby-5th
- Upper Training-Jessica Wolk-7th
- Lower Training-Emily Mysinger-4th
- Introductory Level-Jourdan Hahn-3rd

Team B:

- First Level-Emily Broliier-7th
- Upper Training-Barbora Kirzkova-7th
- Lower Training-Joanna Grant-3rd

Horse Racing Club

SAVE THE DATE:
Trainer Panel
Hosted by the UK Horse Racing Club
When: Tuesday April 21
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Where: Student Center Grand Ballroom



In other news, the team has now officially become the University of Kentucky Eventing and Dressage Team. If you event and would like to network with other UK eventors, please contact Emily Mysinger at ekmysi2@uky.edu.

Horse Judging Team

No update available

Saddle Seat Team

The UK Saddle Seat team recently received reserve high point team at its Morehead State University show on Saturday, Feb. 21. Molly Trent was high point rider and Michelle Krentz was reserve high point rider. The team is looking forward to hosting its next show on April 18.

Equine Initiative News

It's official!

The UK Board of Trustees voted Tuesday, March 10 to approve the Equine Science and Management degree program. This was the last step in the long approval process.

UK Equine Initiative to host inaugural equine career fair to help students prepare for internships and the workforce

By: Savannah Faye Craddock

The UK Equine Initiative will hold a career fair Tuesday, March 31, 2009, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture Ag Science North Building and Seay Auditorium.

The Equine Initiative student working group and new internship coordinator, Elizabeth LaBonty, will co-host this event, which is designed to help equine students prepare for a career in the horse industry. The event is not limited to UK students; all students with an equine interest are invited to participate.

"I think the Career Fair will be an excellent opportunity for students to connect with local employers in the equine industry," LaBonty said. "They will be able to walk away with a clear picture of how to prepare for, apply to and ultimately obtain the career of their choice."

The fair will feature an internship panel; three career-focused sessions and have speakers from multiple facets of the equine industry. The panel will consist of both students and coordinators from current well-established internship programs. The three featured programs will be Darley Flying Start, Kentucky Equine Management Internship Program (KEMI) and the Kentucky Equine Research Internship.

The three 30-minute sessions that follow the panel will run simultaneously from 5:30-7 p.m. One session will cover ways to plan ahead for a career in the equine industry. The presenter will talk about ways to get involved in the area of the industry one is interested in, what kind of job experience is best suited for that role, and how to prepare for a career in the industry. Another session will be hosted by LaBonty and will feature ways to write professional resumes and cover letters, as well as encourage students to write thank you notes to perspective employers after an interview or internship. Lastly, there will be a session focusing on professional interview skills and techniques. With the diverse job opportunities in the equine industry, it is common to be confronted with a variety of interview settings and this session will feature ways to adapt to those changes.

After the sessions are finished, students will then have an opportunity to visit with participating companies and organizations to ask questions they may have about potential job or internship opportunities.

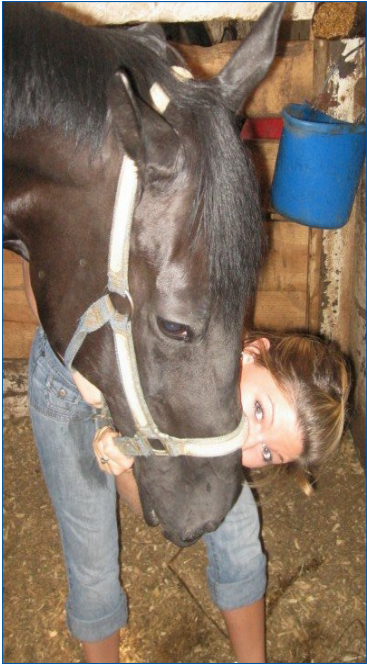
"We organized this to meet the needs of students who have a particular interest in the equine Industry and showcase the potential of our local students to employers," Emily Plant, Equine Initiative student working group member, said. "The format of a combination of short lectures and traditional job fair format will educate the students on the important topics relevant to their career or internship search and beyond."

Some of the companies and organizations that have verified their participation include the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), Darley Flying Start, KEMI, Kentucky Equine Research Internship, The Kentucky Horse Park, Makers Mark Secretariat Center, Old Friends, BloodHorse Magazine, Equestrian Land Conservation Resource, Kentucky Horse Council, Hagyard Medical Institute and Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. Many breed and professional organizations will be providing informational materials and contact information.

If you would like more information on the career fair as a student or potential employer, please contact Savannah Craddock at (859) 257-2226 or savy@uky.edu. More information about the Equine Initiative can be found at www.ag.uky.edu/equine.

The Equine Initiative says goodbye, thank you to Savannah Craddock

By Holly Wiemers, UK Equine Initiative Communications Director



The gregarious, passionate, hard working and creative force of nature that is Savannah Craddock opened the doors to our office as a student employee/intern almost two years ago. When she walks out for the last time in May, she will have left an indelible mark on the Equine Initiative and the College of Ag.

The Equine Initiative was in its formative stages when Savannah came on board. She has unquestionably helped shape its direction and we would not be where we are today without her hard work and dedication. That she sits on the Equine Initiative Executive Committee is a testament to how highly regarded she is by faculty and staff in the College.

Her role officially has been communications and editorial assistant, which entails everything from brainstorming communication ideas, staffing booth space at events, taking photos for publications, gathering and compiling information for a student newsletter, putting together flyers and other publications, writing content for marketing and public relations materials and serving as a very public face of the Equine Initiative to internal and external stakeholders. She's done it all, and done it with a smile.



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In every role, Savannah has shown a maturity beyond her years. It's often hard to remember that she's a student, because in all aspects that count, she has been more like an esteemed staff member. She's also been an invaluable resource for what's happening in the student world – after all she's been a part of almost every organized group possible here at UK, at least it would seem so to have a look at her calendar! Her involvement with Kentucky's Quarter Horse industry and as a member of UK's Equestrian Team have also been assets for the Equine Initiative.



After making her mark at UK in the College of Ag, Savannah will depart Kentucky with two degrees in hand (Ag Communications and Ag Education) and enter the next chapter of her life – as a graduate student at the University of Arkansas, where she's been offered an assistantship in Ag Education. In the course of her undergraduate career at UK, Savannah determined her true passion is educating youth about agricultural issues. The students she's worked with adore her, and their successes as they move into their college careers is as much proof of Savannah's talents as her time here has been.



We wish Savannah the best as she embarks on this new chapter in her life. We are deeply appreciative of all she's done for the Equine Initiative and will miss her tremendously. But we're also very excited to see what the future has in store for Savannah as she takes the world by storm with her infectious laugh and trademark no-holds-barred attitude.



- Top left: Savannah and her horse "Fannie"
- Bottom left: Savannah (in pink) serves food for the Fall 2008 Equine Initiative "Famous Faces" meet and greet barbeque
- Top right: Savannah riding for the Equine Initiative at the 2008 Team Penning benefit
- Middle right: Savannah and Fannie competing at Quarter Horse World Show
- Bottom right: Savannah takes center court at a UK Men's Basketball game with the UK Equestrian Team, Dr. Coleman and President Todd

UK Equine Initiative Internship Section

Matching the jobs of today with the graduates of tomorrow

Internship Interview

Name: Gus Koch

Year: Senior Equine Management/Agricultural Economics

Hometown: Paris, Ky.

Where did you do your internship? Shawhan Place, Cynthiana, Ky.

What type of things did you get to experience during your internship?

I was in charge of prepping yearlings for the July, September and October sales. I worked closely with the vets and clients and worked all of the sales that the yearlings were entered in. I also assisted with the management of the entire farm.

What were your job responsibilities?



I lunged the yearlings' everyday and saw that they were properly groomed, fed, medicated, etc. I also helped with the vet work, not only with the yearlings, but all the horses on the farm and worked on all aspects of the farm. Everything from cleaning stalls to putting up hay to working with the vets.

How did you hear about the internship?

Family connections

Was your internship with a business/farm (or type of business/farm) that you plan to work with in the future? Yes

What are your career goals now?

After graduation in May, I will be travelling to England to tour the English horse industry. Once I return from that trip, I plan to work on a racetrack for a couple months in order to gain racetrack experience. Overall, I would like to return to Central Kentucky and remain working in the Thoroughbred industry, preferably on a breeding

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Special Note: Equine Science and Management students who plan to go on an internship this summer need to email Elizabeth LaBonty (elizabeth.labonty@uky.edu) as soon as possible to set up an appointment.

Industry News

Attention Students! Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association Student Membership

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) is proud to announce the addition of a student-level membership.

To be eligible for student membership, students must submit proof of enrollment in the form of a course schedule or a letter from the registrar. Student members will enjoy the same benefits as traditional TOBA members including a subscription to the Blood-Horse Magazine, entry to most racetracks throughout the U.S., discounted pricing at seminars and clinics, the TOBA membership directory and much more. More importantly, membership dues support TOBA's programs that work on behalf of owners and breeders in the Thoroughbred industry. Student membership is available at a discounted annual membership fee.

"The TOBA student membership is designed to educate and inform the next generation of owners and breeders. As an industry we must cultivate new owners and breeders in order for our sport to continue," said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA.

Benefits of membership Include

- Subscription to the Blood-Horse Magazine
 - Free clubhouse admission to most U.S. racetracks
 - TOBA Membership Directory
 - Complimentary reports from Equineline.com
 - 50% discounts on TOBA seminars and clinics
- The membership dues are \$75.00 per year and you must submit your class schedule with membership form.

If you're interested in joining TOBA please contact Allison Parks at aparks@toba.org or **859-276-2462**.

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Alltech hosts Equine News and Brews

Join Alltech's Equine News and Brews Series, a monthly roundtable discussion forum with expert speakers addressing cutting-edge issues from reproduction to traceability in the sport horse to the aging horse.

- When:** March 26, 2009, at 7 p.m.
 - Where:** Alltech's Lexington Brewing and Distilling Company, 401 Cross Street Lexington, KY 40508
 - RSVP:** By March 23, 2009 equinenewsandbrews@alltech.com
- (Reminder: you must be 21 to attend)

Jenna Gover, Ag Economics senior named Intern of the Year

Jenna Gover, summer 2008 4-H Horse Program intern, received the Intern of the Year Award, given by the James Stuckert Career Center. The 4-H Horse Program also received Employer Partner of the Year for enabling an intern to excel and shine.

Congratulations!

Upcoming Events Calendar

March

- 16-21 - Spring Break
- 31- EI Career Fair
- 23-April 10 - Advising for Summer & Fall 2009 terms
- 30-April 21 - Priority Registration for Summer & Fall 2009 terms

April

- 1 - Priority deadline for 2009-10 academic year financial aid application for continuing and transfer students
- 1-21 - Priority Registration for Summer & Fall 2009 terms
- 3- Opening Day of Keeneland
- 3-Last day to withdraw from a class
- 18- UK Saddle Seat team horse show
- 23-26- IHSA Nationals horse show

May

- 1 - Last Day of Classes
- 4-8-Finals
- 9 - Graduation

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Job and Internship Opportunities

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

Equestrian Camp Counselor (\$2,250 – 2,450)
Specialty program for campers ages 11 - 15. Instruct riding lessons each morning/afternoon at equestrian center. Instructors are needed for beginners through advanced in both English and Western. We are CHA site accredited and adhere to their safety practices. Evenings on duty are with cabin group participating in regular camp programming. Counselors also lead devotions each night in their cabin. Must have completed at least freshman year of college. Staff training begins May 24. If you have any questions, please contact Amie Gleason at 1-800-382-2267 (inside IN only), office phone 765-564-2898 or e-mail at amieg@camptecumseh.org. More information can be found at our website: www.camptecumseh.org.

The **Equine Initiative office is looking for a student employee/intern** to assist in communications and internship functions. Candidate must have strong writing and organizational skills. Familiarity with the equine industry is a bonus. Full time position over the summer and 20 hours per week during the fall semester. For more information, please contact Elizabeth LaBonty at elizabeth.labonty@uky.edu for more information.

Excellent volunteer opportunity at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. Experience numerous aspects of equine medicine. No cleaning stalls. Contact: elizabeth.labonty@uky.edu if interested.

Several positions are currently available at the **Kentucky Horse Park** in their administration, barn, and instruction departments. Contact: elizabeth.labonty@uky.edu if interested.

A local 14 year old Hunter Jumper rider and her horse are looking for someone to come give them **lessons and help train the horse.** Fair compensation included. If you are interested please call 859-351-3558 for more information.

Receptionist/office assistant wanted to answer phones, provide clerical supports and help with various projects. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills and be proficient in MS office. Excellent opportunity for a detail-oriented, self started who is able to work independently. 20-30 hrs/week with option for full-time position in future. Please send resume and cover letter to: Hidden Brook Farm 852 Escondida Road, Paris, KY 40361 or email hbfarmoffice@aol.com.

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Scholarships

Race for Education at www.racingscholarships.com. The completed application, two letters of recommendation and official transcript are due no later than May 1. Scholarships are awarded before the start of the fall semester. Scholarships are paid directly to the university or college for post-secondary educational expenses. A scholarship can be awarded only one time to any individual meeting scholarship requirements. All individuals who are not awarded a scholarship are encouraged to resubmit their application as often as they like. KEEP will award a maximum of five scholarships per year with a value of \$1,000 each. In addition, eligible KEEP scholarship recipients are invited to participate in The Race for Education's (RFE) Assets for Independence program and receive up to \$4,000 in additional funding. KEEP recipients are also invited to The Race for Education's Equine Summer Seminar



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