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UK Equine Initiative
Student Newsletter

It's time for midterm grades, and this is a scary thought for many students, especially if you don't know what your grade is going to be. But to me it means that there is still half of a semester for you to dedicate to learning and studying. This reminds me of when I was in your place, being young, making new friends, breaking up some friendships and going to school all at the same time.

It is a stressful time. There are so many things that pass through our minds. But we can't lose focus. We are not here just to get a degree, we are here to learn.

So my tip for students, from freshmen to seniors, is the following. You are young and full of life, but your priority for this time in your life should be school. Develop a studying routine, study with a group of friends, dedicate yourself to learning, utilize the resources that this university has to offer, which includes all the professors, the library, clubs, to mention a few.



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We, as faculty, are here to help you succeed. But you need to want to succeed as well. Don't take these years of your life lightly. Dedicate yourself to something bigger than a night out with your friends. I am not even talking about grades; I am talking about acquiring knowledge, life skills and experience. Such things can never be taken away from you. Strive for excellence, don't settle for mediocrity. I have total confidence that you can be successful if you apply yourself to it.

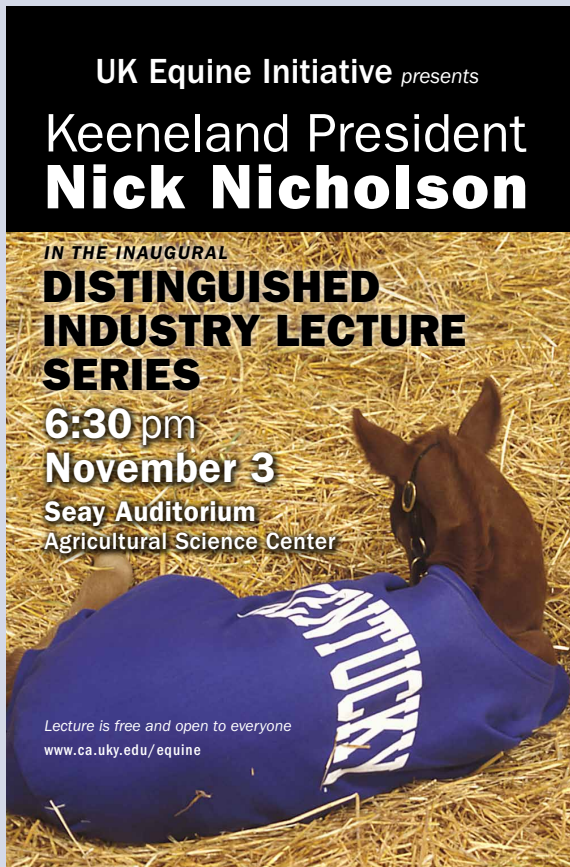
Your life is just beginning!

Dr. Fernanda Camargo
Extension Faculty



Equine Initiative News

Keeneland President Nick Nicholson to speak at inaugural distinguished lecture series



UK Equine Initiative *presents*
**Keeneland President
Nick Nicholson**

IN THE INAUGURAL
**DISTINGUISHED
INDUSTRY LECTURE
SERIES**
6:30 pm
November 3
Seay Auditorium
Agricultural Science Center

Lecture is free and open to everyone
www.ca.uky.edu/equine

Keeneland President and Chief Executive Officer Nick Nicholson will speak at the inaugural event of the University of Kentucky Equine Initiative Distinguished Industry Lecture Series at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 3. The event will take place in Seay Auditorium in Agricultural Science Center North, on the corner of Limestone and Cooper on the UK campus. The lecture series is open to all UK students, as well as all other students from Kentucky colleges and universities. The general public is also encouraged to attend.

Dan Liebman, editor-in-chief of The Blood Horse Magazine, will interview Nicholson. Questions will be submitted by students and others in the audience. There will be three main areas of discussion: Nicholson's career path, Keeneland, and the general state of the horse industry.

"We are very pleased to have such an accomplished individual for the inaugural lecture in this series. The novel format will provide an informal atmosphere that should engender lively discussion," said Nancy Cox, associate dean for

research of UK's College of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station director and administrative leader for the Equine Initiative. "The informal, question-and-answer format, led by an industry leader in his own right, Dan Liebman, will provide valuable interaction with the audience."

According to Cox, the UK Equine Initiative Industry Lecture Series was designed to bring in creative and successful industry leaders who can inspire and challenge not only students, but also university and public communities.

To read more, please visit www.ca.uky.edu/news/index.php?c=n&d=458.

UK, U of L partner on horsemen's clinic

By: Natalie Voss

The University of Louisville held its third "Safe Horses, Safe Horsemen" clinic on Oct. 12 and 13 at WinStar Farm, co-sponsored by the UK Equine Initiative. The Equine Initiative provided staffing and logistical assistance at the event.

The two-day clinic was designed to teach horsemen how to handle weanlings and yearlings, start unbroken yearlings and train young horses to the trailer and starting gate, while keeping safety for the horse and human at the

forefront. Speakers featured included Craig Cameron, Bob Duncan, John Maxwell, Ross Lindeman, and Dr. Les Breuer.

The collaboration between otherwise rival universities is one of many. "We've tried to cooperate in every event we've had over the last two years. This is just the latest example of our collaboration," said U of L Equine Industry Program director Rich Wilcke, noting that the partnership between the equine programs will grow in years to come.

UK to participate in Kentucky Horse Council job fair

(Edited press release)

Job seekers in the equine industry will have a unique opportunity to learn more about educational options at an equine education fair sponsored by the Kentucky Horse Council (KHC). "Your Future with Horses" will be held in conjunction with the KHC annual conference on Nov. 14, 2009, at the Scott County High School in Georgetown, Ky.

The event features colleges, universities and certificate programs from Kentucky and around the country offering equine and horse related programs, including UK's Equine Initiative. In addition, seminars featuring equine professionals from a variety of careers within the industry are scheduled throughout the day.

"There are so many careers within the equine industry which many young people are not aware of. It is our goal to highlight the diversity of horse-related career paths as well as the importance of education and networking to help individuals set themselves apart from job competitors," Millard said.

"Your Future with Horses" is free and open to the public. For more information or to become involved, visit www.kentuckyhorse.org, contact KCH at (859) 367-0509 or email info@kentuckyhorse.org.



Speaker Bob Duncan at Horsemens' Clinic.
Photo: Amy Lawyer, University of Louisville

UK Equine Horse Mania syndication

As part of the lead-in to the World Equestrian Games, the UK College of Ag has tentatively reserved one of the horses for "Horse Mania," and is exploring syndicating this horse to offset the cost. This horse would be used prominently at the UK Village at the Games, as well as other promotional venues leading up to and during the Games. Current discussions include syndication being offered at four different levels: Triple Crown (\$500), Win (\$100), Place (\$50), and Show (\$25). Please let us know if you are interested in participating in our UK horse by emailing equineinitiative@uky.edu.

Student Internship Spotlight: Hub Johnson

UK student completes coveted internship

By: Natalie Voss

Harry “Hub” Johnson, Jr., a senior majoring in equine management and pre-veterinary science at the University of Kentucky, has had a lifetime of learning about equine lameness; his parents, Kristen and Hub Johnson founded the Kentucky Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center in Versailles. Although his experience observing treatments of Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred athletes at KESMARC taught him the basics of equine therapy, Johnson sought an even more specific field when required to complete an internship as a graduation requirement at UK. This summer he completed an internship with Steven Allday, veterinarian and specialist in lameness diagnostics and treatment for Thoroughbred racehorses.

Allday contents he is “privileged to be working for the top 10 trainers in the country” and allowed Johnson to assist him as he treated clients both in Kentucky and at the summer race meet in Saratoga, N.Y. Johnson met Allday through KESMARC and became one of only three interns Allday has had in some 25 years. Johnson’s daily duties varied as the internship went on, from assisting with basic physical exams to preparation of joints for injection and therapeutic treatment.



Johnson wraps a patient’s leg

“[I learned] to keep things simple and be consistent in the way medicine is practiced,” said Johnson.

His favorite part of the internship was the problem-solving and challenges involved in arriving at a diagnosis.

Allday admitted to being “very impressed” with Johnson’s communication and organizational skills, as well as the knowledge he had accumulated by the end of the summer.

“As a rule, I don’t take on interns...I’m not the right guy for everyone, I deal with a very specific area of veterinary medicine. [But Johnson] was a good choice: he already has a good idea of what he wants to do,” he said

As for Johnson, he plans to specialize in lameness diagnostics and will use the experience as a foundation for his career.”



Johnson holds a horse for examination

“It was a tough environment to work in,” he said, “but it made me better.”

For more information, contact equineinitiative@uky.edu. For information about the internship program through UK’s equine science and management undergraduate degree program, contact Elizabeth LaBonty at elizabeth.labonty@uky.edu.

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Subscribe to the Bluegrass Equine Digest

As announced in the summer issue of the *Wildcat Canter*, the UK Equine Initiative and the Gluck Equine Research Center have combined with Pfizer and TheHorse.com to bring you the *Bluegrass Equine Digest*, a monthly newsletter detailing equine research at UK. We currently have close to 8,200 subscribers. Help that number grow by signing up to receive the BED via e-mail by visiting www.thehorse.com/Enewsletter/Register.aspx and checking 'Bluegrass Equine Digest'. Back issues can be found on the Gluck Center's website for June (www.ca.uky.edu/gluck/images/BED/BED-June09.pdf), July (www.ca.uky.edu/gluck/images/BED/BED-July09.pdf), August (www.ca.uky.edu/gluck/images/BED/BED-Aug09.pdf) and September (www.thehorse.com/enews/equine-digest/BED-sep09.pdf).

To submit a research story for an upcoming issue of the Bluegrass Equine Digest, or if you have feedback or suggestions about future content, please email **Holly Wiemers** (holly.wiemers@uky.edu) or **Jenny Blandford** (jbl223@uky.edu).

EI Clubs and Teams Updates

Dressage and Eventing Team announces show team for 2009

UKDET has chosen its show team members for the fall semester. Congratulations to the following students:

1st Level

A TEAM: Alison Wilaby
B TEAM: Emily Andrews

Upper Level Training/1st

A TEAM: Emily Mysinger
B TEAM: Jessica Leonard

Lower Level Training

A TEAM: Jen Brogie
B TEAM: Kaitlyn Caudill

Intro

A TEAM: Catherine Connell
B TEAM: Becca Aceto

The team will be hosting an Intercollegiate Dressage Association show in the spring, and will be attending its first show on Oct. 24 at Otterbein College. Also they will be at the Mid-South Horse Trials at the Kentucky Horse Park selling horse treats under the Wise Choice Tack tent as a fundraiser, so be sure to stop by and support the team.

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Dressage and Eventing Team

Next meeting: Oct. 21 at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center, room 359

Equestrian Team

Next meeting: Oct. 20, 8 p.m. in Ag North, Room A7
Hunt Seat Show at University of Louisville, Oct. 24-25

Horse Judging Team

The Horse Judging Team does not have meetings. If you are interested you can sign up for Gen 300-Horse Judging in the Spring and contact Kristen Harvey at kjanicki@email.uky.edu.

Horse Racing Club

Next meeting: Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gallery of W.T. Young Library. Free pizza! Speaker TBA

Polo Team

No update available

Saddle Seat Team

Anyone interested in joining the Saddle Seat Team please contact Katie Singleton at kls0822@aol.com or join the Facebook group "UK Saddle Seat Team" for more information

Around the College of Agriculture

Return of Ag Round Up

Ag Round-Up 2009 will be held Oct. 21-24 in and around the E.S. Good Barn on the south end of campus, across University Drive from Commonwealth Stadium.

Round-Up is an annual College of Agriculture event put on by the Agriculture and Human/Environmental Services Alumni Association each year as an opportunity to promote the College and encourage social interaction among students and faculty. Student organizations and teams often hold fundraisers or student recruitment activities during Round-Up, so free food and games abound. The Equine Initiative will also have a booth all four days of Round-Up, so come visit us!

Join us on:

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Staff Appreciation Day, 11 a.m. to 1p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22: Rotary Day Luncheon (11:30 a.m., food provided by Block and Bridle) and Student/Faculty/Staff Picnic (5 p.m. registration; 5:45 p.m. meal)

Friday, Oct. 23: Ag Leadership Day and Alumni Reunion; Luncheon (food provided by Block and Bridle) at noon under tent at Good Barn; Ag Leadership Program for alumni at 12:30 p.m.; reunion registration at 5:30 p.m. in tent area)

Saturday, Oct. 24: Meal lines open, programs begin two hours prior to kick-off. Reunions and alumni recognition begin at 3 p.m.

For more information about Ag Round-Up 2009, please visit www.ca.uky.edu/alumni.

Rider Safety partnership with UK HealthCare; Saddle Up Safely press conference Oct. 13

The Equine Initiative has teamed up with UK HealthCare, with financial support from several sponsors of the Games, to promote a rider safety educational campaign. Called "Saddle Up Safely," the educational campaign will go statewide beginning this fall. The campaign will feature public service announcements; radio, television and print advertising; cross promotional efforts with breed associations; a website; blog; speaker's bureau; educational video; and teachers' kits. This partnership/campaign was officially unveiled at a press conference on Oct. 13 at the Horse Park. First Lady Jane Beshear has signed on to be the official spokesperson. David O'Connor, Gold Medalist in the 2000 Olympics and the president of the USEF, has also expressed interest in the campaign. The Federation Equestre Internationale is interested in participating in the program as well. horses. The campaign was born from the emergency room stats from UK for riders who were hospitalized with injuries due to their riding/handling of horses. The campaign is an attempt to help drop those numbers and help Kentuckians (and beyond) consider and implement riding safety tips/practices.



Photo: Natalie Voss

Important Dates

October

- 26-Nov. 13-Advising for 2009 Winter & 2010 Spring terms

November

- 1-13-Advising for 2009 Winter & 2010 Spring terms
- 2-24-Priority Registration for 2009 Summer and Fall terms
- 6-Last Day to withdraw from a class for academic reasons
- 25-28-Thanksgiving Break/Academic Holiday
- 30-Last Day to Apply for a May 2010 Degree

December

- 1-Approved time to change majors between colleges opens
- 2-21-Add/Drop
- 11-Last Day of Classes
- 14-18-Finals Week
- 21-Fall Grades Due



Keeneland hopes to attract even more students to its fall meet

By: Natalie Voss

Keeneland is making several changes to its fall 2009 calendar in an effort to get more college students to the races. The meet is scheduled to run from Oct. 9 to Oct. 31 to coincide with Breeder's Cup 2009.

The ever-popular Scholarship Day will be held on Oct. 16 this year, and in addition to entering for the chance to win one of 10 \$1,000 scholarships given away before each race, students will also be eligible to win other prizes such as gym memberships, event tickets and restaurant gift certificates, among other things. All students will receive free admission on this day, and the first 1,000 to enter the scholarship drawing will be given a free t-shirt. New this year, the north terrace will be dubbed 'College Zone' and will feature live music and a more 'party-like' atmosphere than the rest of the track area.

Oct. 18 will be the World Equestrian Games Day at the Races, and will mark the countdown of the last year before the Games. Live demonstrations of each of the sports featured in the games will be held on-track in between races, and there will be giveaways for WEG tickets throughout the day.

Friday, Oct. 30 is "See Blue" Day at the Races, held in conjunction with UK. The North Terrace will become 'Big Blue Central' and will be the site for a hat-signing by UK athletes. Hats for the signing will be \$15, which will benefit UK Dance Blue.

Another of Keeneland's self-improvements is parking and transportation. A two-way road system has been put in place on the hill to make traffic easier to direct in and out of the parking area and shuttles have been set up to get people from the far reaches of the parking area to the entry gates.

According to Keeneland Digital Marketing Manager Julie Balog, Keeneland has a sincere commitment to be a showcase at the highest level for horse racing and Thoroughbreds while making the experience more fun for visitors and hopes those goals will attract UK students. *(continued)*



Photo: Keeneland

(continued) "We absolutely love for students to come out to the races. We are fortunate to be in a university town and love the concept of the next generation of horsemen coming out as fans," she said.

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Upcoming Events

2009 Multi-State Judges School: Nov. 13 through Nov. 15 at Holiday Inn North in Lexington. Sponsored by the Equine Initiative, Kentucky Horse Council and United States Equestrian Federation. For more information, contact Kristen Harvey (kjanicki@uky.edu)

Churchill Downs College Scholarship Day: Friday, Nov. 6. Students receive free admission with student ID and are eligible to win one of 10 \$1,000 scholarships throughout the day. For more information, contact Gary Palmisano (gary.palmisano@kyderby.com).

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