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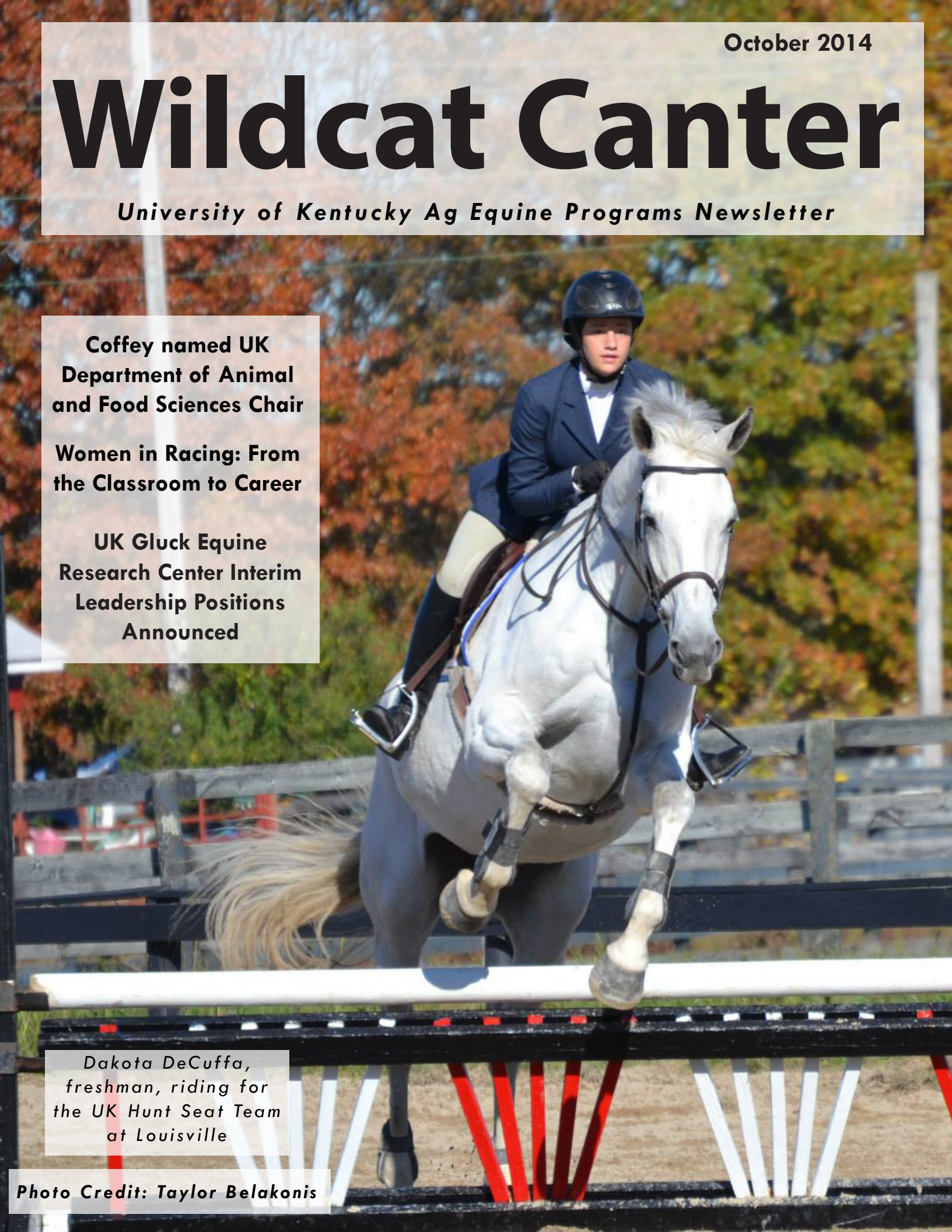
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**Photo Credit: Taylor Belakonis**





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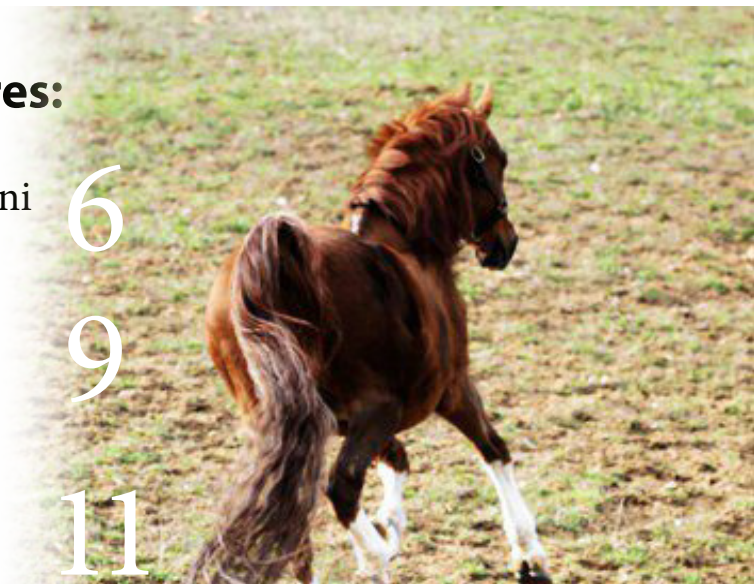
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## Is graduate school on the horizon?

One option that many students consider after completing their undergraduate degrees is graduate school. While there are several different types of graduate studies programs, the most common type of science-based graduate program involves taking a series of graduate level courses (i.e. statistics, seminar, laboratory methods, biochemistry, advanced nutrition, immunology) and then preparing a thesis (for a master's, or MS, degree) or a dissertation (for a doctoral, or PhD, degree) describing the major research study (or studies) that the student conducted.

The requirements to be accepted into a graduate program will vary from institution to institution, but students must have completed an undergraduate degree, meet a minimum undergraduate GPA requirement (for example, for the Animal Science graduate program at UK, the minimum GPA needed is 2.75/4), and most schools will also require that you have taken the GRE Test. It is important to realize that even if you have met all the requirements for a particular school's graduate program, you still may not be offered a position. This is because there are usually more qualified applicants than available spaces, and your acceptance into the program is generally dependent on a faculty member agreeing to act as your advisor. Many faculty members in the area of equine science will only accept one to two new graduate students each year, so these are very competitive programs. While excellent undergraduate grades and strong GRE scores are definitely an asset when applying to graduate school, many programs will also want to see evidence of undergraduate research experience.

You will also need to start thinking of specific topic areas that are of interest to you. You do not need to come up with a specific research topic, but it will be easier to identify potential programs if you can narrow down your area of interest (i.e. nutrition or reproduction or physiology). From there, you can go online and start researching schools that seem to have active research programs in your area(s) of interest. It may also be a good idea to speak to some of your equine instructors to see if they have any specific suggestions for programs to consider.

Once you have researched potential programs, it is time to start contacting potential advisors. In your initial contact, which is generally by e-mail, be prepared to outline your academic background, research experience, your career goals and why that specific program is of interest to you. It is ok to mention your previous riding/horse experience, but this should not be the focus of your e-mails to potential advisors. For each advisor, you should also ask if he/she anticipates accepting any new students into his/her program and whether he/she looks for any particular qualities in an incoming graduate student. It is never too early to start contacting potential advisors! In previous years, students have started to contact me regarding space in my graduate program for the fall semester in about October of the previous year. From there, you can arrange a time to speak with the potential advisor on the phone or even try to schedule an in-person meeting at his/her institution.

Graduate studies can be a very exciting opportunity to pursue following an undergraduate degree, but because of the competitive nature of equine programs, it is generally not a decision that can be made at the last minute. If pursuing an MS or PhD is something that you are considering post-graduation, please speak to your advisor in your upcoming advising appointment and they will be able to give you some ideas of how to get started in the process.



*Kristine Urschel*

*Associate Professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences*

## Upcoming Events:

Oct 20-Nov 14

Advising for 2014 Winter and 2015 Spring Terms

Nov 3 – 25

Priority Registration for 2015 Spring Semester

November 3

Fasig-Tipton November Sale

November 4-14

Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sales

November 6-9

U.S. Dressage Finals

Nov 7 – Last day to withdraw from course

November 7-9

Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up

November 20

Department of Veterinary Science Equine Diagnostic Research Seminar Series, 4 p.m.

November 20

Kentucky Equine Networking Association (KENA) Meeting

November 21-22

Oleika Shriners Rodeo

November 22

Controlling EAV and Other Infectious Agents in Stallions, Semen and Embryos, 8:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m.

Nov 26-30 – Thanksgiving Holiday for Students



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Left: A rider on the Rodeo Team competes in barrels.  
Above: Members of the Saddle Seat Team at a recent show in Kentucky.



## Student Professionalism Series

*Elizabeth LaBonty*

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 a series called the Student Professionalism Series to the Wildcat Canter. The Student Professionalism Series will offer insights and tips to help you effectively prepare for, find, apply to and obtain the career of your choice.

*“The easiest things are rarely rewarding. The rewarding things are rarely easy.”*

-C. Fantelli

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Perhaps you just took a midterm exam that didn't go so well, or maybe you are overwhelmed balancing both work and school, or perhaps the transition to college hasn't been as easy as you anticipated. No matter what your circumstances, your semester is still within your control and staying on top of it, or even turning it completely around, requires little more than perseverance.

If you are doing well, you are going to have to continue working hard and keep up the pace for another month and a half. If you are not happy with how you are doing in your class(es), now is the time to do something about it – not the last day of Dead Week. Go meet with your professors and find out what you can do to improve your grade, ask TA's for help, join study groups or create them with your friends. Spend extra time studying, ask questions during class, and commit yourself to no more absences. One of the most rewarding things you can do in life is persevere, because when you do, your character is revealed and your character is something no one can take away.

Ask anyone you admire, anyone you look up to, and they will probably tell you that their most meaningful accomplishments came from a time that they persevered. Our best stories are always when we overcame something. No one looks back on life and is proud of an average day or something that came naturally. Accomplishments, pride, and confidence all come from knowing that when things get tough, the tough get going, and in finding out that you are tougher than you think.

So I hope you will all take a second today to commit yourself to the rest of the semester. Work hard when you would rather play, study when you would rather sleep, and give the last month and a half your all. Come Dec. 19 when you leave for Christmas break, you will be glad you did.



*Here, LaBonty interacts with a young woman in a Haiti orphanage during a personal mission trip.*

# Equine Science and Management Alumni Profile

*Leah Alessandroni, '13*

*Bloodstock and Farm Administrator  
at Regis Farms LP*



*Leah Alessandroni*

*By Hannah Forte*

## **Where is home for you?**

I'm from Punta Gorda, Fla., but I like to think of Lexington as home now!

## **How did you first become involved in the horse industry?**

My first introduction to horses was my aunt's older paint gelding. After spending time with him I was hooked and started taking hunter/jumper lessons in the 4th grade. The rest is sort of history. I didn't get involved with the Thoroughbred industry until I moved to Lexington for college.

## **What were your career goals before graduation?**

To be employed in the Thoroughbred industry in whatever way I could get in the door.

## **What led you to this role? Did you have certain internships, professors or classes that influenced you?**

I was fortunate enough to do three internships while in college (Maker's Mark Secretariat Center, The Kentucky Horse Council, and WinStar Farm) and I think each of them helped me in huge ways. Probably the most directly influential was my internship with WinStar Farm which I actually heard about through Ms.LaBonty. That internship led to a full time job at WinStar, where I worked for nearly three years and was able to get invaluable experience. I would also say that every equine professor I had at UK was hugely influential in keeping me motivated and making sure we all had the tools for success outside of the classroom.

## **What are your current job responsibilities?**

My position is the Bloodstock and Farm Administrator at Regis Farms LP. We're a relatively small operation right now, so I handle all the administrative duties for the farm. It's a little bit of everything and every day is different. I handle everything from foal registration, collecting purse money, horse records, sending silks to trainers, etc. Basically, if it comes through the office I probably have a hand in it somehow.

## **How are you currently involved in the horse industry?**

I have two horses of my own - an OTTB and my first horse who is now in his 20s and very much retired but loves living in Kentucky. I try to ride as much as possible and occasionally do some showing. Other than that I work at Regis and try to stay involved in the horse industry in every way I can. I was president of The Thoroughbreds for a year, which is a social/charitable group for women in the racing industry. Currently I am on the sponsorship committee for The Thoroughbred Horse Show Association, a newer association that puts on shows for Jockey Club registered Thoroughbreds. The shows are really laid back and fun, but they're a great opportunity to show off your OTTB!

## **What advice do you have for current equine students?**

I get asked this a lot and I always say the same thing - get as much experience as you can. I really believe that is the key to success in the horse industry. Equine Science & Management students at UK are so lucky because there is a world of opportunity right at their fingertips. The internship program is great and I really urge students to focus a lot on finding an internship that will be educational to them. Don't just do an internship because you are required to. Find one based on your interests and then give that internship 110 percent. If you're required to do one internship, do more. Many times you don't know what you don't know until you go out there and do the job first hand.



## Coffey named chair of UK Department of Animal and Food Sciences

*Katie Pratt*

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has named Richard Coffey chair of the Department of Animal and Food Sciences.

Coffey is the current director of the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton, a longtime swine extension specialist and leader of the youth livestock programs for the college. He will begin his new administrative role by April 1.

“The department is on a forward-moving and successful trajectory and is positioned for a bright future,” said Nancy Cox, dean of the college. “It must sustain faculty excellence, enhance the already great undergraduate teaching program, support the diverse animal agriculture economy and successfully transition to the university’s values-based budget model. The overall consensus was Dr. Coffey is well equipped to lead the department to face these challenges.”

Because the department’s work is critical to Kentucky’s animal agricultural economy, representatives from the animal agriculture community participated in the interview process and provided valuable input, along with college administration, faculty, staff and students, during the selection process.

“I’m excited to work with our department’s outstanding faculty, staff and students to maintain our excellence in research, teaching and extension,” Coffey said.

Coffey received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Oklahoma State University and his doctorate from UK. After completing his doctorate in 1994, he became the UK swine extension specialist in Lexington and eventually moved to center. He will return to Lexington as chair.

Coffey replaces Bob Harmon, who has chaired the department since 2000. Harmon will remain in the department as a professor.

“I would like to thank Bob Harmon for his valued leadership,” Cox said. “He was trusted by the administration for his ability to transmit department concerns in a strong and effective way. He is appreciated throughout the state and beyond for his contributions to Kentucky’s animal agriculture. He is leaving the department in great shape.”

The college will soon be looking for new leadership for the center and for swine extension programming.



*Richard Coffey,  
Chair of the Department of Animal  
and Food Sciences.*



# UK Gluck Equine Research Center interim leadership positions announced

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Horohov, professor and Jes E. and Clementine M. Schlaikjer Endowed Chair at the Gluck Center, specializes in equine immunology research. He joined the Gluck Center in 2003. Previously, he was a professor of veterinary immunology within the Department of Pathobiological Sciences at Louisiana State University's School of Veterinary Medicine.

Horohov earned his bachelor's in entomology from Penn State University, his master's in insect pathology from Purdue University and his doctorate in immunology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He completed a post-doctorate in cytokine biology with the Food and Drug Administration.

Evans has served in a communications and event planning role with the Gluck Foundation and Gluck Center since 2009. Prior to her time at UK, Evans was a reporter with The Kentucky Standard, Thoroughbred Times and The Springfield Sun. She earned her bachelor's in public relations from Eastern Kentucky University and her master's in writing from Spalding University.

According to College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Dean Nancy Cox, Gluck faculty will be leading the effort to establish a permanent chair and haven't yet set a timetable. Industry stakeholders will serve an important advisory role during that process.

At the Oct. 7 Gluck Foundation Board meeting, a committee of board members and Gluck Center faculty was formed to determine the future vision for the foundation's executive director position. That process is expected to begin soon.



Jenny Evans



David Horohov

## October's Bluegrass Equine Digest

Check out the October issue of the Bluegrass Equine Digest, a free, monthly electronic newsletter dedicated to providing up-to-date information on equine research from the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in collaboration with TheHorse.com and sponsored by Zoetis.

This month's stories, which can be found at <http://equine.ca.uky.edu/bed>, include:

- Myths About Hay Selection
- Tips for Preparing Your Older Horse for Winter
- Grad Student Spotlight: Ashley Fowler
- Weed of the Month: Curly Dock
- UK Equine Research Hall of Fame Genomics' Contribution to Equine Viral Arteritis Research and Beyond
- UK Gluck Equine Research Center Interim Leadership Positions Announced
- Commentary: Don't Ignore Exotic Diseases
- UK Ag Equine Programs to Host Equine Showcase, Breeders' Short Course
- UK Gluck Center to Host EAV Symposium





## Inaugural Alumni Tailgate held

*Jackson Wells*

On Oct. 11, the University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs hosted the inaugural Equine Science and Management Alumni Tailgate. Graduates of the program were invited to Keeneland for an afternoon of refreshments, music and catching up with faculty, staff and fellow alums.

“It was a great opportunity to continue a connection with our alumni,” said Bob Coleman, director for undergraduate studies in equine science and management and UK extension horse specialist. “It’s always good to see former students,” he said.

Kristen Wilson, academic coordinator and student advisor for UK Ag Equine Programs, planned the event.

“It’s important for us to connect with alumni so they can be updated with what’s going on in the program and we can find out what is happening with them,” Wilson said.

“We hope that by making these connections, we can find ways to get them back involved with the program in the future.”

After re-connecting with their past professors, participating alumni were given free admission tickets to Keeneland.

The tailgate is scheduled to become an annual event, and will return in October 2015.



*Coleman and Wilson interact with ESMA alums.*

## New Vocations Thoroughbred to compete at USDF Finals in November

*(note: Stowe is the Director of UK Ag Equine Programs)*

A HUGE Congratulations to New Vocations Thoroughbred Ambassadors Dundee and Jill Stowe for receiving a wildcard invitation to the 2014 US Dressage Finals held at the Kentucky Horse Park.

New Vocations will be co-sponsoring their entry to Finals on Nov. 6-9. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the athleticism, heart and versatility of retired racehorses and what a competitive force they can be in any show ring.

Read all about Dundee and Stowe’s successful showing at Regionals by visiting the New Vocations blog at:

<http://www.horseadoption.com/dundee-rocks-at-regionalsand-now-we-cram-for-finals/>.



*Stowe and her horse, Dundee.*

# Cosequin Presents OTTB Showcase: Facebook and Fence Posts

Jen Royz, Paulick Report

(Note: Fedorka is a graduate student in UK's Gluck Equine Research Center and serves on UK Ag Equine Programs' internal advisory committee)

Facebook has become a great connector of people and information. Looking for a good restaurant to try? Ask your Facebook friends for input. Then, once you dine there, post photos and information for your friends so they can enjoy (or avoid) the same experience you had. Before you know it, seemingly everyone with a computer and the ability to double click will know what you thought of that tuna tartar you posted a photo of at the restaurant your Facebook friend recommended.

That's why when Carleigh Fedorka posted on her Facebook page that she'd just sold her horse and was looking for a new off-the-track project to bring along, it wasn't long before she was presented with exactly what she was looking for, and then some.

She received a number of responses, but most fell short of her criteria. Then she heard from Jak Knelman, whose family owns Farfellow Farm in Paris, Ky. He'd seen her post and contacted her about a horse that might fit the bill.

To read the entire story, visit

[http://www.paulickreport.com/features/ottb-showcase/cosequin-presents-ottb-showcase-facebook-and-fence-posts/?utm\\_source=getresponse&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=paulick\\_report\\_active&utm\\_content=Cosequin+presents+OTTB+Showcase%3A+Facebook+and+Fence+Posts](http://www.paulickreport.com/features/ottb-showcase/cosequin-presents-ottb-showcase-facebook-and-fence-posts/?utm_source=getresponse&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=paulick_report_active&utm_content=Cosequin+presents+OTTB+Showcase%3A+Facebook+and+Fence+Posts).

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## UK Ag Equine Programs to host equine showcase, breeders' short course

Holly Wiemers

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs will host the UK Equine Showcase and the 6th Annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course Jan. 23-24, both at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, 2601 Richmond Road, in Lexington.

The UK Equine Showcase, now in its fourth year, will highlight the university's current equine programs and relevant industry findings. It will run from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 23, with a light reception following.

The 6th Annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course is an in-depth program on equine reproduction and horse management issues from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 24, with lunch provided.

"We are pleased to again offer these educational events, which have grown in popularity over the past several years," said Jill Stowe, event co-chair and director of UK Ag Equine Programs, part of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "The showcase and short course really highlight the breadth and depth of expertise found at UK."

"The UK Equine Showcase is a great opportunity for those in the industry to learn about the latest equine research and education efforts at UK. The annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course will focus on equine reproductive efficiency and horse management issues," said Ed Squires, faculty member in UK's Gluck Equine Research Center and event co-chair.

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# UK Ag Equine Programs to host equine showcase, breeders' short course

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Topics for the UK Equine Showcase include:

- Update on the illicit use of cobalt in racehorses
- Update on moxidectin poisoning
- Parasites and growth rates in foals
- The ergot alkaloid enigma: Understanding stability of ergovaline in tall fescue
- The molecular composition of *Sarcocystis neurona* and its application for controlling equine protozoal myeloencephalitis
- An update on equine proliferative enteropathy and *Lawsonia intracellularis*
- Physiology of aging – Focus on the horse: Let's talk about inflammation, vaccination and deworming
- Amino acid requirements in horses: In search of new knowledge
- Emerging equine diseases

Topics for the Kentucky Breeders' Short Course include:

- Old and new approaches for lighting programs in mares
- How are deworming programs impacting growth rates in foals?
- Plasma for foals: Is it all the same?
- Angular limb deformities in foals
- Omega 3 fatty acids in mares and stallions
- The genetic tool box: Beyond answering the question, "Who's your (horse's) daddy?"
- What goes wrong in the geriatric mare?
- Vaccination strategies for EVA and managing the EVA carrier stallion
- Improving the survival of stallion sperm
- Placentitis update

Both programs are open to veterinarians, owners and managers of all horse breeds or anyone with an interest in learning more about equine reproduction and topics concerning horse management. Continuing education credit for veterinarians and veterinary technicians is pending approval by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners. UK is also accepting sponsor participation in the event. Display opportunities are available to participating organizations. Please email [equine@uky.edu](mailto:equine@uky.edu) for details.

To register for the event, visit <https://2015ukshowcaseshortcourse.eventbrite.com>. Early bird registration rates last until Jan. 5. UK Equine Showcase early bird rates are \$50 per person, or \$40 each when two or more people from the same organization register at the same time. Early registration rates for the Kentucky Breeders' Short Course are \$100 per person, or \$90 each when two or more people register at the same time. Attendees can enroll in both the showcase and the short course for \$125 per person, or \$115 each when two or more people from the same organization register. Registration will close Jan. 16.

College students are eligible for a reduced rate to the showcase and short course, but student designated space is limited and on a first-requested, first-served basis. Students or UK faculty interested in attending either or both days should email [jenny.evans@uky.edu](mailto:jenny.evans@uky.edu). More about this event and other information about UK Ag Equine Programs can be found at <http://www.ca.uky.edu/equine>.

# Women in Racing: From the Classroom to Career

Scott Jagow, Paulick Report

(Note: Elizabeth LaBonty, who is quoted in this story, is lecture and internship coordinator within the UK Equine Science and Management program.)

When M. Phyllis Lose, the nation's first woman equine veterinarian, looked around her graduating vet school class of 1957, she saw only one female face among 50. And that woman was studying to be a small animal veterinarian.

"The idea of a woman being an equine practitioner was regarded as absurd," Lose wrote in her 1979 autobiography, *No Job for a Lady*. "Women, I was often told, were not strong enough to handle horses and no one would entrust a valuable animal to a woman veterinarian."

Today, not only are women entrusted with high-priced Thoroughbreds and other breeds, they are taking over the field of veterinary medicine, equine and otherwise. By 2009, female veterinarians outnumbered their male counterparts, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association, and in any given year, about 80 percent of veterinary school seats are occupied by women.

To read the entire story, please visit:

<http://www.paulickreport.com/news/ray-s-paddock/women-in-racing-from-the-classroom-to-career/>

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## Breeders' Cup presents Fresh Faces: Learning From Each Other

Natalie Voss, Paulick Report

(Note: Voss and Chesser are both UK graduates, below is an excerpt from a story in the Paulick Report. To read the story in its entirety, please go to <http://www.paulickreport.com/features/breeders-cup-presents-fresh-faces/breeders-cup-presents-fresh-faces-learning-from-each-other/>)

**You are the founder of the Horse Racing Club at UK. What prompted you to do that?**

I moved to Lexington in 2002, and at that time I had little to no contacts in the horse racing industry. I was only equipped with a passion to learn more and an aspiration to make an impact in racing and breeding. I was however very fortunate to meet and work for Walter Hillenmeyer of the former Woodlynn Farm and Jim Cox, formerly of Blood-Horse Publications. Both were instrumental in my professional growth. In starting the UK Horse Racing Club (UKHRC), I wanted to facilitate similar networking opportunities for like-minded students at UK who simply moved to Lexington at the prospect of working in the industry.

Kristen Goncharoff, Cecilia Koch Adams and Larissa Kern were the club's first officers and critical to its initial success. Dr. Laurie Lawrence was, and still is, the club's advisor. The club's founding and any downstream accomplishments could not have been possible without these individuals. Simply put, I wouldn't have been smart or skilled enough to do it alone! I am proud to say that the UK Horse Racing Club has produced many individuals who have embarked or are pursuing careers in racing. Major horse farms, vet clinics, racetracks, media outlets and major internship programs like Darley Flying Start and the Irish National Stud currently or have previously counted past UKHRC members a part of their team.

All of this pre-dated the university's Equine Science and Management Program, which is now the ideal platform to foster students who wish to make racing or breeding a career.

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## Engager newsletter

Now that the summer has come to an end, it is time to grow into a new year here in the College of Agriculture, Food & Environment! This issue will allow you to gain knowledge on what exciting things happened over the summer here in the college, especially for our students and faculty. To view the newsletter, visit <http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=bbf6149186b094cd138fe73f8&id=54d07e0682&e=649fb149a9>.



# Clubs and teams updates

## Equestrian Team

### *Hunt Seat:*

Congratulations to everyone who rode at the University of Cincinnati Horse Show. The team took High Point Team on the first day and Reserve High Point Team on the second. Lots of blue ribbons were brought back to Lexington.

The team would also like to extend a special thank you to McAlister's on Euclid for hosting the team's first fundraising night. Ten percent of everything purchased at McAlister's went back to the team. The money raised will help fund the team's upcoming horse show.

### *Western:*

The Western Team's first how show at the University of Cincinnati was a great success. The team came out of the first show with the High Point Rider, Sydney Hull, as well as wins from Christina Hermanns and Ashley Murphy. In the second show of the day, the team earned High Point Team. Individually the Western Team had Reserve High Point rider Elyssa Smith, along with wins from Christina Hermanns, Fallon Jackson, Merrill Morse, Ashley Murphy and Rachel Tomilson. Congratulations to all the riders for an outstanding weekend. Also, a huge thank you to the University of Cincinnati Equestrian Team and Missy Jo Hollingsworth for hosting the show. The team would also like to thank the parents for their support and coach Bennie Sargent.

Congratulations to Jackie Dinnebeil, Jessica Pierce and Lindsey Scherer for already being qualified for regionals. The team's next show will be Nov. 2 at the Northern Kentucky University Equestrian Team Arena.



*Photo Credit: Taylor Belakonis. The Hunt Seat Team after a successful first horse show.*



*Members of the Western Team at a recent competition.*

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# Clubs and teams updates

## Dressage and Eventing Team

The Blue Ribbon Jumper Show, Oct. 10 was a successful fundraiser despite the rainy weather. The show was a good time, for both volunteers and riders. Be on the lookout for this event again in the future. Thank you to all that helped with this event. It was a team effort.

The IDA riders competed at their first show of the season at Otterbein Oct. 25-26.

The Hagyard Midsouth Team Challenge was Oct. 17-19 at the Kentucky Horse Park. A complete team, “UKDET Training Team,” was sent to the event, as well as several riders scrambling on teams at various levels. A UKDET silent auction was also held at the event, with generous donations from Hallway Feeds, the Rolex Kentucky 3-Day Event, Tack Shop of Lexington and a painting by the team’s own Ally Gutenkunst.

On Oct. 24, UKDET hosted Allie Knowles at the Cats Den. Knowles is an upper level three-day eventer based in Paris, Ky. On Nov. 9, UKDET members will have the opportunity to ride in a jumping clinic with Knowles. The team looks forward to learning from her.

On Oct. 25, UKDET rode at the Otterbein IDA show. Congratulations to everyone for a great weekend.

From Day 1: team placed 4th overall

- Hollis Glowniak – 4th place at First Level
- Michaela Yowaiski – 2nd place at First Level
- Erin Johnson – 1st place at Lower Training and High Point Rider Award

From Day 2: team was Reserve Champion

- Michaela Yowaiski – 3rd at First Level
- Jessica Lyons – 4th at Upper Training
- Katie Canfield – 5th at Lower Training
- Sarah Robertson – 1st place at Intro

Lastly, the team would like to send special congratulations to its faculty advisor, Jill Stowe, and her wonderful OTTB, Dundee, on their excellent performance at the USDF Region 2 Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park Oct. 9-12.



*UKDET member, Elizabeth Lampert and her mare Belle.*



*UKDET members and their ribbons after the Otterbein IDA show.*



# Clubs and teams updates

## R.E.A.D. Club

R.E.A.D. Club has certainly been busy this semester. We welcomed our first graduate student to present at our September meeting on equine nutrition, and a graduate student in beef cattle to present at our October meeting. We also toured Kentucky Equine Research (KER) on Oct. 4. We were able to see a treadmill demonstration, hear from the international interns and learn how equine nutrition and exercise physiology research is used in the industry.

We are also looking forward to our November meeting with Alltech representatives to learn more about agricultural/equine industries, internships, careers and the company overall. Stay posted with fliers around CAFE, by liking our Facebook page (READ Club) and by emailing President Sarah Sivinski at [sesi225@uky.edu](mailto:sesi225@uky.edu) to be added to the email list.

## Rodeo Team

The University of Kentucky Rodeo Team went to its first college rodeo of the season a couple weekends ago. Two women from the team competed in barrel racing and both placed in the top 20 out of 100 riders. The team will be attending its next college rodeo at the end of October in Murray, Ky., with four competing. Team/club meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at Hodge Arena in Versailles and team practices are every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Rodeo Team will be holding a fun show on Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at Hodge Arena. This is an open event so anyone can come out and compete or just come join the fun.



*A member of the Rodeo Team competes in barrels at the team's recent rodeo.*


## Saddle Seat Team

The first competition of the season for the University of Kentucky Saddle Seat Team kicked off Oct. 11. The weather was cold and rainy, but it did not stop the team from topping Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State, Northern Kentucky University, University of Illinois and University of Louisville.

The team had 13 riders contributing to the win: Alyssa Schuster, Andrew Slater, Ashley Baird, Audrey Schneider, Elizabeth Anne Van Arsdall, Erika Sally, Haley Kesner, Karalie Andrews, Mary Ruth Callaway, Molly Pennington, Natalie Sams, Olivia Schroeder and Rebecca Doss. Stephanie Sedlacko, UK Saddle Seat coach, was generous in hosting the event at her training barn. Sedlacko had many young volunteers who ride at her barn contribute their time and effort.



*Members of the Saddle Seat Team take a quick timeout to smile for the camera.*




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<b>Kentucky Horse Park</b>	<b>Friday, October 17, 2014</b>	<b>Saturday, October 18 at 2:00pm</b>
<b>International Museum of the Horse</b>	<b>5:00–7:00pm</b>	<b>Kentucky Horse Park, South Theatre</b>



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