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2014 Welcome Back
BBQ highlights

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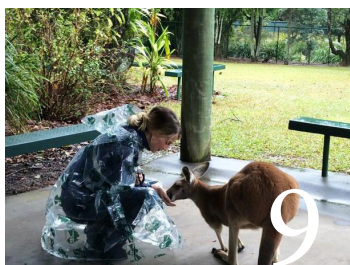
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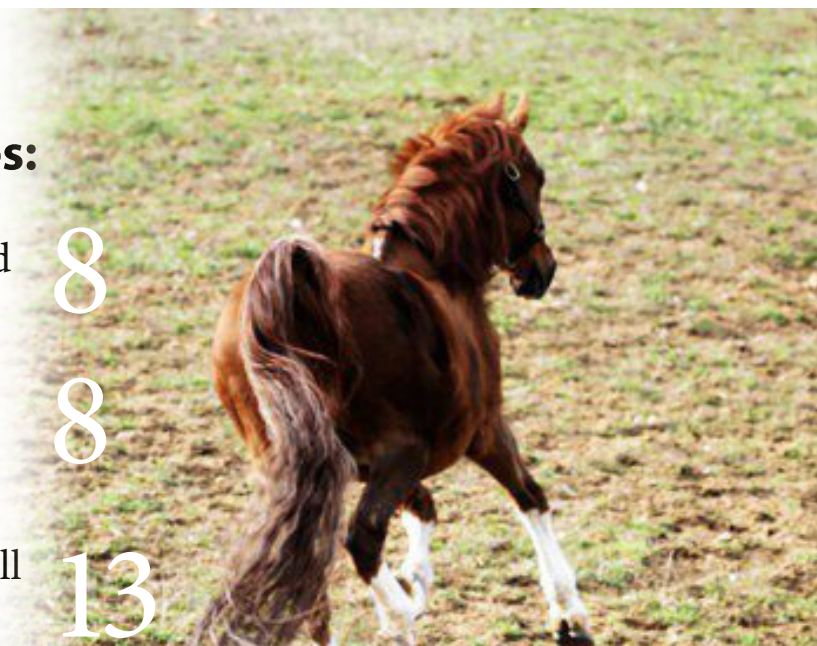
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Galloping into the fall semester

Wow! It's hard to believe that we are already one full month into the fall 2014 semester. This semester we have reached a new all-time high in enrollment for the Equine Science and Management (ESMA) Program. Now the second largest major in the College, we welcomed approximately 100 new freshmen and transfers to UK during summer advising conferences and currently have 306 total students enrolled in the program (although this is an ever-changing number). And as if you didn't think that was enough, we also have implemented a new curriculum we are excited about as it will allow equine students to customize their undergraduate program.

Within the first few weeks of classes, we've also had many events to keep us busy. We honored our internship hosts, students who have completed internships and alumni during our ESMA Program Reception at Spindletop Hall Sept. 2. Students enjoyed a meal prepared by the Block and Bridle Club while learning about our equine-related clubs and teams. Some even participated in the bouncy horse races, and we had a record number of teams (15!) participate in the 2nd Annual Equestrian Olympics during the Welcome Back BBQ. Now we are onto planning our first ever ESMA Alumni Tailgate event at Keeneland in mid-October and look forward to checking in with past students of the program. In just a few weeks, we will start advising with students for the spring semester.

With midterms on the horizon, before we know it, the semester will be over and done with. It is important to stop and enjoy each experience you are part of and also to find a balance between your school commitments and the fun equine activities that the Bluegrass region offers. With that said, here are a few tips for students to keep in mind at this point in the semester:

- Double check course syllabus, requirements, assignments and deadlines.
- Attend class regularly.
- Stay organized with a planner...it will quickly become your best friend.
- Take advantage of the resources on campus for peer tutoring.
- If you have a question, please ask! Visit your professor or instructor during office hours.
- Get to know your academic advisor, as they will be your go to resource throughout your time here.
- Check your UK email address often for communication from professors and advisors.

As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."

Enjoy this race we are all part of as we continue to gallop through the fall semester and be sure to head out to Keeneland for the fall meet in October to enjoy the races.



Kristen Wilson and 6-year-old The Midnight Ride exit the arena this summer as 2014 International Grand Championship Show Trail Pleasure Amateur Owned & Trained English Grand Champion

*Kristen Wilson
Academic Program Coordinator*

Upcoming Events:

October 2-26
All American Quarter Horse Congress

October 3
Last day to change majors to another college

October 9
College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Career Fair

October 10
Keeneland College Scholarship Day

October 10, 10 a.m. - noon
The 13th Mary Passenger Memorial Lecture on Equine Medicine and Surgery
“The Novel Contribution of Horse Genomics to Studies of Equine Viral Arteritis” by Ernie Bailey
“The Effects of Exercise on Equine Bone and Cartilage” by Elwyn Firth

October 12
Kentucky Horse Park Battle in the Saddle Celebrity Team Penning

October 12
Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders' Association Pedigree & Confirmation Clinic

October 20
Racetrack Injury Prevention Symposium

October 20
Midterm

October 20-November 14
Advising for 2014 Winter and 2015 Spring Terms

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UK's Cheerleaders at the 2014 Ag Roundup

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Students had an opportunity to learn more about UK's various equine-related clubs and teams and participate in bouncy horse races, hilariously called by Richmond-based Quarter Horse breeder and exhibitor Chuck Givens.

Returning this year, an Equestrian Olympics event was also held, in which 15 teams took part. Three- or four-member teams took turns participating in games relating to UK's equine clubs and teams. These games included a three-legged jumping course, bouncy horse hula hoop roping, an obstacle course and "late to the show," where participants had to hurriedly dress in one of four types of disciplines' clothes as part of a timed relay. The team with the fastest time in all four games won. Each team member of the first place team received a trophy, ribbon and cup of candy. Other teams received ribbons and candy.

The official results from Equestrian Olympics are below.

Congratulations to all of the teams!

1. R.E.A.D. Club (6 min, 41 sec)
2. Team Maine Chance (6 min, 47 sec)
3. UK Equine Faculty team (7 min, 2 sec)
4. Wildcat Wranglers (Equine Programs' Office) (7 min, 9 sec)
5. UK Dressage and Eventing Team #2 (7 min, 21 sec)
6. Equus Bonita (7 min, 39 sec)
7. Team Brazil (8 min, 3 sec)
8. Rockin' Rider (8 min, 51 sec)
9. Feisty Fillies (9 min, 9 sec)
10. UK Dressage and Eventing Team #4 (9 min, 14 sec)
11. UK Dressage and Eventing Team #1 (9 min, 25 sec)
12. Fighting Fillies (10 min, 10 sec)
13. Ready to Ride (10 min, 38 sec)
14. Out of State (11 min, 11 sec)
15. MAJK (17 min, 18 sec)



R.E.A.D. Club members and their first place trophies



Jill Stowe brought her A-game to bob for apples



Equestrian Olympics participants show how to (and not to) navigate a three-legged course



Tae-hun Nam roping



Students navigating the Blind Horse Course



The Equine Programs' office completing the hippology quiz



Holly Wiemers racing the clock on a bouncy horse

UKAg Round Up recap

Holly Wiemers

The 2014 UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Round Up was held Sept. 3-6 in and around the E.S. Good Barn on the south end of UK's campus. Round-Up is an annual 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. This year's event included a Rotary luncheon, legislature day, staff appreciation day and alumni activities.



Dean Nancy Cox assists with the preparation of food for Ag Round Up



Students interact while attending Ag Round Up

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The Intern of the Year Award went to Madison Scott, who was nominated by Matt Koch of Shawhan Place Farm for going above and beyond what was expected and raising the bar for all future interns and employees. Other nominees included Alyssa Broner (nominated by the United States Pony Club), Kim Cecere (nominated by United States Equestrian Federation) and Sarah Sivinski (nominated by Kristine Urschel, PhD, within Animal and Food Sciences at UK).

The Internship Supervisor of the Year was awarded to Max Hodge of Fasig-Tipton, who was nominated by student Jackson Buchanon. Also nominated was Kip Fladland of La Riata ranch in Iowa by student Colton Woods, Legacy of Legends scholarship winner.

In addition, the event featured an alumni speaker, Natalie Voss, and recognized a growing contingent of program alumni.



Photo: Stephen Patton, UK Agricultural Communication Services.

Madison Scott (center) received the Intern of the Year Award at UK Ag Equine Programs' annual Equine Science and Management Reception. She is pictured with Karen Bublitz, Gus Koch and Matt Koch of Shawhan Place Farm.

OrgSync

Hannah Forte

Class, work, volunteering, club meeting, team practice... and what am I forgetting? This is a typical dilemma for college students. A new online tool called OrgSync was purchased by the University of Kentucky to centralize student involvement on campus. The website provides an online directory for all organizations at UK.

To log in, students simply enter their LinkBlue credentials, then get access to hundreds of clubs and teams. Students can search the directory to join organizations which they are already a member of, or request to join new organizations. Calendars, dues, events and important information from each member organization are compiled into one location. The system makes it easy to get involved on campus and easy to track involvement.

The new system also benefits organization officers, as well as the University. OrgSync makes it easy to plan, share and manage an organization. It is simple to upload and share forms, track attendance, develop to-do lists, create surveys and manage financials. Each organization can create events and ask for RSVP's. Each organization has a member roster that tracks attendance, participation, and dues.

Organization, communication and involvement are all reasons to start using OrgSync. Rather than have an organization spread out over email, meetings and social media, all of the information is in one place. Get started today at <https://orgsync.com/login>.

Annual Draft Horse Field Day held

Krista Lea

The 6th Annual Draft Horse Field Day Sept. 20 was considered by organizers to be an overwhelming success. Held each year at the Asbury University Equine Center, the event is a collaboration between Asbury University and the University of Kentucky. This year featured four pulling teams of Belgian or Suffolk Punch horses, pony rides and other children's activities.



Photo by Ray Smith

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment videographer Dave Stallion tries his hand at plowing

Educational booths included "CSI: Animal Investigations," presented by the UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and "What's in a Horse's Lunchbox?" presented by UK Forage Extension, as well as booths from the Kentucky Horse Shoeing School, Morehead State University and Asbury Art Club. Student organizations from Asbury University also demonstrated their skills, including the Hunter/Jumper Club, Western Club, Drill Team, Vaulting Team and Service Mounts.

At the end of the day, the draft teams plowed the summer garden area at the Asbury Mission Farm and 20 participants got to try their hand at the plow, including College of Agriculture, Food and Environment videographer Dave Stallion and his wife Tanya.

Student Professionalism Series

Elizabeth A. 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. This month we will be exploring the benefits of traveling abroad.

“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow mindedness.”

- Mark Twain



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But the college experience is definitely unique. Unlike any other time period in your life, you have tremendous freedom, unlimited possibilities and the majority of your closest friends live in the same town as you. One thing I miss most about my college years was the feeling of knowing that everything I owned fit in the back of my Plymouth Acclaim and I could pack it up and go wherever I wanted, whenever I wanted on a moment’s notice. As you get older, careers, mortgages, families, pets, appointments, meetings and life tie you down, making travel every bit as exciting, but much more complicated. Thus if I could advise you to do one thing while you’re in college that I wish I had done, it would be to travel abroad.

Nowadays, colleges have study abroad offices and established partnerships in almost every country you can think of. UK is no different. Whether you want to travel abroad for two weeks, study abroad for a semester or work abroad for some time period in between, there is something available for you. Our equine faculty have connections in Canada, Brazil, Ireland, England, France, China, Chile, Japan and Australia – just to name a few. A short-term travel abroad trip is a great way to get your feet wet in international travel, while a semester studying abroad is a great way to expand your education, make friends from other countries and truly experience a different culture. Interning or working abroad is also a valuable experience.

The equine industry is expanding internationally and work experience in another country shows employers you can travel, have an open mind, are committed to your career and can bring international insight that students who never leave the U.S. cannot. Traveling abroad can be daunting and overwhelming, which is why there are offices like the Study Abroad Office at UK to help you every step of the way. There are also opportunities for you to travel, study or work abroad alongside other students from UK, making the experience much more inviting.

Having just returned from Australia, I will be holding a series of meetings in the coming months to raise awareness about the many equine opportunities awaiting you down under. I would encourage you to attend these meetings, or if Australia is not your country of interest, talk with your advisor, research other countries on your own and visit the Study Abroad Office or website to find out what is available to you. There is truly something for everyone when it comes to international experiences and if I were back in my days of potatoes and McDonald’s meals, I would gladly pack up my things, get out of my comfort zone and go to another country because traveling abroad is something that will change you forever. It is one of the only things in life that gets harder to do as you get older and someday you will likely look back on your college years and wish you had.

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment: A tradition of excellence and inspired vision

Carl Nathe, Source: UKNow

While we are getting ready to celebrate the Sesquicentennial, the 150th birthday of the University of Kentucky, it is important to remember that the ‘roots’ of the institution in large measure can be found in the land itself, as in agriculture.

Three years before the founding of what we now know as UK in 1865, the Morrill Land-Grant College Act of 1862 was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln. The legislation allotted to the states profits from the sale of western lands. These profits were to be used to establish higher education programs, particularly in the practical and applied sciences, including agriculture.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky (later the University of Kentucky) found its permanent home in Lexington in 1865, after Kentucky University Regent John Bryan Bowman purchased Henry Clay’s Ashland and J.B. Tilford’s Woodlands estates. It was not until 1881 that William Ashbrook Kellerman was hired as the first full-time professor of agriculture after the Kentucky General Assembly authorized a half-cent property tax to support the establishment of an Agricultural Department.

“What we now call our UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has established a long and proud tradition of excellence with respect to our integrated land-grant missions of teaching, research, and service through extension,” said Nancy Cox, who became the first woman to serve as dean of the college on Jan. 1, 2014. “We have a productive and dedicated faculty and staff who educate students to prepare for almost every career path.”

Back in 1885, the Commonwealth of Kentucky became somewhat of a national trendsetter when UK President James K. Patterson hired Melville Amasa (M.A.) Scovell as the first director of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station. This was two years before Congress’ Hatch Act provided federal funds for state agricultural experiment stations. By 1886, the Experiment Station was directed by the General Assembly to assume responsibility for analyzing and labeling fertilizers. Over the next 30 years, that regulatory responsibility had expanded to include seeds, nursery products, livestock feed, food and drugs.

Domestic science instruction, what later became known as home economics, was begun at UK in 1906 as 40 women took two courses. Currently, the School of Human Environmental Sciences within the college has an enrollment of approximately 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students of both genders.

The impact of the college on Kentucky, the nation and the world took a huge leap forward in 1912. That is when the UK Agricultural Special, a “university on wheels,” made 108 stops and covered nearly 2,500 railroad miles across the state. This train of six cars carried exhibits on all facets of agriculture to more than 70,000 Kentuckians. Again, the university and the Commonwealth were ahead of the curve. This was two years before the federal Smith-Lever Act of 1914 organized and partially funded the outreach activities of land-grant universities, establishing the Cooperative Extension Service.

For the past 100 years, Kentuckians have improved their crop yields, their health, their know-how, their businesses and even the fine arts in their communities by relying on extension’s well-informed, research-backed outreach programs. Youth have been served through high-quality 4-H programs. With agents in all 120 of the state’s counties, UK Cooperative Extension truly is the local face of the university throughout the Commonwealth.

This article could be the length of a substantial book if the writer was able to include a true measure of the many other significant highlights in the long history of the college. Instead, at the risk of disappointing some readers, we will mention just a few milestones:

- 1922 — Dean Thomas Poe Cooper establishes the Robinson Substation on nearly 15,000 acres in Breathitt, Perry and Knott counties that were transferred from the E.O. Robinson Mountain Trust.
- 1924 — The West Kentucky Sub-experiment Station is started in Princeton with appropriations from the Kentucky General Assembly. Each experiment station focuses on agricultural situations unique to its part of the state.

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- 1942 — To support the U.S. effort in World War II, agricultural and home demonstration agents carry out the “live-at-home” campaign where families agree to produce 75 percent of their own food supply.
- 1962 — Extension agronomist Shirley Phillips establishes UK as a leader in the no-till movement. Today, approximately 90 million U.S. acres are in no-till production.
- 2001 — Scientists from across the college work tirelessly and are able to get a handle on the outbreak of Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome (MRLS), a condition resulting in a high number of late-term abortions in equine mares.

The UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has been fortunate to have the leadership of a number of outstanding deans across the years, beginning with the first person to hold the official title, Dean Clarence Wentworth Mathews. Here is the chronology of the deans through the years, working our way back from the tenure of the current leader of the college, Dean Cox.

- M. Scott Smith, 2001-2013
- C. Oran Little (C. Oran Little Research Farm in Woodford County), 1988-2000
- Charles E. Barnhart (Barnhart Building), 1969-1988
- William A. Seay (Seay Auditorium), 1963-1969
- Frank James Welch, 1951-1963
- Thomas Poe Cooper (Cooper Building), 1917-1951
- George Roberts, 1916-1917
- Joseph Hoeing Kastle (Kastle Hall), 1912-1916
- Melville Amasa Scovell (Scovell Hall), 1911-1912
- Clarence Wentworth Mathews (Mathews Building), 1910-1911

One thing you can be sure of — The College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will continue to look at new and better ways of carrying out its mission as it gets ready to help UK begin its next 150 years.

As Dean Cox put it, “We will build on our distinguished past and embrace our exciting present in order to serve future generations by living up to our slogan, ‘We Grow Ideas.’”



September's Bluegrass Equine Digest

Check out the September 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:

- Growing your bedding
- Lessons learned about equine welfare
- EVA update
- Weed of the month
- Deworming dilemma
- Upcoming events

American Quarter Horse Foundation Scholarship

Students interested in applying for scholarship funding from the American Quarter Horse Foundation for the 2015-16 academic year can download the scholarship guidelines for a complete list of criteria and requirements. The deadline for 2015 scholarship applications is Dec.1, 2014. Applicants can submit a non-specific application, which will be evaluated against the criteria supplied within the scholarship program outline to determine eligibility. For more information about Foundation scholarships, call 806-378-5029 or email foundation@aqha.org.

Presidential saddle time



Horse time is the best time, we say, and hope our president agrees! UK President Eli Capilouto took a riding lesson with Bennie Sargent of Bennie Sargent Quarter Horses and Western coach for UK's Equestrian Team. The lesson was planned for Capilouto by the Equine Industry Advisory Committee for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Capilouto rides Charlie, the American Quarter Horse mount owned by Sargent's daughter, pictured with Capilouto in the bottom photo.

Program horsepower- Bryan Cassill

Jackson Wells

Bryan Cassill, Animal Resources Manager at the University of Kentucky's Maine Chance Farm, grew up in Wellston, Ohio, on a small Quarter Horse operation. At age 8, he started competing in barrel racing.

Cassill attended The Ohio State University and earned his undergraduate degree in animal science. Cassill then came to UK to pursue a master's in equine nutrition. His thesis project entailed studying calcium requirements in lactating mares.

"This is where the horses are. I knew I wanted to be in the equine industry, and the M.S in equine nutrition really focused my opportunities after graduation," he said.

When asked what one of his favorite aspects of managing Maine Chance is, Cassill said, "The opportunity to work with students every day and being surrounded by great people."

Students who work at Maine Chance are undergraduates. "I like to keep a balance of upperclassmen versus lowerclassmen, but out of the nine students currently employed, five are seniors," he said.

Most of the students are also Equine Science and Management majors, he said, but "for those who have a strong passion for horses, they will also fit in (at Maine Chance) just fine."

Maine Chance is a research facility with a heavy focus on students. The facility covers roughly 150 acres, and is home to 100 horses. While individual attention is given to each horse, the farm's ultimate goal, Cassill said, is to "turn out great students."

One of the benefits students receive from working at Maine Chance is real-world experience in the equine industry. Students can expect to gain experience ranging from weighing horses for research trials to helping in the reproductive laboratory.

"The students get to see the entire foaling process," Cassill said. "From foaling to the sales pavilion, they see the entire cycle."

These experiences have led to five students to be invited to work at the fall sales for either a vet or sales signer.

"Relying on donated horses and creating success stories really shows the farm's dedication," said Brett Santangelo, an equine science junior.

For current equine students, Cassill recommended they take advantage of living in Lexington, and be involved in the industry.

Riding experience is not necessary to learn at Maine Chance. Students of all equine-related backgrounds are welcome at the farm.

And in the immediate future, Cassill said, "Be on the lookout for us (and our yearlings) at Fasig-Tipton this fall."



Equine Science and Management Alumni Profile

Hannah Niebielski, '12

*United States Equestrian Federation
Licensed Officials Coordinator*

by *Hannah Forte*

Where is home for you?

I was born and raised in Atlanta, Ga. However, I call Lexington- the horse capital of the world- my home now.

How did you first become involved in the horse industry?

Like many others, my love for horses started when I was knee high. I was fortunate enough to begin riding at the early age of 5 and then I focused on the sport of dressage exclusively as a 9-year-old. Through years of hard work, I was able to earn the opportunity to be both a working student and intern for Anne Gribbons, FEI 5* Dressage Judge, USEF Licensed Official, and former USEF Dressage coach from 2010- 2012. In recent years, I have also had the opportunity to work for Reese Koffler-Stanfield, USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalist, of Georgetown's Maplecrest Farm.

What were your career goals before graduation?

I knew I wanted to make a difference in the professional side of the horse industry. As much as riding was an integral part of my life, my strengths in business practices and management were too strong to be secondary. My aspirations pointed me towards the Federation. I was always very focused on my future throughout college.

Did you pursue further degrees such as a master's or a doctorate after graduation?

No, I did not. I dove right into working after my graduation. Although, I do have plans to further my academic education in the future.

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

The University of Kentucky is extremely blessed to have the best group of professors dedicated to the Equine Science and Management program. Each and every one has helped me in some way to foster my educational growth and to be where and who I am today. However, I will always hold special places in my heart specifically for Dr. Jill Stowe, Dr. Fernanda Carmargo, Mr. Bryan Cassill, Dr. Mary Rossano and Dr. Bob Coleman.

How are you currently involved in the horse industry?

I am quite involved in the horse industry, since I work for the governing body of equine sport in the United States. I work to provide leadership and encourage interest and participation in equestrian sport each passing day.



Niebielski at the USEF office in Lexington, Ky.

What are your current job responsibilities?

I process all licensing requests in each of the breeds and disciplines the Federation recognizes, from training/educational programs to adjudicating. We have 235 separate licenses and educational programs. I also organize material to aid in the development of the Federation's curriculum and educational processes of such licensing. However, I specifically specialize in the International Disciplines (Dressage, Driving, Eventing, Reining, Vaulting, and FEI).

I also work with USEF's Licensed Officials Committee, who is responsible for reviewing applications/licensing for USEF Officials and making recommendations to the FEI regarding FEI licensure. This Committee also monitors the licensing process and its educational steps – making changes needed to update rules or procedures, reviewing evaluations received for all officials and potential officials, and taking action on said material. The LOC is one of the largest committees in USEF and includes representation from each of the breeds and disciplines the Federation recognizes.

In addition, I provide assistance and information to our over 2,000 Licensed Officials, which means I need to have a thorough understanding of our USEF Rule Book and all breeds and disciplines. Our Licensed Officials Department also administers any examinations. We process Learner, Guest, and Special Judge Cards and reviews Steward and Technical Delegate Reports. We also complete many additional tasks that are required for Departmental function.

What advice do you have for a current equine student?

Start working towards your life goals now. One needs to dabble in a bit of everything to make you more appealing to any potential employers and to make you a well-rounded individual. Work in jobs away from the equine industry to solidify any organizational and professional type skills. Experience such as this will help you tremendously in whatever you choose to do. Also, do not deviate away from why you love the horse in the first place. Always remember in times of stress to take a walk out to Keeneland or the Kentucky Horse Park for any type of recenter. Actively work to find your passion in life, and once you do, don't let it go.

Inspiring Internship

Hannah Forte

Annie Hickey is currently enrolled in a yearlong training program to become certified as a therapeutic riding instructor. And starting in December 2014, she will take a series of tests to become certified as a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor. Her internship with Central Kentucky Riding for Hope started Hickey on her journey to teach therapeutic riding lessons.

Hickey has been riding horses her entire life, including showing and playing polo in high school. At home in Atlanta, she gained experience volunteering at a therapeutic riding facility. She has been a member of the UK Women's Polo team for the past three years, and recently became a member of Woodford Hounds in Lexington. Hickey chose to attend the University of Kentucky because of the equine degree program.

When deciding on an internship site, Hickey chose Central Kentucky Riding for Hope because of her passion for children and horses. Her internship allowed her to shadow the lead instructor, as well as participate in the therapeutic riding lessons.

Hickey said, "I had the opportunity to work with the trainer, which was my favorite part of the internship."

According to Hickey, the horses used in the program are very calm and well trained. Part of her work at CKRH was to desensitize the horses.

"CKRH is such a special part of the equine community in Lexington. They are always willing to take volunteers and partner in projects, sending Annie to intern there was just a great fit for them and for her," said Elizabeth LaBonty, Lecturer and Internship Coordinator.

Hickey said, "The children that ride at CKRH are so inspiring, and watching them gain an understanding for both the love of horses and the physical benefits they gain from riding was really incredible."

Hickey is expected to graduate in May 2015. After graduation, she plans to continue training her 2-year-old off-the-track Thoroughbred, and teach therapeutic riding lessons.



Clubs and teams updates

Equestrian Team:

Hunt Seat

The Hunt Seat Team is excited to start the semester with 19 new members! With another 19 returning members, our team now consists of 38 riders. The show season is about to start, and all team members are excited to be at the barn with Coach Diana Conlon to prepare for blue ribbons.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Horse Park for the Hagyards Grand Prix. It was a great night.

We invite everyone to join us for a team fundraiser at McAlister's (on Euclid) Oct. 11. Funds will be used towards our upcoming show at Lakeside Arena. Our next show will be Oct. 25 and 26 at the University of Louisville. Wish us luck!



The Hunt Seat Team at the Hagyards Grand Prix

Dressage and Eventing Team:

With the first two meetings and IDA tryouts behind us, the team is well underway for the Fall 2014 semester. We have approximately 50 members on UKDET, and starting this semester, we will be located at a new facility. UKDET will be operating out of Valley View Farm in Midway, Ky., where team coach Emily Hamel is based.

Thank you to everyone who participated in IDA tryouts, and congratulations to the 12 members who made the IDA team. We look forward to watching you compete throughout the semester:

- Intro: Ally Gutekunst, Sarah Robertson, Corinne Smith
- Lower Training: Katie Canfield, Jen Davis, Erin Johnson
- Upper Training: Taylor Pence, Jessica Lyons, Johanna Wagner
- First Level: Hollis Glowniak, Maggie Hoffman, Michaela Yowaiski

Several members competed at Flying Cross Horse Trial Sept. 12-14. There were also members competing at Jump Start Horse Trials on Sept. 26-28, as well as a large number of team members volunteering. On Sunday, Sept. 21, UKDET had a blast participating in the clean-up day at Masterson Station Park.

We will be hosting several fundraisers this semester, including a Blue Ribbon Jumper Show on Oct. 10 and a silent auction at the Hagyard Midsouth Three Day & Team Challenge on Oct. 15-19.



UK Dressage and Eventing Team at the Masterson Station Park clean-up



Hannah Forte and Samantha Franke watersealing barrels during the Masterson Station Park clean-up

R.E.A.D Club:

R.E.A.D. Club is very excited to kick off a new year with undergraduate research! Many new and familiar faces alike came to our first meeting Sept. 9, and plenty of interest was shown for membership, field trips, seminars and volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in equine or any agricultural research, or want to gain hands-on experience in the lab or at the farms, this is the club for you. Stay tuned for more speakers, research opportunities, UK and industry field trips and chances to network!

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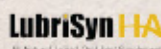
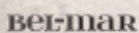
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