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University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs Newsletter



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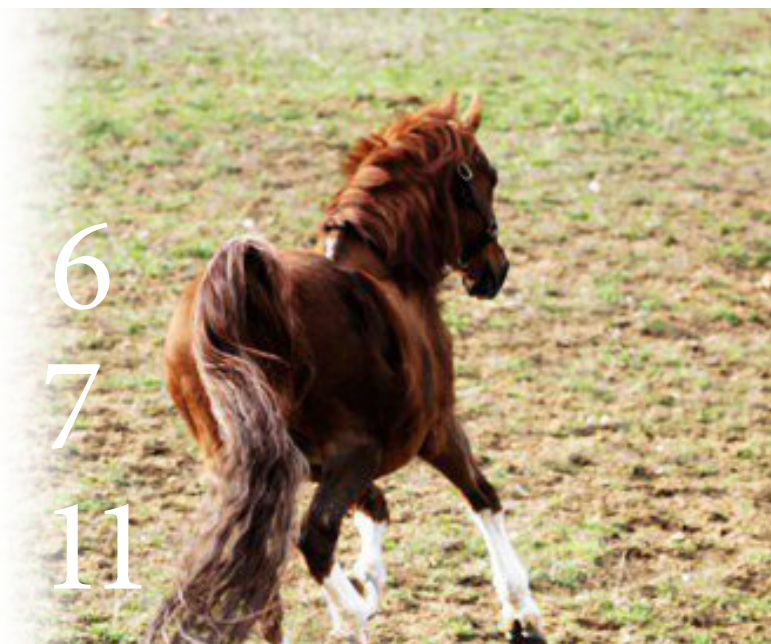
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## Welcome

At some point in our careers, many professionals make a move to a new town and state. It can be a daunting event to relocate your family and yourself, leave behind friends and colleagues and start a new life phase. But when you have a horse enthusiast, or two, in your family and the opportunity is presented to live in the “Horse Capital of the World,” apprehension quickly turns to excitement. I came to Lexington this summer knowing, like most of the general public, UK’s reputation for having an outstanding equine program. I was, however, unaware of the depth and quality of the individuals who serve as instructors and educators of the Equine Science and Management Program. I now have the privilege to work with a truly outstanding group of faculty, lecturers and staff who are not only passionate about teaching, but who carry that passion to their personal lives. In addition to teaching classes, they plan and organize horse shows in multiple disciplines, trail rides, summer camps, clinics and support various clubs. I have discovered that there are more horsey things to do for recent transplants, than days to do them.

Of course, this could not be possible without the strong support of an equine industry who values their commitment. As I began to assist in the planning of the 2015 fall Equine Summit to celebrate 10 years of equine studies at UK and plan a vision for the next decade, I recognized the full impact of that support. Veterinarians, practitioners, pharmaceutical representatives, internal medicine specialists and veterinary researchers from UK have all come together for the common cause to advance the UK equine program and take it to the next level in research and prepare graduates for careers in the industry. For students interested in pursuing careers in Equine Science and Management, this broad-based support translates into a quality education and opportunities for jobs.

I greatly appreciate the sincere welcome extended to my family by everyone involved in the Equine Programs at the University of Kentucky. Our experience is not because of the academic position I hold, but because of the kindness of the people in an industry based upon gentleness to animals and respect of others. As a new arrival, it has become clear that UK Ag Equine is an extended family who share a love of horses and generously share that affection with others. I’m looking forward to developing close relationships with those in the equine program and to working together to benefit the entire horse community, and perhaps as a father of a future UK Ag Equine graduate.



*Rick Bennett*  
*Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station*

**Upcoming events/deadlines:****Oct. 1****CAFE Student, faculty/ staff picnic****Oct. 3****Ag RoundUp****Oct. 10****CKRH Halloween Trail Ride & Used Tack Sale  
Kentucky Horse Park****Oct. 11****KHP Foundation Battle in the Saddle, Celebrity Team Penning  
Kentucky Horse Park****Oct. 19****Midterms****Oct. 19-Nov. 13****Advising for Winter 2015 & Spring 2016****Oct. 21-25****Hagyard MidSouth Three-Day Event and Team Challenge  
Kentucky Horse Park****Oct. 23-25****The Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium  
Kentucky Horse Park****Oct 24-31****Breeders' Cup Festival  
Downtown Lexington****Oct. 27-Nov. 1****National Horse Show  
Kentucky Horse Park****Oct. 30-31****Breeders' Cup World Championship  
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# Program Spotlight

Hannah Forte

## Kelly Prince

From: Parkersburg, West Virginia

Degrees and institute where received: BS, Equine Science and Management, the University of Kentucky (2009-2013). Currently working on MS in Integrated Plant and Soil Science from the University of Kentucky

Kelly Prince chose to attend the University of Kentucky (UK) for her undergraduate degree because of the equine science and management program, opportunities for immersion into the equine industry and potential resources and networking the university could provide. Going into her senior year, Prince began an internship with Ray Smith, professor and forage extension specialist at UK and the UK Horse Pasture Evaluation Program. During that time, she assisted with research and field evaluations of Kentucky horse farms to improve pasture management and discovered an interest in research and extension as well as forages and their effect on equine nutrition.

Prince's current research project is focused on evaluating the carbohydrate variation of pasture forages. The project aims to expand the understanding of carbohydrate variation in pastures to help better manage horses that require low- or high-carbohydrate diets. Because this research is interdisciplinary, Prince has the opportunity to work with a diverse group of researchers including Laurie Lawrence, professor of equine nutrition in Animal and Food Sciences at UK; Isabelle Kagan, a researcher with the USDA Agricultural Research Service; and Ben Goff, an assistant professor in Plant and Soil Sciences at UK.

"The objective of our study is to evaluate the effects of cool-season forage grass and legume cultivars, soil fertility, climatic and seasonal and diurnal variation on carbohydrate accumulation in pastures," Prince said.

Methods for the research involve quantifying water-soluble carbohydrates and ethanol-soluble carbohydrates from 10 cool-season grass cultivars, which represent four different species, and four cool-season legume cultivars, which represent two different species. To evaluate diurnal (daily cycle) and seasonal effects, samples are being taken from research plots located on UK's Maine Chance Research Farm twice daily, every other week, from April through October. Fertility treatments were also applied, and weather data is being collected to evaluate fertility of the plants and environmental effects.

"I value the importance of my thesis research not only in aiding the understanding of carbohydrates in forages, but in the consequential impacts to animal and pasture management for health and disease purposes, specifically equine laminitis," Prince said. "Understanding how carbohydrate levels in pastures fluctuate by the time of day, season, soil fertility and weather will greatly aid in managing horses with laminitis or other metabolic issues and potentially reduce the risk for such conditions."

This summer, Prince took an ecology of grazing lands systems class, which concluded with a trip to the southwestern United States to explore grazing systems. The class stopped at a new location every day, moving from Dallas, through New Mexico and ending in Denver. They explored research stations, producer ranches, conservation centers and wildlife and national parks.

Prince has assisted in other equine and plant research projects during her time at UK. One that stood out in particular was a project looking at ensiling (turning grass into silage) effects on viability of maretail, red clover and tall fescue seed.

After completing her degree, Prince hopes to work in academia and combine her interests of research, teaching and extension.



## Passing of professor William Silvia

William Silvia, popular professor of animal science within the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, passed away on Monday, Sept. 14. He was a graduate of Cornell University, West Virginia University and Colorado State University.

Silvia was the recipient of many teaching awards. He was nominated by his students and received the UK Great Teacher Award in 2009. In 2010 he was honored with the Master Teacher Award from Gamma Sigma Delta (UK's agricultural honor society), a college-level award with nominations made by his peers. He received the 2012 Provost's Outstanding Teaching Award, a university-level award with nominations made by his department chair. In 2013, Silvia was the Southern Regional Award Recipient of the Food and Agricultural Sciences, Excellence in Teaching Award from the USDA and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. In 2014, he was again nominated by his students, and received Honorary Membership into the UK Agricultural Education Society.



According to a Facebook post from the UK Agricultural Education Society, Silvia's passion for teaching and pursuit of knowledge led him through all 50 states and across the world to many countries, including Poland, Uzbekistan, China, South Africa and Argentina. He would frequently incorporate his interests of fossil hunting and exploring evolutionary biology during his trips.

Silvia was an avid sports fan, especially baseball. He took great pride in being involved with his son. In his moments of free time Silvia could be found drawing, enjoying life in the countryside, and taking scenic walks and bike rides with his wife.

According to the post and many comments that followed, Silvia was considered a wonderful professor, researcher and mentor who will be greatly missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mission Lexington, 230 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Lexington, KY 40508 (please specify "Dental Clinic") or the Office for Advancement-UK CAFE, ES Good Barn, 1451 University Drive, Lexington, KY 40546-0097 (please specify "Care of, Lee A & Melinda Walker Edgerton Scholarship Fund").

## New College of Agriculture, Food and Environment store

### Employee and student organization store

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has a new online store for college, department and program merchandise. The site, administered through Promoversity, offers a substantial amount of choices for faculty, staff, departments, units and student organizations to make purchases from one item to 1,000 +. When ordering, simply use your UK email.

If you are looking for individual items click the link that says "No Minimums" and select UK CAFE or Cooperative Extension. For other items, select the item and quantity you want, hit "Design and Customize," then you will find the official logos by clicking "Add Art."

The link to the new store is below and can also be found on the college marketing site which has a direct link from the bottom of the college homepage. Don't see what you need? Contact the store and they will help you find a product that meets your needs. <http://www.costore.com/UKPROMOS/welcome.asp>

### CAFE alumni and friends store

In addition, a separate storefront is offering items to our CAFE alumni and friends. This site offers our alumni and friends a limited number of items to purchase to show their support for the college. Please help us spread the word to those who might be interested. If they have suggestions for other items, please let us know. <http://www.costore.com/UKAGSTORE/welcome.asp>



# 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 discussing the double edged sword of asking questions.

To ask or not to ask, that is the question.

It is often said that the only stupid question is the one never asked. I agree with that idea in the classroom, but in the workplace, it's a different story. We all get excited to learn, especially when we're learning about something we love, but it's important to understand that there is a right and a wrong time and way to ask questions when you're an intern or an employee.

The right way.

Of course you should always ask questions if you're confused about something you've been asked to do. Whether you're working with horses, in the office or in a lab, clarity is key. So if you are not sure on a task you've been assigned, be sure to clear up any confusion from the start; it's better to ask too many questions than to make a mistake that could have easily been prevented by asking questions.

The wrong way.

That being said, there is also a wrong way to ask questions. Never ask questions just for the sake of asking. This sounds trivial but you would be surprised how many times internship and job shadow hosts will complain that all the students did was ask questions to the point that it hindered them from getting any real work done. I actually have several people who are popular choices for students to request to shadow and they will tell me, "Yes, I will let them shadow me, but tell them not to ask questions." Remember, if you are job shadowing or interning, you are there to learn but your learning is secondary to the real work taking place, so don't put yourself front and center by asking questions that actually get in the way of the job that needs to be done.

Also, don't ask questions to try to sound smart or to get attention. This happens most often when the veterinarians show up. Students bombard them with questions to showcase what they know or show off how eager they are to learn and it actually becomes cumbersome for the professional to do his or her job, answer questions and explain everything along the way. You may have questions about what is happening, but you can also do some research on your own time to answer them.

You would be surprised how much you can learn by simply sitting back and quietly observing what is going on. Whether it's a surgery, a pre-purchase exam, a lesson or a training session, my recommendation is watch, listen, learn and ask later. If there is something you didn't understand, you can always find a time when people aren't as busy to ask them about it. The end of the day, when things slow down, can be a good time for questions versus first thing in the morning or in the middle of a task when people's minds are distracted.

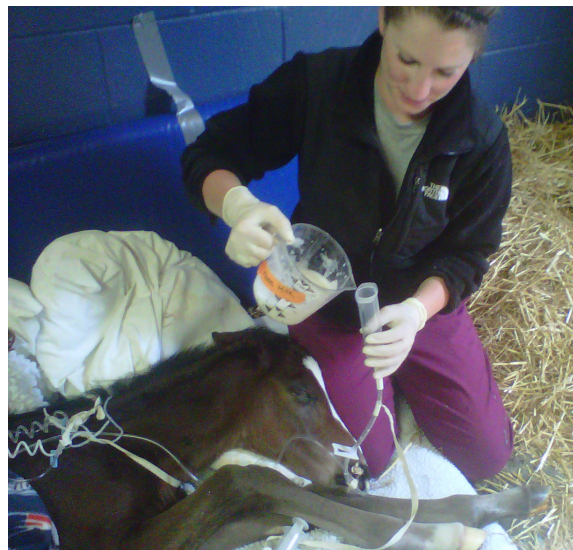
It is important to mention there are some professionals that are teachers at heart, and you will know them when you meet them. They usually greet you with questions about yourself and your career goals and continue asking to see how much you know and how willing you are to learn. These people are as valuable as they are rare, but by and large most people in the industry don't want to be bombarded with questions, even good questions, while they are trying to do their jobs. So be sure to ask when you need to know something and listen when you want to learn. Learning the fine line between good and bad (or unnecessary) questions is a skill that will serve you well going forward.



# Equine Science and Management Alumni Profile

*Lauren Hansen, '13*

*Pre-training at Godolphin*



Hansen at Hagyards

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

I grew up in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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

I started riding in the hunter circuit in Virginia at age 5. In my teens, I switched disciplines and began to compete in eventing. While I was at UK, I was the secretary of the UK Dressage and Eventing Team for two years. My time on the team really exposed me to the sport horse world. I was also introduced to the world of team roping at UK. Through a professor, I met a wonderful steer roping instructor. With his help, I spent the summer and early fall after graduation working with horses and riding western as a wrangler on a Wyoming ranch.

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

Before graduation, I thought that I wanted to be an equine veterinarian. In pursuit of that goal, I obtained an internship and later became employed at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. During my time there, I was exposed to the Thoroughbred industry and developed a strong desire to pursue a career in that field.

## **What led you to this position?**

A culmination of factors brought me to the position at Denali Stud. First was my experience at Hagyards as an intern and later a veterinary technician. Additionally, I received assistance and guidance from a former professor at UK who helped me network in the industry and gave me a great recommendation. My experience working the sales in college was crucial to my position at Denali, specifically the hands-on experience and familiarization with the atmosphere. My experiences have been building blocks and have fueled my desire to pursue the equine industry on a global scale.

## **Where are you currently employed?**

I just left the position at Denali Stud as the Assistant Director of Sales. I am now pursuing career options in the Thoroughbred industry abroad. My current position is working in the Godolphin pre-training yard in Newmarket, England. There, I break and train yearlings, as well as ride-out older horses (2-5 years old) before they enter into a training yard to compete in racing.

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

In my last position, I assisted the director of sales in putting together all of the pedigrees and research for the horses involved in the sale. Additionally, I was involved in ensuring that everything for the sale was prepared prior to going out to sales grounds. The position enabled me to better understand the importance of pedigrees and conformation.

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

One can never stop learning; this is a global industry and it is important to understand all of the different facets. I always stay up-to-date on breeding and racing news.

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

Don't be afraid to take risks and pursue your dreams. Also, get involved in as many different horse activities as possible, and take advantage of your surroundings. Network, and even if the opportunity is in a discipline or field which you are unfamiliar with, take it. Enjoy your time in Lexington, as there is no better place to begin your career in horses than in the Bluegrass.





## Bringing the classroom to the internship

*Hannah Forte*

Valerie Arcuri has ridden horses her entire life and became interested in training horses at age 11. Originally from Richmond, Virginia, she came to the University of Kentucky to pursue a bachelor's degree in Equine Science and Management. Arcuri wanted to be in the heart of horse country and was attracted to the amount of hands-on experience the program provides.

Arcuri had been working under Jen Taylor, manager and hunter/jumper instructor at West Wind Farm, for a year before beginning her internship. Taylor offered Arcuri the internship position, and Arcuri said she was eager for the increase in opportunity and experience.

When asked why she chose this internship, Arcuri said, "I was already comfortable with Taylor, the job and the environment. I knew Taylor would be extremely flexible with the goals I wanted to reach with the internship."

"Jen did such a great job supervising this internship because she really allowed Valerie take on management duties for her internship," said Elizabeth LaBonty, Internship Coordinator and Lecturer. "It's always extra rewarding to have a past member of our program serve as internship hosts because they are familiar with the program and often have higher expectations for the interns while at the same time allowing them to experience more."

During her internship, Arcuri assisted with training and basic care of the lesson and client horses. She acted as a supervisor for the younger students working under Taylor, and was able to learn about breeding and raising foals. She worked with the foals and yearlings to start their basic training, including haltering and leading.

"Valerie has had the opportunity that very few students receive, to learn the techniques and tools to train young and problem horses," Taylor said. "She has also greatly improved her other horsemanship skills by practicing giving injections, driving a trailer, teaching riding lessons and furthering her understanding of horse health and nutrition."

As a past member of the Equine Science and Management program, Taylor was able to emphasize and expand upon Arcuri's experiences in class.

"Taylor knew all about the classes I had taken and how to incorporate what I learned in the classroom with what she taught me in the internship," Arcuri said.

The internship focused heavily on horse management and care, and Arcuri was able to learn about equine veterinary needs, which sparked her interest in equine pharmaceuticals. Arcuri is a senior, and after graduation she plans to pursue her interests fostered at West Wind Farm, and possibly find a career in equine pharmaceutical sales.



# Bennie and Cheryllee Sargent named 2015 Friend of UK Ag Equine Programs

Holly Wiemers

There are friends, and then there are longtime friends – the kind who were friends well before a program ever existed. Bennie and Cheryllee Sargent, who were collectively recognized as the 2015 Friend of the University of Kentucky's Ag Equine Programs during its Equine Science and Management program reception Sept. 8 at Spindletop Hall, can be counted as those longtime kind of friends.

Based out of Paris, Kentucky, the Sargent's of Sargent Quarter Horses, have been supporters of UK's equine programming efforts for nearly 20 years, from Bennie serving as coach of the UK Equestrian Team, western division, to the couple hosting and helping with numerous 4-H activities and extension programs.

"UK's equine program is unique across the country because of where we are located and the great support we receive from industry professionals like Bennie and Cheryllee Sargent," said Bob Coleman, director of undergraduate studies in Equine Science and Management and equine extension professor. "They are truly our friends, and it is great to have them recognized for all they do."

Coleman, who also serves as UK Equestrian Team faculty adviser, nominated the couple for the honor.

The Sargent's have helped raise Kentucky's profile in the world of American Quarter Horses through their years of service to the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association. Bennie has been a successful trainer for more than 35 years and was named the 2006 AQHA Horseman of the Year. He has trained and shown horses to multiple versatility championships, AQHA championships and Honor Roll honors in several events including halter, reining, working hunter and trail.

"We benefit greatly from the willingness of some of the best people in the industry to invest in our students and our program," said Jill Stowe, director of UK Ag Equine Programs and associate professor in agricultural economics. "Bennie and Cheryllee Sargent have exemplified that generosity over many years by sharing their knowledge and expertise with our students, along with youth in general. They are investing in the industry's leaders of tomorrow, and we are so appreciative of their support."

Western Equestrian Team student president AnnMarie Kadnar wrote a letter supporting the Sargent's nomination, thanking the couple for giving their time to the student riders on the team, both in practices and in devoting numerous weekends to team competitions. In addition, she expressed appreciation for the expertise they have shared over many years, and in the generosity Bennie exhibits by letting riders use his personal horses for practice and competition. Cheryllee got special recognition for providing students home-cooked meals several times a semester, and for ensuring that UK's shows routinely offer prizes that are the envy of other programs.

According to Coleman, the Sargent's have supported the 4-H Horse Program for nearly 20 years, from supplying horses for judging contests to giving horse judging clinics to youth. In collaboration with extension personnel at UK, the Sargent's installed high traffic pads at their previous Georgetown facility to alleviate the footing problems associated with highly-concentrated horse traffic, a problem many horse owners face. That process was documented and has been used by UK experts to show best practices in managing high traffic areas.

"Bennie and Cheryllee have opened up their farm, horses and their hearts to UK. You don't visit Bennie's farm without seeing UK students learning horsemanship and training," said Nancy Cox, dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "I visited recently when our own UK President Eli Capilouto came out for a riding lesson. I watched four or five team members being coached by Bennie, on his own horses. He is a consummate teacher and there is no greater family deserving of this award."

The Friend of UK Ag Equine Programs was created in 2005, when the program was called the Equine Initiative, to recognize a member of the public who had provided advocacy, funding or other extraordinary support for the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's equine programs or a college or university employee who had generated an exceptional relationship with stakeholders that manifested into a new program, new advocacy success or new resources for the program.

Past Friends of UK's Ag Equine Programs include Stuart Brown, a Lexington-based veterinarian specializing in equine reproduction with Hagyard Equine Medical Institute; Norm Luba, executive director of the North American Equine Ranching Information Council and current chair of the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Equine Advisory Committee; Dan Rosenberg of Rosenberg Thoroughbred Consulting; Northern Kentucky county extension agent trio Don Sorrell of Campbell County, Dan Allen of Kenton County and Jerry Brown of Boone County; and David Switzer, former executive director of Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/Kentucky Owners and Breeders Association.





## Horohov named chair of UK veterinary science, director of Gluck Equine Research Center

Jenny Evans

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has named David Horohov chair of the Department of Veterinary Science and director of the Gluck Equine Research Center. His appointment will begin Sept. 23.

“We are extremely happy that David has joined the administrative team on a permanent basis. We are fortunate to have someone of his distinguished research reputation at the helm of this important department. Even more important, David’s dedication to supporting Kentucky’s signature industry promises a focus on relevant research with high impact,” said Nancy Cox, dean of the college.

Horohov has served as the interim chair of the Department of Veterinary Science and the interim director of the Gluck Equine Research Center since September 2014. A professor and Jes E. and Clementine M. Schlaikjer Endowed Chair, Horohov 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 degree 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.

“I am humbled and excited by this opportunity I have been given to be the chair of the Department of Veterinary Science and the director of the Gluck Equine Research Center. I truly believe that this program offers exceptional opportunities, and I hope to continue our successes and accomplishments during my tenure as chair. I greatly appreciate the support I have received from Dean Nancy Cox, the faculty and our stakeholders. I very much look forward to working with all of them, as we move this program forward,” Horohov said.

He will oversee the department’s three entities—the Animal Genetics Testing and Research Laboratory, the Gluck Equine Research Center and the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

The mission of the Department of Veterinary Science is to assure the health and viability of animal agriculture through teaching, discovery, research and service.

The mission of the Gluck Center, a UK Ag Equine program in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, is scientific discovery, education and dissemination of knowledge for the benefit of the health and well-being of horses. The Gluck Center faculty conducts equine research in six targeted areas: genetics and genomics, infectious diseases and immunology, musculoskeletal science, parasitology, pharmacology/toxicology and reproductive health.

For more information on the Department of Veterinary Science, visit <http://www.ca.uky.edu/gluck>.



## UK Ag Equine Programs' Alexandra Harper named finalist in Keeneland's Star Spangled Stakes singing competition

Holly Wiemers

Alexandra Harper, operations and communications coordinator for UK's Ag Equine Programs, was recently named a top 10 finalist in Keeneland's Star Spangled Stakes singing competition. She will perform Oct. 8.

According to the contest website, the Top 10 finalists will each get to sing The National Anthem on their designated performance date during Keeneland's 2015 Fall Meet and the winner will perform at the Prelude to the Cup day on Oct. 29.

"I'm honored and excited! I was blown away when I received the email saying I had made it to the top 10," Harper said. "I'm thrilled to be able to showcase my talent at such a beautiful and historical venue as Keeneland, in front of thousands of people. It's neat for me, since I'm also an equestrienne, to combine my two passions."

"I've always wanted to be a famous singer, and I'm pretty sure I'll feel a little like that on Oct. 8 singing in front of so many people," she said.

Each finalist will receive a VIP race day experience on the day of their performance, courtesy of Keeneland Hospitality, which will include Loge Box reservation, food vouchers, general admission and a complimentary race day program. The overall winner of the contest will also receive all of the above, plus a Breeders' Cup merchandise package on Prelude to the Cup day, Thursday, Oct. 29.



After the final top 10 performance during Keeneland's 2015 Fall Meet on Oct. 18, videos of each performance will be uploaded on Keeneland's website and the contest will open for public voting beginning at 1 p.m. EDT on Oct. 18, and ending at 4:59 p.m. on Oct. 22. Voters will cast their vote by selecting the video they consider the best. The video with the highest percentage of recorded eligible votes will be named the winner.

According to Harper, the process began with prospective candidates submitting a video showing them singing 90 seconds of any song acapella. Those candidates were narrowed down to the top 30, who in turn had to submit an acapella video singing the National Anthem. From those performances, the top 10 were selected.



## UK Animal and Food Sciences Department names Distinguished Alumnus, Hall of Fame inductee

*Aimee Nielson*

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Department of Animal and Food Sciences is recognizing two individuals who have been big supporters of Kentucky animal agriculture for decades.

David Switzer is the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus. Switzer, a 1967 graduate of the college, has been associated with the Thoroughbred industry for more than 50 years, working in both racing and breeding. For 21 years, he was the executive director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. He retired in 2014 and soon after began serving as a lobbyist for Keeneland Association and the KTA, where he continues to advocate for agriculture.

"Many people may not know that David serves agriculture beyond the horse industry," said Richard Coffey, UK Department of Animal and Food Sciences department chair. "He recognizes that everyone in agriculture must be united to keep the rural quality of the Bluegrass. He's served on many task forces to promote all agriculture in the region. David also continually supports the college's mission in many ways. He is a prominent industry stakeholder who also understands the university world."



Over the years, David has advocated for issues that affect the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. He was a lead supporter of the capital project for the expansion of the UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, serving on its initial industry advisory planning committee and its present day industry advisory committee. He joined with the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, Farm Bureau and other key agricultural organizations to secure funding for the center and was instrumental in the project finally gaining full approval in 2008. This was key to the college, as the UK VDL has the highest equine necropsy caseload in the world, and one of the top five in cattle.

Switzer received the Friend of the UK Equine Initiative Award in 2006 and was inducted into the UK CAFE Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2012, the highest award the college bestows.

Gary T. Lane is the 2015 UK Department of Animal and Food Sciences Hall of Fame inductee. After growing up on a dairy and row crop farm in Central Kentucky, Lane graduated from Lindsey Wilson Jr. College in Columbia in 1961 and received a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Berea College in 1963. He then earned a master's and a doctoral degree from Purdue University before joining the faculty at Texas A&M University. During his tenure at TAMU, he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in animal nutrition, dairy science and dairy production.

In 1977, Lane came to UK to fill the role of dairy extension specialist. During his tenure at UK, he served as dairy section leader and overall extension leader for the Department of Animal and Food Sciences. Lane left UK in 1986 to become a nutritionist and director of technical service at Burkmann Feeds in Danville. At the time, the company was small and had one mill and one company store in Central Kentucky. During his 20 years of service, Lane helped the company grow to nine feed mills and five company stores. Today Burkmann Feeds sells feed throughout most of Kentucky and has expanded to Tennessee. He retired in 2006 but continues to work part time.

"Lane has served the animal science profession in many ways and has been a powerful leader, teacher and manager," Coffey said. "Any organization he's been a part of has grown or become more secure and meaningful. He's been a friend to the college and to agriculture for decades."

He has been involved in a number of other national and state activities, including the organization of the North American Livestock Exposition dairy judging contest and participation on state and local livestock teams to promote animal agriculture in Kentucky. Lane was instrumental in the formation of the Kentucky Dairy Development Council in 2005, consisting of dairy producers and allied industry members.

Switzer and Lane will be recognized at the UK Department of Animal and Food Sciences Reunion, Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Roundup Tent near the E.S. Good Barn, Lexington campus. Organizers welcome anyone who graduated or has a connection to the department to attend with their families for \$10 per person. For more information, visit the Ag Roundup website <http://alumni.ca.uky.edu/Roundup>.

# Equine students welcomed back with food and fun

Kristen Wilson

The Equine Science and Management Program kicked off the fall semester with its much-anticipated Welcome Back BBQ and 3rd Annual Equestrian Olympics on Thursday, Sept. 17 at the E.S. Good Barn.

Equine students were invited to visit with and be served dinner by equine faculty and staff. They were also given the opportunity to visit with the equine-related clubs and riding teams while in attendance.

Approximately 85 students, faculty and staff were in attendance.

One of the many highlights of the event was the Equestrian Olympics and bouncy horse racing. In its third year, the Equestrian Olympics events included bouncy horse pole bending, sack race jumping, Grain Drain, where participants had to identify feed stuffs while being blindfolded and 50 Charades of Disciplines, which required teams to act out several equine disciplines to their teammates until they were identified correctly.



Placing on top this year were the two teams of equine graduate students. In first place was Team Lawrence, which included team members Veronica Bill, Ashley Fowler and Morgan Pyles. Taking reserve this year, was Team Urschel, which included members Christine Latham, Caroline Loos and Kelsey Smith.

## Results:

1. Team Lawrence
2. Team Urschel
3. READ Club
4. UKDET Blue
5. UKDET White
6. Western Team
7. The Best Tack and Tools Team

## Intercultural Awareness Day

You are cordially invited to the first CAFE Intercultural Awareness Day on Wednesday, Oct. 14 starting at 11 a.m. in the E. S. Good Barn.

Please join us for the reading of the winning student essay "We are CAFE: How I contribute to the compelling interest of diversity in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment," an international/intercultural research poster competition, a panel discussion concerning the importance of intercultural awareness at a land-grant institution, and an international cuisine buffet.

Quentin Tyler, assistant dean and director of the office of diversity

Please Save the Date and Join Us as We Celebrate the Cultural and Diverse Dimensions that Make Up the Very Fabric of Who we are in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

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#WeGrowDiversity

**Intercultural Awareness Day**

October 14, 2015

E.S. Good Barn  
11:00am - 2:00pm

Please Join as We Grow Intercultural Awareness Through:

- International Research
- Panel Discussion
- Essay Contest
- Open Dialogue
- Art Contest
- International Food

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# University equine students now have complimentary access to The Horse's digital content through new Schoolmasters program

The Horse's Schoolmasters program provides future equine industry leaders access to The Horse's high-quality equine health care and management resources during their education. Students at partner colleges receive complimentary access to The Horse digital edition while enrolled in equine studies courses. Each month The Horse provides the latest and most reliable news and information on the health, care, management and welfare of equids. The Horse covers all breeds and disciplines and is written for hands-on horse owners, trainers, riders, breeders and barn managers who want to know more about taking the best care of their horses. Having access to The Horse during their college career will provide students with an additional resource for classroom assignments and future careers in the equine industry. Five additional print copies will be provided to and kept in UK Ag Equine Programs' Office for reference.

Students can sign up at: <http://www.thehorse.com/UK246838>.



## 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 can be found at [http://www.thehorse.com/enews/bluegrass-equine-digest/PDF/BED-Sep2015.pdf?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm\\_campaign=09-27-2015](http://www.thehorse.com/enews/bluegrass-equine-digest/PDF/BED-Sep2015.pdf?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm_campaign=09-27-2015).

- Dr. Horhov Named Gluck Center Director
- A Guide to Horse Hay
- Immunology Symposium Schedule
- Ambitious Undergrad: Sarah Sivinski

# Volunteer opportunities available with UK Ag Equine Programs for upcoming Breeders Cup Festival

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will have a presence at the upcoming Breeders Cup Festival Oct. 24-31 and volunteer opportunities are available for equine and equine clubs and teams' students who'd like to get involved.

The College will be staffing a booth downtown during the Festival Oct. 24-30 from 5:30-10:30 p.m. and during the Breeders Cup Bash at the Red Mile Oct. 30-31 from noon-7 p.m. Students interested in volunteering as representatives of UK Ag Equine Programs will be provided a shirt. If interested, please email [equine@uky.edu](mailto:equine@uky.edu) and include your name, contact information and availability.





# ESMA Program Reception held Sept. 8

Holly Wiemers

UK Ag Equine Programs hosted its annual Equine Science and Management Program Reception Sept. 8 at Spindletop Hall in Lexington.

The Intern of the Year went to Allison Henshaw, who was nominated by both Mark Coley and Ilse Dehner from the United States Equestrian Federation. There were nine total nominees.

Matt Koch of Shawhan Place won the 2015 Internship Host of the Year Award. He was nominated by Courtney Schneider. There were four total nominees.

“This is always my favorite event,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, lecturer and internship coordinator within the Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program. “It’s great to have students (both past and present), faculty, administrators and the industry come together to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of the past year and also get excited for the year ahead.

“This program would not be what it is without the industry support. From Lexington to around the world, we simply cannot thank those who contribute enough for all they do to support us and our students. This event is our way of celebrating internship hosts, guest lectures, alumni and interns who connect the program from the classroom to the industry,” she said.



*Jackson Wells speaks about his experiences as a student intern.*



*From left to right, Ilse Dehner of USEF, Allison Henshaw, Intern of the Year and Mark Coley of USEF.*



*From left to right, Nancy Cox, dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Ted Kuster, Gus Koch, Courtney Schneider and Matt Koch, all of Shawhan Place.*



*Approximately 120 intern hosts, students, alumni, faculty and staff attended the annual ESMA Program Reception.*

## Clubs and teams

### Equestrian Team

#### Western Team

The Western Team competed this past weekend at two shows hosted by the University of Louisville at Rea Quarter horses in Shelbyville.

UK's Western Team was high point team at both shows with Elyssa Smith as the high point rider at both shows, and Sydney Hull was reserve high point rider at the second show. It was a great start to the season!



### Horse Racing Club

The Horse Racing Club kicked off the year with great attendance at its first meeting. Carl McEntee, sales and bloodstock director for Darby Dan Farm, spoke about his job, his path to get there and how he is preparing for the upcoming sales. In addition to a great first meeting, the club took its first field trip of the year to Hill 'N' Dale Farm, and were able to see some of its stallions and beautiful facilities. The club's next meeting will be Oct. 21 in the Alumni Gallery in the library. Pizza will be served at 7 p.m. and the speaker will begin at 7:30 p.m.

### R.E.A.D

The club's first meeting was held Sept. 8 with a great show of people. If you were not able to attend and are interested in more information, please email [ukyreadclub@gmail.com](mailto:ukyreadclub@gmail.com) to be added to the listserv. Also look for updated information and upcoming tours on our Facebook page, which will alert you when tours are set up. The club is excited for what this semester has in store.

### Rodeo Team

The Rodeo team was recently featured in a story by Morgan Lafferty in the Kentucky Kernel.

As the UK Rodeo Team kicks off its third year, barrel racers are saddling their horses, roughies are pulling out the practice barrels for bull riders, and the team's executives are busy welcoming new members to the club.

The story can be found at <http://kykernel.com/2015/09/24/rodeo-team-is-saddling-up-to-win/>.



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## Hunter Pace Q & A

**Q** Do you need a jumping horse to ride in the Hunter Pace?

**A** No; all types and breeds of horses can negotiate the Pace. There are divisions for jumping and non-jumping teams plus a special division for those folks who love to trail ride!

**Q** Do I need fancy Hunting clothes and tack?

**A** Nope! You are welcome to come dressed in Hunt attire but casual attire is fine as well. Some participants will dress in costumes just for fun!

**Q** What if it rains? Will the Pace be cancelled?

**A** Since Foxhunts take place rain or shine, the Hunter Pace will take place rain or shine.



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**Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015  
10am-3:30pm**

**Masterson Station Park**

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Join us at the UK Equine Science and Management

# Alumni Tailgate Event

Saturday,  
Oct. 10, 2015  
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Keeneland**

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