

Wildcat Canter



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UK Equine Initiative
Student Newsletter

Summer is almost here and wow how time does fly! Congratulations to our graduates and good luck in your future endeavors.

To our continuing students, have an amazing summer break and make the most of it. Whether you're spending it at home with your family, working a part-time or full-time job or working on an internship, relish the time and learn all that you can.



We will continue to keep you updated through our newsletter & website so that you don't miss out on anything exciting happening in the College these next couple of months. We are already working to make the 2009-2010 academic year a great one! Enjoy your time off (at least from school). August will be here before we know it! Soak in some sun, relax and get ready to start it all over again! Happy summer to you all!

Lisa Slone Harm,
Scholarship Coordinator

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Equine Clubs Upcoming Events

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Horse Judging Team

Congratulations to the UK Horse Judging Team for its accomplishments at the first annual Equine Affaire Judging Contest!

BLUE TEAM

Blair Cecil, Sarah Shewmaker, Lance Bowman, Jennifer Whittle

1st Team Halter, 2nd Team Performance, 2nd Reasons, 1st Overall

Blair Cecil-1st Halter, 1st Reasons, 3rd Performance, 2nd Overall

Lance Bowman-7th Halter, 9th Overall

Jennifer Whittle-4th Halter, 4th Performance, 7th Reasons, 4th Overall

WHITE TEAM

Lynn Johnson, Krista Cotten, Megan Newberry,
3rd Team Halter, Performance, Reasons, Overall

Lynn Johnson-6th Halter, 1st Performance, 4th Reasons, 3rd Overall

Krista Cotten-5th Halter, 5th Performance, 6th Reasons, 5th Overall

BLACK TEAM

Abby Bailey, Greg Heideman, Taylor Jones
6th Team Halter, 5th Team Performance, 6th Team Reasons, 6th Team Overall



Dressage Team and Eventing Team Combine!

The UK Dressage team decided to add an eventing team because of the increased number of students interested in eventing in the college. The team sees it as another way for people to get involved in the equine industry and come together. Many of the UKDT members are already competitive in the eventing disciplines, and by establishing the team we hope to encourage both disciplines to flourish. The team will attempt to bring clinicians to give jumping clinics, cross country schoolings and dressage lessons.

Other dressage and eventing team news

For the second year in a row, UKDT had a rider place in the top three at the national competition. Emily Mysinger, the 2009-2019 UKDT president, placed third in the lower training division (training level test one and two). The competition was held April 8-9, 2009, at Findlay University in Ohio.

Also, the UKDT will be hosting its own show in the fall of 2009. The date is not yet set, but keep your eyes open for updates about the team's show.



Horse judging team featured here with coach Kristin Harvey.

Equine Initiative News

UK Equestrian Team wins reserve national championship; rider wins individual championship

By: Savannah Faye Craddock

LEXINGTON, Ky., (April 30, 2009) The UK Equestrian Team was named Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) reserve national championship team in the hunt seat division on April 26 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. This placing ranks UK second among 372 equestrian teams across the United States.

This was the third consecutive year UK earned a spot at the national level in this division. In 2008, the team took home top honors.

Individual rider Ali Cibon claimed a national championship title in intermediate equitation over fences.

"All the riders from UK did a great job," said team faculty adviser Bob Coleman. "They are great representatives of the University of Kentucky and certainly show the level of ability in the student athletes at UK."

During the team portion of the competition, Cibon also earned reserve champion in open equitation on the flat. Katie Kearney placed fifth in intermediate equitation over fences. Elizabeth Kunz placed third in walk-trot-canter equitation, and Lauren Patterson took the championship title in novice equitation over fences.

Cibon also placed third in the intermediate equitation on the flat, and Victoria Willock placed eighth in novice equitation over fences. Jenny Gordon competed for the U.S. Equestrian Federation Cacchione Cup and was 21st overall.

Stock seat rider Molly Peyton competed for the American Quarter Horse Association high-point western rider and placed sixth overall. This is the first time UK's stock seat team has had a high-point rider compete at this level of competition.

"Being 2008 national champions gave us the confidence we needed to accept that we deserved to compete with the country's top collegiate equestrian programs, which made this year's experience even more memorable," said UK rider Rebekah Wichard, who competed at nationals the past three years.

Coleman said the team's success is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of the riders as well as coaches Michelle Zimmer and Bennie Sargent. Zimmer coaches the hunt seat team, which rides at Robert Murphy Stables. Sargent coaches the stock seat team, which rides at High Point Equestrian Center.

The UK Equestrian Team, a College of Agriculture club team, has approximately 70 riders who compete in IHSA shows. UK competes in Zone 6, Region 2. Region 2 is made up of Miami University of Ohio, Midway College, Morehead State University, Ohio University Southern, University of Cincinnati, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Wilmington College and Xavier University. Established in 1967, the IHSA encompasses 29 regions in nine zones and has more than 350 member colleges in 45 states and Canada, representing more than 6,500 riders in both hunt seat equitation, western horsemanship and reining.

IHSA competitions are unique from the horse shows with which most people are familiar. During IHSA shows, a rider randomly draws an unfamiliar horse's name and is then judged on his or her ability to ride that horse in equitation and/or jumping classes. There is no warm-up time. This framework was designed to provide a level playing field for college riders and gives students the opportunity to compete in horse shows without having to own and care for their own horse.

For more information about the UK Equestrian Team, contact Coleman at rcoleman@uky.edu or 859- 257-9451.



Photo: UKET 2008 IHSA National Championship Team

UK 4-H Horse Program hosted riding seminar by sports biomechanics lecturer

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's 4-H Horse Program hosted a riding seminar by world-renowned sports biomechanics lecturer, Colleen Kelly, on Sat., May 16 at the Woodford County Extension Office.

The seminar, "Rider Biomechanics: Seat, Posture and Balance," was held at 10 a.m. at the Woodford County Extension Office, with a live demonstration that followed at 12:30 p.m. at Lakeside Arena in Versailles. Riding lessons were also available after the demonstration, starting at 2 p.m.

The seminar educated attendees on techniques to improve rider seat, posture and balance to benefit both the rider and the horse. The live demonstration featured examples of how her techniques can be used properly and she provided an explanation of the way they affect the horse's movement.

"We were very honored to bring Colleen Kelly to Lexington and have her participate in this clinic for the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program and our equestrian teams," said Fernanda Camargo-Stutzman, equine extension professor at UK and head of Kentucky's 4-H Horse Program. According to Camargo-Stutzman, Kelly is one of the world's top sports biomechanics lecturers. She also judges at numerous state, national and royal championships and is recognized for receiving a 100 percent on her official dressage judge's examination.

Sponsors of this seminar and demonstration included the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program, and the Kentucky Equine Education Project.

Student Spotlight: Katey Caddel

UK Senior Katey Caddel returns to her roots and enrolls as an equine science and management student



With the development of the new undergraduate degree program, students from across the country with varied equine interests have been drawn to Kentucky and the College of Agriculture to pursue their education. The program is also drawing students from across campus with equine interests. UK Senior Katey Caddel is no exception.

Initially when entering college, Caddel thought she wanted to pursue another route besides the equine industry. But because of her background and love for horses, she decided that the College of Agriculture was where she needed to be. Now she says she couldn't imagine herself anywhere else.

Caddel is a 22-year-old Lexington native and graduate of Lexington Catholic High School (2005). She is involved in numerous equine-related activities on and off UK's campus. She served as the 2008-2009 Horse Racing Club President and next year will serve as the treasurer. She is also actively involved in the Equine Initiative Student Working Group. Keeping with her equine interests, she gives riding lessons and is currently training four horses. She has also had the opportunity to work at her family's equine therapy center, Caddel Equine Therapy Center in Scott County. The center was started in 1996 by Caddel's parents, who recognized a need for a facility that caters to helping horses recover from injury or illness.

"It really was an amazing experience growing up in an equine therapy business," Caddel said.

"We see all kinds of cases from soft-tissue damage, respiratory infections, podiatry cases, eye infections and colic. The horses are also from different disciplines and breeds including Thoroughbred racing, Saddlebreds, Quarter Horses, Morgans, Standardbreds, show horses and ponies," she said.

At the early age of 8, she joined the Keeneland Pony Club in Lexington. Through the Pony Club she began to compete in mounted games. These games are similar to team relay races, except they occur on horseback. Riders are involved in numerous events from pole bending, dunking tennis balls in buckets, vaulting on and off moving ponies and much more. When she turned 14, she competed in her first national competition. In 2002, she was selected to represent the U.S. at the 2002 Pony Club International Games Exchange. This exchange toured Scotland and England and is an annual exchange/mounted games competition between Australia, Canada, Great Britain and the United States and the tour alternates between these countries each year. There are five members selected each year between the ages of 14-16, two alternates plus a coach and chaperone.



“I think everyone should travel if ever given the opportunity. It can really open your eyes to different things, plus it is fun seeing different cultures and trying new foods,” she said. Caddel has a varied equine background through her Pony Club experience, but has also been active in the Thoroughbred industry. In 2006, she worked the Keeneland sales for Warrendale Sales Agency through Kitty Taylor. At Warrendale she was able to gain experience with clerical work as well as being a groom and showman.

“Kitty has been so supportive of me and my career by encouraging me to try new things and not be afraid to take some risks,” Caddel said.

Though she knows she wants to stay in the equine industry, she is still unsure about what she wants to do in it -- even with all the experience she had gained. But the diversity of the job market within the equine industry is something that she hopes will open up more opportunities. Because of that diversity and her willingness to take risks, Caddel will be working at Saratoga this summer to gain track experience. After graduation in May 2010, she plans to apply for the Darley Flying Start Program or the Irish National Stud. But before she heads to New York for the summer, she will join a group of students who will be traveling to England on an equine study abroad trip. The group will be spending 10 days visiting Newmarket, Berkshire, London, Warwickshire/Gloucestershire and Ascot studying the equine industry in England.

With the recent experience she has gained from her leadership roles within the Horse Racing Club, to her varied background in the equine industry, Caddel has the potential to become very successful in any venue of the equine industry she chooses to pursue. We hope the trip to England is beneficial for Caddel and her class. We look forward to updating you about the trip in a future Wildcat Canter.



Caddel and the Horse Racing Club

Caddel had been involved in clubs and organizations previously, but prior to her work with the Horse Racing Club, had never held any leadership roles in those organizations. She also admits to being terrified of speaking in front of large groups of people when she took the role of the Horse Racing Club president.

But she took the risk and jumped into a leadership position. She explained that the goals for the club this year were to take advantage of the new degree program to increase membership. The club also wanted to contribute to creating a better name for the equine industry by addressing the complicated issues that the industry is facing. They planned to do this by encouraging more professionals in the industry to attend meetings and discuss these issues. The year wrapped up with a successful “Inside Horse Racing: The Trainers View,” trainer panel that featured both legendary and up-and-coming Thoroughbred trainers. There were nearly 200 attendees at this year’s event including students from the numerous colleges and many industry professionals. This was another successful year for the trainer panel and Caddel hopes it will become an annual event.

Photo above, Caddel with horse racing club members and trainer panel participants

UK Equine Initiative Internship Section

Matching the jobs of today with the graduates of tomorrow

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

Lane's End Farm is currently looking for summer help. They are seeking individuals interested in yearling sales preparation. The pay will range from \$8-10 per hour depending on experience. For more information, please contact Lacey Lillard-Herrera, Human Resources Director at (859) 873-7300.

Donamire Farm has an immediate opening for a seasonal agricultural worker. Must be a skilled tractor driver, preferably with batwing experience. For more information, please contact Heather Barron at (859) 514-3474.

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is currently looking for a Horse Show Assistant. The position is full-time, permanent employment with full benefits. San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is an innovative non-profit company with opportunity for professional growth. It's a particularly opportune time to join our Horse Show staff, as in 2010 we will celebrate our inaugural year in brand new horse facilities! Interested parties should submit a resume and references to:

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210.225.1021 fax

Katie Reynolds

Horse Show Director

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

Excellent opportunity abroad for a competent rider to go to Australia for a working holiday. A professional racing stable located in Taree (small country town on the mid-north coast of New South Wales) has employed riders from all over the world over the last 20 years. This is a great chance to do some travelling, earn some money and gain some experience riding here in Australia on a Working Holiday visa. Any rider who is interested in this opportunity will need to make their own arrangements in respect to travel, passports and visas. Accommodation can be arranged. The trainer can provide references and contacts from within the Australian racing industry. If interested please contact Michael Byers of Michael Byers Racing Stables at: evenmike@bigpond.net.au.

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

Job and Internship Opportunities

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

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

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

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

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

Equine student to **provide occasional farm care for four pleasure horses.** UK faculty member farm, south side of Lexington. Needs to be reliable, have at least four years of horse experience and their own transportation. Please contact Ginny Grulke at ginny.grulke@gmail.com

Industry News

Equestrian Lesson Registration (8:30 am, Saturday, June 6, McConnell Springs) – Registration for summer riding lessons will take place on Saturday, June 6. The cost is \$75 for youth classes (ages 10–15) and \$95 for adult classes (16 & over) with all fees due at registration. Please bring birth certificate as proof of age for youth classes. Youth registration will take place at 8:30 a.m. and adult classes will register from 10 a.m. until classes are full. You may only sign-up your own child and one other rider. Parks staff has the final say as to rider placement. Call (859) 253-0328 for more information.

Equine Media Seminar: Educating Kentucky Media about Horses

WHO: The Kentucky Horse Council, in partnership with The Horse magazine, provides training to Members of the media on effective horse story reporting. The seminar is interactive and includes demonstrations and opportunities to interact with horses and equine professionals.

WHAT: Attendees will gain an understanding of horse behavior, safety, a variety of equine disciplines and much more. Topics presented include: Behavior, Safety – reporter & crew as well as horse and handler, major breeds, uses – historical & present, size matters – mini vs. pony vs. horse vs. draft, disciplines, World Equestrian Games, common to Kentucky, terminology – writing activity, photography tips, current issues facing the industry

WHEN: May 28, 2009 1-5 p.m.

WHERE: Asbury College Equine Center located in Wilmore, Ky.

COST: \$15

Includes 2009 Guide to the Kentucky Horse Industry, a publication of the Kentucky Horse Council

Registration deadline May 22, 2009

Pre-registration required!

For more information or to register, contact Essie Rogers erogers@kentuckyhorse.org www.kentuckyhorse.org (859) 367-0509

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