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The Dinner that Changed My Career Trajectory

It started with a conversation in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I was attending the international committee dinner for the International Equine Infectious Diseases Conference (IEIDC) in April 2016. I was there because of my involvement as the international coordinator of the IEIDC that began in 2011. Every detail of the dinner is still fresh in my mind, even almost two and a half years later. I did not know it then, but the conversation that occurred at the dinner would later be life changing.

There were about 20 of us gathered for dinner in this grand room on the second floor of a previous era private home. We had appetizers and Argentinian wine beforehand with our local hosts before being ushered to an expansive rectangular table for dinner. I chose a seat slightly to the right of the center. Dave Horohov, director of the Gluck Center and chair of the Department of Veterinary Science, was seated to my right. Martin Nielsen, associate professor and equine parasitologist at the Gluck Center, was seated across from me. To my left was someone I had met several times before and briefly chatted with, but we had never really had a full conversation. Dinners in Argentina are served over many small courses and usually last several hours. They are much more enjoyable compared to the rushed, and measured in minutes, dinners in America.

Therefore, I do not know how my conversation with the guest at my left started, but I remember him asking me in his native Wales accent, "So, what do you do besides organize this conference?"

I told him I did international communications and event management for the Gluck Center as my day job, that I was also taking classes for my doctoral degree in educational policy studies and evaluation, and my goal was to eventually move on to a roll in higher education administration. I'm sure I went into greater detail, because I'm a writer who has it engrained in me to overshare sometimes.

This eventually led him to ask, "Would you ever consider relocating to Raleigh, North Carolina?"

I remember my response being, "Funny that you ask, because my husband and I have a few years left of our five-year plan in Lexington, and North Carolina is on the top of our list of places to relocate. He grew up on the Outer Banks, and we still have lots of family there."

The conversation continued on and off throughout the dinner and eventually concluded with Paul Lunn, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University, giving me his business card. He told me to keep in touch and visit him at NC State in the fall on our way to the Outer Banks for an already-planned trip to visit family and friends.

I kept my promise to keep in touch. And, I did visit him in the fall. A simple dinner conversation in Buenos Aires, Argentina, resulted in three visits to NC State, several phone calls, many more emails and an eventual job offer as project manager for NC State College of Veterinary Medicine. I accepted the job offer in early September. In early October, my almost decade-long chapter of my career closed at the Gluck Equine Research Center. I had wonderful opportunities and experiences, such as traveling to Buenos Aires twice, and had the privilege of collaborating with so many outstanding internal and external colleagues. Most importantly, I have made memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Sometimes, I was having so much fun at work I forgot I was getting paid to do what I loved. That's all you can ask for at the end of the day.

The moral of this story is never take the person sitting next to you for granted. And, don't be afraid to tell your story. A simple conversation can lead to your next opportunity without you even realizing it. The opportunity might not happen overnight. Sometimes, you have to have years' worth of patience. If you want something badly enough, make it your goal and not just your dream. Then, anything is possible.

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UK Dressage Team Update

This past month, the UK Dressage Team has been busy riding and reaching out into the community.

All IDA members were able to meet with Ellen Murphy to get their evaluation lesson earlier this month and will be coming back for some intensive lesson days the weekend of Oct. 27 in prep for their first intercollegiate show the first weekend of November.

All members are invited to attend, regardless of if they are participating in the IDA portion of the team, and the team said it has quite a few members ready to come watch and learn from their friends.

Rider and trainer Reese Koffler-Stanfield visited the UK Dressage Team at its last meeting to talk about her experiences within the industry.

The team is also excited to welcome Sheila Woerth from the KDA to speak soon.

Almost all members were able to participate in volunteering for either USDF Regionals the week of Oct. 8-14 or for Hagyard from Oct. 19. The team said it learned a lot about what it takes to run a show and was able to meet a lot of new people in the Lexington equine community.

UK Equestrian Team Wraps Up Fall Competition Season

By Samantha Geller

The University of Kentucky Equestrian Team (UKET) has wrapped up its fall season. The UKET participates in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA), in Hunt Seat under the guidance of coach Diana Conlon.

The team began its competition season at the University of Louisville show, where many members came home with great placings. The team was awarded the High Point Team both days.

At the University of Miami Ohio show freshman, Annie Ricigliano, was High Point Rider. In the morning, Ricigliano rode into the first place spot in the Intermediate Equitation Over Fences class and later that afternoon she rode for another blue ribbon in the Novice Equitation on the Flat. At the end of the day Ricigliano received the High Point Rider Award. Ricigliano said, "That was definitely a weekend I will remember throughout my time on the UKET, winning all of my classes, spending time with amazing horses and even better teammates."

The team was also awarded Reserve High Point Team on Sunday.

The team recently wrapped up its fall season at the Georgetown College horse show, hosted at Scheffelridge Farm. The team was awarded Reserve High Point Team placing on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, Sophomore Katelyn Segreti, was awarded High Point Rider after winning both of her classes in the Novice division. The team was Reserve High Point team on Sunday.

The University of Kentucky Equestrian Team is currently placed second in the region behind Miami University of Ohio. After winter break, the team will return to compete in a few more competitions leading to Regional Championships.

Returning National Champion and junior, Caroline Molther, said, "We are excited to see what's to come in the future as we continue showing and head into Regional Championships and Zone Championships." Molther is hopeful that the team will continue to the 2019 IHSA National Championships, which will be held in Syracuse, New York.



UK Horse Racing Club Update

Recently, the UK Horse Racing Club got to tour the historic Claiborne Farm and Blackwood Stables Training Center. Members also got to attend meetings, which featured guest speakers Price Bell of Mill Ridge Farm/Nicoma Bloodstock/Horse Country and Mick Peterson, director of UK Ag Equine Programs, professor and industry leader in racetrack surface engineering.



UK Rodeo Team Update

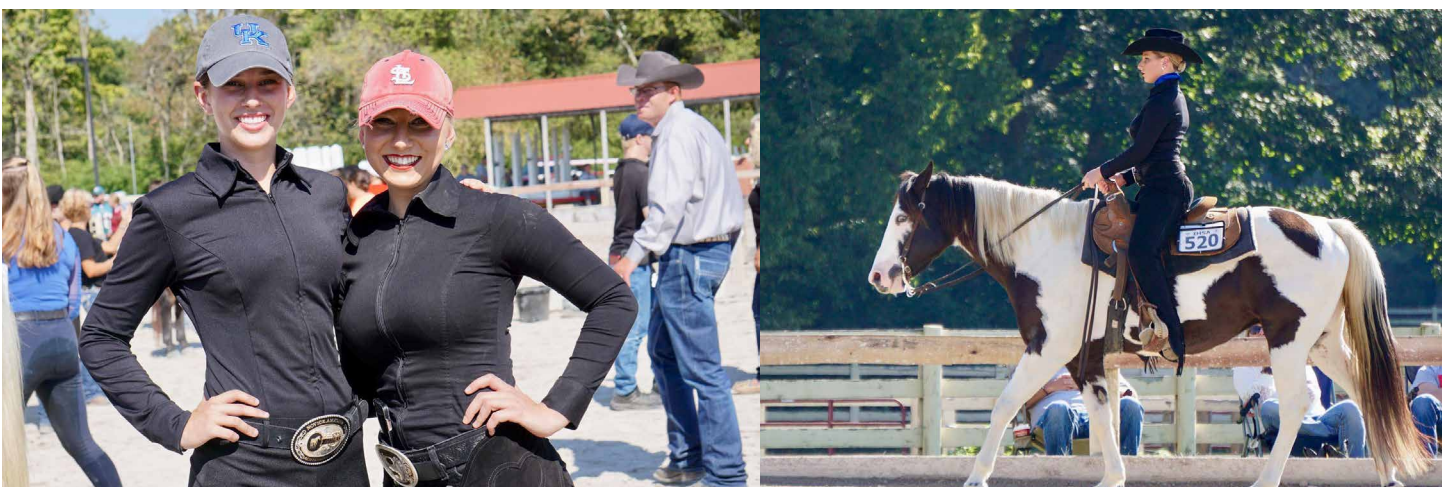
The UK Rodeo Team has had an exciting past few months, competing in rodeos in Alabama, Missouri, Mississippi and will be traveling to Arkansas and Kentucky next month. The team competes in barrel racing and breakaway roping. Representatives of the team said they "had an awesome time at Keeneland being recognized for equine clubs and look forward to the rodeo at the Kentucky Horse Park in November."

UK Western Team Shows Improvements at Recent Show

By Misty Medeiros

On Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, the UK Western Equestrian Team competed at Gatewood Arena in Dry Ridge, Kentucky. The show was hosted by Northern Kentucky's Equestrian Team. According to the team president, Jamie Henley, the UK team did an outstanding job at the show and every rider displayed great improvements while having fun riding together as a team. The team received High Point Champion for both the morning and afternoon shows.

Taylor Cordovano pointed up in a class and will now be showing in the Open division. Sarah Johnson (SJ) also pointed up, and will now be showing in the Advanced division. The team did an outstanding job and can't wait to show next month at Midway University.



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I'm from the beach town of San Clemente, California, where I grew up running, riding horses, swimming and just enjoying the natural beauty of the area. Applying to college, I didn't know where I wanted to go or what I wanted to study, but after stepping on UK's campus in the Fall of 2014, I knew that I wanted to follow my passion and study equine science. I actually wrote a blog for Horse Collaborative, about packing up for college, which you can find [here](#).

Moving from Southern California to Lexington was no small feat, but after three years, I think I am finally settling in. My favorite breakfast is from Windy Corner market; I love cheering on the Kentucky Wildcats; and I am now educated on the finer points of driving in the rain and snow. I was nervous to move cross country from my family and friends, but I'm happy to say that I have found a home in Kentucky.

I often get asked, "If you're from California, why did you come to UK?" and to that I have a simple response - the opportunities. Since beginning my time here at UK, I have been exposed to so many aspects of the industry that I might not have otherwise experienced. I have met some of the kindest and most inspirational people, and to me, there is no place like UK. Before coming to UK, I had never been to a horse race and I didn't know much about the industry outside of my disciplines. Now, after a few years of seizing opportunities, I have been lucky to be a Keeneland College Ambassador, seen a few foals just after they were born and have fallen in love even more with the industry.

My love for horses began at an early age. I was always begging mom and dad for pony rides and finally got the chance to begin weekly lessons in middle school. I fell in love with the animal, the people and the sport. I am lucky enough to continue this passion here at UK in Ag Equine Programs.

I'd like to say I'm a jack of a few trades as I was lucky to have a well-rounded horsemanship education ranging from cattle work, hunter, jumpers, equitation, to eventing and dressage. On campus, I am a member of the UK Equestrian Team (Hunt Seat) which participates in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). The team competes locally in the Kentucky and Ohio area and I have also had opportunity to compete in Regional and Zone Championships. I love being a part of the UK Equestrian Team, as it has helped me become a better rider, a better friend and has rounded out my college experience.

Funny enough, I don't have a horse to call my own, but I am lucky to lease a wonderful gelding named Kenzo de la Roque. In his prime, French, as we call him, was an upper level event horse, competing to the CIC 3* level with his owner Lisa Barry. Now after a few years off, I am beginning to bring him back into work with the hopes of competing with him one day.

My parents are my biggest motivators and my support system. They are super busy but they always make time to come watch my horse shows, spend a day at Keeneland, cheer on the Cats at Rupp Arena or go for a hike at Natural Bridge State Park. At the center of our family is our three rescue Saint Bernard's- Beni, Bailey and Brody. If you ask me about them, please be prepared to be bombarded with photos and videos. Their favorite activities include sleeping on the sofa, begging for treats and going for car rides to the beach. I really would not be where I am today without my family, and I am so thankful for their support.

I am excited to become immersed into the equine industry and learn more about equine research happening here on UK's campus and around the world. After graduation, I hope to work within the equine industry doing something that I love, or attending graduate school, and hopefully have a horse to call my own.



UK Ag Equine Program Welcomes Misty Medeiros as Communications and Student Relations Intern

My name is Misty Medeiros. I am an undergraduate student at the University of Kentucky with a major in Equine Science and Management. I was born in New Hampshire and moved to North Carolina for eight years before my family and I moved back to New Hampshire my sophomore year of high school.

I currently reside in Lexington, Kentucky, completing my undergraduate studies, but Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire will always be home to me. I have two siblings, one a Marine and one a professional ballerina. Crazy, I know! My dad manages dental practices on the East Coast while my mother is a secretary at an elementary school. We may all have very different interests, but we all know where to call home to find mom baking French pastries in the kitchen.

While growing up, I always knew I wanted to help others around me and that I wanted to have a life and career based around that core principle. I grew up riding horses and loved every part of riding and being around the farm and wanted my life and job to somehow incorporate horses.

Now I am studying horses at the most amazing university in the world, GO CATS, and am interested in extension work. I want to be an equine extension specialist and help others learn about horses. I want to work with youth and focus on 4-H extension with an emphasis on the equine world. By being in Kentucky and at UK, I have been able to connect with my professors to see if the extension world is the best fit for me.

Moving 16 hours away from home for college was a little overwhelming at first, but I would not want it any other way. I love attending UK and enjoy all the clubs and organizations I have joined. I came to college wanting to pursue a career in therapeutic riding, then wanted to be an equine dentist and now I want to do extension. So far, college has taught me that you can have any job or career as long as you set your mind to it. I still want to do all of those jobs; however, I am not only interested in extension, but one day wish to be PATH certified for therapeutic riding.

Being a junior in college, I have been able to gain amazing experiences from school work, teams, clubs and friends! I have ridden on two equestrian teams: the Saddleseat Team and the UK Equestrian Western Team. I had ridden multiple disciplines, but never saddleseat until I came to UK. I took a chance and joined the team, I learned so much about my riding and got the opportunity to meet some of the best horse-oriented people. Two years later, I joined the Western Team to try out something else, and I am so grateful that I get to represent my school competing.

I worked two jobs previously and am now interning here. I worked at the dairy unit and the equine unit in the first two years and learned such valuable skills from each. I never thought I would work at a dairy unit, but I had always wanted to milk a cow, and oh boy I certainly was able to do that.

My spring and summer of my sophomore year, I worked at Maine Chance Farm and got to work with foals and watch them grow up. I even got to name my own little horse, Elysees. I may be biased, but she for sure is going to be a Derby winner one day.

I am now serving as one of the interns in the Equine Office and it is right up my alley. I am thrilled to promote the program and work with some of the best equine professors in the world. Beyond college, I plan on being an extension agent specializing in horses and one day moving to the beautiful land of Montana. Being able to wake up every day to see horses down in the valley and mountain behinds them is the life I hope to live one day.



Inaugural Equine Internship Encounter

By Hailee Adams

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Twenty-Year-Old Therapy Horse Named Thoroughbred of The Year By T.I.P.

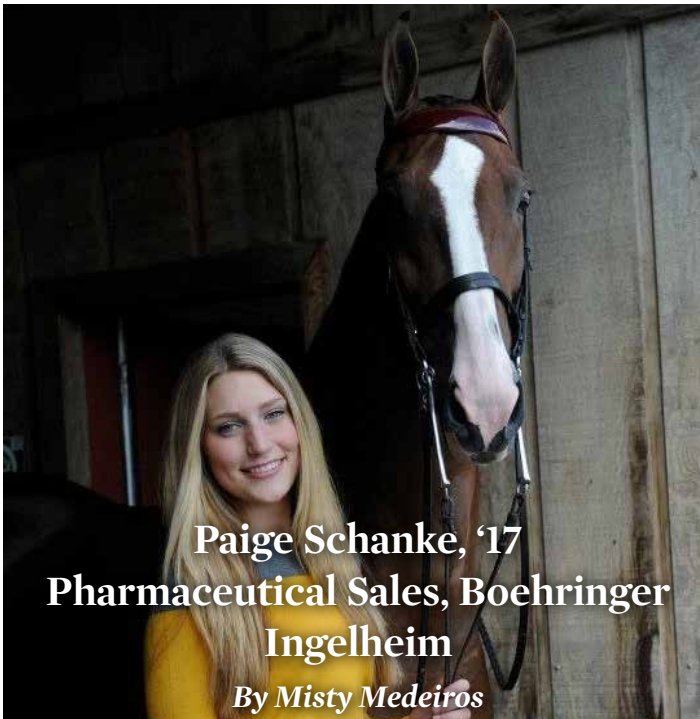
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This article also mentions the award winners of the young rider award. One of the recipients was Katelynn Krieger, who aspires to be an equine veterinarian and is a student at the University of Kentucky.

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) today announced the recipients of its two non-competition awards, the T.I.P. Thoroughbred of the Year Award and the T.I.P. Young Rider of the Year Award, for 2018.

The Thoroughbred of the Year Award recognizes a Thoroughbred that has excelled in a non-competitive career, such as equine-assisted therapy or police work, and includes a \$5,000 grant to the non-profit organization associated with the horse or, if no organization is associated with the horse, to a horse-related charity chosen by The Jockey Club.

To read the entire story, click [here](#).



Paige Schanke, '17
Pharmaceutical Sales, Boehringer
Ingelheim

By Misty Medeiros

Where is home for you?

Neehah, Wisconsin

How did you first become involved in the horse industry?

Schanke said she has been riding since she could walk and grew up near a Saddlebred farm. She has also shown competitively with Saddlebreds. In college, she was interested in the horse racing industry and Quarter Horse breed and maintains that "A good horse is a good horse," regardless of the breed. It is important to learn about each aspect of the industry.

What were your career goals before graduation?

Schanke said her career goals before graduation were to be an equine veterinarian specializing in equine reproduction. During her sophomore year, she changed to the business emphasis of her major and found she was more interested in the sales side of the equine industry.

Where are you currently employed?

Schanke is currently employed by Boehringer Ingelheim in pharmaceutical sales dealing with animal health. She is working out of North Carolina with the company's sales team.

What are your current job responsibilities?

At Boehringer Ingelheim Schanke said she manages small animal pharmaceutical sales, territory management and marketing with her clients.

What led you to this position?

Good friends and personal connections led Schanke to pharmaceutical sales after graduation. She had internships in sales and equine insurance that helped her figure out that she wanted to work in sales, in addition to talking with advisors and professors, particularly Kristen Wilson, Bob Coleman and Elizabeth James.

What advice do you have for current equine students?

Her best advice for a current students is that they should take advantage of every opportunity they can.

"They should go outside the box of the industry that they are interested in. It is important to learn from people, horses and other disciplines," she said.

Based on her experience, she suggests students should not be one-track minded and be willing to learn about the equine industry as a whole and not just one aspect of it.



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Fall 2018 Marks the Start of An Updated Curriculum for the Equine Science and Management Undergraduate Degree Program

By Holly Wiemers

During the spring, a curriculum change for the Equine Science and Management Undergraduate Degree Program was approved. These changes were implemented to help students better customize their undergraduate and career interest path. The curriculum changes went into effect this fall. Students entering the program during Fall 2018 are automatically following the new curriculum; students that began the program prior to the change have the option of switching into this curriculum. Students who are unsure which curriculum they are a part of can work with their advisor to learn more.

Some of the highlights include:

- The major tracks, now called Emphasis Areas, decreased from four to three. The three current tracks for the program are now Equine Science, Equine Business and Communications and Leadership. Students must have one emphasis area and complete 21 hours total in that area. In order to have an emphasis area, students must take 12 credits in one area. Students will then select nine additional credits from any emphasis area. Courses in the emphasis areas are listed below. To see all of the requirements of the major, click [here](#).

Equine Science

- ASC 311 – Advanced Equine Evaluation
- ASC 325 – Animal Physiology
- ASC 364 – Reproductive Physiology of Farm Animals
- ASC 378 – Animal Nutrition and Feeding
- ASC 380 – Applied Animal Nutrition
- ASC 389 – Advanced Equine Nutrition and Feeding
- ASC 410G – Equine Science
- VS 307 – Genetics of Horses
- VS 500 – Advanced Equine Reproduction
- EQM 300 – Topics in Equine Science and Management
- PLS 366 – Fundamentals of Soil Science
- PLS 510 – Forage Management and Utilization

Equine Business

- AEC 305 – Food and Agricultural Marketing Principles
- AEC 312 – Equine Markets
- AEC 320 – Agricultural Product Marketing and Sales OR
- MKT 300 – Marketing Management
- AEC 324 – Agricultural Law
- AEC 325 – Equine Law
- AEC 340 – Human Resource Management in Agriculture
- EQM 106 – Introduction to Careers in the Equine Industry
- EQM 205 – Equine Career Preparation
- EQM 210 – Tools and Tack in the Equine Industry
- EQM 300 – Topics in Equine Science and Management
- EQM 301 – Thoroughbred Sales
- EQM 302 – Equine Event Planning
- EQM 340 – Equine Facility Design and Management

Communications and Leadership

- CLD 102 – Dynamics of Rural Social Life
- CLD 230 – Intrapersonal Leadership
- CLD 260 – Community Portraits
- CLD 320 – Community and Communication
- CLD 400 – Agricultural Community Campaigns
- CLD 401 – Principles of Cooperative Extension
- CLD 402 – Principles of Leadership
- CLD 403 – Leadership and Communication
- CLD 404 – Contemporary Leadership Applications
- CLD 430 – Leading in Communities
- CLD 530 – Fundamentals of Organizational Leadership
- CLD 495 – Topic Seminars in Community Leadership and Development
- EQM 300 – Topics in Equine Science and Management

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- Also new, students now have the option to either complete the required internship or participate in a study abroad opportunity. Either of these courses can now be used to meet the College's academic enrichment experience.
- Additionally, an equine industry issues course was created, which will meet the "graduation composition and communication requirement" (GCCR) of the university. The course, equine industry issues, also helps students with career preparation and helps teach them critical thinking and how to look at industry issues in an unbiased and researched way.

Horses Teach Healthcare Students Leadership Competencies at the University of Kentucky

For five years, the Center for Interprofessional Healthcare Education and Research at the University of Kentucky has been sending students in medicine, nursing, physical therapy, dentistry and public health out to work with horses as part of their semester-long Leadership Legacy Program. Lissa Pohl, program & outreach associate in the Department of Community & Leadership Development, and master trainer for the Equine Experiential Education Association (E3A), has had the pleasure of facilitating workshops for up to 24 students per year teaching self and social awareness (emotional intelligence), intention, presence and patient-centered care.

The following video was created by Jason Parmer of Dapper Agency for UK's College of Nursing to show how powerful this type of experiential learning is in teaching competencies that support effective communication and relationships across healthcare professions. Many thanks to Janie Heath, dean of the College of Nursing and James C. Norton, for allowing us to share this video with those interested in Equine Assisted Learning (EAL).


To view the video, click [here](#).

Bluegrass Equine Digest

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

Click [here](#) to see this month's stories

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- Cost-Sharing Programs for Horse Farms
- Parasite Control for Boarded Horses
- Mineral of the Month



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From our students...some of the pieces written in a provocative new course

By Holly Wiemers

An important part of the mission of our program includes undergraduate education, specifically with our Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program. A new class that piloted this spring – taught by Camie Heleski, a faculty member and lecturer within the program – is one designed to present provocative, often controversial issues that are current to the equine industry.

In EQM 300, “Horse Whispering,” how to communicate with humans in the equine industry, students are introduced to topics, heard from speakers, researched information and communicated about industry issues in written and oral formats. The course is designed to expose students to hot button issues in the industry and encourage them to research and formulate well-communicated opinions about those issues. One avenue made available to this course is publishing some of those stories here. Here one of the written pieces that emerged from students in this course. They are meant to be provocative and sometimes controversial.

The Problem with a Reactive Racing Industry

By (Pati) Szpvra

In the last decade, racing has taken a fair few steps to improve how it interacts with the public and addresses its concerns. Most horse farms now have a tour guide to lead fans through the inner workings of places that were once considered “off-limits” and a privilege reserved for those in the right social circles. Some farms were closed off entirely to anyone other than breeders or were considered extremely fan unfriendly, so people avoided asking for tours to see the horses; even if their favorites lived there.

This has also changed as the group “Horse Country” has been created in partnership with these same farms to offer exclusive access.

If you happen to be in town for one of the sales, you’ll personally see a marked increase in consignors and sellers that now contribute a portion of the horse’s final price to aftercare organizations.

These are a few of the examples of the many places where horse racing has made a conscious effort to change and improve, but the industry, by and large, remains a reactive one on the governing stage.

What is a “reactive” industry? This means that racing waits until a scandal has grown into its own monster and now has to take drastic actions to calm the voices calling for heads to roll; rather than fix the problem while it is a smaller one, or even anticipating issues before they become problematic (proactive response).

Many people in and out of the industry justifiably wonder why, with as much economic power as racing has, it waits until the last second to address vicious rumors or members that are blatantly breaking track rules by selling their horses to slaughter or by being a chemical trainer. Why do they wait or ignore the small, manageable issues?

Honestly? Politics.

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The industry being reactive stems from the industry being fractured. Every state has its own jurisdiction and no two rules are always consistent from one to another. As an example, tack that was legal in California for years - the nose strip - was illegal at Belmont Park up until 2014 when the ban was lifted for California Chrome's Triple Crown bid. Before then, horses who had spent their entire careers racing with one had to go without if their owners wished to compete at New York tracks. Where one state harshly punishes actions considered "race riding" to some, those same behaviors go ignored in another. This wide disparity in standards has never worked for any industry and former organizations that used this structure will agree that it isn't the most productive way to address problems. Consider the case of the PMU (pregnant mare urine) ranching groups.

PMU ranching used to have several "districts" all throughout Canada and the upper states, each with its own name. When animal rights activists came to town and began stirring up controversies, there was no response that carried any weight because everyone had a different level of involvement or desire to be involved. While some ranchers would proudly defend work that had been in their family for generations, others would ignore the questions entirely; when the responses were compared to each other, it raised suspicion on whether the silence meant guilt.

To organize their information, the North American Equine Ranching Information Council was formed to provide all the media work and present the facts. Keep in mind that the industry has only been in full production since 1942. Horse racing is one of the oldest sports known to man and is still functioning under the misguided belief that "state-by-state basis" actually works in its favor.

Racing is in the same predicament that the PMU ranching industry left through forming one governing body and having a way to actively address issues before they become unmanageable. It is a frequently talked about step (having a single voice for the entire U.S.) but to unite an industry of this size would require quite a few people being okay with far reaching changes that might affect their influence and control. Some of the most hostile reactions to the idea on social media -which has become racing's bane and savior- are from the people that stand to lose the most if the multiple jurisdictions the industry functions on now went away.

It's frustrating, but on the other side, we cannot seriously expect someone to be okay with having to give up their current position. How would the horse racing industry aid people who might lose their jobs if a single governing voice becomes a reality? Who would be responsible for what part of the industry? Those are valid questions that will require serious thought and planning in the future if the industry wants to thrive instead of being relegated to the side as a sport in perpetual survival mode. Advertising everything as an endless party or gambling opportunity will only go so far if the problems these things are intended to mask are not addressed.

Out of personal curiosity, I interviewed a racing fan that has been watching the sport evolve and change for almost 41 years. Terri Bey has seen four Triple Crown winners and is an outside perspective as someone that has no financial gain from the industry. One of the first questions I asked her was for the one thing that racing currently does that she does not like seeing. She said:

The industry tends to circle the wagons and like most industries go into 'cover their rear end' mode. They attack the media, or try to deflect the problem to someone else, let's say PETA. For example, when PETA went undercover into now Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen's barn and into other places, and released that video to spread their anti-horse racing propaganda a few years back, many in the industry attacked PETA. Many in the industry deflected it as an "anti-horse racing vendetta." I didn't approve of PETA's tactics, either. However, Mr. Asmussen was investigated by both New York State and Kentucky, and I believe he was cleared of horse abuse. As I said, people just wanted the subject to go away.

It's not unusual to see these comments from others as well: frustration at the "blame game" that always seems to erupt rather than a strong and articulated response from everyone in the industry. The problem remains: How do we move away from reactive interactions and go into a proactive method of handling these things?

Bey believes this will be fastest achieved via an overarching, racing commissioner, and that sentiment is a fast growing one. Many of the most prominent industry "insiders" are beginning to echo similar thoughts; just waiting for the next scandal to break so we can respond to it and change is not working in racing's favor.

It's long overdue for the horse racing industry to become proactive and have responses to issues be ones in our favor.

It's my life: Martin Nielsen, the accidental parasitologist

By Neil Clarkson

Source: horsetalk.co.nz

If the field of equine parasitology had rock stars, Martin Nielsen would be its Jon Bon Jovi. Rock stars need more than just musical talent. They need a strong stage presence, good hair, and, perhaps most importantly, a unique voice.

Nielsen is the man with that voice.

He has authored or co-authored about 90 scientific papers published in peer-reviewed journals. He has co-authored a handbook on parasites and written numerous articles for magazines. He is co-editor in chief of a well-respected journal, *Veterinary Parasitology*.

To read the entire article, click [here](#).



College Creates Online Scholarship Library

By Seth Riker

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is always working to reduce financial burdens for its students and their families. Most recently, the college's Center for Student Success created an online scholarship library to support that effort.

On the site, students may browse scholarships by major and classification.

"We've done a lot of legwork to catalog dozens of local, state and national awards," said Deb Ramey, scholarship and financial manager in the Center for Student Success. "We will continue to add more."

While some awards have major or grade point average eligibility requirements, many of the listed scholarships are open to all students.

"Financial need can be a big distraction from students' academic success," said Larry Grabau, associate dean for instruction. "Even with one of UK's largest college scholarship funds, we must continue developing creative solutions that minimize students' financial stressors."

Thanks to generous alumni and donors, the college has awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships over the past three years. Still, according to UK Financial Aid, the college's average unmet need for undergraduates is currently \$19,207. Unmet need is defined as total estimated expenses for the academic year, minus expected family contribution and total financial aid.

"We hope that students will take advantage of this new resource," Ramey said. "Now that they can skip a long, frustrating web search, students can spend more time on their applications."

For more information, click [here](#).

Certified Horsemanship Association Honors Bob Coleman of the University of Kentucky with the 2018 CHA Volunteer of the Year Award

Source: edited news release from the Certified Horsemanship Association

The Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) was honored to present the 2018 CHA Volunteer of the Year Award to Bob Coleman, associate professor and equine extension specialist at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. This award has been given since 1996 to honor a volunteer who has worked hard to help enhance the association. Coleman has dedicated himself to CHA's mission of promoting excellence in safety and education for the benefit of the horse industry.

Coleman said he was very grateful and humbled to receive such a special award. "As a member of the association, you just help as best you can," he said. "I have learned something from each and every CHA activity I have attended. The CHA folks are the cornerstone of the industry. They make dealing with horses safe, effective and fun."

As CHA's current President-Elect, Coleman serves as the chair of the Personnel Committee, oversees the contributions of the AdHoc and Standing Committees, attends various board meetings each year and performs a variety of other duties. He also serves as CHA's Parliamentarian. He will take over the reins as president at the CHA International Conference in the fall of 2020. He has been on the CHA Board of Directors since 2011 and is also a CHA Lead Site Visitor/Trainer.

Last year, Coleman served as the first Vice President of New Initiatives for CHA. In that role, he created the questions and analyzed the results for CHA's most recent membership survey, and he has already committed to helping with the next one. As the chair of CHA's Nominating Committee, his hard work to put together a great slate of officers and board members to lead CHA into the future truly shows. His commitment to CHA shows with every email he sends since Coleman has "CHA Proud!" added to his email signature.

"He has worked so very hard and has been extremely engaged and immersed into the organization," said Anne Brzezicki, who has served on the CHA Board with Coleman. "With everything he does and everyone he meets, he always has CHA on the foremost of his mind and how he can help the organization that he has an extremely deep passion for."

His passion for improving the horse industry that he so obviously loves has reached from young children to college students to adults as Coleman has served in various capacities within the horse industry in the United States and Canada.

Coleman has been with the University of Kentucky since 1998 as an equine extension specialist. This native of western Canada graduated from the University of Manitoba with a bachelor's in agriculture majoring in animal sciences before he went on to earn his Master of Science degree. His career began in the Canadian feed industry as a nutritionist for two major feed companies before he became the extension horse specialist for Alberta Agriculture in 1980. He then earned his PhD with a focus in equine nutrition from the University of Alberta. After serving in that role for 18 years, Coleman then made the move to UK, where he teaches in the Equine Science and Management undergraduate program, advises undergraduate students and served as the program's director of undergraduate studies until May 2017.

Coleman's work has been widely published in peer-reviewed journals, equine magazines and other publications. He has also served in leadership roles on the boards of the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association and the Kentucky Horse Council, as well as on the Kentucky Farm Bureau Equine Advisory Committee and the American Quarter Horse Foundation Research Committee. Coleman is also the current executive secretary of the Equine Science Society and a member of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists. He is a Diplomat in the American College of Animal Science and the American Society of Animal Scientists.

The award was presented to Coleman at the CHA Awards Banquet during the 2018 CHA International Conference Sept. 30, 2018, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

"This is a great association, and the board is a group of truly amazing people," Coleman said. "We work well together and truly appreciate the skills each person brings to the table. That is the 'CHA Way.' Everyone has value, and while we may not agree, we can discuss our differences and arrive at a consensus position to move forward."

For a complete list of past award winners, click [here](#). For more information about the next CHA International Conference, please click [here](#).



*Beth Powers CHA President, and Bob Coleman.
Photo provided by CHA.*

Thé and Page Named Homecoming Queen, King at UK

By Katy Bennett and Madison Rose

Source: UK Now

Thé, daughter of Jeannie and Hiang Thé, of Lexington, and Juwan Page, son of Betty and Dedrich Page, of Lamar, Mississippi, were crowned the University of Kentucky Homecoming queen and king during halftime ceremonies at the UK vs. Vanderbilt University Homecoming game tonight.

Thé, a senior majoring in environmental and sustainability studies, political science and philosophy, was nominated by Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Page is a senior majoring in equine science management and career and technical education/agricultural education and was nominated by the Black Student Union.

Wildcat Cup winners were also announced. Kappa Alpha Theta won the Commonwealth Cup Division; Kappa Kappa Gamma won the Bluegrass Cup Division; and MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences) won the Bowman's Cup Division.



UK's 2018 Homecoming Queen
Tiana Thé and Homecoming
King Juwan Page

Staff Appreciation awards during UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Round Up

By Holly Wiemers

The University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs gives a shout out to three instrumental staff members who were recognized during UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Round Up week. Congratulations to winners Krista Lea, program coordinator of the Horse Pasture Evaluation Program, and Chris Miles, IT support member for their top prizes, as well as academic coordinator Kristen Wilson for her nomination.



UK's Gluck Center Hires Stanley as Analytical Chemistry Professor

By Jenny Evans

Scott Stanley, a professor at the University of California, Davis, has accepted the professor of analytical chemistry position at the University of Kentucky's Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center. Stanley will join the UK Department of Veterinary Science as a faculty member in a few months.

"The continued use of performance enhancing substances remains an area of concern to both human and equine athletic endeavors," said David Horohov, department chair and center director. "The Gluck Center has ongoing interest and expertise in the field of equine pharmacology and toxicology, and Dr. Stanley will further that reputation and enhance our ability to do state-of-the-art research in this important area."

Stanley received his doctoral degree in toxicology in 1992 and his bachelor's degree in animal science in 1988 from UK. He has been a faculty member at UC Davis since 1997. He was previously the director of toxicology at Truesdail Laboratories in Tustin, California.



At UC Davis, Stanley is the director of the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory. He modernized drug testing in California horse racing by introducing new, state-of-the-art instrumental drug testing equipment and procedures. He also worked closely with manufacturers in adapting these newer, more sensitive instruments to equine drug testing.

"My current research interests are related to drug testing methods for the detection of biopharmaceuticals, natural products and designer drugs," Stanley said.

His research at the Gluck Center will focus on developing new anti-doping approaches and the establishment of an Equine Biological Passport project.

"The College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and the signature industry that we serve, are extremely lucky to have Dr. Stanley back in our community," said Nancy Cox, dean of the college. "Dr. Stanley has earned an international reputation for sound application of the best technologies to pharmacology in the horse. His presence here will give a quantum leap to our already well-established programs dedicated to safety in racing and all other equine sports."

Stanley has authored or co-authored more than 150 peer-reviewed publications and three book chapters, including research on anabolic steroids, beta-2 agonists and many studies on therapeutic drug thresholds for racing. He is a member of the Association of Official Racing Chemists and the American Society of Mass Spectrometry.

"The addition of Dr. Stanley to join the world-class faculty assembled at the Gluck Center represents the essence of commitment made by the University of Kentucky to the equine industry locally and beyond the borders of the commonwealth," said Stuart Brown, chair of the Gluck Equine Research Foundation and partner and veterinarian at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. "Dr. Stanley's area of expertise in analytical toxicology and drug testing will augment the contributions made by the Gluck Center in novel areas of research and discovery to the benefit of the health and welfare of the horse for decades to come."

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 seven targeted areas: genetics and genomics, immunology, infectious diseases, musculoskeletal science, parasitology, pharmacology/toxicology and reproductive health. Their continuing efforts build upon a tradition of excellence in equine research dating back to 1915. For more information on the Gluck Center, click [here](#).

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