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UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DEADLINES

April 11 - Horse Farm Management Practices Field Day, Far Cry Farm, Harrodsburg, KY, 5-8 p.m.

April 14 - UK Horsey Hustle, Coldstream Park, Race time is 1 p.m.

April 16 - Equine Science and Management Internship Showcase, Seay Auditorium and Lobby

April 27 - UK Ag Equine Programs and Equine Alumni Affiliate Network Tailgate, Defender Kentucky Three Day Event

May 2, Equine Science and Management Graduation Open House, 4 p.m. E.S. Good Barn

May 3, UK Commencement, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment ceremony, 2 p.m.

Full event listings and details can be found [here](#).

WELCOME

Oh, the places you'll go.

I recently participated in career day at my daughter's elementary school. There were all the typical careers, a fire fighter, a police officer, a dance teacher, a veterinarian. There was an army helicopter pilot, who landed a helicopter on the playground, and there was a doctor that brought an actual brain. And the best way I could simplify what I do for a second grader was this: I count grass. Needless to say, I wasn't the hit of career day.

Now what do I really do? My official title is Research Analyst in the department of Plant and Soil Sciences. And practically what I do is forage extension on horse farms. A big part of that is managing the UK Horse Pasture Evaluation Program, where we do technically count grass.

There wasn't someone at my own second-grade career day that counted grass; and, in fact, I didn't know this is what I wanted to do until I did it for a few years. As a high school student, I was told to get good grades, attend a good school and land a dream job. But many millennials have found that's not so realistic and I'm more of a fly-by-the-seat-of-my-pants kinda gal anyway. My sophomore year of college in Texas, I heard about an internship in Kentucky. It sounded great, and applications were due in 10 days. I jumped at it, got accepted and came to the Bluegrass just six weeks later. I FELL IN LOVE. With the industry, with the culture, with the resources, with everything that is the Kentucky horse industry. Four months in, I had an acceptance letter from UK, an apartment lease and a very angry mom. But I still didn't know what I wanted to do.

Over the years, potential career paths included vet, zookeeper, equine massage therapist and race horse trainer. But immediately upon graduation, none of those were real options for me. By happenstance, I was told of a summer job working in forage extension, and I took it.

The first week was rough. No one told me when to take a lunch, so I didn't. And no one told me when to leave, so I finally went to ask at 5:30 only to discover everyone had already left. On Wednesday, we took a group trip to organic dairy farms in Western Kentucky. We left campus at 5 a.m., drove four hours west, visited five farms, drove four hours back and arrived back at camps at 2 a.m. the next morning having had no sleep and only one meal. I was appalled, but my mom talked me out of quitting. Thank goodness, because this summer job became a full-time position complete with benefits, holidays and paid time off. A big kid job. I assumed this would be a steppingstone. Turns out, it's a career.

I've now been at this for 14 years. From hired labor, I'm now consulting on horse farms across the state, traveling to conferences, writing and managing grants, designing research projects, publishing papers and overseeing summer students. I knew nothing about grass when I began, but now hold a master's degree in plant and soil sciences (paid for by UK) and am an expert in my field, pun intended. Recently, my position has gained partial funding support from Ag Equine Programs, making me officially part of EP, further supporting and validating the work that I do, and exempting me from anymore marathon trips to see dairy cows. This isn't the life I pictured. It's better.

So my message in all this is: To those students who have every step mapped out and are fortunate enough to follow that path exactly, wonderful for you. But to all those that don't, whose life gets in the way, that opportunities you thought you'd have but didn't, who haven't found that right fit just yet, don't worry about. Be brave, take chances, hang in there, follow your heart and all those other cliches. Because if you free yourself of the expectations of yourself and others and take chances on something crazy, oh the places you'll go.



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ALUMNI PROFILE

EQUINE SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT

Amelia Jean Foster '10
Owner and Trainer, Cannonbrook Farm
Slaterville Springs, New York

How did you first become involved in the horse industry?

I was born into it. I grew up with horses, primarily in the commercial Thoroughbred breeding industry. I spent my teenage years playing polo, retraining OTTBs and assisting with breeding decisions for the farm mares.

What were your career goals before graduation?

It's not humble to say the quiet part out loud, but I've achieved exactly what I set out to do - stand stallions, have a small broodmare band, produce quality young horses and train a select handful of incredible students.

How do you feel your time at UK impacted your career path?

The Equine Program at UK has changed immensely since my time there. The classes that had the biggest influence on my career weren't necessarily the equine specific ones, but the law classes and economics classes that were tangential to the Equine Science and Management major. Those have been the most useful in the development and continued success of my business.

Some professors certainly influenced my path and choices in various ways. That's typical though with anything involving growth. Often, experiences show you 100 ways you don't want to do something, but a handful of ways you do. Both are equally important.

What are your current job responsibilities?

Owning the business is fantastic, but that doesn't mean the duties are all glamorous. Feeding, turn-out/in, foaling mares, selling horses, taking the stallions to the shed, starting babies and riding mature horses, teaching lessons, cleaning stalls and all the chores and maintenance associated with a farm. Then, the "run the business" part, including hay/grain orders, maintaining supply levels, communicating with current and potential clients and making breeding decisions.

What do you enjoy most about your current role?

Again, the quiet part out loud....I love being alone at the barn. Don't get me wrong, I love my clients and the two young ladies who help me with chores, but solitude and working with my horses is absolutely the most peaceful part of my day. I was told to build the career I wanted, so I did.

What advice do you have for equine science and management students?

Networking is by far the most important thing you can do to further yourself in this industry. Get a business card, develop a firm handshake and look people in the eye. Introduce yourself, know a detail or two about the person you're speaking with and never be afraid to ask for what you want. The worst someone can say is "no," which doesn't put you in any worse of a position than you were in before you asked....but then you have the opportunity to reevaluate and "attack" from a different direction. You'd be surprised how many ""yesses" exist if only the question is presented.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY'S PRE-VET EXPERIENCE DAY CHARTS A COURSE FOR FUTURE VETERINARIANS

by Jordan Strickler

photos by Seriously Sabrina, Sarah Coleman, Holly Wiemers

The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Pre-Veterinary Advising Program, in conjunction with the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, UK Ag Equine Programs and the Kentucky Horse Council, recently welcomed aspiring veterinarians from across the country to its inaugural Pre-Veterinary Experience Day.



The event was designed to guide, inform and inspire the next generation of veterinarians by providing a real-world, hands-on showcase of this dynamic profession. This educational landmark event brought together students from diverse backgrounds, each with a shared passion for animal healthcare, to explore the multifaceted world of veterinary medicine.

"This is the first time we've had a pre-veterinary experience day," said Colette Tebeau, UK Department of Animal and Food Sciences (AFS) pre-vet academic coordinator. "Our students were requesting more education about what it means to be a pre-vet student. It's important for them to know what is required for veterinary school and to be well educated in many different aspects of the veterinary industry."

The day was structured into two tracks catering to students at different stages of their education. The first track aimed at undergraduates early in their pathway, focusing on the prerequisites for veterinary school and the skills needed to become a veterinarian. The second track was designed for students nearing the application process, offering insights into preparing a competitive veterinary school application and exploring various post-graduation career opportunities.

Students participated in panel discussions with veterinarians who shared their experiences and challenges in the field. This included working in a small animal clinic, equine practice, clinical practice with other large animal species, and government/regulatory/academic career paths. These interactive sessions, led by UK faculty and collaborators, aimed to give students a glimpse into the day-to-day life of veterinarians and the myriad career options available.

"It's important to bring professionals from around the nation to talk to the students because they have those real-life experiences," said UK agriculture and medical biotechnology junior Anna Turlington. "They can bring that knowledge and experience to students who might not know that beforehand. Students can learn that they can do it too, it's not impossible and that the industry needs people of all different backgrounds."

Samantha Gentile, an animal science major from the University of California, Davis, traveled over 2,300 miles to attend. "I've been a pre-vet student pretty much all my life," Gentile said. "My boss at work informed me of the opportunity. She told me it would be an incredible experience. It's also nice to get different vet perspectives from other schools."

Gentile said she was particularly impressed with the insights into the veterinary school interview process and the preparation for presenting oneself effectively.

"I learned a lot about the interview process and how to properly present myself. I knew a lot about the animal side of things and how to write an application. Here, I learned how to express myself better through the different questions that were asked today and the different presenters."

After morning presentations, students had their choice of hands-on locations: the Bluegrass Stockyard, Spy Coast Farm, Nicholasville Road Animal Hospital and the UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

"These industry tours were designed to give students firsthand insight into how a facility works," said Amber McNamara, AFS associate professor and Pre-Veterinary Advising Program director. "For example, at a practice facility, they saw how a patient moves through the clinic and learn from the experts who are doing this great work every day."

UK's Pre-Veterinary Advising program consists of an advisory team, led by McNamara and Tebeau, serving all university students in meeting their requirements for veterinary schools across the U.S., including contracts with Auburn University and Tuskegee University.

The Pre-Veterinary Experience Day also served as a networking hub, connecting students with professionals and peers sharing similar interests.

"I love networking and meeting new people, whether it's from different schools or professionals in the industry," said Ava Vranj, a UK equine science and management major. "There's always somebody new in the profession I can learn from and help me determine what I want to do in the future."

Tebeau said the event was a much-needed platform for addressing the growing concerns over the nationwide shortage of veterinarians, particularly in large animal and equine rural practices.

"A lot of it comes back to the industry's lack of veterinarians,"





she said. "Large animal and equine but even small animal regulatory areas are struggling to find veterinarians. In veterinary medicine, we're facing significant shortages that impact not just our rural communities but our urban centers as well."

By providing an interactive space for education, discussion and networking, the event has laid the groundwork for future veterinarians to enter the field and an informed vision for their careers.



As the veterinary profession continues to evolve, the need for well-educated, passionate individuals entering the field has never been greater.

"I hope that they leave with enthusiasm for the field," McNamara said. "There are so many paths that they could take within veterinary medicine. There are so many veterinarians who love to get up every morning and do their job. This is a rewarding career because we get to make a difference in the lives of animals. Whether you're in front of the classroom teaching the next generation of veterinarians, or you are hands-on with that animal and their owner, the field is always an exciting one."



The platinum sponsor for the event was Park Equine Hospital and gold sponsor was the Kentucky Soybean Board.

Silver sponsors included Boehringer Ingelheim, Chevy Chase Animal Clinic, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Kentucky Association of Equine Practitioners, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Livestock Coalition, Lexington Equine Medical, and Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital.



Bronze sponsors included the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association.

Event collaborators included Bluegrass Equine Podiatry, Blue Grass Stockyards, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Nicholasville Road Animal Hospital, Orrville Veterinary Clinic, Spy Coast Farm, VisitLex and Zoetis.



The event will be held annually on the Saturday before Presidents' Day. More information about the event, speakers and topics can be found online at <https://afs.ca.uky.edu/pre-veterinary/pre-vet-events/pre-veterinary-experience-day>.



A Participant's Perspective

by Brooke Morfit

As an attendee of the inaugural Pre-Veterinary Experience Day, I can say that it was a great opportunity for pre-vet students.

In the morning, there were several guest speakers that provided insight on various topics revolving around vet school. I had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Pedro de Pedro speak about pre-veterinary requirements and Ms. Colette Tebeau speak on the mystery of vet school. These lectures provided me with a lot of new information to consider as I continue the process of preparing for veterinary school.

Once the first two morning sessions were complete, there was a presentation and group panel for everyone to listen to. The presentation was by Dr. Jen Quammer and Dr. James Beckman on the issues in veterinary medicine. They discussed issues with debt, mental health and maintaining a work-life balance. I feel they gave a lot of good insight on how they deal with these issues in their personal lives and had lots of experiences to share.

Then, there was the group panel where Drs. Cage Cruise, Holly Helbig, Erin Homerosky and Marty Whitehouse Riney answered several student questions. The panelists provided us with practical responses and lots of insight into a career in the veterinary field. They also shared lots of information about their personal journeys and the challenges they have faced. It was great to hear from so many successful veterinarians and they are great examples that all the hard work you put in will pay off.

After a wonderful morning, we were all provided with lunch and time to connect with the other attendees. I was able to talk to several other pre-vet students and it was nice to hear about their interests and experiences.

Once that time was complete, we all left to go on our industry tours and discussions. I was in the livestock veterinary career focus group, and we all went to the Blue Grass Stockyards to hear from the manager, Mr. Jim Acres, and one of the on-site veterinarians, Dr. Chris Jolly. Personally, I do not have a lot of knowledge regarding livestock veterinary medicine, so I learned a lot and really enjoyed this experience. We first met in a classroom where Mr. Acres told us about operations at the stockyards and the importance of having a USDA licensed veterinarian. Dr. Jolly discussed his day-to-day operations and his jobs outside of the stockyards. Once our discussion was complete, we went to where Dr. Jolly works at the stockyards and saw his truck, the onsite lab and the area where they work cattle. This was a very valuable tour, and I learned a lot about a different area of veterinary medicine.

In the evening, I attended an optional dinner for the attendees, speakers and sponsors. It started with some time for networking, and I had the chance to speak one-on-one with some of the speakers from earlier in the day. This was such a valuable time and I had many of my questions answered. Then, we ate dinner, and I had more time to connect with other students in attendance.

I feel that this event was such a great opportunity and well put together. I had the chance to meet many knowledgeable people and learn a lot of information that will be valuable for my future.



BROOKE MORFIT, RIGHT, NETWORKS WITH OTHER PRE-VETERINARY EXPERIENCE DAY PARTICIPANTS. PHOTO COURTESY SERIOUSLY SABRINA.

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by Holly Wiemers

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"We're hopeful that this event will highlight our equine industry in Central Kentucky and be a way to connect various communities to what we're doing at UK and within the industry," she said.

Registration is \$35 through the morning of the event. Donations can be made from the registration page for those unable to attend. Onsite registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair or picnic blankets for relaxing and enjoying the activities after the race.

Student members of the Wildcat Wranglers who have been part of past events reflected on what the event has meant to them.

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The graphic features the year '2024' in black, 'HORSEY' in red outlined letters, and 'HUSTLE' in large red letters with a rose pattern. Below this is '5K' in black. The date 'April 14' is shown in blue, with '14' being significantly larger. To the right, it says 'JOIN US AT THE STARTING GATE' and 'Coldstream Park, Lexington, KY - 1 p.m.' in blue. A circular logo with a horse and rider is in the top right. A QR code is in the bottom left, and a 'REGISTER NOW' button is in the bottom right. The bottom right corner also features the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment logo.



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"I have loved seeing the Horsey Hustle grow over the past two years. It went from just a 5k to being a whole day event that students, alumni and families could enjoy," said equine junior Loralye Page, another of the event organizers.

Also in its third year, the Student Experience and Applied Education Fund has benefited several students directly and opened opportunities for others. Some of the projects and people awarded for 2024 include a grant to Wildcat Wrangler-led industry and outreach events to help offset costs for students who do not have transportation, providing a bridge into the equine industry as they are learning and building networks.

One student, Chloe Young, was awarded money to help offset costs to attend the International Society of Equitation Science conference in New Zealand in mid-March, where she will be presenting a talk titled, "Indicators of positive welfare...if we assess nasal-based acoustic sounds, do we have the terminology right?"

"This is my first-time completing research at UK and I am very thankful for the opportunity I have been given," Young said. "I am extremely excited to get to present this work and use it to build my research background for applications to graduate school and my future occupation."

Members of the college's pre-law organization, the third organization awarded money from the fund, said the award will enhance the educational experiences for equine and other college students interested in law and policy within agriculture and equine industries.

"The Student Experience and Applied Education Fund is an amazing way to offer experiences to our equine students who may not have them otherwise. From riding lesson scholarships, to helping pay for conference registrations, to helping support various activities and spaces for equine students to learn and grow, this fund is making a difference in the lives of our students," Robin said. "To see the equine industry come together to support that is really exciting."

Several equine industry organizations have sponsored the event. In line with the Derby theme, the "Win" sponsor is Stonestreet Farm. "Place" sponsors include EJMS CPA, The Jockey Club, Kentucky Equine Education Project, Spy Coast Farm, Neogen and VisitLex. "Show" sponsors include Ardent Animal Health, Ed Brown Society, Godolphin, Hallway Feeds, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and UK Equine Alumni Affiliated Network. In-kind sponsors include KBC Horse Supplies, Kentucky Horse Park and the U.S. Hunter/Jumper Association.

"You can run or walk, organize a team or bring friends and family members. Spring is the perfect time for outdoor activities, so please join us and support our students," said James MacLeod, director of UK Ag Equine Programs.

To register, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/84793/uk-horse-hustle-5k-runwalk>.



UK BREAKS GROUND ON MARTIN-GATTON AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES BUILDING

by Derrick Meads

The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, alongside The Bill Gatton Foundation, celebrated the groundbreaking of the \$60 million Martin-Gatton Agricultural Sciences Building. The project is the first new teaching facility in nearly 35 years for the college and is financed with the university's modernization fund pool, which prioritizes restoring and renewing the historic footprint of campus.

Generous support from The Bill Gatton Foundation will also facilitate numerous enhancements to the building that will provide students with an exceptional educational experience and support a new Companion Animal Program.

Named in honor of the late UK alum and former trustee Carol Martin "Bill" Gatton's parents, Edith Martin and Harry W. Gatton Sr., this building will



THE HISTORIC GROUNDBREAKING EVENT OF THE NEW \$60 MILLION MARTIN-GATTON AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES BUILDING TOOK PLACE ON MAR. 21. PICTURED (L-R) ARE LESLIE MONHOLLEN, ROB PEEL, NANCY COX, ELI CAPILOUTO AND DANNY DUNN. PHOTO BY MATT BARTON.

be situated along Cooper Drive adjacent to the Charles E. Barnhart Building and completed by March 2026. The new building will serve faculty, staff and students across several academic departments and provide a new home for the investments made in the college's initiatives and people by The Bill Gatton Foundation. Last year, the foundation made a historic, \$100 million investment in the college's faculty, students and programs that will come alive in this state-of-the-art facility.



"This groundbreaking marks a transformative step in empowering students to become agents of positive change for the Commonwealth," said UK President Eli Capilouto. "This is a moment to celebrate how The Bill Gatton Foundation is supporting our people and programs working to advance Kentucky."

Spanning 66,000 square feet, the building is slated to become the college's primary teaching facility and student center. It will feature spacious, open classrooms on the ground floor, complemented by a café where students can relax, build relationships and collaborate.



This space will also house the planned Companion Animal Program, a priority for Mr. Gatton, who valued the power of the human-animal bond. Numerous studies have shown how animals can have a positive impact on human mental and physical well-being. Many UK subject matter experts are eager to address this need across a range of disciplines, and creative programs are in development through support of The Bill Gatton Foundation gift.

"This new building will showcase the investments planned for the next 20 years by The Bill Gatton Foundation," said Nancy Cox, vice president for Land-grant Engagement and dean of the college. "This building stands as a testament to Mr. Gatton's mission to shape a brighter future for Kentucky." Additionally, the building's unique design will integrate outdoor spaces connected to the renovated Cooper House and the newly established James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits, creating an immersive learning environment.

"Large and flexible classroom spaces will accommodate the college's expanding enrollment. Collaborative areas and purposeful outdoor spaces will help us cultivate the next generation of agricultural leaders," said Carmen Agouridis, senior associate dean for the college.

In addition to 15 state-of-the-art classrooms, the building will house various academic programs, including UK Ag Equine Programs, Natural Resources and Environmental Science, Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology and Pre-Veterinary Advising.

Visit Gatton's Legacy Like No Other tribute page at <https://www.ca.uky.edu/gatton-foundation>.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BEGINS RENOVATION OF HISTORIC SCOVELL HALL

by Derrick Meads

The University of Kentucky has initiated a project to renovate Scovell Hall on its central campus. The historic building will undergo a comprehensive rebuild, preserving its west and north-side entrances. Expected to be completed by 2026, the upgraded facility will encompass 92,000 square feet and serve as the administrative center for the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.



THE NEW SCOVELL HALL WILL ENCOMPASS 92,000 SQUARE FEET AND SERVE AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER FOR THE UK MARTIN-GATTON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT IN 2026. PICTURE RENDERING PROVIDED BY FLAD ARCHITECTS.

The renovation is funded by a \$70 million investment from the university's modernization fund pool, dedicated to preserving and enhancing the campus's historical character. This project demonstrates UK's dedication to honoring its legacy and adapting to the changing needs of its academic community.

Scovell Hall's new atrium area will serve as a centralized hub for academics, learning and community. Picture rendering provided by Flad Architects.

"Establishing our presence at the heart of campus reflects the transdisciplinary nature of our college," said Carmen Agouridis, Martin-Gatton CAFE senior associate dean. "This will help our students and faculty members collaborate more closely with other colleges on central campus, bolstering our ability to prepare students to become the innovative leaders that our state and world needs."

Originally built in 1903, Scovell Hall was designed to meet the increasing demand for scientific expertise in bolstering education at agricultural colleges. Melville Amasa Scovell, a highly regarded and respected agent for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, was appointed as the Experiment Station's inaugural director. In 1910, he assumed the role of the college's dean.

Located at the intersection of South Limestone and Huguelet Drive, the renovated Scovell Hall will house:

- The Department of Dietetics and Human Health
- The Department of Community and Leadership Development
- The School of Human and Environment Sciences
- A 4,000 square foot state-of-the-art teaching kitchen
- The Lemon Tree restaurant
- Seven state-of-the-art classrooms and student lounge/study spaces

The centerpiece will be a cutting-edge, 4,000-square-foot teaching kitchen, serving as a new home for the Lemon Tree restaurant.

"This teaching kitchen embodies the college's commitment to hands-on learning and the advance-

ment of tomorrow's healthcare leaders," said Agouridis. "With a focus on utilizing food as health, students will engage in immersive experiences aimed at improving lives and fostering a deeper understanding of the vital connection between nutrition and health."

Scovell Hall was originally constructed in 1903, named after Melville Amasa Scovell who was the first director of the Experiment Station from 1885-1911 and the college's dean in 1910.

The building, designed by JRA Architects and FLAD Architects, will combine contemporary and classical architectural design elements. When the building was first built in 1903 Scovell wrote: "Its design is colonial, the foundation being of Bedford stone, laid in ashler, and the superstructure of Columbus gray brick. A beautiful four-columned portico extends over the front entrance, giving the building the design of classic architecture."

In addition to the Scovell Hall project, the college recently celebrated the groundbreaking of the Martin-Gatton Agricultural Sciences building. This facility will serve as the primary hub for teaching and student support, housing innovative programs made possible by the generous support of The Bill Gatton Foundation.

You can learn more about these projects at future.ca.uky.edu.



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