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*University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs Newsletter*



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## September on a Fast Horse

The fall semester 2013 has started with a rush. For me part of the problem was starting later in August is a reason why September was such a fast-paced month. For the students who may find this amusing, I was ready for you to be back on campus earlier and I was sorry that I had to wait a week. Next it was Labor Day and the September Rush was on. There will be more written on the different events that occurred in September in this issue, but I also want to make mention of them here.

When we came back following Labor Day, after class many of us attended the Equine Management Program Reception at Spindletop Hall. What an event. It brought together our recent interns, internship hosts and industry representatives. Congratulations to the nominated interns and host sites. Having an alum nominated in the intern site category was very special as it shows how the program is moving forward.

A first for the program was the opportunity to have ESMA alumni attend a program-related event. It is always great to see former students and catch up on where they are in the industry. Hopefully this will be the first of many opportunities to interact with our alumni.

The Friend of UK Ag Equine Programs award was given during the event and congratulations go out to Dr. Stuart Brown for being named the 2013 Friend. I have had numerous opportunities to work with Dr. Brown on a wide range of activities and his insight and support of the horse and UK Ag Equine Programs is tremendous. He truly is our friend.



Late that same week, a press conference was held to release the results of the 2012 Equine Survey. It was a long-awaited release for many involved in UK Ag Equine Programs, as this project has taken up countless hours to develop, conduct and analyze. The interest in the numbers and statistics was incredible. Yes numbers and statistics are exciting!

The Welcome Back BBQ has become an annual event but this year the organizers added in Equestrian Olympics. Words cannot capture the spirit and fun of the event, but look at the pictures and they truly tell the story. For those who were reluctant to try their hand at the Equestrian Olympics, there was an opportunity to try roping. Alum Ethan Roetman came over after working Saddlebred horses all day to show others who might want to try roping a stationary dummy. Ethan had a couple of helpers, Kyle and Scott, and the three of them made it look quite easy. The reality is that it's not so simple.

In addition to campus activities, there has been the Keeneland Sale which was a huge success that has the industry feeling better, plus the show jumping at the Horse Park and the Grand Circuit racing at the Red Mile, and many more equine activities that can occupy our time. It is no wonder when you look back on September that it went by quickly.

Thanks and congratulations to all involved with UK Ag Equine Programs for your efforts to put on these outstanding activities. Your efforts help to make the student experience diverse and complete.

To the ESMA students, think about all there is to experience in the industry and at this University.

As for October, I hope it slows down just a bit.

*Dr. Coleman "The Burger Chef"*

*Director of Undergraduate Studies for Equine Science and Management*

# Internship Program Reception

*Erin Morgan*

The University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs hosted its third annual Internship Program Reception Sept. 3 at Spindletop Hall. This event provided an opportunity for students and the industry to come together to celebrate outstanding internship sites, industry guest lecturers, interns and program alumni, as well as award the 2013 Friend of UK Ag Equine Programs.

The evening kicked off with a reception, followed by talks from Jackson Buchanon, a current Equine Science and Management undergraduate student, and Kate Benner, an alumna of the program. Both shared their thoughts on their internships and Equine Science and Management Program experiences.

“This was by far our best program reception yet,” said Elizabeth Labonty, Lecturer and Internship Coordinator. “We had a great turnout from students, industry and alumni, and it was rewarding to celebrate the successes of so many people and the program as a whole.”

Outstanding Intern, Colton Woods, and Outstanding Internship Supervisor, Bryan Cassill, were recognized along with numerous nominees. The other nominees for the Outstanding Intern Award were:

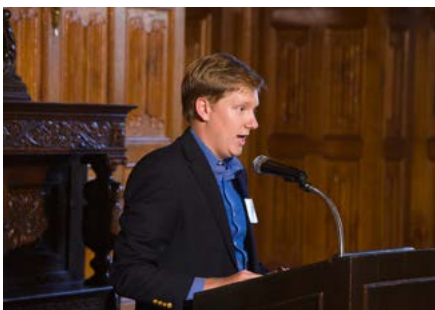
- Caroline Ecklin, nominated by Fernanda Camargo, equine extension professor
- Bora Nam, nominated by Udeni Balasuriya, professor of virology in the Gluck Equine Research Center
- Hannah Salyer, nominated by Shalise Gallaher of Double Dan Horsemanship
- Virginia Stilwell, nominated by Lynne Hewlett on behalf of the Hagyard Equine Medical Institute

The other nominees for Outstanding Supervisor Award were:

- Udeni Balasuriya, professor of virology in the Gluck Equine Research Center, nominated by Bora Nam
- Bige Towery III, officer in the Lexington Police Department, nominated by Rebecca Saylor
- Kara Musgraves and Lauren Burke of the Life Adventure Center, nominated by Keely Gustin
- Shalise Gallaher of Double Dan Horsemanship, nominated by Hannah Salyer

The Friend of UK Ag Equine Programs award recipient was Stuart Brown, an area veterinarian from Hagyard Equine Medical Institute (for more on that story, please visit 13)

According to organizers, about 10 percent of the Equine Science and Management alumni attended the event. Shalise Gallaher was also recognized by Bob Coleman, associate professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies for Equine Science and Management, for being one of the first alumna to serve as an internship host.



# Internship Program Reception

Erin Morgan

## Outstanding Intern Award:

Colton Woods, a sophomore majoring in Equine Science and Management, was the recipient of the Outstanding Intern Award. Woods completed his internship in Iowa at La Riata Ranch.

“Colton has a good work ethic and has the drive to continue to seek out more education in the field of horsemanship,” said Kip Fladland, owner of La Riata Ranch. “He did a great job with his colt and was able to adjust to the different horses that he rode. He asked good questions and was trying to fit the situation of each horse as he rode them. Colton was always ready to help with whatever we had to do for the day.”

Fladland also noted that Woods would haul hay, fix fences and trim the alleyways without ever complaining or questioning the task at hand.

“We had several deserving students nominated for this award,” said LaBonty. “But Colton was the recipient of a National Scholarship, traveled out of state and truly excelled at all aspects of his job. We are very proud of him!”



## Outstanding Supervisor Award:

Bryan Cassill was recognized with the Outstanding Supervisor Award. Cassill, who manages the Department of Animal and Food Sciences Horse Unit at UK's Maine Chance Farm, was nominated by Michelle Gruss, a previous intern.

“I truly feel that Bryan has gone above and beyond what a supervisor for an internship is expected to do. He invested himself in my goals, and I was able to confidently accomplish them,” Gruss said. “Bryan is a great teacher, but has also been a great friend.”

“I was so impressed by all of the nominees for this award,” said LaBonty. “But it was great to see someone who is so invested in all students, and especially interns, recognized. Bryan is a great representative of what it means to be an internship supervisor.”



# Welcome Back BBQ

*Kristen Wilson*

The Equine Science and Management Program kicked off the fall semester with a Welcome Back Barbeque at the E.S. Good Barn on Monday, Sept. 16. More than 100 students, faculty and staff were in attendance for the event, and the Animal and Food Sciences Graduate Student Association provided the food with the assistance of faculty member Bob Coleman on the grill.

At the event, students had an opportunity to learn more about UK's various equine-related clubs and teams, participate in bouncy horse races and learn how to rope with the assistance of Ethan Roetman ('13 Alum).

New this year, an Equestrian Olympics event was also held, in which seven teams participated. Four-member teams took turns participating in equine-related games without the use of a horse. These games included the three-legged barrel race, bouncy horse pole bending, a bridle relay where participants had to assemble three types of bridles and the extreme horseman relay, which included hauling water, going through an obstacle course as a human wheelbarrow and blind-folded on a stick horse, as well as identifying equine breeds, feedstuffs, farrier tools and horseshoes.

The team with the fastest time in all four games won, and based on the results, it's evident that UK's students dominated the competition. Each team member of the first place team received a certificate to select a UK Ag Equine Programs item and the second place team won a \$20 gift certificate to Graeter's. The results from the event are below:

- 1st - UK Dressage and Eventing Team
- 2nd - UK Polo Team
- 3rd - R.E.A.D. Club
- 4th - Random Riders
- 5th - Prancing Ponies
- 6th - The Leg Breakers
- 7th - Rocket Wranglers



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Jenny Evans

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"The college is honored to have Walter Zent's name on this research facility. Walter is a successful veterinarian who has not only used research information from the Gluck Equine Research Center but has contributed to the research," said Nancy Cox, associate dean for research

in UK's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station director and administrative leader for UK's Ag Equine Programs. "He is a top-notch field veterinarian and a respected contributor to new research-based practices. Not only that, he has been a supporter of the UK's Department of Veterinary Science for many decades including a distinguished leader of the Gluck Foundation Board of Directors."



STEPHEN PATTON

Dr. Walter W. Zent Mare Reproductive Health Facility on UK's Maine Chance Equine Campus.

Read the entire story at <http://news.ca.uky.edu/article/uk%E2%80%99s-maine-chance-equine-campus-facility-renamed-honor-area-veterinarian>.

## A Day in the Life: Equine Graduate Student

Laurel Mastro

As the time comes to answer the question, "What will you do after graduation?" many undergraduates are considering graduate school as a potential option. Before making the commitment to graduate school, it is important to consider pros and cons of pursuing a higher degree. Graduate school requires long hours and determination. However, the advanced degree may pay off long term.

Currently, the University of Kentucky supports more than 30 graduate students in equine research through the Department of Animal and Food Sciences and the Department of Veterinary Science. Tayler Hansen, Caroline Loos and Sara Tanner are three of these students in the Animal and Food Science program at various stages of their degrees. Here, the graduate students discuss their current experience in graduate school and give advice for undergraduates considering graduate school.

### Caroline Loos pursuing her MS

Caroline Loos began graduate school to pursue her

master's degree in animal science less than a month ago. She is originally from Belgium and initially came to the United States for a job at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. While still in the early stages of her degree, Loos spends most of her day focused on completing the coursework associated with her degree.

Q: Describe your typical day.

A: Usually, I come in at 8 a.m. and I go to class in the morning three days a week. The rest of my day I complete class assignments and read up on research articles for my upcoming research project. Right now, I am focusing on reviewing chemistry and biochemistry in order to better understand the work in my graduate classes. Next month, I will begin a research project.

Q: So far, has graduate school been what you expected? I thought I would be doing more lab work at the beginning, but so far I have been spending more time reading and learning basic information for my upcoming research project.

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# A Day in the Life: Equine Graduate Student

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**Q:** What advice do you have for undergraduates interested in graduate school?

I think it is important to have a good connection with your advisor. You will work closely with your advisor throughout your degree, so it is important to talk to your professor and make sure you have a lot of personal communication, so they know your interests and you understand their research interests. Graduate school requires a lot of ambition and a lot of work, so you must be willing to sacrifice a lot of time into getting a higher education.

## Taylor Hansen, pursuing her MS

Taylor Hansen completed her undergraduate degree in mathematics at the University of Florida and then moved to Kentucky to complete her master's degree. Hansen is currently in the middle of her degree and at this phase, she must carefully balance her time between her research, classwork and commitment as a teaching assistant in animal nutrition.

**Q:** Describe your typical day.

**A:** Right now I have horses on study, so every morning I go out to the farm to feed and take care of them. I have to collect orts (leftover hay or grain from the day before), feed them their morning meals, turn them out and clean their stalls. When horses are on a study, the graduate student is in charge of their overall health, so I spend a considerable amount of time grooming, bathing and checking for cuts, scrapes, etc. I'm very thankful to have the other graduate students in the program help me.

After taking care of the horses, I go into the office to get ready for classes and finish assignments. I'm taking two classes this semester, and I also am a teaching assistant for Animal Nutrition, and that takes up a lot of my time. It is really difficult finding time to get everything done!

**Q:** How do you maintain a balance between all of your commitments?

**A:** Organization is key! My largest challenge is keeping track of everything to get done, so I write a lot of list and have a very detailed planner. I also break down

tasks into manageable pieces so that I don't get overwhelmed. Also, while in graduate school, you have to be prepared to work long hours and over the weekend. Even though you can't add extra hours to a day, you can add extra days to the work week.

**Q:** What is your favorite part of being an equine graduate student?

**A:** That every day is different. I love taking classes and learning all the details about nutrition, digestion, metabolism, etc. and then the next day, I'm at the farm feeding horses and working to find ways to improve the way to feed them and their overall well-being. You never are bored.

**Q:** What advice do you have for students interested in graduate school?

**A:** Get experience doing research before applying to graduate school. Your experience does not need to be in the field you are interested in long-term, as most jobs will include similar laboratory skills and animal management ideas (dependent on species). It also helps for you to learn how to think like a scientist.



Photo: From left to right is Caroline Loos, Taylor Hansen and Sara Tanner

## Sara Tanner, pursuing her PhD

Sara Tanner is the veteran of the group. She completed her undergraduate degree at Cazenovia College and had a clear plan to become a professor at a small college. For this reason, Tanner decided to go directly into a PhD. Many students choose to start with a master's before pursuing a PhD; however,

for students with a clear vision of what they want to do in the future, directly entering a PhD program may be the best option. Currently, Tanner is nearing the end of her PhD and she has completed her qualifying exam, a test used to determine if a student is qualified to be a PhD candidate. At this point in her degree, Sara has completed the majority of her research and classwork and is now writing articles on her research and preparing her dissertation, a document that can be hundreds of pages in length consisting of all of the student's research work and review of the current literature.

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# A Day in the Life: Equine Graduate Student

*Q: Describe your typical day.*

Typically, I come into the office in the morning around 8 a.m. and begin writing. Generally, my day of writing gets broken up by seminars, club activities, assisting other students with their questions about lab work and class work, in addition to finishing up my own lab work. I usually leave the office around 4 p.m., but on most days I spend additional time at home reading, analyzing data and looking for potential job opportunities.

*Q: What has been the most difficult part of your graduate degree?*

A: The first couple semesters were the most difficult for me because I didn't know what to expect with graduate school coming into the program. Being from a small school, I hadn't seen graduate students in action, so I found it was a challenge to balance the expectations of research and schoolwork, especially since my undergraduate degree wasn't in animal science.

*Q: What advice do you have for students interested in graduate school?*

A: First, decide what career you would like to go into and determine if an advanced degree will be required for that career. If you are sure you want to obtain a graduate degree, try and experience some graduate level research while you are an undergraduate. I would recommend getting to know a graduate student and talking to them about their experiences.

If you are interested in getting to know about graduate school, please contact the Animal and Food Sciences Graduate Student Association Vice President, Sara Tanner, at [sara.tanner@uky.edu](mailto:sara.tanner@uky.edu).

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# Faculty Spotlight

*Alexandra Harper*

Fernanda Camargo was born in Londrina, a city located in the southern part of Brazil. She graduated from veterinary school at the State University of Londrina in 2000.

Growing up in Brazil, her family had horse and cattle farms where she spent a lot of time working cattle on horseback. Her grandfather raised and raced Thoroughbreds so she was always around horses. Camargo also showed hunter jumpers and rode in endurance events.

In 2001, her passion for horses brought her to Lexington, Ky. She did an externship at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute and an internship at the Gluck Equine Research Center. She then started her PhD at UK in equine pharmacology and toxicology. Camargo was specifically involved in the development, creation and validation of several analytical methods for the detection of pharmacological compounds in equine biological fluids.

She is now an associate professor and equine extension professor at UK. Camargo teaches equine anatomy and equine health and disease. She also oversees the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program. She is one of two horse extension specialists in Kentucky and works together with county agents to provide assistance to horse owners to improve herd management, health, disease prevention and vaccination.

When Camargo is not hard at work at UK or with 4-H, she can be found at her farm spending time with her horses Mattie, a reining Quarter Horse, and Electra, an off-the-track Thoroughbred. She is also training to start back on the show circuit. She has a 6-month-old son who is always on the go keeping her busy, and, according to Camargo, is now starting to become quite the jockey.



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## Check out the September issue of the Bluegrass Equine Digest at [www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/bed](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/bed)

Stories this month include:

- Kentucky's Equine Industry Has \$3 Billion Economic Impact
- Amino Acid Requirements for Horses
- UK, KHP Foundation Partner to Improve Watershed
- Weed Management Plans for Horse Pastures
- UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Launches New Website



# Student Professionalism Series

Elizabeth LaBonty, Lecturer and Internship Coordinator

*The University of Kentucky Equine Science and Management Program strives to not only educate you about equine science but also to prepare you for a career in the industry. Part of this preparation includes classroom guest lectures and hands-on labs, requiring an internship before you graduate, exposing you to numerous industry-related careers and, most recently, we have added an all-new resource called the Student Professionalism Series to the Wildcat Canter. The Student Professionalism Series will offer insight and tips to help you effectively prepare for, find, apply to and obtain the career of your choice. This month we will be focusing on the true value of work opportunities.*

## **They call it work for a reason...**

Throughout your time at UK, and your life, you will be given many work-related opportunities. Jobs, internships, volunteer experiences and leadership roles in organizations all present more opportunities than meet the eye for those willing to see them.

### **Work**

“They call it work for a reason,” was one of the best bits of advice I was given early in my career. Sure, the ultimate goal is to have a job – and eventually a career – that you love. But the reality is that every day we all have to do things that are less than glamorous and not that enjoyable. However, it’s important to remember that at the end of the day, we are in fact getting paid to do what we do, whether financially, via credit or with experience.

Some jobs involve riding or handling horses but also require time mucking stalls, feeding and grooming. Other jobs are in sales, which require long hours where the customer is always right, but these jobs are often generously compensated monetarily. Sometimes we have been nominated to be an officer for a club or team, which will require a substantial time commitment, but the recognition of leadership among our peers will pay dividends in the long run.

Whatever it is that you do, remember to keep the same positive attitude and enthusiasm for the parts you love as for the parts that take work to love and your supervisors, administrators and industry leaders will surely take note.

## ***The reward is not always in the financial return***

Sure, we get paid to work, but sometimes we do not, and either way, the rewards often run deeper than the paycheck. Every job, internship, volunteer experience and leadership role is an opportunity to develop a good reference. Even if it’s the worst job you’ve ever had, think of it as a chance to get a good reference that will lead to an even better job in the future. Work hard, smile, learn new things, don’t complain and in the end, you will leave each job with someone who would either hire you back or strongly recommend you when needed.

## ***The 10 Minute Rule***

What if I told you that with only 10 minutes a day you could stand out from almost everyone you work with? Would you do it? The reality is that if you show up five minutes early and stay five minutes late every day, you would set yourself apart from more than 90 percent of employees. It sounds simple, but it’s true.

Most employees arrive to work just on time and are the first out the door when their shift is over. But if you show up five minutes early – not some days but every day, on Fridays, Saturdays, Mondays, etc. – and stick around five minutes after your shift is over to double check the horses, sweep the barn aisle, top off waters or just check in with your boss to make sure he or she doesn’t need help with anything, you would be surprised at how quickly others will notice and how much differently they will treat you. Don’t just do it when it’s easy or for a week or two, make it a personal habit. No matter what you did the night before, be to work early the next day, and no matter what your plans are after work, take time to show that you care about the job, the horses and the people, and you will be greatly rewarded.

Some jobs are fun, some are not. Some jobs you can’t wait to get to and some you can’t wait to leave. Look at every opportunity as more than just work, as experience, as a stepping stone, as an investment in your future and you will go farther than you ever dreamed.

# Stuart Brown named 2013 Friend of the UK Ag Equine Programs

Holly Wiemers

Stuart Brown, a Lexington-based veterinarian, was named 2013 Friend of the University of Kentucky's Ag Equine Programs during its Equine Science and Management reception Sept. 3 at Spindletop Hall.

Brown specializes in equine reproduction with Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. He serves on the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Equine Advisory Committee, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Advisory Committee and the Gluck Equine Research Foundation Board and has been an active advocate for UK's equine programs for many years.

"While not a UK graduate, Stuart 'sees blue' when it comes to our equine programs. Not only does he

believe that the University of Kentucky should be the epicenter of education, research and service for the equine industry, he actively works to make this

vision a reality through his leadership, guidance and financial support," said Marci Hicks, director of development for UK's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and Brown's nominator. "His involvement touches every element of our equine programs, from the undergraduate degree program, to the Gluck Equine Research Center, to multiple extracurricular equestrian teams."

Read more at <http://news.ca.uky.edu/article/stuart-brown-named-2013-friend-uk-ag-equine-programs>.

MATT BARTON



Jill Stowe, left, presents Stuart Brown with the Friend of UK Ag Equine Programs award.

# Study shows state's equine industry has \$3 billion economic impact

Holly Wiemers

Kentucky's equine industry had a total economic impact of almost \$3 billion and generated 40,665 jobs last year, according to the 2012 Kentucky Equine Survey. The tax contribution of the equine industry to Kentucky was approximately \$134 million.

According to Jill Stowe, University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs director and project lead, the total economic impact is measured by the output effect and is an estimate of revenues earned by the sale of goods and services related to the equine industry and its interconnected industries. The study also showed that the value-added effect, which is perhaps a more descriptive measure of economic impact because it accounts for costs of production, has an estimated economic impact of \$1.4 billion. The value-added effect is a measure of profitability and new income paid to workers rather than

simply revenue.

The UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Ag Equine Programs and Kentucky Horse Council, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, today released the economic impact figures from the 2012 Kentucky Equine Survey, a comprehensive statewide survey of all breeds of horses, ponies, donkeys and mules. This was the first such wide-ranging study of

Kentucky's equine industry since 1977 and the first-ever detailed economic impact study about Kentucky's equine industry.

Read the entire story at <http://news.ca.uky.edu/article/study-shows-state%E2%80%99s-equine-industry-has-3-billion-economic-impact>

MATT BARTON



# Chellgren Center names 37 New Fellows

Congratulations to the following six students from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment on being named Chellgren Fellows in early September.

- Cassidy Cantrell, a community leadership development and sociology major, from Springfield, Tenn.;
- Andrea Eastes, an agricultural biotechnology major, from Mayfield;
- Alexis Neukirch, a natural resources and environmental science major, from Chesterfield, Mo.;
- Samantha Petite, a psychology and community leadership development major, from West Bend, Wis.;
- Madison Scott, an equine management and marketing major, from Austin, Texas;
- Daniella Straathof, an agricultural economics major, from Washington Court House, Ohio;

To read the entire story, please go to <http://uknow.uky.edu/content/chellgren-center-names-37-new-fellows>

## Bobby Flay Visits Thoroughbred Sales class

*Holly Wiemers*

On Sept. 11, students in the Thoroughbred Sales class, an elective in UK's Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program had a special guest lecturer. Celebrity chef and Thoroughbred owner Bobby Flay visited campus and talked with a group of students about some of his experiences in the Thoroughbred industry.

“As a student, it meant a great deal to have Mr. Flay come speak to our class and provide his insights on what it is really like to be a horse owner in the Thoroughbred industry,” said Equine Science and Management senior Kelsey Petersen.

During his nearly hour talk with the class, he touched on some of his thoughts and strategies for his Thoroughbred business, his love of good bloodlines, his long-term interest and acquisition of quality fillies and the importance of equine welfare and Thoroughbred aftercare issues. His talk was passionate about the industry and the enjoyment it brings him.

As he said, “A good horse can take you all over the world.”

We thank Bobby Flay for taking the time to meet with our students and appreciate his being a memorable part of their equine education.



# Clubs and Teams Updates

## Dressage and Eventing Team

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After a victory at the Welcome Back Barbeque's Equestrian Olympics, the University of Kentucky Dressage and Eventing Team is looking forward to continuing to compete throughout the fall. The first Intercollegiate Dressage Association Show is Oct. 12-13 at Otterbein University. IDA tryouts were very successful and the club has a full team that is ready to represent UK at its first dressage show.

In the eventing world, UK will be represented by a novice level team at Haygard Midsouth Team Challenge at the Kentucky Horse Park, Oct. 17-20. The following weekend there is an Intercollegiate Eventing League Team Challenge at Chattahoochee Hills in Georgia. It is being hosted by the University of Georgia, and UKDET will be sending at least one team and many club members for support! If you are interested in competing with UK Dressage and Eventing at any upcoming events, come to the next meeting on Oct. 2 at 8:30 p.m. in room 359 of the Student Center.

## Equestrian Team

Advisor: Dr. Bob Coleman

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### Hunt Seat Team

The hunt seat team recently held tryouts and now has 37 new members. For more information about the team, please visit our Facebook page – University of Kentucky Equestrian Team - or email us at [uk.equestrianteam@gmail.com](mailto:uk.equestrianteam@gmail.com).

### Western Team- Calling All Western Riders!

Are you looking to improve your western horsemanship skills or miss having the opportunity to ride? Well, you're in luck. The University of Kentucky's Western Equestrian Team is still accepting new team members. The Western team competes through the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA), where riders compete against other local colleges in various levels from Beginning Horsemanship to Open Reining. To join the team, all you need is a passion for horses and the drive to become a better horseman. The team is coached by American Quarter Horse Association Professional Horseman of the Year and judge Bennie Sargent, who owns and operates Bennie Sargent Quarter Horses in Georgetown, Ky. The Western Team had its first show of the season on Sept. 28 and 29 at the University of Cincinnati. The team had 20 riders entered in the competition!

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact our President, Kelsie Winslow, at [winslow.kelsie@gmail.com](mailto:winslow.kelsie@gmail.com) and please Like our Facebook page under [facebook.com/ukywesternihstateam](https://www.facebook.com/ukywesternihstateam) for more news and team results.



# Clubs and Teams Updates

## Horse Racing Club

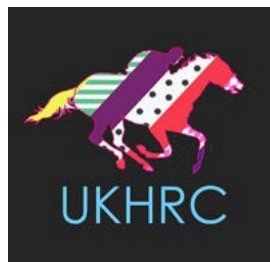
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Check for updates or contact the club at [www.facebook.com/ukhrc](http://www.facebook.com/ukhrc).



## Polo Team

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Check out our new website at <http://ukpolo.webs.com/>

Show your Wildcat Polo spirit by supporting the team and purchasing one of this year's team tanks or t-shirts at \$15 each. Email the team's head fundraiser Annie Hickey with questions and orders at [anniehickey@mac.com](mailto:anniehickey@mac.com)



## R.E.A.D Club (Research in Equine and Agricultural Disciplines Club)

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The READ Club kick-off meeting was held Sept. 17 and consisted of an introduction to the club, a presentation of field trip opportunities and a presentation on current research studies ranging from equine genetics to Sumatran rhino breeding to progesterone detection in Pangolins. Fifteen members attended and completed surveys to help determine the focus of the club for this year. The first field trip was to the Department of Veterinary Science Equine Diagnostic Research Seminar Series on Sept. 26. The next meeting is planned for Oct. 15.

## Rodeo Team

Advisor: Elizabeth LaBonty

The UK Rodeo Team kicked off the semester with its first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 25. If you are interested in learning more and/or joining the team (no experience required), please contact us at [ukrodeoteam@gmail.com](mailto:ukrodeoteam@gmail.com).

## Saddle Seat Team

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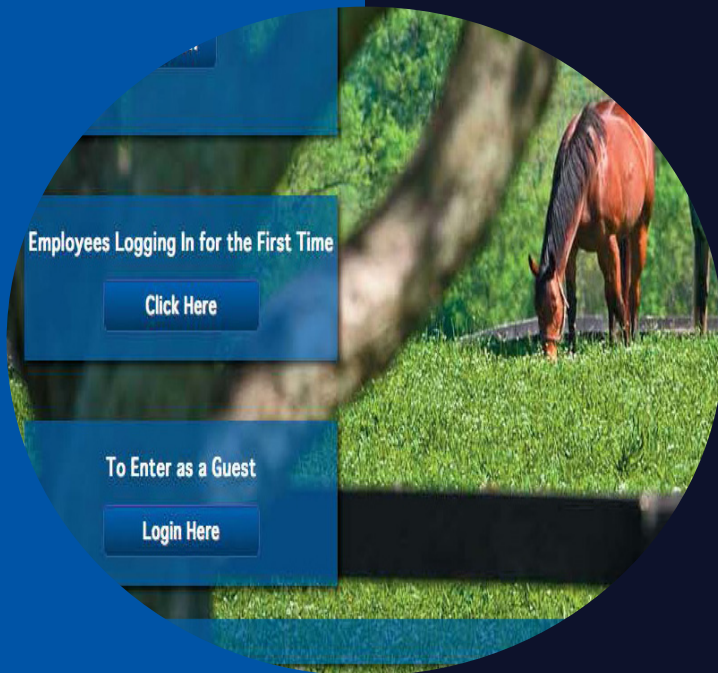
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The first Saddle Seat show will be Oct. 26 at Wingswept Farm.

# AG EQUINE PROGRAMS Equine Store

Want some new UK Equine gear? Find jackets, scarves, bags, and more!



In response to requests for merchandise featuring UK equine logos, UK Ag Equine Programs has launched an online store. Find UK Ag Equine or Gluck Equine Research Center logoed items from t-shirts to coats to tailgating gear all in one spot. Visit [www. ukagequinstore.com](http://www.ukagequinstore.com) and login as a guest.

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# Wheels To Heal

A Mission to Provide



With a New Utility Vehicle



### About Us

Wheels to Heal is a 3 student project to provide Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (CKRH) with a new farm utility vehicle necessary for daily activities.

Email: [wheelstoheal@yahoo.com](mailto:wheelstoheal@yahoo.com)

### About CKRH:

Central Kentucky Riding for Hope uses horses to provide therapy to children and adults with special physical, cognitive, emotional and social needs. It is an incredible program and they can't do what they do without a farm utility vehicle. Theirs is partially composed of duct tape and plywood!

CKRH provides Equine Assisted Activities & Therapies (EAAT). EAAT is an umbrella term which includes the range of equine activities/therapies designed for people with disabilities or diverse needs. They also provide services for military and their families.

Find out more at: [www.ckrh.org/index.html](http://www.ckrh.org/index.html)

## How You Can Help!

1. Donate on CKRH's website and specify that your donation is for the "gator" or "utility vehicle"
2. Write a check to CKRH specifying in the memo that it is for the "gator" or "utility vehicle" fund and mail it to  
CKRH at PO BOX 13155 Lexington, KY 40583.
3. Spread the word!
4. Purchase fundraiser items from us.  
-Yankeecandlefundraising.com group # 990054922!
5. Donate an item for our silent auction!

### Attend our Events!

Mellow Mushroom: Oct. 14th  
 Hugh Jass Burgers: Oct. 28th  
 Firehouse Subs (downtown): Nov. 7th  
 Fall Festival with silent auction: TBD

Current Utility Vehicle:



### Special Thanks To:

REP Designs  
 Hugh Jass Burgers  
 Mellow Mushroom  
 Firehouse Subs

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# Events

## Important Dates:

### September 23-November 1

Graduation checks for May 2014 graduates

### September 29-October 5

Paso Fino Grand National Horse Show, Kentucky Horse Park

### October 2-5

Fall Classic Saddlebred Show, Alltech Arena, Kentucky Horse Park

### October 2-6

IFSHA Friesian World & Grand National Championship, Lexington, VA

### October 3

Ag Career Fair

### October 4

Last day to change majors

### October 21-November 15

Advising for spring

## Event Recap:



The University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs hosted its third annual Internship Program Reception Sept. 3 at Spindletop Hall. This event provided an opportunity for students and the industry to come together to celebrate outstanding internship sites, industry guest lecturers, interns and program alumni, as well as award the 2013 Friend of UK Ag Equine Programs.



The Equine Science and Management Program kicked off the fall semester with a Welcome Back Barbeque at the E.S. Good Barn on Monday, Sept. 16. More than 100 students, faculty and staff were in attendance.



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