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*University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs Newsletter*



*Congratulations December 2014 ESMA graduates!*

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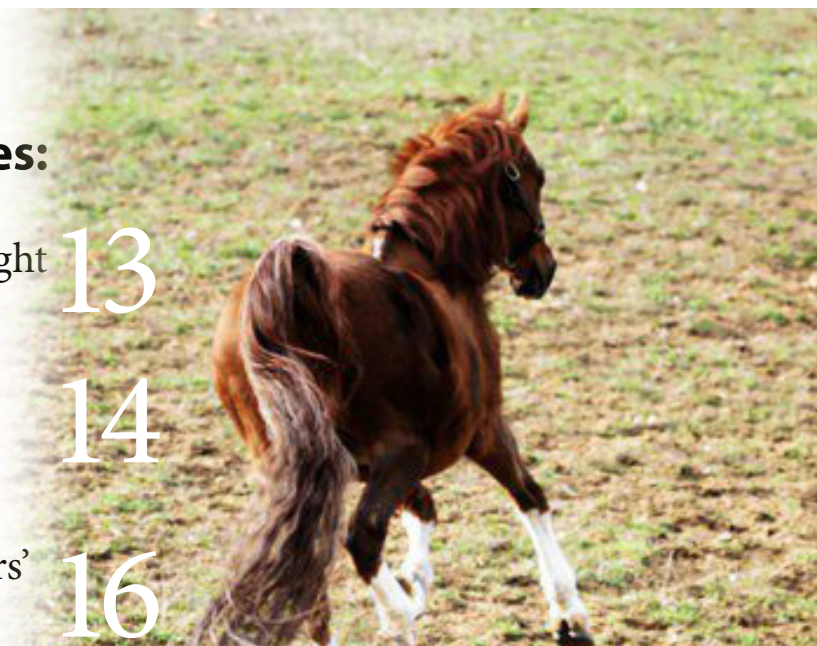
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## New Year, new time management strategies

Tick tock. Tick tock. That's the sound of the minutes passing by as you sit down with a plan to study for an upcoming exam or work on the assignment due tomorrow.

If you're a procrastinator who waits until the last minute, you might lack good time management skills. That's okay! It's a new year and a great time to re-evaluate your time management strategies. Hopefully these four tips I use in my busy professional and personal life will help you become more productive this semester.



**1. Make a to-do list.** Every Friday before I leave my office, I take a few moments to update my to-do list. I use Wunderlist, a free desktop and phone app, to make lists. I think about everything I'd like to do the next week at work and put the items into three categories: high priority (must get done this week), lower priority (important, but can wait) and future weeks (tasks I'd like to keep in mind). Then, I kick it old school and print the list. Having a hard copy allows me to jot down other tasks I need to add later.

**2. Figure out what time of day you are most productive at certain tasks.** Do you do your best work at 8 a.m. or 8 p.m.? Are you a early bird or night owl? For example I'm not a morning person, so I complete smaller, less creative tasks in the morning and work on writing or design projects after lunch. I hit another creative peak after 8 p.m.

**3. Put your phone away and out of reach.** Those pocket computers are major distractions. Put your phone in another room. If you miss a phone call, text, email or social media post, I promise it will be there when you get back. Try to unplug one day a week. You will be amazed at how much you get done that day. Saturdays or Sundays are great days to do this.

**4. Take a walk.** It takes 20 minutes to get into your "flow" once you sit down to work. After sitting for a long time or over thinking something, you need a break. Take a walk to clear your mind, whether it's a quick stroll through the library or a walk around the block outside to get fresh air. When you sit back down, it can help you refocus at the tasks at hand.

Time keeps moving forward. The minutes you just spent reading this are already gone. However, I hope it was time well-spent and included tips you can apply to your own time management strategies this semester.

Jenny Evans  
Interim Executive Director, Marketing and Promotion Specialist Senior  
University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation

**Upcoming Events:**

**February 4**  
Last day to drop a class without appearing on transcript

**February 4**  
Last day to change grade option

**February 5**  
**Pastures Please!!**  
Fayette County Extension Office,  
6 p.m.

**February 24**  
Kentucky Journal of Equine,  
Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Law Symposium  
UK College of Law Courtroom

**February 27**  
Last Day to change majors

**February 28**  
Last Day to apply for August 2015  
degree online



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*Members of the Saddle Seat Team at a recent show in Kentucky.*

## Faculty Spotlight: Amanda Adams

Amanda A. Adams is an assistant professor of equine immunology at the UK Gluck Equine Research Center. She grew up on a small farm in rural Midwestern Missouri, north of Kansas City.

Adams' love for animals and horses came from her youth involvement in 4-H, where she showed dairy goats, Quarter Horses and mules. During that time, she competed in a wide variety of events with her Quarter Horses, including western pleasure, team penning, roping, barrel racing and pole bending in local show circuits. She also has a love for trick riding horses.

Adams earned her Bachelor of Science in biology and equine science at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. During her undergraduate career, she worked at the University of Missouri Veterinary School. At that time she thought she wanted to pursue a career as a veterinarian. However, during her summer research undergraduate internship experiences with the equine research and development team at Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, she instead decided that she wanted to pursue a career in research.

In 2004, she joined the Gluck Center to obtain her PhD in veterinary science with an emphasis in equine immunology, focusing her research on characterizing immune responses of geriatric horses. In 2008, she started her post-doctorate at the Gluck Center to further specialize in equine immunology. In 2011, Adams became a faculty member.

At the Gluck Center, Adams devotes 100 percent of her efforts to equine research. She is currently training two PhD students, Melissa Siard and Sarah Elzinga, along with several undergraduates who join the lab for research experience. She also oversees laboratory staff support, from laboratory technicians to laboratory research analysts, Alex Betancourt, Day Barker and Stephanie Reedy, along with providing oversight of farm technicians and maintaining large herds of research horses at UK's Maine Chance Farm. Adams also dedicates time to teach lectures in various courses within the equine science degree program and will be teaching courses at the Lincoln Memorial University Veterinary School in Tennessee this semester.

Adams' research programs involve working with the equine health industry, including design and implementation of in-house experimental trials and trials with the external industry. This partnership includes working closely with pharmaceutical industries (including Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Zoetis Merial, Neogen), and nutritional industries (including Purina, Alltech, Cooperative Research Farms, Kentucky Equine Research) and the USDA, to study vaccine efficacy and product development, among other topics.



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She is the author of 20 peer reviewed scientific publications and has attended more than 30 scientific national and international meetings to present her research. Notably, Adams has also brought in more than \$1 million in research funding from competitive grants and the equine pharmaceutical industry.

Currently, her research interests are focused on characterizing the immune system of the geriatric horse by identifying mechanisms responsible for immunosenescence, inflamm-aging and altered immune responses to vaccination. The goal is to improve the health and well-being of the aged horse, by identifying interventions that have the potential to improve the function and redox state of the immune system. In addition, Adams' goal is to further characterize and understand the mechanisms responsible for equine metabolic syndrome (EMS). There is a growing need to understand mechanisms responsible and pathways involved in EMS and in doing so to identify potential treatments that target both the inflammatory and metabolic component of EMS. Lastly, her research involves investigating models of 'stress,' in particular using the process of weaning to further understand how this stress impacts immune function.

Current ongoing projects in each of these areas include understanding if horses with Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction (PPID) respond as well to vaccination when compared to non-PPID, aged-matched horse; to determine the effects of DHA supplementation on immune and metabolic parameters of the EMS horse; to measure the impact different seasons have on immune function in both young and aged horses; to evaluate seasonal influences on hormone responses to a diagnostic test advocated for early diagnosis of Equine Cushing's disease; and to determine the effects of immunoloduator and probiotic supplementation on immune function in foals during weaning.

Outside of her work, Adams lives on a five-acre hobby farm with her husband, Ryan, two dogs, a Lab named Chief and a Standard Poodle named Rufus and three spoiled indoor cats. There, she fulfils her hobbies of raising goats, tending to chickens and various barn cats, gardening and canning, pleasure riding her Tennessee Walker, Pat, and enjoying watching the sun set over the rolling hills of rural Kentucky with Ryan.



*One of the many herds at UK's research farm.*

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*Hannah Forte*

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The atmosphere was celebratory and reminiscent as Bob Coleman, director of undergraduate studies for equine science and management and extension horse specialist, presented each graduate with a gift and told stories of their time while in the equine program.

This event began the second year of graduation receptions, with the first occurring in the fall of 2013. The receptions are held to honor graduates and congratulate them on all that they have accomplished at UK. It also gives graduates an opportunity to introduce their families to the numerous faculty and staff who were part of their four-year journey.

“It is great to recognize the students at the reception and meet their family and friends who have supported them during their time at UK,” Coleman said.

Graduates will continue down a variety of paths; some will continue their education while others will begin careers. Either way, UK Ag Equine Program welcomes its newest alumni and looks forward to seeing where they take their degrees.



*Students and parents enjoy the graduation reception.*



*Homemade goodies at the graduation reception.*

## Alum achievement story

Jen Brogie, a 2013 graduate of the Equine Science and Management program, who is now in veterinary school at Colorado State University, was recently selected for the Army Veterinary Corps. After graduation, Brogie will enter the Army at the rank of Captain and will serve for three years and beyond, if she chooses. Congratulations!

# Student Professionalism Series

Elizabeth LaBonty

The University of Kentucky Equine Science and Management Undergraduate Degree Program strives to not only educate you about equine science, but also to prepare you for your future career. Part of this preparation includes classroom guest lectures, hands on labs, requiring an internship before you graduate, exposing you to numerous industry related careers and, most recently, we have added a series called the Student Professionalism Series to the Wildcat Canter. The Student Professionalism Series will offer insights and tips to help you effectively prepare for, find, apply to and obtain the career of your choice.



Elizabeth LaBonty, Internship Coordinator and Lecturer.

*I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life.*

*And that is why I succeed.  
-Michael Jordan*

What is a career? It is a word that gets thrown around a lot, and everyone has opinions on what you need to be doing for it. But do you actually know what a career is? A career is defined as the following:

ca•reer (kə'rir) noun

noun: **career**; plural noun: **careers**

1. an occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person's life and with opportunities for progress.

It is important to first recognize what a career is not. A career is not who you are; it is what you do. It shapes you but does not define you. A career is an important part of your life but not your entire life. Many college students are under significant pressure to be finding, developing and building their careers but most do not know where to start. So, let's look at a few key steps you can be taking towards your career right now.

1. *Research.* As the saying goes, "You don't know what you don't know." There are hundreds of equine-related careers, but information about them probably isn't going to fall in your lap. You need to spend time asking people in the industry about different career options and take classes such as EQM 106 to learn more about the multitude of equine careers that exist. A simple internet search for equine careers will produce excellent resources and ideas you may have never thought about.

In fact, each year, UK hosts the only equine-specific career fair in the country. This year, on Tuesday, March 3, UK's Equine Career and Opportunity Fair will take place from 4:30-7 p.m. at Spindletop Hall. Make it a point to attend, even if you are not a graduating senior. Check out the numerous booths, jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities available to you in and around Lexington. You will meet people and learn about businesses and careers you never knew existed and you won't be sorry you did.

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2. *Plan.* The hardest thing in the world is knowing what you want; getting what you want just takes time. Once you learn about careers, spend some time thinking about what you are good at, what you would like to spend every day doing (that will earn you money), what kind of work you enjoy and where you want to live. Then make a plan to get you there.

Job shadow people who do what you want to do, take them out for coffee and ask them for career advice, attend one of the four specific equine career related tracks featured at this year's UK Equine Career and Opportunity Fair and learn from industry professionals and students with interests similar to your own.

3. *Be willing to work.* If you look back at the definition of a career, you will see that it is an occupation undertaken for a significant period with opportunities for growth. Careers are ever changing. Very rarely do you arrive and stop growing, and even more rarely are you exactly where you want to be anytime in your 20s.

Be willing to take unpaid internships, work jobs that aren't glamorous and take advantage of opportunities that are not ideal but are nonetheless steps along the way. The job you work while in school or are offered after you graduate is not the end of the ladder. Rather, look at each job, each internship, each industry experience as opportunities to learn, grow and expand your knowledge. Work as hard as you can right where you are and you will go farther than you ever imagined.

4. *Take ownership of your career.* The ESMA program at UK has more than 300 students. No one is going to hand you a career. Spend time investing in your future, developing relationships with professors, getting to know advisors and learning from employers. At the end of the day, your career is yours and yours alone - not your parents', not your teachers', not your friends'. You are the one who is going to have to work at it, take risks, learn from mistakes and invest in it. There have been lots of tools and methods of assistance set up to help you along the way. We faculty and staff are all here to see you succeed. What that success looks like and what you are willing to do to get there, ultimately, is up to you.



*Enjoying the Bluegrass snow.*

## Becoming your own best resource

*Hannah Forte*

Jen Davis said she chose to attend the University of Kentucky because of the opportunities that the Equine Science and Management program provides to become directly involved in the equine industry. One opportunity that Davis received was to intern with KBC International Horse Supplies.

Davis is from Newark, Del., and had ridden horses for nine years before coming to UK. She started in the horse industry working at two different stables, mucking stalls and eventually becoming a lesson assistant and then a senior camp counselor.

Davis said, “I chose KBC as the site of my internship because they had a marketing internship available. Marketing is the field I would like to go into. I had also heard from numerous sources that KBC was a very reputable company, which appealed to me.”

According to Davis, other factors that influenced her decision were the internship being offered over the summer and the unique combination of an office setting and field work in the industry.

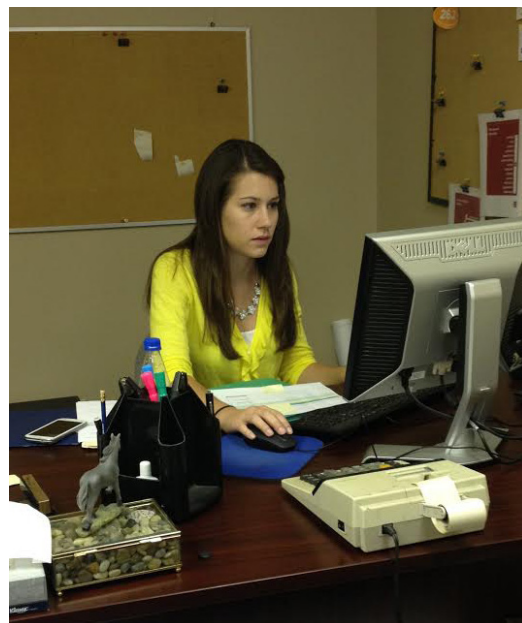
“This was such a great internship on both sides,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, internship coordinator. “KBC is very supportive of our program and eager to be involved with students and Jen did such a good job of taking advantage of an opportunity and making it her own.”

The internship required Davis to attend local equine events and spread the word about KBC. Her office work included composing reports about awareness-building efforts, working in retail to update a product location system and helping the marketing department with projects. During the internship, she had an ongoing project to create a college ambassador program for KBC to implement in the future.

Attending different types of horse events and shows, specifically the Rocky Mountain Horse Association International Show, was the best part of the internship, according to Davis. She was also able to learn about herself during the internship.



*Jen Davis enjoying one of the many responsibilities of her internship.*



*Working hard in the office.*

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“I learned how to utilize myself as a marketing tool. I learned how to confidently approach people and effectively communicate with them. My actions directly determined the success of my marketing effort for KBC,” she said.

Debbie Goodman, the director of operations at KBC International Horse Supplies, said, “Jennifer helped KBC establish a marketing outreach program to better the position of KBC. She promoted KBC to horse enthusiasts, of all disciplines, at the Kentucky Horse Park and was successful in building brand awareness.”

Davis graduated in December 2014. Now she plans to start a career in marketing, preferably with an equine company.



*Jen Davis enjoying her internship at KBC.*

## E.S. Good Barn Connects UK campus with the Commonwealth

*Kody Kiser, Amy Jones-Timoney*

*Source: UKNow*

A former dairy barn that survived a widespread fire in the 1950s has evolved into an important space on the University of Kentucky’s South Campus.

Students, faculty, staff and alumni from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment utilize the E.S. Good Barn year round. While some use the building’s meeting rooms to connect with each other and with extension agents and other officials from throughout the Commonwealth, others use the upstairs space for their landscape architecture studios.

To read the entire story, visit <http://uknow.uky.edu/content/video-es-good-barn-connects-uk-campus-commonwealth>.



*E.S. Good Barn.*

# Equine Science and Management Alumni Profile

*Claire Burns, '12*

*Assistant trainer, Olde Oaks Farm*

*by Hannah Forte*



Claire Burns

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

I grew up on a farm in Bourbon County, Ky. Even though I am currently in southern Texas, my home will always be the Bluegrass. There is no other place like it.

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

My father is a vet and my mother has loved horses from a very young age, so I was sitting on horses before I could walk. The love of working with horses is in my blood.

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

I planned to start a career as a full time hunter/jumper trainer. My career goals are the same now, to be the best horse trainer I am capable of being. I graduated with a degree in Equine Science and Management with an emphasis in Management and a minor in Agricultural Economics, and decided not to pursue any further degrees.

## **What led you to this position? Did you have certain internships, professors or classes that influenced you?**

I often appreciate the information I learned in Dr. Camargo's Equine Health and Disease and Anatomy classes. My education is very helpful to evaluating horses that are not performing at their peak. I came into this position through a trainer who saw my profile on a website called Yard and Groom. Last year, she had called to ask if I was available to fill an assistant trainer position. At that time I was recovering from an injury and therefore forced to decline. This year a position became available underneath one of her clients, so the trainer passed along my name.

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

My responsibilities are various, but mainly consist of breaking and training the young horses, showing them under saddle and in hand, conditioning older mounts and assisting the owner in barn management activities.

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

I am a member of the United States Equestrian Federation and the Texas Hunter Jumper Association.

## **Was the decision to pick up and move in order to follow your career easy to make?**

The decision to move was a no-brainer for me. Horses have always been a priority in my life and I am incredibly blessed to have family and friends who support me entirely in my industry pursuits. This position allows me to practice the skills that I have already acquired, and also allows me to learn from a trainer I respect. I am incredibly grateful to be working with talented horses every day, and doing what I love.

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

My advice to current students is not to get discouraged. A career in the horse industry can often be difficult and frustrating, but diligence and determination are vital to pursue your passion.



# Engager Newsletter

The Spring Semester has begun here in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment! This issue will allow you to see what exciting events took place in the college during the busy fall semester.

In this issue, you will find an overview of the Annual Scholarship Luncheon, a spotlight on The Little North American hosted by UK Block and Bridle and an update on the DanceBlue Team here in the college. You will also receive a word from an outstanding student and professor, as well as a list of upcoming dates here in the college.

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## Kentucky 3DE gives \$32,000 to eight charities, including UKET

By *Horsetalk.co.nz*

The company behind the famous Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event has this year donated more than \$30,000 to eight charities, including four equestrian organizations. The nearly \$32,000 in donations by Equestrian Events, Inc (EEI) represents an increase of more than \$10,000 over last year.

Known as the “Best Weekend All Year,” the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event Presented by Land Rover takes place this year at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, from April 23 to 26, 2015. It is one of only six four-star three-day events in the world and the only one in the Western Hemisphere.

“The Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event has a long-standing relationship with the community and it’s very important to us that we return that support and give back in a meaningful way,” said Stewart Perry, President of the EEI Board of Directors. “We are thrilled to increase the number of wonderful charities that we are supporting this year and also to increase the amount of our contributions.”

To read the entire story, visit <http://horsetalk.co.nz/2015/01/14/kentucky-3de-gives-32k-eight-charities/#axzz3OthBEkEH>.



## January's Bluegrass Equine Digest

Check out the January issue of the Bluegrass Equine Digest, a free, monthly electronic newsletter dedicated to providing up-to-date information on equine research from the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in collaboration with TheHorse.com and sponsored by Zoetis. This month's stories, which can be found at [http://www.thehorse.com/enews/bluegrass-equine-digest/PDF/BED-Jan2015.pdf?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm\\_campaign=01-25-2015](http://www.thehorse.com/enews/bluegrass-equine-digest/PDF/BED-Jan2015.pdf?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm_campaign=01-25-2015), include:

- UK studies featured at AAEP Kester News Hour
- Grad Student Spotlight: Emily Robinson
- Horse management tips for cold temperatures
- 32 and my horse
- What should I expect from a veterinary visit?
- International research team to map disease genes in horses
- UK Law Symposium to be held February 24

## UK Law Symposium February 24

*Holly Wiemers*

A symposium hosted by the Kentucky Journal of Equine, Agriculture and Natural Resources Law will be held Feb. 24. Titled “Improving or Impeding? The Local & National Effects of State & Federal Regulations,” the symposium will be held in the UK College of Law Courtroom.

The equine law discussion is scheduled for the morning session. Presenters will speak on a range of issues from the economic outlook of the Kentucky equine industry, to recent developments in court cases, to regulating the industry. A lunch will be hosted at the Hilary J. Boone Center on campus. Parking and/or student shuttles will be provided between the two venues.

Equine speakers include:

- Rutherford B. Campbell, professor, is a graduate of Centre College in Kentucky, the UK College of Law, where he graduated with Order of Coif distinction, and Harvard Law School, where he received an LL.M. Campbell writes and teaches in the securities, economics, and corporate law fields. Prior to entering academia, he practiced in New York City and in Lexington, Ky. He will serve as panel moderator.
- Jill Stowe is an associate professor in the University of Kentucky’s Department of Agricultural Economics and also serves as the Director of the UK Ag Equine Programs. Her areas of specialization include economics of the equine industry, decision making under risk and uncertainty, other-regarding preferences, incentives and neuroeconomics. She received a doctorate in economics from Texas A&M University.
- Laura D’Angelo received an MBA from York University Schulich School of Business before receiving her law degree from the UK College of Law. She helps international and domestic clients navigate compliance issues, contract negotiation, mergers and acquisitions and commercial lending. D’Angelo also effectively steers clients through the myriad of evolving state and federal regulations that govern the equine gaming industry. She is a partner at Dinsmore & Shohl in Lexington, Ky.
- Robert Beck is a transactional lawyer with Stites & Harbison in Lexington representing both domestic and foreign clients in the purchase, sale or syndication of bloodstock valued at more than \$700 million. Beck also regularly provides corporate and financing legal counsel to equine industry participants. He is chair of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, having been reappointed by Governor Steve Beshear for a third term.
- Robert Heleringer is an expert in equine regulatory law and has written a book on the subject. Heleringer has a deep background in the racing industry. During his career, Heleringer served for 23 years in the Kentucky General Assembly, where he was an outspoken advocate for the horse racing industry and for the rights of people with developmental disabilities.

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The Kentucky Journal  
of Equine, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Law

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

UK College of Law Courtroom

*Improving or Impeding?  
The Local & National Effects of  
State & Federal Regulation*

Equine Law Discussion

9:00am - 11:30am

Agriculture and Natural Resources Law  
Discussion

1:15pm - 4:30pm

## UK Ag Equine Programs congratulates ESMA students who made the Fall 2014 Dean's List

Alessandra Campana-Emard  
 Alexandra Bertke  
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 Alyssa Broner  
 Alyssa Schuster  
 Amelia Sibrt  
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 Bethany Wurl  
 Candace Jeblonski  
 Colton Woods  
 Curran Prettyman  
 Daina Kaugars  
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 David Park  
 Elena Williams  
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Emily Mercier  
 Emma Sanchez  
 Erica Bischoff  
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 Erin Morgan  
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 Jordan Poff  
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 Julia Christopher  
 Kaitlin Farmer  
 Kelli Crosby  
 Kelli Mardell  
 Kelli Powers  
 Kelsey Drew  
 Kelsey Wallace  
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 Lauren Fleming  
 Lauren Shelton

Lauren Tucker  
 Lauren Walling  
 Lindsay Vance  
 Lucia Cresci  
 Madison Scott  
 Marcelo Rizo Patron  
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 Marguerite Courtney  
 Martha Meng  
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 Merrill Morse  
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 Rachel Nelson  
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 Sherry Jackson  
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 Tamar Weisburd  
 Taylor Hooks  
 Tiffany Molina Martinez  
 Victoria Gott





## 4th Annual UK Equine Showcase and 6th Annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course held Jan. 23-24

Holly Wiemers

More than 170 people attended the 4th annual University of Kentucky Equine Showcase and 6th annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course on Jan. 23-24, respectively.

Equine research specialists from UK presented lectures on Jan. 23 on topics including an update on the illicit use of cobalt in racehorses; an update on moxidectin poisoning; parasites and growth rates in foals; practical pasture and forage diagnostic tools; understanding the stability of the toxin ergovaline in the plant; molecular composition of *Sarcocystis neurona* and its application for controlling equine protozoal myeloencephalities; an update on equine proliferative enteropathy and *Lawsonia intracellularis*; physiology of aging – focus on the horse: vaccination, deworming and inflammation; amino acid requirements in horses; and emerging equine diseases.

On the 24th, topics included old and new approaches for lighting programs in mares; parasite control in young horses; plasma for foals; angular limb deformities in foals; omega 3 fatty acids in mares and stallions; genetic tool box: beyond answering the question, "Who's your (horse's) daddy?"; what goes wrong with the geriatric mare?; vaccination strategies for EVA and managing the EVA carrier stallion; improving the survival of stallion sperm; and a Placentitis update.

The event was made possible through the generosity of corporate sponsors, including patron-level sponsors BET Reproductive Labs, Equine Medical Associates, Hagyard Equine Medical Associates, Kentucky Performance Products, McCauley Brothers, Inc., North American Equine Ranching Information Council (NAERIC), Precision Pharmacy, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, Tribute Equine Nutrition and Zoetis. Supporter-level sponsors included Animal Reproductive Systems, Dinsmore, Foalart, Folck Insurance, Franklin Williams Company, Hallway Feeds, Kentucky Quarter Horse Association, Park Equine Hospital, Southern States Co-op and Woodford Feed Co., Inc.

More detailed summaries of specific talks will be highlighted in upcoming issues of the Bluegrass Equine Digest. To be added to the list for future Showcase and Short Course announcements, email Jenny Evans at [jenny.evans@uky.edu](mailto:jenny.evans@uky.edu).



Attendees listening to presentations.



Thank you to our sponsors.

# Clubs and teams updates

## Equestrian Team

### Hunt Seat Team

The Hunt Seat Team is currently preparing for its home horse show at Lakeside Arena. Team members, please be prepared to work hard and represent the team before, during and after the show. The horses are pretty cute already, but they will need some extra grooming before they are show ready. Be sure to check up on your assigned horse, and make sure he/she is ready to win blues!

The team would like to congratulate team member, Jordan Hattaway for graduating in December. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the UKET. Good luck in your future career, and be sure to visit anytime!

Lessons have officially started. Remember to arrive early, and to be in the saddle when your lesson starts. Make sure you put away clean tack, and that your horse is blanketed (unless otherwise noted). The team had a great first semester. Let's keep up the good work!



Members of the Hunt Seat Team gather before the holiday break.



Bob Coleman receives a UK Equestrian Team donation from the Kentucky 3 Day Event. See story on page 13.

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### Dressage and Eventing Team

The Dressage and Eventing Team had a very successful experience hosting an Intercollegiate Dressage Association Show on Saturday, Dec. 6. The entire team came together and put on a great event. Thank you to everyone who volunteered by donating time, horses or supplies. Additional thanks to Valley View Farm of Midway for allowing the team to use its facilities and to the other IDA schools for participating in the show.

The IDA riders had a very successful show as well. The UK A Team was reserve champion and UK B placed third overall. Three team members rode at First Level. Hollis Glowniak placed 7th, Michaela Yowaiski 8th and Maggie Hoffman 9th. Johanna Wagner placed 5th at Upper Training and Taylor Pence had a fantastic ride on “Biggs” and won the division. Erin Johnson placed 8th at Lower Training and Katie Canfield had a great ride to come in 2nd. Ally Gutekunst took home 3rd at Intro and Corinne Smith won on “Lacey.”

UKDET is gearing up for an exciting spring semester, so be on the lookout for upcoming events!



*A member of the Dressage and Eventing team competes.*



*Members of the Dressage and Eventing team after their competition.*



*The team enjoying some team bonding at “Get Air.”*

### R.E.A.D. Club

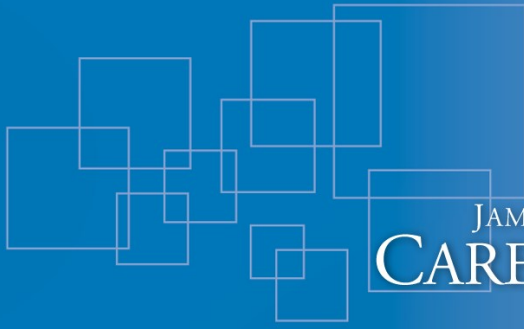
The R.E.A.D. Club had a very successful fall semester and is very excited to be back! Its February meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The club will also be taking a February field trip to tour KESMARC. This semester, the team will host a graduate student panel, so start preparing questions to find out how to plan, where to go and what graduate school really entails. The club is open to all majors and there are no dues and no requirements, so you can become a member now even if you were not last semester. We cannot wait for all of the opportunities, speakers, and fun events that 2015 has to offer!

### Rodeo Team

The Rodeo Team will be one of three groups hosting the Cowboy Up For A Cure Rodeo being held on April 18 at the Kentucky Horse Park's Alltech Arena.



*Members of the UK Rodeo Team attended the Rotary Club Luncheon.*



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# Career & Major Exploration Sessions



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## **Spring 2015 Workshop Dates**

Jan. 26 — 11:00 am, 12:00 & 2:00 pm

Jan 27 — 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.

Mar. 24 — 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.

Mar. 25 — 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.

Apr. 14 — 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.

Apr. 15 — 11:00 am, 12:00 & 1:00 pm

*All workshops will be held in Miller Hall, Room 102*

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Held at Miller Hall, Room 102

- Jan. 26, 11:00 a.m., 12:00, & 2:00 p.m.
- Jan. 27, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 24, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 25, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
- Apr. 14, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
- Apr. 15, 11:00 a.m., 12:00, & 1:00 p.m.

## February

### Employer Showcase

Network for job and internship opportunities.  
Student Center Grand Ballroom  
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (\*VIPs @11:30 a.m.)

- Feb. 10, Technical Career Fair
- Feb. 11, Non-Technical Career Fair

### Life After UK Conference

Student Center, Room 230

- Sat. Feb. 21, 10:30 – 3:00 p.m.

## National Student Exchange (NSE) Info Sessions

Held at Miller Hall, Room 102

### January

- Wed. Jan. 14, 12:00pm
- Thurs. Jan. 15, 12:30pm
- Wed. Jan. 21, 12:00pm
- Fri. Jan. 23, 12:00pm
- Wed. Jan. 28, 1:00pm

### February

- Tues. Feb. 3, 12:00pm
- Thurs. Feb. 12, 12:30pm
- Wed. Feb. 18, 12:00pm
- Tues. Feb. 24, 1:00pm

### April

- Thurs. Apr. 2, 12:30pm
- Tues. Apr. 7, 12:00pm
- Wed. Apr. 22, 3:00pm

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## Graduate & Professional School Prep

- Mon. Feb. 23
  - Taking a Gap Year, 4:00 p.m.
  - Preparing for Law School, 5:00 p.m.
- Tues. Feb. 24
  - Getting into Medical School, 4:00 p.m.
- Wed. Feb. 25
  - Explaining Graduate School Test Options (LSAT/GRE/GMAT), 4:00 p.m.
  - Write a Winning Personal Statement, 5:00 p.m.
- Thur. Feb. 26
  - Graduate School 101, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 7
  - FREE Kaplan Practice Tests (LSAT, MCAT). RSVP required online. 9:00 a.m.

## ENGAGE

EXPLORE CAREERS

RESEARCH COMPANIES

RESUMES & COVER LETTERS

BUY INTERVIEW ATTIRE

GET AN INTERNSHIP

## March

### Resumes & Cover Letters that Work

- Mon. Mar. 2, 4:00 p.m.

### Successful Networking & Job Search

- Tues. Mar. 3, 3:30 p.m.

### Leadership Assessment

Led by Northwestern Mutual

- Wed. Mar. 11, 4:00 p.m.

### Kentucky Teacher's Network Career Fair

At EKU, Keen Johnson Bld.

- Tues. Mar. 24  
3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

### Student & Employer Mixer

Student Center, Room 230

- Thurs. Mar. 26  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

\*All events held in the Stuckert Career Center unless otherwise noted

## CONNECT

NETWORK WITH EMPLOYERS

## April

### Successful Networking & Job Search

- Wed. Apr. 1, 4:00 p.m.
- Wed. Apr. 29, 5:00 p.m.

### SEC-ACC Virtual Career Fair

- Wed. – Thurs., Apr. 1-2

### Resumes & Cover Letters that Work

- Mon. Apr. 6, 4:00 p.m.

- Mon. Apr. 27, 5:00 p.m.

### How to Impress Your Boss: Employer panel

- Tues. Apr. 28, 4:00 p.m.

### Internship Info Sessions

- Jan. 14, 3:00 p.m.
- Feb. 4, 11:00 a.m.
- Mar. 4, 2:00 p.m.
- Mar. 25, 2:00 p.m.
- Apr. 8, 1:00 p.m.
- Apr. 29, 10:00 a.m.
- May. 6, 10:00 a.m.

SEARCH & APPLY FOR JOBS

GET HIRED!