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Welcome!

Although there were times this winter I never thought it possible, summer is finally here! While we say goodbye to one graduating class and prepare for an incoming one, I can't help but think about how much our students inspire me.

Watching our seniors and their families celebrate at the Equine Science and Management Graduation Reception, I was reminded of each of them years before sitting in my EQM 101 class on the first day, shy, timid, unassuming freshman. Yet over the last four years (or in some case five, or even six, but who's counting?) they have grown into bold, courageous adults. Everyone knows that people change tremendously between their freshman year and when they graduate, but it doesn't stop there. We are all changing. As years go by we either get more courageous or less, more outgoing or less, more willing to take chances and challenge ourselves or less. My hope in watching our most recent class go out in to the world is that they will continue to challenge themselves, they will never be too afraid to take risks and they will never stop learning. But it is also my hope for each of us.

I consider myself blessed to have a career where I am surrounded by students who inspire me, colleagues who encourage me and administrators who support me. Summer is a time to relax, reflect, have fun and prepare for the year ahead. May we all enjoy the beautiful weather and look forward to what the year ahead will bring.

Cheers!

Elizabeth LaBonty

Elizabeth LaBonty
Lecturer and Internship Coordinator



Here, LaBonty interacts with children in a Haiti orphanage during a recent mission trip.

Upcoming Events:

June 3

UK Equine Farm and Facilities Expo,
Kentucky Equine Humane Center (see
flier on page 19)

June 5

Western Kentucky Equine Farm and
Facilities Expo, Murray State
University

June 19

Department of Veterinary Science
Equine Diagnostic Research Seminar,
4 p.m., Veterinary Diagnostic
Laboratory

June 12

First Day of Summer II classes

June 23

Last day to drop a Summer II course
without it appearing on the student's
transcript

July 24 and 31, Aug. 15 and 22, and Sept. 19

2014 Hagyard Challenge Series,
Kentucky Horse Park



Stephanie Rowney at her internship

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Jackson Buchanon at his internship

Recent UK graduate reflects on internship experience

Hannah Forte



Nina Hobbs just graduated from the University of Kentucky in May with a degree in Equine Science and Management. Her experiences at UK, specifically an internship with Highclere Farm, influenced her career path post-graduation.

Hobbs is originally from Kentucky but moved to Boston with her family. Although she considers Boston home, Hobbs chose to move back to Lexington and attend UK because of the horse industry.

Before her time in the equine program, Hobbs had experience showing American Saddlebred horses. Her riding career began with Betsy Webb in Louisville, Ky. at the age of 4.

“I always loved horses. I began riding American Saddlebreds when I was 4 years old and competing by the age of 9,” Hobbs said. “I grew up working in barns to help pay for my show horse and learned the rewards of working hard at a young age. I wanted a

career working with horses that gave me the same satisfaction.”

Hobbs chose to intern at Highclere Farm because after working at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, she said she wanted to experience the Thoroughbred industry firsthand. Aside from the pay and hours, the opportunity to work independently and gain new experiences set Highclere Farm apart from other internship sites.

“It was great to see Nina take advantage of this internship,” said Internship Coordinator, Elizabeth LaBonty. “It’s when students step outside of their comfort zone that they learn the most.”

At Highclere Farm, Hobbs was responsible for overnight foal watch.

“I would watch pregnant brood mares for signs of foaling and assist in the parturition (birthing) process. Afterwards I was responsible for neonatal care.”

During her internship, Nina said that she learned about how a Thoroughbred breeding farm functions. Although Highclere Farm has downsized over the last five years, it still maintains a quality breeding operation.

When asked about her favorite part of the internship, Hobbs said, “By far delivering my first foal. It was an amazing experience.”

As a recent graduate of UK, Hobbs plans to further her education by attending graduate school and obtaining a doctorate in Biology. However she will take a year to live in Louisville and work in a research lab at the University of Louisville.

“My time in the equine industry has been great and has built up my strong work ethic. I will definitely use my learning experiences at Highclere Farm in the future and I plan to return to the equine industry to pursue research,” she said.

Faculty Spotlight: Mary Rossano

Jackson Wells



Mary Rossano, associate professor in the University of Kentucky's Department of Animal and Food Sciences was born in Clarkston, Mich., where she remembers trail riding and wading her horses through her backyard lake as a child.

When backyard horses were not enough, Rossano began to pursue a certificate in equine management from Michigan State University, with the goal of owning her own equine business. Once there, she soon set her sights on the higher goal of teaching in a similar program.

"I saw my professors at Michigan State, and thought, 'I want their job,'" Rossano said.

Getting there involved a lot more education at Michigan State, starting with a bachelor's degree in animal science with an equine emphasis. Rossano found Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis (EPM) to be an exciting field of study, and undertook the research to complete her master's in animal science. Obtaining a doctorate marked the end of her formal research training, which combined the fields of veterinary epidemiology and equine parasitology.

In 2007, Rossano said she was delighted to accept a position at UK that combines teaching and research, her "dream job." She packed her family, including her Michigan State-bred Arabian gelding, Ty-Pan, and her Morgan mare, Vera, and came to Kentucky.

Since coming to UK, Rossano has instructed equine management and equine behavior and handling. She also co-instructs domestic animal biology with Bill Silvia, a professor specializing in dairy reproductive physiology in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences.

On the research side, Rossano has studied equine parasitology, specifically diagnostic testing and control of ascarids in foals and drug resistance in equine parasites in general. Rossano does not limit herself to studying only horses. She also researches students and how they develop their critical thinking and problem solving skills while in college. The information obtained in these studies will be used to improve the curriculum and students' learning.

Between teaching, research and advising at least 50 students a semester, Rossano has created many relationships with her students. This resulted in her recently winning the University of Kentucky College of Education's, "A Teacher Who Made a Difference Award."

"I was extremely touched and honored that two students would take the time to write and nominate me," Rossano said.

Rossano recently purchased a 4-year-old Michigan State-bred Arabian named Spike. She rides Spike and Sabrina, her Kentucky Mountain mare, for pleasure with her 10-year-old son.

UK's equine undergraduate curriculum updated to offer students greater customization

Holly Wiemers

Beginning this fall, students enrolled in the University of Kentucky's Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program will have the ability to better customize their college experience to match their interests and career aspirations.

Since its launch in 2007 and official implementation in 2009, the four-year, science-based degree program's curriculum has featured two main tracks for students – science and management. Under the new curriculum structure, which was approved by the university in May, students will be able to choose among four emphasis areas to better tailor their education to their interests and career goals. Those emphasis areas are equine science, business, community leadership and development and forages/pasture management.

According to Bob Coleman, director of undergraduate studies in equine science and management, associate director of UK Ag Equine Programs and UK extension horse specialist, the change has been two years in the making. "As we hit the five-year mark of the program, we reexamined the curriculum to see if it was best meeting our students' needs," he said. "Are they on track? Are we preparing them for life after college?"

The result was a shift in how students could map out their courses during their undergraduate years.

"Students are now able to design a curriculum that best fits their interests and will enhance their prospects within the horse industry's diverse career opportunities," Coleman said. "They will get to align their passions and interests with their education, which we expect will ultimately enhance their skill set and knowledge base."

The official approval of the new curriculum means that incoming freshman and transfer students will automatically follow the new plan this fall. Current students will be given the option to switch to the new curriculum or stay on their current path after they weigh the benefits and their options.

The update results in students taking one less biology course, and choosing emphasis courses instead of having to take 21 credit hours on a set list. They can also select multiple emphasis areas to highlight, which may be important to them as they pursue careers after graduation. To obtain recognition for completing an emphasis area, students must take nine credit hours in that area, in addition to 12 additional credits from other emphasis areas.

"There are a lot of details in any curriculum, but the essential element, to me, is its location at a state land-grant university in the Horse Capital of the World," said Nancy Cox, dean of UK's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Our industry partners have embraced this program and have contributed invaluable to our students' real-world education."

The equine science option will provide students with a strong background in basic sciences, preparing them for graduate school or careers that include laboratory research assistants, breeding technicians, pharmaceutical sales representatives or technical representatives for the feed industry.

The business option will help students learn skills related to marketing, operations and management of equine businesses, preparing them for careers as farm managers, as well as business managers for equine enterprises, breed associations and sales associates. This area also introduces them to the diversity of the equine industry through courses in equine law, sales, careers, event planning, marketing and human resources.

Community leadership and development is an area for students who are interested in leadership roles in business, breed associations or non-profit equine organizations and cooperative extension. Courses in this emphasis area will enhance their communication skills and bolster their awareness about community dynamics, leadership development and agriculture communication.

Finally, forages/pasture management will help students obtain knowledge in agronomic practices focusing on pasture and forage management. This area will prepare students for careers related to general horse farm management or graduate school. These students will take courses in soil composition and fertility, forages, weed identification and control and pest management.

"The equine industry is more than just working on a breeding or training farm. Thus, we have designed a curriculum that will allow students to be employed in many of the diverse areas of the horse industry," said Ed Squires, executive director of the UK Gluck Equine Research Foundation, past UK Ag Equine Programs director and former chair of the equine curriculum committee, which was instrumental in navigating the approval process for the new curriculum. "We have added numerous new equine courses that broaden students' experiences. This new curriculum is sure to attract students that have a broad interest in the horse industry."

UK currently has 265 students enrolled in its undergraduate degree program, and expects the number of new students this fall to be in line with previous years, meaning there could be upward of 350 students in the program after the fall semester's numbers are tabulated. Currently, approximately 65 percent of the program's students come to UK from outside Kentucky to pursue an education at UK. Almost 80 percent of the students are women. The program has had 121 graduates since 2009.

Eastern tent caterpillars now on the move in Central Kentucky

Holly Wiemers



Eastern tent caterpillars in Central Kentucky are mature, have dispersed from trees and are on the move, leading experts to advise horse farm managers to move pregnant mares, if practical, to avoid contact with the crawling caterpillars.

According to Lee Townsend, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment extension entomologist, populations are up in Central Kentucky this year.

“Mature eastern tent caterpillars leave trees in search of protected pupation sites, where they will spin cocoons and transform into adults. This dispersal is a normal part of their life cycle,” Townsend said. “These wandering caterpillars

may move several hundred feet from the trees where they developed. The direction of travel tends to be random and directly related to air and ground temperatures. Movement will be slower when temperatures are cool and faster when they are warm. The caterpillars wander for a period of time until internal hormones signal that it is time to stop and pupate.”

According to Townsend, wandering caterpillars orient to dark, vertical objects so they will often climb tree trunks and fence posts. Check fence posts and rails to monitor caterpillar movement. If caterpillars are around, they are likely to be on these objects. Activity is expected for the next two weeks.

“Insecticides are not very effective against large, dispersing caterpillars. They feed very little, if any, so they are not going to consume treatments and little insecticide is picked up from treated grass or bare ground. Direct treatment of caterpillars may provide some control, but the effect is usually delayed,” he said.

The eastern tent caterpillar is active early each spring. It is an important insect in horse country due to its role in Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome, which resulted in staggering losses of foals in the 1999-2001 outbreak. MRLS can cause late-term foal losses, early- and late-term fetal losses and weak foals. Subsequent studies by UK researchers revealed that horses will inadvertently eat the caterpillars, and the caterpillar hairs embed into the lining of the alimentary tract. Once that protective barrier is breached, normal alimentary tract bacteria may gain access to and reproduce in sites with reduced immunity, such as the fetus and placenta.



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A soil survey can help you calculate your farm's carrying capacity.

As many of us know, horse ownership is like eating potato chips: As you can't have just one! The definition of too many horses depends on who you are asking and what parameters you are considering. Before trying to decide if your checkbook can stand to take on one more horse, ask yourself, "Is my land capable?" More specifically, can the land you have support the horses you own in an economical and environmentally friendly way? There are tools to answer this question, one of which is the National Cooperative Soil Survey (NCSS) program.

National Cooperative Soil Survey
The NCSS program began in 1986 as an attempt to survey and map soils in the United States. The program started small, servicing only 2.8 million acres in Maryland, Connecticut, Utah, and New Mexico. Today, soil survey data is available online for the entire country as the Web Soil Survey (WSS) and is maintained by the USDA-NRCS (United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service). The NCSS has a wealth of information and uses, both in and out of agriculture.

Using the Web Soil Survey
One of the many features of the WSS is the ability to calculate a farm's carrying capacity, answering the question, "How many horses can my farm hold?" Below is a step-by-step guide to viewing soil characteristics for any piece of land in the United States. A PowerPoint presentation has also been created to graphically walk you through each step and can be found on the UK Horse Pasture Evaluation Facebook page.

Articles of Interest

It's Haymaking Season

UK Equine Influenza Study Receives Funding from Zoetis

UKVDL Bulletin Alert: Unapproved Compounded Drugs

Is My Horse a Tick Magnet?

Weed of the Month: Buttercups

Chart Pasture Weeds' Response to Herbicides

Eastern Tent Caterpillars on the Move in Central Kentucky

UK Cooperative Extension Celebrates 100 Years

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UKVDL Reminder of CEM Collection Guidelines

Crowdfunding Project Receives Recognition

Equine Farm and Facilities Expo

Gluck Center to Host Annual Midwestern Conference of Parasitologists

Upcoming Events

For this example, we will select roughly 90 acres of prime horse pasture located on the University of Kentucky Research Farm near Lexington.

1. Navigate to the [Web Soil Survey](#) or search for "soil survey." Click the green "START WSS" button.
2. Enter Address: Click the dropdown arrows, enter the address, and click view.
3. Find Your Area: Entering an address in WSS is like using a GPS—it isn't always completely accurate. Use the "x" magnifying glass to zoom in, the "o" magnifying glass to zoom out, and the "hand tool" to move the map.

The May issue of the Bluegrass Equine Digest is now out, and can be found online at http://www.thehorse.com/enews/bluegrass-equine-digest/PDF/BED-May2014.pdf?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm_campaign=05-25-2014. This marks UK's 60th issue, as the BED turns 5 years old in June.

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Stories this month include:

- How many horses can your farm hold?
- It's haymaking season
- UK Equine Influenza study receives funding from Zoetis
- Is my horse a tick magnet?
- Weed of the month: Buttercups

Congratulations to equine students recently named 2014-2015 College of Agriculture, Food and Environment ambassadors

Congrats to **Veronica Bill, Jackson Buchanon and Ann-McCullough Wilkins!**

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture & School of Human Environmental Sciences have an amazing array of student leaders from across the College. Ambassadors are selected from a diverse applicant pool that are nominated by their professors, faculty, staff and their peers. The Ag Ambassadors are a select group of agricultural students dedicated to enhancing the image of and interest in the COA and UK. The Ag Ambassadors serve the agricultural industry in Kentucky in a variety of capacities such as hosting agricultural related functions, speaking on behalf of agriculture to various groups, and assisting in recruitment efforts for the College of Agriculture. We consider them to be the “best of the best.”



Class of 2014 bids goodbye to UK

Jackson Wells



Coleman and several members of the class of 2014

Not even the spring-time rain could keep the Equine Science and Management class of 2014’s spirits down on graduation weekend, as its members said goodbye to the University of Kentucky.

On May 10, the spring and summer classes attended a graduation reception in the E.S. Good Barn on the UK campus. Students enjoyed breakfast, final goodbyes and individual recognition from Bob Coleman, associate director for undergraduate education in equine science and management and extension horse specialist.

“Every student is unique,” Coleman said. “The ceremony gave the faculty a chance to highlight each student’s individual contributions to the program.”

“Obtaining a college degree is a huge accomplishment,” said Kristen Wilson academic program coordinator for the ESMA program and event planner. “Giving students their own recognition was a great way to acknowledge their achievements.”

The reception was UK Ag Equine Programs’ first spring semester ceremony. The fall class of 2013 was the first to participate in an equine-specific graduation reception in December. The spring event was a fitting close to the school year and will likely become an annual ceremony.

For some of the graduates, the reception was yet another step in their academic careers. Vet school is still on the horizon for a few members of the class, but most are done with schooling, for now anyway, and are headed out into the “real” world.

“We hope that the skills and knowledge the students have obtained at UK will prepare them,” Wilson said. “From busier schedules to larger workloads, life outside of college is a whole different experience.”

Congratulations to our 2014 Equine Science and Management Graduates!



Reception photos of the Equine Science and Management class of 2014 at E.S. Good Barn, May 10.

Profile photos submitted by students.

Malory Dalby

“Lexington will always be my home, and I will ‘see blue’ forever!”



Dalby came to UK from Benton, Ill. She came to know the Thoroughbred industry through her parents as they traveled to Lexington for Keeneland and the sales. During this time, Dalby said she “fell in love with Lexington,” and wanted nothing more than to be a UK Wildcat.

“I was so sure that this was the place for me, UK was the only college I applied to,” she said.

Dalby does not yet have a post-graduation plan, but said she knows that Lexington will always be her home.

“I will ‘see blue’ forever,” she said.

Dalby said she will always remember K-Week at UK, walking into Commonwealth Stadium and being surrounded by hundreds of her fellow students.



Erin DesNoyers

“If I hadn’t decided to come to UK, I might not have had that amazing internship opportunity.”

DesNoyers grew up in North Carolina, but fell in love with UK’s campus and the equine program. The rest is history. After graduation, she said she will most likely stay in Lexington, but is open to any city that will provide a steady equine career.

As a student, DesNoyers enjoyed interning at Pimlico race track.

“If I hadn’t decided to come to UK, I might not have had that amazing internship opportunity,” DesNoyers said.

DesNoyers said she considers the friends she made at UK priceless, and looks forward to keeping in touch with them for the rest of her life.

Caroline Ecklin

*Favorite memory?
“Attending my first
basketball game
and being on
campus during the
final fours.”*



Ecklin is originally from Lancaster, Pa. She came to UK for UK’s equine program and the Kentucky equine industry. She said she hopes to move to Chicago to work as a sales rep for a saddle company.

According to Ecklin, her favorite memory from UK is attending her first basketball game and being on campus during the Final Fours.

Ecklin said she also loves the horse farms in Lexington, and will miss the great Southern hospitality.

Shelby Hastings

*“The people I’ve
met through the
BCM will always
have a special place
in my heart for a
lifetime.”*



Hastings is an in-state student from Danville. She transferred from Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina during her junior year to be closer to the equine industry and her family.

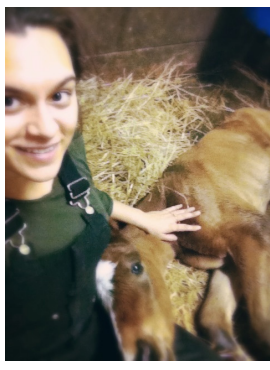
Currently, she does not have a post-college job lined up.

“The Lord reminded me of His promises and how He is faithful to provide. I’m trusting in The Lord with a job,” she said.

Hastings is involved with the Baptist College Ministry (BCM), and said the people she’s met through BCM will always have a special place in her heart.

Nina Hobbs

*“My most
memorable
moments have been
simple ones.”*



Hobbs came to Lexington from Boston, Mass., for the horse industry and UK’s equine program.

After graduation, Hobbs plans to attend graduate school and pursue a doctorate in biology. Ultimately, she said she hopes to become a college professor and work for National Geographic.

Hobbs said she has many memories from her time at UK, but not necessarily a specific favorite memory.

“My most memorable moments have been simple ones... hanging out with some good friends, and grabbing a beer and dinner at Charlie Browns,” she said.

Julia Johnson

*“The close UK
basketball games
were one of the
highlights of my
senior year.”*



Johnson is not only in-state, but in city as well. The Lexingtonion said she chose UK because it was close to her home.

She said she is not sure where she will go after graduation.

Johnson is a UK basketball fan, and “winning the National Championship in 2012” was her favorite college memory. She also enjoyed watching the Cats play through the Final Four during her final year.

Kyle Karadak

“There is no better way to enter the equine world than to go to THE school that is in horse country.”



Karakadak is from Troy, Ohio, and came to UK to “get into the horse industry.”

There is no better way to enter the equine world than to go to THE school that is in horse country,” he said.

Karakadak is not yet sure where he will go after graduation, but is hoping to find an equine-related job out West.

Kyle was active in equine activities during his time at UK, including playing a key role in the Cowboy Up for a Cure Rodeo and helping to found the new UK Rodeo Team.

Sydney Manning

“It was a blast, and is something I will never forget.”



Manning came to UK from Los Altos, Calif., a small town in the San Francisco Bay Area.

She made her decision to come to UK after attending the 2007 Kentucky Derby. After spending a few short days at the Kentucky Horse Park, Keeneland and local Thoroughbred farms, Manning knew that she wanted to work with horses after graduation, and this seemed like a great location to do that.

Manning plans on staying in Lexington for at least a year to work, but she wants to go backpacking through Europe with a couple friends next summer.

“After that, who knows?” she said.

Manning’s favorite UK memory was running down Woodland and Euclid avenues the night UK won the National Championship game to attend a dance party until 2 a.m.

“It was a blast, and is something I will never forget,” she said.

Julia Manning



“My favorite memory from UK has got to be winning the National Championship my Sophomore year!”

Manning came to the University of Kentucky from Maysville, Ky. She chose UK because of the strong science programs... specifically the equine science program.

She said her equine science degree set her apart from other students applying for vet school with animal science degrees.

Manning will now be attending Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine in Auburn, Ala.

Manning said will always support the Cats, with her favorite college memory being UK’s National Championship victory in her sophomore year.

Rebecca Mears



“I’ve always wanted to work in horse racing and I felt Lexington offered me the best opportunities to do so.”

Mears grew up in Wyoming, Del., but that didn’t stop her from always wanting to work in horseracing.

“I felt Lexington offered me the best opportunity to do so,” she said.

Rebecca will now continue to work towards vet school.

Mears’ favorite memory from UK goes back a few years. In 2007, the UK Horse Racing Club hosted its first “Inside Horse Racing” event.

“This event came from an idea that everyone thought would never actually happen,” she said. After the event became a reality, “I was so proud of the hard work the club had put in.”

Jake Memolo

"I never could have imagined meeting other people my age who enjoy horse racing as much as I do."



Memolo is from Northbrook, Ill., a 20-mile drive from Chicago. He chose UK because of the proximity to the Thoroughbred farms, as well as its equine program.

Memolo said he will remain in Lexington for a career in the Thoroughbred racing or breeding industries.

"I cannot imagine leaving now after four years," he said.

Memolo's favorite part of his experience at UK? "All the people I have met that have the same interests as me. I never could have imagined meeting other people my age who enjoy horse racing as much as I do," he said.

Brittany Meyer

"Meeting all of the wonderful people that helped me in my college career."



Meyer is from Warsaw, Ky., and chose UK because of the Animal Science and Equine Science and Management programs.

Meyer said she will take the next year off and apply to vet school for 2015.

When asked her favorite memory at UK, Meyer said, "Meeting all of the wonderful people that helped me in my college career."

Kelsey Petersen

"Watching UK-bred Casiguapo run in the Bluegrass Stakes was amazing."



Peterson is from Bloomington, Ill. and chose UK for the unique Equine Science and Management undergraduate program and the opportunities available in Lexington.

After graduation, Peterson said she plans to work at Lanes End Farm in its broodmare division, so she can continue to learn about the Thoroughbred breeding industry.

Her favorite memory at UK was watching the UK bred Casiguapo run in the Bluegrass Stakes at Keeneland this past April.

Morgan Pyles

"What better place to earn a degree in Equine Science than Lexington, Ky.?"



Pyles grew up in Central Florida but moved to Wyoming to start her college career. After speaking with Bob Coleman, Ph.D, Morgan said she realized, "What better place to earn a degree in Equine Science than Lexington, Kentucky?"

After graduation Pyles plans to further her education by attending graduate school for equine science.

Pyles says that her favorite memory at UK was taking her senior Capstone class in the spring of 2014 with Coleman because of the conversations, anticipation of graduation and learning.

Crosby Reed

“Playing trumpet in the marching band was my favorite memory.”



Reed is from Morganton, N.C. and chose UK because of the opportunities with horses in Lexington. In her time at UK, she rode on the Saddleseat and Polo teams. Her experience at UK also enabled her to see many of the Lexington horse farms.

After graduation, Reed will return to Morganton and continue running her performance horse training facility.

When asked her favorite memory at UK, Crosby Reed said, “Playing trumpet in the marching band freshman year.”

Gabrielle Russum

“Wouldn’t have been possible anywhere else.”



Russum is from Saratoga, N.Y., where she attended a small girl’s school. She chose UK because of its size and her own passion for horses.

“The experiences that I have every day being in the horse capital of the world and the connections I have made throughout my four years in Lexington and the Equine Science and Management program wouldn’t have been possible anywhere else,” said Russum.

Russum has a sales position with MediVet America, a Lexington based animal regenerative medicine company, after college. She said that her favorite memory from her time at UK was going out with her girlfriends.

Hannah Salyer

“My favorite memory is UK winning the 2012 National Championship title.”



Salyer is a native of Lexington and chose UK simply because she is from Lexington.

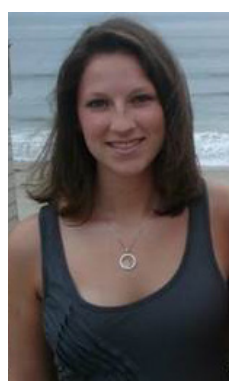
However, she said she also had a strong interest in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the equine industry.

Salyer plans to work as customer account manager in her family’s marketing business while searching for her ideal equine job.

Her favorite memory at UK was winning the 2012 National Championship title.

Susanna Shepherd

“The teachers were always wonderful and fun to be around.”



Shepherd is from Erlanger, Ky., and chose UK because it was in the state she wanted to develop her career in.

Her immediate post graduation plans are to obtain her certification in Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy and to look for volunteer work/employment in the Lexington area.

Her favorite memories from UK always involve her equine classes. “The teachers were always wonderful and fun to be around,” she said.

Virginia Stilwell

"It was a wonderful event to cap off my undergraduate career..."



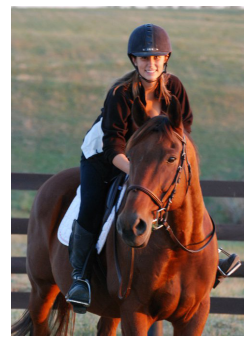
Stilwell is from Manassas, Va., and chose UK because of the unique Equine Science and Management program. She was also attracted to the horse industry that surrounds Lexington.

After graduation, Stilwell plans to re-apply to veterinary school.

Stilwell said one of her favorite memories at UK was the equine graduate reception. "It was a wonderful event to cap off my undergraduate career and a chance to say goodbye to my friends and professors," she said.

Morgan Whitney

"I felt at home walking around the campus."



Whitney, who hails from Naperville, Ill., said she chose UK because it has both of the degrees she wanted to pursue, Equine Management and Science as well as Hospitality Management and Tourism. She also loved the people and felt at home walking around the campus.

Whitney, who has a full-time position at Keeneland as Special Events Coordinator waiting for her upon graduation, said, "This is my dream job."

According to Whitney, her favorite memory at UK was walking into her first class. "I loved the excitement of it and the promise of a great future," she said.

Congratulations to our other graduates too...

- ~Caitlin Cooper
- ~Elizabeth Langlois
- ~Kelsey Wagner

Congratulations Graduates!



Collegiate eventing spotlight: University of Kentucky

Sally Spickard

Source: Eventingnation.com



The UK Dressage and Eventing Team

Collegiate eventing is a growing sport among college athletes, offering an alternative to the traditional hunter/jumper, saddleseat and western options typically seen in athletic programs. We recently spoke with Hannah Forte, who is a member of the University of Kentucky Dressage and Eventing team. Do you have a tip about a college team? Email sally@eventingnation.com.

The UK Eventing Team was founded in 2005. The University does recognize the Eventing Team as a club, but all of our funding comes from our own fundraisers and donations. The team is constantly working on fundraisers. Currently, fundraisers include t-shirt sales, auctions, and raffles. We can often be found volunteering at horse park events as well as Rolex (a huge perk of going to UK).

We currently have 48 members on the eventing team. We do not require team members to have their own horses, and try to create events that everyone can participate in, such as team bonding experiences and opportunities to send a large amount of “grooms” to shows and clinics to help. In addition to unmounted team involvement, we work very hard to find rides so everyone can participate in clinics and Intercollegiate Eventing League (IEL) competition. Our team goes far beyond just competing; we spend a lot of time in and out of the barn together.

To read the entire story, visit <http://eventingnation.com/home/collegiate-eventing-spotlight-university-of-kentucky/>.

UK Cooperative Extension celebrates 100 years

Katie Pratt

In the past century, the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service has impacted millions of Kentuckians. This year, state extension personnel will celebrate a century of accomplishments and look toward ways the outreach arm of land-grant universities can improve the lives of Kentuckians in the next 100 years.

“To make this next 100 years as successful as the first 100 have been, we need to be continually asking ourselves why we’re doing what we’re doing,” said Jimmy Henning, director of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. “What we do can and should vary based on the differences in our communities and their needs, but the ‘why’ should always focus on leveraging the knowledge and the research at the university to improve the lives of Kentuckians.”

Over the years, UK Cooperative Extension agents and specialists have implemented countless meaningful, educational programs and grassroots efforts. Such programs and efforts have given young people the self-confidence to speak in front of their peers, provided nutrition advice to young mothers, supplied information to help Kentucky farmers become better stewards of the land and helped in numerous other ways. Each year, extension personnel make over 7 million contacts across the state through their programs, events, initiatives and efforts.

On May 8, the Cooperative Extension System will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the service. A national convocation will be held that day at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D. C. Paige Hart of Caldwell County, Kentucky State 4-H president, will carry Kentucky’s flag during the Parade of States. Other 4-H state officers will also attend, including Allie Click from Jessamine County, Rachel Droege from Madison County and Cody Phillips from Pike County.

In Kentucky, centennial events kicked off in February with a statewide conference for extension personnel from UK and Kentucky State University. The centennial will also be celebrated during the Kentucky State Fair in the West Hall and the West Wing of the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. Numerous other celebrations will occur in counties across the state throughout the year.

It's haymaking season

Katie Pratt



Now is the optimal time for Kentucky forage producers to cut hay to ensure they get good quality and yield.

“The stage of maturity at which the hay is cut is the biggest factor that affects quality,” said Tom Keene, UK hay marketing specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Many Kentucky producers went into the winter of 2013-2014 thinking they had enough good quality hay to sustain their livestock.

Before the end of winter, some found that they needed more or that their hay quality was not as good as they had previously thought.

For grasses, Keene said producers should cut the plant when it's in the late boot stage. For legumes, producers should harvest when the plant is at the late bud or early flowering stage. A good rule of thumb for legume producers is to watch for flowers in the field. As flowers begin to appear, it's time or to harvest for good quality forage. Waiting could result in poor quality hay. While the harsh winter and a colder-than-average early spring slowed the development of some grasses and legumes, most are at or nearing maturity now.

“The quality is going to go down every day producers wait to make hay from this point on,” Keene said.

Since hay needs adequate time to dry before it can be baled or rolled, growers need four or five consecutive days of dry weather to make hay.

Once hay is made, producers can ensure good quality by having it tested through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. More information is available at 502-782-9210 or online at <http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/forage-program.html>.

After producers receive those results, they can work with their county extension agent for agriculture and natural resources to develop a winter feed ration for their livestock.

Burdine named Hill 'n' Dale general manager

Source: *Bloodhorse*

Jared Burdine has been named general manager of Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Lexington.

Burdine is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in accounting.

“Jared is a quality individual who started out with us in 2004 as an intern while attending the University of Kentucky,” said John G. Sikura, president of Hill 'n' Dale Farms. “He has worked his way up from within our organization and has learned the inner workings of the farm from the ground up. His dedication, attention to detail, tireless work ethic, and concern for our customers and their horses make him ideally suited for the position to which he has been promoted.”

Read more on BloodHorse.com: <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/84898/burdine-named-hill-n-dale-general-manager#ixzz31FQgEvo4>

UK Equine Farm and Facilities Expo June 3 in Nicholasville

Jackson Wells



The University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs will host the 6th Annual Equine Farm and Facilities Expo from 4 to 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday, June 3 at the Kentucky Equine Humane Center in Nicholasville, Ky. The event is free and open to the public and a meal will be provided.

“The expo is a great opportunity for any equine owner on any size farm to learn some of the latest information from all of the various equine industry companies and UK specialists,” said Nick Carter, Fayette County agriculture and natural resources extension agent.

UK specialists will provide hands-on instruction and lead informal demonstrations on parasite control, equine digestion, fencing options and sampling techniques for soil fertility and hay quality. Other highlights include weed control, vaccination protocol, nutrition, pasture management and farm safety.

“The expo will provide equine enthusiasts the chance to learn practical information that can be used on their own farms,” said Ray Smith, professor and forage extension specialist within the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “It’s a great way to learn about multiple topics in a single day.”

The Kentucky Equine Humane Center, 1713 Catnip Hill Road, provides treatment and shelter for unwanted equines, regardless of breed. Directions to the center are available at http://www.kyehc.org/Map_Directions.html

Western Kentucky Equine Farm and Facilities Expo June 5

Jackson Wells

The University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs and Murray State University will co-host a Western Kentucky Equine Farm and Facilities Expo from 4 to 8 p.m. CDT, Thursday, June 5 at 2105 College Farm Road in Murray. The event is free and open to the public and includes a meal.



The event will give horse owners a chance to see the latest and most profitable horse management techniques. Participants from all sectors of the equine industry can see demonstrations ranging from parasite control to pasture establishment.

“The goal of the expo is to offer applied educational opportunities to Western Kentucky horse owners,” said Bob Coleman, UK extension horse specialist and associate director for undergraduate education in equine science and management.

Experts in parasitology and plant and soil sciences will be on hand to answer questions.

“There will be four speakers who will give informal, hands-on demonstrations that are applicable in the real world,” said Krista Lea, assistant coordinator of UK’s Horse Pasture Evaluation Program and one of the event organizers. “The idea is to give information to attendees that they can take home and use on their own farms.”

UK Ag Equine Programs Presents: The 6th Annual Equine Farm & Facilities Expo

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Field Demos 6-8 p.m.

- Sampling techniques for soil fertility & hay quality
- Practical parasite control
- Fencing possibilities: temporary or permanent
- The where and when of equine digestion

Other Highlights 4-6 p.m.

- Weed identification and control
- Vaccination protocol
- Nutrition
- Pasture management
- Farm safety
- Other exhibits


Tuesday, June 3, 2014
1713 Catnip Hill,
Nicholasville, KY 40356
4-8 p.m.
meal provided

More Information: www.ca.uky.edu/equine

Please RSVP to the
Fayette County Extension Office:
(859) 257-5582
or email equine@uky.edu

Special thank you to the
Kentucky Equine
Humane Center
for hosting the expo





Murray State University and UK Ag Equine Programs Presents: A Western Kentucky Equine Farm & Facilities Expo

Thursday, June 5, 2014
Murray State Equine Center
2105 College Farm Road
Murray, KY 42071
4-8 p.m.
meal provided

Field Demos 6-8 p.m.

- Pasture establishment
- Practical parasite control
- Pasture fencing options
- Pasture weed control

Other Highlights 4-6 p.m.

- Rotational grazing, best practices
- BioBurner technology
- Door prizes
- Information booths



Please RSVP to help with meal count:

- Cadwell County: 270 - 365 - 2787, Shane Bogle
- Calloway County: 270 - 753 - 1452, Matt Chadwick
- Graves County: 270 - 247 - 2334, Trent Murdock



More Information: www.ca.uky.edu/equine

Clubs and teams updates

Equestrian Team

The team finished a great season with both the Hunt Seat and Western Teams being the high point teams in the region. In addition to the teams' rankings, UK riders Lucy Hart was the high point hunt seat rider and the region's Cacchione rider at nationals, while Allie Board was the high point western rider and the AQHA rider for the region at nationals. She also qualified to compete at the AQHA World Show as a collegiate rider, which is a very big accomplishment. While the zones for the Hunt Seat team and the semi's for the Western team did not give the team results we hoped for, the completion was strong and UK's riders held their own.

At Nationals, other results as follows:

Western

- Fallon Jackson, 9th Novice Western Horsemanship

Hunt Seat

- Autumn Allare, 6th Novice on the Flat
- Alexa Prettyman, 9th Intermediate over Fences
- Lucy Hart, 13th in the Cacchione Cup

The teams did have a successful season and a great deal of appreciation goes out to the coaches, Diana Conlon of Olive Hill Sport Horses, and Bennie Sargent, of Bennie Sargent Quarter Horses, for all their time and effort with the teams.

Additional updates

Tryouts for the 2014-2015 team will be held on Sunday, Aug. 31 and Monday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day Weekend). The team will have an informational meeting and signups for tryouts during the first week of classes in the fall. Check out the team's table at the activities fair, or email uk.equestrianteam@gmail.com for more information about tryouts and the team.

Dressage and Eventing Team



UKDET at Fence HT

The UK Dressage and Eventing Team had a great end of the semester! Having a table at Rolex was a lot of fun. The team met many prospective members and had an awesome weekend volunteering and spectating the event. The Hunter Pace held at Masterson Station drew a large amount of entries and turned out to be the biggest fundraiser the team held all year. In addition to helping the team raise funds for an upcoming competition season, everyone at the pace had a lot of fun. The team hopes to make it an annual event. Please contact president Aileen O'Brien at aileen.obrien216@gmail.com if interested in purchasing an event t-shirt.

The team had several riders compete at the Sayre School combined test with some great results. In the novice division, Mary Sheerin placed 3rd and Liz Wise placed 6th. Look for UKDET at local dressage and eventing shows all summer, as a lot of riders are staying for the summer to complete.

Emily Hamel will continue to be the team's IDA coach and the team looks forward to a new year of competition, as the 2013-2014 season was its best in the past four years.

Officer elections took place at the final meeting and the team is excited for a new year with another group of good leaders.

President: Aileen O'Brien
 Vice President: Kimberly Cecere
 Secretary: Elizabeth Lampert
 Treasurer: Elizabeth Wise
 Eventing Chair: Hannah Forte
 Public Relations: Samantha Franke

Horse Racing Club

The Horse Racing Club thanks all of its members and officers for a great year. It also congratulates Jake Memolo, president, who graduated from UK May 10 with a bachelor of science in Equine Science and Management. The club is very much looking forward to seeing everyone back next year, and continuing to grow the tradition of the club. Hope everyone has a fantastic summer! See you in August!



First Samurai at Claiborne Farm



Jake Memolo at Claiborne Farm

R.E.A.D. Club

Congratulations to all the graduates of R.E.A.D. Club, with a special recognition to past president, Virginia Stillwell, and past vice president, Kara Bekebrede. Results of the officer election for 2014-2015 are: Sarah Sivinski, president; Ashley Mercedes Gerritsen, vice president; and Sophie Dorsch, secretary.

This month R.E.A.D. Club hosted Pennsylvania State University and Ohio State University for the 2014 Equine Undergraduate Research Symposium. Virginia Stillwell and Sarah Sivinski presented their research, along with undergraduates from the other universities. The R.E.A.D. Club would like to give a special thanks to all of the presenters from the Veterinary Diagnostics Lab and from the Gluck Equine Research Center. It would also like to thank professors Kristine Urschel and Laurie Lawrence, as well as the UK graduate students for all of their help. Thank you to Virginia Stillwell for organizing the event and making it all possible. The club looks forward to staying in touch with the equine undergraduate research teams and to next year's symposium.



R.E.A.D. Club, pictured with members of Pennsylvania State and Ohio State University clubs

Rodeo Club

The UK Rodeo Team ended its year by voting in new chair members and picking Michael Dick as its team manager. The team has also been discussing the building of its arena this summer, and possible sponsorships. The new chair members for the 2014-2015 season are:

Adam Menker – president
 Jarret Martinez - vice president
 Chelsey Choate - treasurer
 Hannah Wolford - event coordinator
 John Allender - secretary
 Michael Dick - team manager

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