

# Wildcat Canter



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UK Equine Initiative  
Student Newsletter

On behalf of the entire College of Agriculture, I welcome a new entering class of Equine Science and Management students. You are at the center of exciting and historical changes in our College. The ESM major is a key element of a very ambitious plan, the Equine Initiative, to transform the way we do education, research, outreach and service related to horses.



Just a few years ago we set the lofty goal of joining the world's best institutions in all areas of equine science. We built upon a strong foundation of research distinction in the Gluck Center and the Animal and Food Sciences department. But at that time we were not paying enough attention to opportunities such as equine business and policy, horse pasture management and a whole host of important topics related to the interaction among humans, horses and their environments. Most surprising, the University of Kentucky had no official undergraduate equine major.

Since then we made (and continue to make) big improvements in our field facilities. We recruited many new, wonderfully talented faculty to

work exclusively on equine programs, and are building an excellent group of staff to support the Equine Initiative, including the ESM major. Now, you and about 100 other great students from around the nation have joined us in Kentucky to begin the ESM degree program.

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While your major is a new one, we hope you take advantage of some of the traditional values of our College. These include lots of interaction among faculty and students, plus an emphasis on experience and learning beyond the lecture hall. Seize the opportunity to join one of the equine organizations, or try out an entirely new area. Find a challenging internship. If you are going to work, look for a job where you can get career experience. Introduce yourself to a professor or a dean.

Welcome to a College committed to your success.

Dean Scott Smith



# Equine Initiative News

## Equine Science and Management Students Wanted!!!!

You're invited to attend the Famous Faces BBQ on Thurs. Sept. 18 in the Good Barn Gorham Hall. There will be a free BBQ dinner served starting at 5 p.m. Activities, games and other door prizes will be on hand. It will be a time for all new and established equine students to meet and mingle. There will also be a chance for all the students to meet faculty, staff and students involved in all things equine at UK. If you would like to attend, please stop by Ag North N212 to pick up a ticket (no charge for tickets, just head count and door prize eligibility). If you have any questions please contact Savannah Craddock at [savy@uky.edu](mailto:savy@uky.edu).

## Student Working Group Update

The next student working group meeting will be held on Wed. Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Good Barn Weldon Suite. The meeting is open to anyone with an equine interest. Please be sure to RSVP to Savannah Craddock by Mon. Sept. 15 at [savy@uky.edu](mailto:savy@uky.edu) if you plan to attend.

*You're Invited!*

*Equine Initiative Student Working Group Presents . . .*

## Famous Faces BBQ

An evening filled with dinner, door prizes and other activities to get you familiar with faculty, staff and students involved in all things equine at UK

**Thursday Sept. 18, 5-7 pm Good Barn Gorham Hall**



Please contact Savannah Craddock (859) 257-2226 or [savy@uky.edu](mailto:savy@uky.edu) if you have any questions or need more tickets.



## Equine Clubs Upcoming Events

### Horse Racing Club

The horse racing club will host its first meeting on Monday Sept. 22 at the W.T. Young Library. The club will be serving pizza in the gallery at 7:15 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Dr. Mary Scollay-Ward of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission will be presenting on steroids and their impact on the horse industry. Everyone is encouraged to come to dinner and the meeting.

The horse racing club has also planned a trip to Chestnut Farm on Fri. Sept. 26. There they will have the opportunity to evaluate yearlings recently purchased at the Keeneland September sales.

A betting seminar will also be held on Thurs. Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the W.T. Young Library. Sean Feld will be the featured speaker.

### Equestrian Team

The UKET will be competing in its first of two Western shows of the season on Sunday Sept. 25, beginning at 10 a.m. at Midway College.

### Dressage Team

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### Horse Judging Team

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### Polo Club

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Photo by: Savannah Craddock

## College of Ag Round Up

The Equine Initiative had a booth Sept. 10-13 at Ag Round Up. Faculty and staff met with many students, parents, alumni and others to share the mission of the Equine Initiative. The friend of the EI award was announced during Saturday's program. The winners of this award were Don Sorrell (Campbell County); Dan Allen (Kenton County); Jerry Brown (Boone County). All are county extension agents for agriculture and natural resources.



## EI Launches a New Website

Please go to [www.ca.uky.edu/equine](http://www.ca.uky.edu/equine) to see the Equine Initiative's new website. There you will be able to find more information about the EI and all of the College's equine programs. Archived copies of the Wildcat Canter can also be found there, as well as job, internship and scholarship information. You will also find updated information about UK's equine clubs and teams and a calendar with upcoming equine events. Let us know what you think!

## Trio of Northern Kentucky County Extension Agents Collectively Named 2008 Friend of the Equine Initiative

Don Sorrell (Campbell County); Dan Allen (Kenton County); Jerry Brown (Boone County) were collectively named 2008 Friend of the Equine Initiative during the College of Agriculture's Ag Round Up Sept. 13, 2008.

The agents were recognized for their extraordinary service to the Northern Kentucky Horse Network and positive impact on Kentucky's entire horse industry.

The intent of the award is to recognize a member of the public who has provided advocacy, funding or other extraordinary support for the UK College of Agriculture's Equine Initiative or a College or University employee who has generated an exceptional relationship with stakeholders that has been manifested in a new program, new advocacy success or new resources for the Initiative.

The Northern Kentucky Horse Network was established in 2006 with the mission to become a model equine community for all breeds and disciplines, protect the horse population, provide recreational opportunities and encourage sound management practices while promoting agri-tourism and the interests of the local horse industry. There are now almost 200 members of the regional organization.

Since its formation, the Northern Kentucky Horse Network has become recognized as a model collaborative organization dedicated to providing timely educational resources by sharing science-based information from nutrition to pasture management.

Some recent and visible projects have included helping to open up equestrian trails at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky airport where almost 200 riders have passed security tests and will also serve as an extra set of eyes for security at the airport; hosted a large animal emergency rescue course in April and were instrumental in reopening a horse trail at a local park.

The Equine Initiative has renewed this award after a two-year hiatus and plans to recognize an important "Friend" each September in the years to come. Our first award was given in 2005 to David Switzer, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/Kentucky Owners and Breeders Association. (To see a copy of the news release about that award, please visit [www.ca.uky.edu/agc/news/2005/Sep/switzer.htm](http://www.ca.uky.edu/agc/news/2005/Sep/switzer.htm)).

## UK 4-H Horse Program to Host Day with a Trainer Clinic

By Savannah Faye Craddock

LEXINGTON, Ky. (Sept. 10, 2008) - The University of Kentucky's 4-H horse program will host its first "Kicking and Screaming: A day with a trainer" clinic on Sat. Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the LD Brown Exposition Center in Bowling Green, Ky. During this first in a series of annual clinics, organizers want to provide attendees with techniques to improve respect, behavior and other common training problems many horse owners face. The featured speaker will be well-known clinician Richie Wingfield. Wingfield is originally from Brownsville, Ky., and has been training horses since the age of 16. He is a John and Josh Lyons certified horse trainer and has experience in a wide variety of riding disciplines.

"We want Wingfield to help people understand the foundations that are necessary for training and working with horses, even from the most basic levels," said Fernanda Camargo, UK extension horse specialist.

To read more, please see complete story at [www.ca.uky.edu/news/?c=n&d=201](http://www.ca.uky.edu/news/?c=n&d=201)

# Student Spotlight

## Equine science student doubles as a world-class competitor

By: Savannah Craddock



Photo By: Brook Jacobs

Simon showing at the National Championship Horse Show

The diverseness of the horse industry across the state of Kentucky is one of the most significant components in creating the culture of the “Horse Capital of the World.” Cydni Simon’s involvement in the American Saddlebred horse industry is just one example of how diverse the equine industry is here.

Simon is a 19-year-old sophomore from Burlington, Ky. She is currently following the Equine Science track in UK’s new Equine Science and Management degree program. She began riding at 2 when her mother received riding lessons as a gift from her father.

“We’ve all had the ‘bug’ ever since,” Simon said.

She started out showing at Academy shows and worked her way up to showing in international and national riding levels. Since her early start she has earned eight world titles at the Saddlebred World Championship Show in Louisville, Ky. She also received a gold medal as an alternate on the 2006 U.S. World

Cup Saddleseat Equitation Team.

Simon’s outstanding accomplishments don’t just stop here in the U.S. She is taking her equitation talent to South Africa Sept. 20-30, 2008, to compete on the World Cup Saddleseat Equitation Team. There she will be competing for the World Cup in the three-gaited and five-gaited Saddleseat Equitation, against teams from South Africa, the United Kingdom, Namibia and Canada.

Simon will return from South Africa to equine science classes and UK’s newly formed saddleseat team. (A brief introduction of UK’s saddleseat team will be featured October’s newsletter.)

After finishing her bachelor’s degree, Simon hopes to one day become a participant in the Darley Flying Start Program, a two-year Thoroughbred industry management program sponsored by the Sheikh of Dubai. Eventually she would like to become a horse trainer or maintain a career in the equine industry.

Before venturing over to the College of Agriculture and deciding on equine as a career path, Simon was originally an Art Studio major. She continues her interest in the arts by sketching, painting, photography and playing the guitar when she has a little down time.

There are many unique people and stories within Kentucky’s premier horse industry and it appears that many of those stories are coming to UK with a common thread; they hope to continue to support and stay involved in the industry that has made them the people they are today.

We would like to wish Cydni the best of luck as she competes in South Africa and we look forward to hearing about the results of her competition.



The World Cup Saddleseat Equitation Team

# Industry News

## Kentucky Derby Festival Princess

Five young women are chosen each year as ambassadors to represent the Kentucky Derby Festival, the City of Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. These Kentucky Derby Festival Princesses attend 70 events during the two to three week celebration prior to the Kentucky Derby. Being a Princess is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in all of the wonderful excitement surrounding Louisville at Derby time!

Please visit [www.kdf.org](http://www.kdf.org) for more information about the Derby Festival Princesses, the 2009 application and the history of the Kentucky Derby Festival.

### Requirements:

- Be a single female resident of Kentucky or the Louisville Metropolitan Area (Floyd, Clark, and Harrison Counties of Indiana)
- Be at least 18 years old on or before December 31, 2008
- Be at full-time student attending a university, college, or an accredited professional school for the full current academic year
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

### Judges will consider the following:

- Personality
- Intelligence
- Values/Civic Activities
- Total Appearance
- General knowledge of the Kentucky Derby Festival and Current Events

Industry News Continued

## ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCT. 20, 2008

For any questions, please contact:  
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To learn more about the program from a Princess' point of view, feel free to contact:

Christin Herbst  
2008 Kentucky Derby Festival Princess  
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The Keeneland September yearling sales are currently underway (Sept. 8 – 23, 2008) at the Keeneland Sales Pavilion. The sales start each day at 10 a.m.

Keeneland's Fall Meet opening day will occur on Friday Oct. 3. Be sure to get out to Keeneland and check out the horses that are racing.

# Faculty Spotlight

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**Education Background:**  
1997 – B.S. in Mathematics from Texas Tech University  
2002 – Ph.D. in Economics from Texas A&M University (Previously employed at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business from 2002-2008)



### Courses taught at UK:

None so far, in the spring I will teach, AEC 302 (Agricultural Management Principles) and AEC 320 (Agricultural Product Marketing and Sales) both with an equine emphasis.

### Years at UK:

Zero, I'm brand new

### Favorite UK Past-time:

So far – visiting the Arboretum with my husband and kids

### Horse Background/Favorite Horse Hobbies:

I started riding at age 4 and began showing Quarter horses at age 7, moved into Hunter/Jumper and then Combined Training where I finally settled on Dressage. I was also involved in 4-H and the Pony Club.

### Non-Equine Related Hobbies and Activities:

Family, church, volleyball, knitting and just about anything outdoors

## Scholarships

### Approaching scholarship deadlines:

Kentucky Horse Council Scholarship Deadline is Oct. 1 for more information please visit [www.racingscholarships.com](http://www.racingscholarships.com).

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## Equine Club Directory

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## Job Opportunities Continued

**Taylor Made Sales** is looking for students for either six or 12 month internships. These include housing and weekly paychecks. The next season starts in January and the deadline for those to submit applications is Oct.14, 2008. For more information please visit the intern web-site at [www.taylormadesales.com/team/pages/interns](http://www.taylormadesales.com/team/pages/interns).

**UK Student Wanted!** An hourly position is open in the equine nutrition research program for the fall semester. The student will assist graduate students with projects at Maine Chance Farm and will have lab duties in the Garrigus Building. Schedule is flexible but will include some evenings and weekends. Must be detail oriented. Horse experience is helpful. Please contact Dr. Laurie Lawrence for more information [llawrenc@uky.edu](mailto:llawrenc@uky.edu).

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**You can also find us on Facebook under the Equine  
Initiative Group**

## Job Opportunities

### Help Wanted Classifieds:

*Please note, classifieds listed here are not directly affiliated with UK or its equine programs, rather information passed along from equine businesses as an FYI.*

**The Kentucky Equine Humane Center** announces the establishment of the KyEHC Internship Program. The KyEHC Internship Program is offered to students to help expand their knowledge through practical experience, giving them an opportunity to achieve professional competency through "hands-on" experiences in problem-solving, decision-making, and relational skills in a professional environment. Specific internships may be crafted to meet program requirements in the following areas: veterinary technician, pre-veterinary studies, horse husbandry, equine sciences, farm management or related areas. KyEHC can help students design a program to satisfy practicum, internship or independent study requirements within their major. On-site housing is provided. Interns will be selected from university and college applicants. Interested students should contact the Kentucky Equine Humane Center (KyEHC) for more information and an interview at 859.881.5849 or [info@KyEHC.org](mailto:info@KyEHC.org).