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UK Equine Initiative  
Student Newsletter

Hello, my name is Cassie Allison and I'm the new Equine Communications Intern within the Equine Initiative. I come from Louisville, Ky. and am a senior Community Communications and Leadership Development major graduating in December 2011. I transferred here last year from Lake Forest College on the North Shore of Chicago.

Like many of you I grew up in a barn, riding my first horse at age 2. I rode American Saddlebreds for 12 years and showed them for 4. Besides saddle seat, I'm also trained with hunter jumpers. I love all types of horses, although Saddlebreds hold a special place in my heart.



In my free time I enjoy going to the races at Churchill Downs and Keeneland. I am an alumnae member of Alpha International Fraternity and serve as the collegiate chapter's marketing advisor. I also foster kittens for the Lexington Humane Society and tutor students in various math and science disciplines. I'm a huge sports fan and love the University of Kentucky!

As a fellow student in the College of Agriculture I care what you think. Therefore, I would like to invite you to share with me your stories and pictures so that they can be included to make this newsletter even better. I look forward to hearing your feedback and hope you enjoy this newsletter.

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# Equine Clubs Upcoming News & Events

## Horse Racing Club

The Horse Racing club got the opportunity to go to the Breeder's Cup at Churchill Downs this past November. The picture at right shows them in the Jockey Room at the Breeder's Cup.



## Equestrian Team

UK Equestrian Team showed on Feb. 12 and 13 at Morehead State University. It is hosting the show on Feb. 26 and 27 at Lakeside Arena. Spectators are encouraged to come cheer the team on!

## Dressage Team

As a team bonding day, the Dressage and Eventing Team visited Kesmarc, where coach Lauren Nethery works, to tour the facility. The Dressage and Eventing Team is hosting its first two day show on April 2-3. The show will be held at Lauren Nethery's farm in Lexington where the team currently rides. The team will also be attending a show at the University of Miami on March 27. The photo at right shows the team in front of Kesmarc.



## Saddle Seat Team

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## Polo Club

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## Funding Now Available for Clubs & Teams

Due to the generosity of Lexington-based Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, the UK Equine Initiative has established a fund to help offset costs associated with activities by UK student equine clubs and teams. Equine clubs and teams may apply for funding once per fiscal year. Unless a special exemption is made, funding requests will be limited to a maximum of \$500. Funding applications will go through an approval process and funds will be available each fiscal year on a first-come, first-served basis. Questions or form submissions should be made to the Equine Initiative office at 859-257-2226 or [equineinitiative@uky.edu](mailto:equineinitiative@uky.edu) with the title of Equine Club Funding Request. More information and copies of forms can be found online at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/StudentHub>, under student clubs and teams. Completed forms can also be mailed to N212 Ag Sciences Building North, Lexington, KY 40546-0091, or faxed to (859) 323-8484.





# Student Spotlight: Paige Marcinek

At some point in every little girl's life they want to ride a pony. While some lose interest, others go on to develop a passion for horses. One such girl is Paige Marcinek, pictured at left. From the time she was little, Marcinek has known that she wanted to work with race horses.

Born in Lexington, Ky., Marcinek started riding when she was 5 years old. Her involvement with the Thoroughbred industry, however, started when she got the opportunity to work with yearlings at Taylor Made Farms and intern for Rebecca Maker Racing Stables. From there she wanted to gain experience working on the backside. John Paul Pucek was a family friend and Marcinek knew it would be a great opportunity to learn from him, so she took the initiative to ask him if he might take on an intern.

“The most important thing that I learned from this experience is that you have to think like a horse. Not only do you want to be able to foresee what the horse is going to do or what he or she is thinking about doing, you need to know how to prevent it from happening. To be successful in the horse industry you have to think outside the box,” Marcinek said.

John Paul Pucek was very complimentary of Marcinek and described her as determined, pleasant to work with and a tremendous asset to the team.

“I wanted Paige to take away more than just knowledge, but a way of thinking as well. I wanted her to be able to think outside the box when faced with a problem. Not only to know how to handle issues presented her way but to prevent them as well,” Pucek said.

Marcinek's favorite part of the internship was watching the horses grow.

“All the hard work, tears and sweat pays off when you get to watch a horse you have been working with cross the finish line for a win,” Marcinek said.

When Marcinek graduates this spring she has her sights set on applying for the Darley Flying Start Program. She reflected back on her internship with Pucek and said it helped her prepare for almost any aspect of the industry.

“John Paul really went above and beyond in incorporating Paige into his system and teaching her about training. This internship was such a good match of personalities and career goals, it would be wonderful if they were all this successful,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, Internship Coordinator for the University of Kentucky.

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For more information about the Equine Internship Program, contact Elizabeth LaBonty at [elizabeth.labonty@uky.edu](mailto:elizabeth.labonty@uky.edu).



# Equine Initiative News

## **KER establishes Lawrence Fellowship at the University of Kentucky**

Kentucky Equine Research has established a graduate student fellowship at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture to honor the memory of Larry Lawrence, a valued KER employee for many years.

The Lawrence Fellowship, worth more than \$25,000 per year, will fund a graduate student in a program of study related to applied equine sciences.

Catherine Whitehouse, a former KER intern, is the first fellowship recipient. She earned a degree in equine science from Lincoln University in England, where she prepared a dissertation on seasonal changes in nonstructural carbohydrate accumulation in pasture grasses as related to studying the causes of laminitis. Bob Coleman, associate professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences and associate director of the Equine Initiative, will advise Whitehouse.

“KER looks forward to supporting University of Kentucky’s goal of improving the health and well-being of horses through the education of graduate students at the UK College of Agriculture,” said Joe Pagan, founder and president of KER one of the foremost private equine nutrition and exercise physiology research centers in the world.

“An important goal of the College of Agriculture’s Equine Initiative is to provide relevant programs for Kentucky’s signature industry,” said Nancy Cox, the college’s associate dean for research.

“To have an important industrial partner such as KER provide a fellowship of this magnitude is an expression of confidence in our programs that is much appreciated.”

Lawrence joined KER in 2002, when he accepted the responsibilities of leading the company’s technical staff and providing support for the company’s stateside and international clients.

“I had the pleasure of knowing Larry for over 25 years,” said Pagan. “I will always remember Larry as a superb horseman, a talented nutritionist and a friend. Larry had a rare gift that allowed him to communicate complex nutritional principles in terms that horsemen could understand. His contribution to equine nutrition and KER was substantial.”

*Kim Brown, KER*

## **Semester Academic Calendar**

### **February**

- 7-March 18-Degree Audits for August and December 2011 graduates
- 17-Resumania
- 22-23-Employer Showcase
- 27-Last Day to change Majors
- 28-Last Day to apply for August 2011 degree

### **March**

- 1-13-Degree Audits for August and December 2011 graduates
- 1-5-Senior Salute @ King Alumni House (order graduation announcements, rings, cap & gown, etc.)
- 7-Midterm
- 14-19-Spring Break
- 7-April 8-Advising for 2011 Summer and Fall terms
- 28-April 19-Priority Registration for 2011 Summer and Fall terms

### **April**

- 1-College of Agriculture Scholarship Deadline for currently enrolled students
- 1-19-Priority Registration for 2011 Summer and Fall terms
- 1-Last Day to withdraw from a class for academic reasons
- 15-UK Academic Scholarship deadline for currently enrolled students
- 21-May 6-Students may change majors
- 29-Last Day of Classes

### **May**

- 2-6-Finals Week
- 8-Graduation
- 9-Spring Grades Due

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## Dr. Ed Squires: candidate for the directorship of the Equine Initiative

Dr. Ed Squires is the candidate for the position of director of the Equine Initiative. Dr. Squires currently serves as the Executive Director of the Gluck Equine Research Foundation here at UK. He also conducts research in the area of equine reproduction.

Dr. Squires spent 33 years of his career at Colorado State University before coming to the University of Kentucky in 2008 after being inducted into the Gluck Equine Research Hall of Fame.

On Friday Feb. 4, Dr Squires spoke about his past leadership experience, his research, and his goals for the future of Equine Initiative.

Dr. Squires' goals for the Equine Initiative include identifying emerging programs and fostering existing ones, creating a national advisory board, increasing awareness, and making UK equine programs among the top nationally and internationally. For more information please visit <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/latestinternalnews>



## Scholarships

**Approaching scholarship deadlines: Race for Education at [www.raceforeducation.org/scholarships/](http://www.raceforeducation.org/scholarships/).** A completed application, two letters of recommendation and official transcripts are due no later than Feb. 28.

Scholarships are awarded before the start of the fall semester. Scholarships are paid directly to the university or college for post-secondary educational expenses. A scholarship can be awarded only one time to any individual meeting scholarship requirements. All individuals who are not awarded a scholarship are encouraged to resubmit their application as often as they like. KEEP will award a maximum of five scholarships per year with a value of \$1,000 each. In addition, eligible KEEP scholarship recipients are invited to participate in The Race for Education's (RFE) Assets for Independence program and receive up to \$4,000 in additional funding. KEEP recipients are also invited to The Race for Education's Equine Summer Seminar.

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture is pleased to offer merit-based scholarships to outstanding upperclass students. Applications are available January-February of each year. Forms are available online at the College of Agriculture Student & Academic Services website a <http://www.ca.uky.edu/students/scholar.htm>. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 1.

## Save the Date!

UK Equine Initiative presents

Distinguished Lecture Series featuring

**Ted Bassett**

March 31 6 p.m.

Seay Auditorium

**2011 Equine Career Fair**  
**Tuesday March 1, 2011**  
E.S. Good Barn 4-7:30 p.m.

Brought to you by UK Equine Initiative and Georgetown College Equine Scholars

Sessions will be held on resumes, cover letters and thank yous as well as networking in the Kentucky Equine community.

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## Job News

**Ledyard Farms in Kings Ferry, NY** is looking for a Equine Manager. The Equine Manager for Ledyard Farms is responsible for management of one of the best Morgan Horse breeding and show programs in the country. The candidate will have a degree and/or related experience from an agricultural or animal husbandry program. The position is part of an exciting agricultural/farm management team and candidate must be a self starter, capable of motivating and training staff and a total team player. Responsibilities include management of horse *cont.*

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health and well-being, management of breeding and foaling program, youngstock management and barn and staff management. The farm and Morgan program can be reviewed at [www.Ledyardfarms.com](http://www.Ledyardfarms.com). For more information please email [equineinitiative@email.uky.edu](mailto:equineinitiative@email.uky.edu).

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