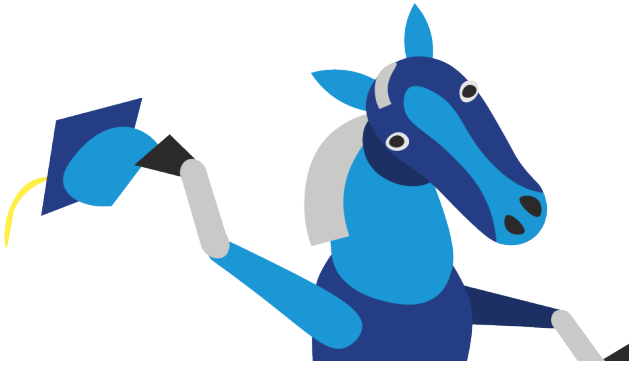


Wildcat Canter

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY AG EQUINE PROGRAMS NEWSLETTER



January 2021



Celebrating our December 2020 graduates

PAGE 6

Congratulations to the 25 Equine Science and Management graduates! See profiles on each graduate.



Congratulations to alum Natalie Voss for sweeping Media Eclipse Awards!

PAGE 16

UK Equine Alum Natalie Voss recently swept both writing divisions of the 2020 Media Eclipse Awards, the highest year-end honor for horse racing journalism. She is the first woman to achieve this feat, and only the second person to accomplish this in the history of the awards.



Retired Hagyard Equine Medical Institute veterinarian and longtime supporter of UK Ag Equine Programs passes

PAGE 19

Longtime Hagyard Equine Medical Institute Veterinarian James (Jim) Smith, 86, passed away Dec. 28, 2020. He enjoyed a long and successful career specializing in equine reproduction and ophthalmology at Hagyard's for more than 40 years.



UK Equine Industry Advisory Board names new chair

PAGE 20

Tom Riddle, one of the two founding veterinarians at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, took the leadership reins at the program's bi-annual board meeting in December. He takes over from Norm Luba.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- Jan. 29 - Last day to add a class
- Jan. 30 - Spring internship deadline
- Feb. 2, 9 - UK Equine Research Showcase
- Feb. 12 - Last day to drop a class without a W
- March 22 - Midterm
- March 26 - Academic holiday for students

A Year We All Will Remember

The popular American English proverb, “When the going gets tough, the tough get going,” is a spot-on description of the response by Equine Science and Management students and UK Ag Equine Programs staff and faculty to the challenges of 2020. The global COVID-19 pandemic impacted all of us. Geopolitical tensions and the political campaigns generated additional stress. Events during the year were truly historical and changed our lives. Many aspects of how we interact with people have been profoundly altered – university life for sure, but also the full spectrum of our equestrian activities from major competitions down to daily barn operations.

Reflecting back, I think we can be proud of how our UK equine community responded to the pandemic challenges. We worked to gather the best information available, shared that knowledge and made informed decisions. We published articles in our e-newsletters, dedicated several of the monthly equine forum meetings to pandemic issues and kept internal lines of communication open. Topics covered included information about coronaviruses broadly and SARS-CoV-2 specifically, biosecurity issues, recommendations and regulations, impacts on equine-affiliated businesses and workers and how the horse world was managing through it all.

Humility aside, our response was marked by adaptability, innovation, courage and a lot of hard work. After the emergency campus closure in late March, classes continued online. Students and faculty successfully overcame steep learning curves of new technology and related logistical challenges. Within just a few weeks, events were no longer being cancelled, but were re-envisioned and adapted for remote delivery. This not only enabled a continuity of productivity, but also quickly uncovered important silver linings. Remote delivery opened participation to everyone with a computer and internet access. Being ‘in the room where it happened’ was achieved by clicking a Zoom link, with travel to campus and parking becoming nonissues. Almost immediately, online attendees at seminars and events regularly included folks far from central Kentucky. It seems almost routine now, but I remember my surprise in realizing for the first time that regular departmental seminars were attracting Zoom participants from Europe and Asia like some high-profile international conference. More emotional were graduation receptions that enabled family member participation across generations and over wide distances, in some cases individuals who would have had difficulty traveling to Lexington even under pre-pandemic circumstances.



True innovation was also catalyzed by the COVID challenges and our ‘proactive - take the initiative’ response. Beyond the many new and valuable online teaching and extension resources generated were special events like the UK Equine Week of Service, a student-driven socially-distanced outreach effort that achieved over 550 hours of community service from 241 shifts of student, staff, faculty and alumni volunteers; the virtual Equine Career and Opportunity Fair, that connected 25 prospective employers from across the country to 166 equine students from UK and nine other schools; and the Experience Equine Week, an online information and recruitment event over five days involving both pre-recorded and interactive live sessions attended by 77 prospective undergraduate students and their families. The experience, relationships and items generated from each of these events will clearly enrich our program going forward post-pandemic.

I welcome the new year with enthusiasm, while acknowledging that the darkest days of this pandemic in terms of the staggering human health impacts are likely upon us right now. COVID regulations will remain in place through at least the spring semester and there are definitely tough times ahead. However, the vaccines offer real hope to be embraced and celebrated. Just as inspiring to me, though, are the accomplishments achieved over the last 10 months and the character we have collectively demonstrated. I am proud to be a member of our resourceful, innovative and caring academic community dedicated to advancing knowledge and making substantive contributions to benefit horses, people and the world we all live in together.

James MacLeod, VMD, PhD

Director, Ag Equine Programs, and John S. and Elizabeth A. Knight chair, Gluck Equine Research Center

Wildcat Canter Editorial Staff

Sydney Carter, *contributing writer*
Sabrina Jacobs, *contributing writer*
Holly Wiemers, MA, APR, *senior editor, contributing writer, layout*

Wildcat Canter Editorial Board

Erin DesNoyers, *operations coordinator*
Camie Heleski, PhD, *lecturer*
Danielle Jostes, MA, *equine philanthropy director*
James MacLeod, VMD, PhD, *equine programs director*
Savannah Robin, MS, *internship coordinator*
Kristine Urschel, PhD, *director of undergraduate studies*
Kristen Wilson, MS, *academic program coordinator*



Ag Equine Programs

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

N212 Ag Sciences Building North
Lexington, KY 40546-0091
Office: (859) 257-2226
equine@uky.edu
www.uky.edu/equine

Photo credit: Cover, UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. This page, Jimmy Henning.

Connect with us on Social Media





CLUBS AND TEAMS DIRECTORY

COLLEGIATE PROFESSIONAL HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Advisors: Dr. Bob Coleman, rcoleman@uky.edu and Savannah Robin, savannah.robin@uky.edu
Co-Presidents: Lindsay O'Hara and Lauren Olsen, Uk.cpha@gmail.com

DRESSAGE TEAM

Advisor: Dr. Jill Stowe, jill.stowe@uky.edu
President: Katelynn Krieger, OfficialUKDressageTeam@gmail.com
Facebook: UK Dressage and Eventing

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Advisor: Dr. Bob Coleman, rcoleman@uky.edu

HUNT SEAT TEAM

President: Samantha Dolan, Uk.equestrianteam@gmail.com
Facebook: UKY Equestrian Team

WESTERN TEAM

President: Maggie Rumbaugh, Ukwesternequestrian@gmail.com
Facebook: UKY Western IHSA Team

EVENTING TEAM

Advisor: Dr. Jill Stowe, jill.stowe@uky.edu
President: Jacqueline LeMastus, Jlemastus@me.com
Facebook: UK Dressage and Eventing

HORSE RACING CLUB

Advisor: Dr. Laurie Lawrence, lLawrenc@uky.edu
President: Averie Levanti, Ukhorseracingclub@gmail.com
Facebook: UKY Horse Racing Club

POLO TEAM

Advisor: Dr. Roger Brown, rogerbrown@uky.edu
President: Federico Puyana, Fpu223@uky.edu
Facebook: U of Kentucky Polo

RODEO TEAM

President: Anna Doll, ukrodeoteam@gmail.com
Facebook: UKY Rodeo Team

SADDLE SEAT TEAM

Advisor: Dr. Mary Rossano, mary.rossano@uky.edu
President: Frannie Salisbury, uksaddleseatteam@gmail.com
Facebook: UKY Saddleseat Team

CONGRATULATIONS

FALL 2020 CLASS



Elizabeth Abner

INTERNSHIP: Central Kentucky Pet Resort as a social media manager/coordinator

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

The hands-on learning experiences, including dissections and farm visits.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I plan to continue my job search in the equine industry, build my networks and remain open to new learning experiences. I believe graduate school is in my future. However, I want to do further research and planning. I also hope to continue my work at my internship site until a new opportunity arises.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Camie Heleski! I have had the pleasure of taking at least one of her classes every semester. Her love and dedication to the industry inspires me and she has helped me so much in my future planning and further education. I cannot express my gratitude towards her enough. She is an amazing instructor and faculty member.

HOMETOWN: Lexington, KY

Chelsea Anderson-Cooper

INTERNSHIP: Champagne Run Farm, barn hand

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

The guest speakers that our professors were able to set up.

What are your plans for after graduation?

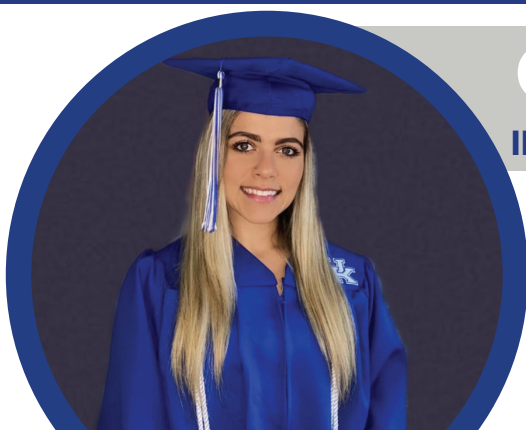
I applied to Midway University for their MBA in equine management.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Mary Rossano because she would understand any issues that I was going through, give me advice and helped guide me to be successful in the equine industry.



HOMETOWN: Lexington, KY



Callie Roberts

INTERNSHIP: Top Venture LLC, hunter/jumper sales and training, farm management.

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Meeting my roommate/best friend Joanna Ricci.

What are your plans for after graduation?

After graduating I hope to be involved in the sales of sport horses. I currently am living in Wellington, Florida, and working for a farm that focuses on young horse development and sales in hunter/jumper disciplines, ready for show season.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Bob Coleman, he has been by my side since sophomore year helping me pick classes and just an all-around awesome professor. I wouldn't be graduating early if not for him.

HOMETOWN: Lake Worth, FL

CONGRATULATIONS

FALL 2020 CLASS



Colleen McClure

INTERNSHIP: Myrland Stables, assistant manager

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Being a TA for Dr. Mary Rossano for EQM 105.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I will be working at Champagne Run Farm as an assistant manager.

HOMETOWN: Gaithersburg MD

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Mrs. Savannah Robin. She helped me in more ways than I could ever imagine, from helping me in EQM 305 with writing papers, figuring out my summer internship through COVID, to finding me my current job. I could never be more grateful to have her in my life.

Dr. Mary Rossano. She always pushed me to do my best in her classes. When the opportunity came to be a TA for her in EQM 105, I jumped for it and was lucky enough to be involved. It became one of the best opportunities and memories I have from UK.

Katelyn Segreti

INTERNSHIP: Gladwell Farm, assistant office manager

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Meeting all of my forever friends on the Equestrian Team, and being so lucky to spend many a weekend with them at our horse shows.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Working full-time at Gladwell Farm as an assistant barn manager.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Bob was my most impactful professor as his classes were great fun to attend, and he was a wonderful faculty advisor for the Equestrian Team.



HOMETOWN: Deale, MD

Joanna Ricci

INTERNSHIP: Marketing intern at Red Mile Gaming and Racing

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

My favorite memory would probably be my equine study abroad in France. It was an experience I'll never forget.

What are your plans for after graduation?

As of now I still plan to work in the marketing department for Red Mile. I'm still on the hunt for a full-time job. I've had some promising interviews, so we'll see how that goes.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Camie Heleski has had a large impact throughout my time at UK. She always challenged me to think deeper regarding equine industry issues that are important to me. She constantly pushed me to think beyond the surface of the problem and dive deeper into it.

HOMETOWN: Allentown, NJ

CONGRATULATIONS

FALL 2020 CLASS



Lauren Lena Mae Rose Underwood

INTERNSHIP: Undergraduate research with Dr. Camie Heleski

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Having the opportunity to compete for the University of Kentucky Dressage Team as well as serving as an officer for the team!

What are your plans for after graduation?

Apply for Grad School for the upcoming Fall 2021.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Mary Rossano – my academic advisor and mentor. Thank you, Dr. Rossano for your encouraging words, allowing me to cry on your shoulder at times and always believing in me!

HOMETOWN: Sugar Hill, GA

Dr. Bob Coleman – Thank you, Dr. Coleman, for bringing my vision of a state-of-the-art equine veterinary training center to life in your facility design class. Many horses under my care will one day also want to thank you.

Dr. Ernest Bailey – Thank you, Dr. Bailey, for igniting my passion for genetics, and desire to learn more through research.

Dr. Camie Heleski - Thank you, Dr. Heleski, for taking me under your wing and allowing me to contribute to your research study, assist you as a teaching assistant and prepare for graduate school.

Alexia Menasion

INTERNSHIP: Hillcroft Farm, horse groom

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

My favorite memory was probably my internship! I had so much fun and learned so many interesting things about the driving industry.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I am moving to Sarasota, Florida, to continue working with combined driving horses. Then I plan on joining the U.S. Air Force!

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Mary Rossano! She was so patient and understanding with absolutely everything!



HOMETOWN: Woolwich, NJ



Amelia Lloyd

INTERNSHIP: WinStar Farm, bloodstock and marketing intern

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

My favorite memory was in between classes, all of my friends would meet at the Ag Cafe and we would get lunch and do homework together!

What are your plans for after graduation?

My plan after graduation is to go home and visit family then come back to Lexington and work full-time in the Thoroughbred industry.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Mary Rossano, she has always been very helpful with classes and motivating me to do my possible best to get me to where I am today.

HOMETOWN: Atlanta, GA

CONGRATULATIONS

FALL 2020 CLASS



Lindsay O'Hara

INTERNSHIP: UK Ag Equine Programs

HOMETOWN: Hooksett, NH

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Oh man... there are way too many to choose from! Professionally, one of my favorite memories was helping the program work with Keeneland to hold the Industry Encounter there in spring 2020. I got to be really involved in the planning as well as act as the moderator for a Q & A panel session with some of Keeneland's amazing team members, including the VP of Racing and Sales Robert Elliston.

What are your plans for after graduation?

My current plans are to continue working as director of equine operations at a farm here in Southern New Hampshire! I hope one day to be a professor or lecturer at the University of Kentucky, so grad school is not far off in the future.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Everyone in the program was so meaningful to me. Savannah Robin and Dr. Jill Stowe were key players in my college career path, support system and personal development. Kristen Wilson, Holly Wiemers, Erin DesNoyers, Dr. Camie Heleski, Dr. Jamie MacLeod and Dr. Bob Coleman all taught me valuable lessons. I adore and look up to each of these people for their own unique reasons. Each one has given me something special that I carry in my heart.

Samantha Baker

INTERNSHIP: MapleCrest Farm - marketing intern



HOMETOWN: Atlanta, GA

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Growing as an individual throughout my diverse courses.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Relocating to Somerville, NJ, to work for Ethicon, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, as a medical device sales representative in a 14-month training program.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Mary Rossano, always willing to lend a helping hand. She brings a light to every classroom.

Mackenzie Cooper

INTERNSHIP: Cobra Farm



HOMETOWN: Lexington, KY

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

I really enjoyed taking EQM 105 and learning how to work the round pen.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I'll be working at WinStar in the broodmare division.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

I would say Dr. Elizabeth James. I had her for EQM 101 and she helped get me my internship.

CONGRATULATIONS

FALL 2020 CLASS



Anna Lowes

INTERNSHIP: BloodHorse as an editorial intern

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

During my internship, I had some really awesome opportunities to see the Thoroughbred industry from a completely different perspective.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I am working as an equine insurance adjuster for R.J. Ketch Equine.

HOMETOWN: Manchester, MD

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Camie Heleski was both my advisor and professor. Out of everyone in the Equine department she was always willing to go above and beyond to help me whenever I had questions or needed support. As a professor I could always tell she genuinely cared about the students and helping us learn. I really cannot thank her enough for everything over the last four years!! I also have to give a shoutout to Savannah Robin for her help during my internship!

Courtney Gaskill

INTERNSHIP: Dude Ranch - herd health manager

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Coming back to UK after Colorado and feeling like I never left.

What are your plans for after graduation?

After graduation I will continue to work for Bluegrass Distillers where I wear many different hats, including event planning and marketing.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Mary Rossano and Kristen Wilson - they were with me from the start of my college journey and never gave up on me!



HOMETOWN: Birmingham, AL



Hannah Koehler

INTERNSHIP: Ireland Study Abroad - COVID Cancellation

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

In ASC 320-Equine Management we had a lab about different parasites and Dr. Rossano had a giant jar of ascarids and somehow they got knocked over and the jar broke on the ground and the worms spilled out. To clean it up Dr. Rossano just used bare hands and grabbed them. It smelled so gross and looked even worse, but she didn't even hesitate.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I am planning on working for Caroline Martin starting in January

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Kristine Urschel because she was my advisor from the second semester of my freshman year forward and she helped create schedules that not only were enjoyable but also to where I got to graduate early so I could start working towards my career goals.

HOMETOWN: Birmingham, AL

CONGRATULATIONS

FALL 2020 CLASS



Kelsey Harp

INTERNSHIP: Frankfort Park Farm- nightshift foaling mares

HOMETOWN: Danville, KY

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Meeting all of my best friends and taking so many classes together!

What are your plans for after graduation?

I will be working at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital as a nurse on their nightshift.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Bob Coleman and Dr. Camie Heleski. Dr. Coleman is my advisor and he really helped me throughout my college career. He always answered any questions I had and always encouraged me. Dr. Heleski because I had so many of her classes and she's always such a nice person and is always willing to work with you!

Tatiana Sushko

INTERNSHIP: Book Keeper at the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Riding at various racetracks in Lexington nearly every morning before class.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I plan to work in real estate while also maintaining my sales and training business at my farm.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Camie Heleski was my favorite teacher at UK and definitely taught me the most; however, I also appreciated all that Savannah Robin did for us equine students.



HOMETOWN: Baltimore, MD



Kaan Yurdabak

INTERNSHIP: Sancal Racing- trainer assistant

HOMETOWN: Istanbul, Turkey

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

My favorite memory was during my internship. It was great experience for me to prepare horses for races in Gulfstream Park and follow horses' training schedules at the racetrack.

What are your plans for after graduation?

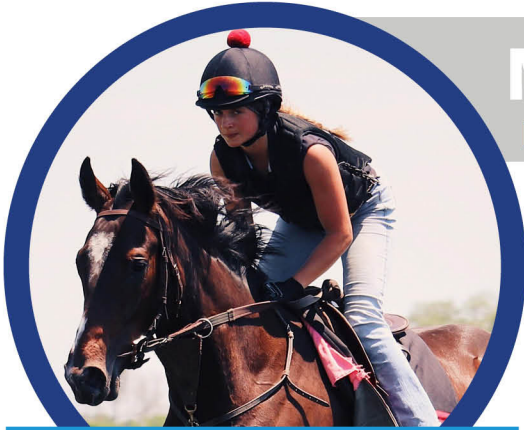
I'll train my racehorses in Izmir/Turkey in 2021, and my mission is to attend international racing festivals with my horses.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Equine faculty were great during my student life, but my equine anatomy (Prof. Colette Tebeau) her class was very effective and informative for me to learn so many different information about equine.

CONGRATULATIONS

FALL 2020 CLASS



Margaret Holloway

INTERNSHIP: Margaux Farm - assistant yearling breaking manager

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Working as an exercise rider and getting to know all the great staff at Margaux Farm.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I will be joining a real estate brokerage in Charlottesville, VA.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Jackie Wahrmund, she really helped me navigate my dual degree. I always knew if I had a problem or mishap that she would be there to help me sort it out!

HOMETOWN: Darlington, MD

Hannah White

INTERNSHIP: Rosie Napravnik Off-Track Sporthorses – working student

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

There's too many to just pick one!

What are your plans for after graduation?

Working full time at Rosie Napravnik Off-Track Sporthorses!

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Savannah Robin. She has the gift to call her students higher while affirming their hard work.



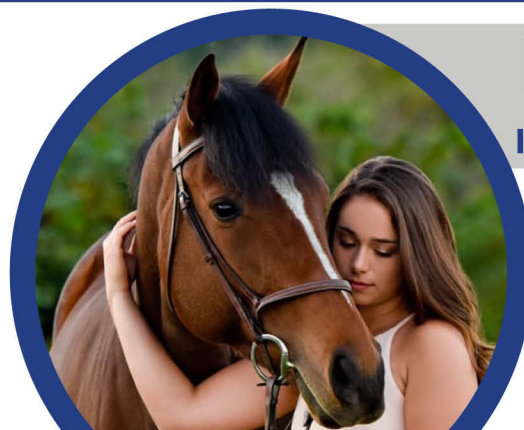
HOMETOWN: Lawrenceburg, KY

Madison Zahradka

INTERNSHIP: Study Abroad in Germany and the Netherlands

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

I competed on the IHSA team for UK for two years and during that time I competed at the Intermediated level. I also held a position as social chair, which involved planning and organizing tea bonding activities and events. The team was a large part of my college experience. Generally riding is seen as an individual sport but riding on this team showed me how to see the sport as a team sport as well.



HOMETOWN: Corning, NY

CONGRATULATIONS

FALL 2020 CLASS



MaryGrace Hartzog

INTERNSHIP: Champagne Run Farm

HOMETOWN: Sykesville, MD

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

Assisting Dr. Jackie Wahrmund with ASC 101 labs. When starting the dissections in the course some of the students would not get involved. This is when I would try to help by grossing some people out by making jokes and getting them to be hands on with the assignment. I was asked by multiple students why I was not grossed out with the smell or the feel of the systems. My answer was i got used to it and they would respond "your crazy". In the end getting some of them excited about the next dissection was the best part.

What are your plans for after graduation?

After graduation, my plan is to continue my education. Completing a master's in education at Towson University in Maryland will allow me to teach agricultural education in either middle school or high school. While working on my master's, I am working at a McDonogh private school hunter/jumper barn as a barn worker. Starting in the summer I am going to be running their pony camp program.

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

I cannot pick just one person in the equine faculty or staff member. Everyone that I came into contact with was willing to work with me, answer all my questions and guide me in my college career. Everyone was willing to sit down and talk more about was courses to take and why. It was more about how to better my career in the equine industry and not just to get my degree.

Jordan Parker

INTERNSHIP: Research with Dr. Emma Adam

What are your plans for after graduation?

Applied to veterinary school, hoping to be a member of the class of 2025. As I further my education, I aim to become an equine veterinarian and pursue board certification in at least one specialty. I hope to make a positive impact on the field of equine medicine in the future.



HOMETOWN: Marietta, GA

Meghan Adelman

INTERNSHIP: Kentucky Equine Humane Center – social media

What are your plans for after graduation?

I will be heading back to school in the future to obtain a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Biology, aiming to specialize in conservation.



HOMETOWN: Benbrook, TX

CONGRATULATIONS

FALL 2020 CLASS



Alyson Bailey

INTERNSHIP: Study with Dr. Camie Heleski

What is your favorite memory from your undergraduate career?

All the amazing people I got to meet and work with throughout my time at UK has been more than worth it for me. I have so many opportunities in the future because of people I met here.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I have no set plans as of yet as things are pretty unknown right now. But for now, I will be working at Park Equine Hospital to further expand my knowledge.

HOMETOWN: Sturgeon Bay, WI

Most impactful faculty or staff member?

Dr. Camie Heleski hands down. I can almost 99% guarantee I would not be graduating this December if it wasn't for Dr. Heleski being there for me literally whenever I needed her for school and non school related things. I moved here with no family or anything so she really did everything in her power to be that support system for me when things got tough.



**YOU
DID
IT!**

Video from the evening can be found [here](#).

UK Equine freshman awarded Keith Bartz Impact Scholarship

Source: American Saddlebred Association news release, Jan. 6

The American Saddlebred Museum recently announced University of Kentucky Equine Science and Management freshman, Harrison Goode of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the recipient of the Keith Bartz Impact Scholarship Award.

"The scholarship committee chose Goode from an outstanding group of nominees," the announcement read. "The scholarship celebrates the life of Keith Bartz who focused his time, talent and resources on building the American Saddlebred Museum and the celebration of the American Saddlebred Horse. The recipient is an individual who exemplifies the same character and enthusiasm for our breed."

Goode attends UK and is majoring in Equine Science and Management with a minor in business. In addition to his studies, he is a member of the UK Saddle Seat ISSRA team and an active member of UK's MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences) group, where he works to create safe spaces and service activities for students. Read the full story [here](#).



Congratulations to our Fall 2020 Dean's List recipients

FALL 2020

EQUINE SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT DEAN'S LIST

Elizabeth Abner	Camille Camp
Meghan Adelman	Alyssa Carpenter
Margaret Babiarz	Sydney Carter
Samantha Baker	Kelsey Center
Alex Barbatsoulis	Lacey Chestnut
Sydney Barnett	Charles Churchill
Grace Barrier	Gabriella Costa
Hannah Batchelor	Sarah Davis
Abigail Bowles	William Deatrick
Danielle Brewer	John Del Secco
Jenna Bryant	Naomi Dennison
Ryan Burton	Gabrielle DiLemmo
Grace Camp	Lillian Dubler

 College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment

FALL 2020

EQUINE SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT DEAN'S LIST

Shawn Easterbrook	Margaret Higgins
Emily Elkin	Margaret Holloway
Alyssa Evans	Abigail Hudson
Megan Gache	Olivia Irwin
Melanie Gelernter	Emily Johnson
Sierra Gibson	Hannah Koehler
Harrison Goode	Kathryn Krause
Lauren Grant	Katelynn Krieger
Mackenzie Grunden	Miranda Kunes
Madelyn Hamilton	Cecilia Kurkowski
Kelsey Harp	Madelyn Leahey
Margaret Heard	Colette Leber
Erinn Hewett	Averie Levanti

 College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment

FALL 2020

EQUINE SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT DEAN'S LIST

Haley Lietz	Jordan Parker
Aracely Marin	Rebecca Posner
Piper McGehee	Isidra Powell
Kaitlyn Mize	Rachel Reed
Madison Moore	Blakley Releford
Taylor Nackers	Joanna Ricci
Christiana Nash	Madeleine Richards
Lindsay O'Hara	Anabel Ricigliano
Lauren Olsen	Callie Roberts
Sierra Orzech	Mackenzie Rockefeller
Cameryn Oswald	Isabelle Samblanet
Emily Paden	Stephanie Scott
Avery Page	Alexandra Sharp

 College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment

FALL 2020

EQUINE SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT DEAN'S LIST

Brooklyn Shirah	Katherine Wallach
Mackenzie Smith	Rhiannon White
Stephanie Smith	Sophia Wildermuth
Hannah Smither	Katlin Wilson
Brittany Sparks	Claire Wilson
Cameron Stacy	Marion Yingling
Tatiana Sushko	Kaan Turan Yurdabak
Lauren Underwood	Madison Zahradka
Elizabeth Vejr	Jennifer Zimmerman
Madison Walker	

 College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment

Congratulations to alum Natalie Voss for sweeping Media Eclipse Awards!

Sources: edited Paulick Report news release, information from Paulick Report staff



Natalie Voss with Underscore (known around the barn as Blueberry).
Photo courtesy Natalie Voss.

UK Equine Alum Natalie Voss recently swept both writing divisions of the 2020 Media Eclipse Awards, the highest year-end honor for horse racing journalism. She is the first woman to achieve this feat, and only the second person to accomplish this in the history of the awards.

According to her husband, fellow writer and editor at the Paulick Report Joe Nevills, this accomplishment is essentially the Oscars of horse racing.

Voss will be receiving her award alongside horseracing's top owners, trainers and jockeys Jan. 28. She was recognized for her work covering the topic of Thoroughbred aftercare.

According to a news release from the Paulick Report, the winning entry in the Feature/Commentary division of the 2020 Eclipse Awards was Voss's coverage of *Inked*, a claimer who took a long journey to reunite with his exercise rider from his earliest days on the track. 'An Angel On His Shoulder' tells the story of three women who, without knowing one another, worked together to secure a loving home for the chestnut gelding who captured their hearts. Read 'An Angel On His Shoulder' [here](#).

Voss won the Eclipse Award in the news/enterprise category for a three-part series on Thoroughbred aftercare, examining the past, present and future of the infrastructure designed to transition ex-racehorses into the next phase of their lives. She detailed the successes and challenges of the aftercare sector thus far and presented potential solutions for the future. Click to read [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#).

"I'm very honored and humbled to win in both writing categories. The last time it happened was in 1991, which was well before my time, so it hadn't occurred to me such a thing was possible," she said. "I'm thrilled that Thoroughbred aftercare is the primary focus of the winning entries in both categories, because I think it really shows that there are a lot of great stories after the track and that those stories are just as important to our sport as what happens in the shedrow or the foaling stall.

"I've always been passionate about off-track Thoroughbreds because my original interest in racing really came from the horses themselves more than any other aspect of the business or the sport. In the time I've been in this job, I've seen OTTBs make a huge comeback as riding horses for adult amateur riders like me, and begin to make their way back into the upper levels of the sport horse world again, too," she said. "I think it's important to recognize though that there is still a lot of work to be done for racing to

better support its retired horses, and I believe that thoughtful journalism can contribute to that work so it's nice to see that recognized."

Voss was also asked about advice she might have to students who stand in the position she was in as an equine undergraduate major interested in a career in journalism.

"As for advice for current students, one thing I've been asked about often since the awards announcement was the source of my interest and knowledge about aftercare. I think back often to the time I spent interning and working at the Maker's Mark Secretariat Center when I was in college -- that really gave me a look at the world of OTTBs just before the advent of the TAA and RRP, etc. I really made an effort while I was at UK to get work experience in as many different facets of the horse world as I could, and I think that has served me well in my career so far," she said. "You'll carry a lot of what you learn in the classroom with you, but the program requires internship experience because that's where you'll really find out what you want to do in life, and acquire the practical skills to help get you there.

"Central Kentucky has so many unique opportunities for this that you can't get anywhere else -- don't miss them. Also, I have my position at Paulick Report in large part because I emailed Ray soon after they started and asked if they took on interns," Voss said. "The publication was still two guys at that point and there was definitely no internship program, but because I asked, they made room for me and we kept in touch after my internship was over, which ultimately led to them hiring me when they had a spot open up. So, there's something to be said for making your own opportunities, too. Trickier advice in the time of COVID-19, I realize, but still important."

Read more about Voss' awards [here](#).

UK Alum Courtney Schneider elected KTFMC president



Congratulations to alum Courtney Schneider, who was named the 2021 President of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers' Club.

Courtney is only the second woman to hold this position and is also one of the youngest. Way to go Courtney!

EQUINE SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT

Alumni PROFILE



Virginia Stilwell

Associate Veterinarian at Catlett
Animal Hospital in Catlett, VA.

HOMETOWN: Brandy Station, VA

GRADUATED: 2014



How did you first become involved in the horse industry?

I grew up reading the Misty of Chincoteague and Black Stallion books, in middle and high school I spent a lot of time at the barn or riding.

Was there a turning point in college which had an impact on your career?

I don't know if I would call it a turning point, but not getting accepted to veterinary school the first time I applied during my junior year was disappointing. It did, however, make me realize that I could handle failure and served to strengthen my faith and reliance that God had a plan for my life.

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

Being close to my family was the driving force behind where I picked my current job. After eight years away at school, I wanted to be close to home again.

Did you pursue further degrees such as a masters or a doctorate after graduation?

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University. Growing up, I was heavily influenced by the James Harriot books. In school, I liked science and working with animals, so veterinarian seemed to be a good fit for me.

What are your responsibilities in your current position? What do you like most about your position?

I am a mixed animal vet at my current position. My time is split between being out on the truck doing farm calls and seeing appointments at the clinic. The variety definitely keeps things interesting. In one day, I may be out floating horse teeth in the morning, then doing surgery on a dog in the middle of the day, then seeing small animal appointments in the afternoon. I am also very blessed to work with an amazing team who make me look forward to going to work every day.

What advice do you have for current equine science and management students?

My advice is to find a way to maintain a healthy school-life balance. Grades are important, but they are not everything. Work hard on your grades but also take some time to do other things. Step outside of your comfort zone and try to get a variety of experiences - leadership, research, a different riding discipline, study abroad or a new work-out (or Dance Blue!) College is a unique time with so many opportunities. Take care of your body and your mind, have a good attitude and always try to look on the bright side of life.



Ag Equine Programs
College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

Retired Hagyard Equine Medical Institute veterinarian and longtime supporter of UK Ag Equine Programs passes

By Holly Wiemers

Longtime Hagyard Equine Medical Institute Veterinarian James (Jim) Smith, 86, passed away Dec. 28, 2020. He enjoyed a long and successful career specializing in equine reproduction and ophthalmology at Hagyard's for more than 40 years.

He was also a longtime supporter of UK Ag Equine Programs and was actively involved in helping shape the program in its early years. He remained active with advising and helping with equine extension programming.

In addition to his time at UK, Smith was an active member of both the veterinary and civic world, serving with the Kentucky Equine Practitioners Association, American Association of Equine Practitioners, Kentucky Harness Commission, Kentucky Equine Drug Council, Fayette County Board of Education, Kentucky Equine Practitioners Infectious Disease Committee, Quality Assurance Program of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, The Jockey Club Medication Commission, Committee on Environmental Affairs for the American Veterinary Medical Association, George T. Fairchild Society, Bluegrass Boys Ranch and sat on the board of the Kentucky Equine Adoption Center.



Longtime collaborators at the 2014 UK Equine Farm and Facilities Expo (left to right): Bob Coleman, associate professor and extension horse specialist in UK's Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Karen Gustin, executive director of the Kentucky Equine Adoption Center, and the late Jim Smith, retired veterinarian and KyEAC board member.

UK Ag Equine Programs launches photography contest

By Sydney Carter

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs announces the launch of its first equine-oriented digital photography contest. Submissions will be accepted Feb. 1 to Feb. 28.

Students, as well as the general public, are encouraged to participate. There are three age divisions and four categories for submissions.

UK Ag Equine Programs is looking for original photographs that capture horses in any discipline as well as any that include horses interacting with people or in a farm landscape setting. Photographs will be submitted online via this [link](#).

Entries are to be judged by a committee of staff, students and skilled photographers from March 1-5. At the conclusion of the contest's entry deadline, each division's top three images will be published on UK Ag Equine Programs' Facebook page for a "People's Choice Award." Votes for the award will be determined by the number of likes that each image receives by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, March 12.

Prizes will be awarded to category winners of each age division as well as the opportunity to be featured in the monthly newsletter, The Wildcat Canter, or other publications through the Ag Equine Programs. For more information regarding the rules and how to enter, visit our [Facebook Page](#) or contact: equine@uky.edu.

UK Equine Industry Advisory Board names new chair

Tom Riddle, one of the two founding veterinarians at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, took the leadership reins at the program's bi-annual board meeting in December. He takes over from Norm Luba, incoming American Quarter Horse Association president and executive director of the North American Equine Ranching Council.



Luba transitions out after more than a decade in the role, where he was instrumental in many of the program's initiatives and successes. Our thanks to both of these industry leaders for their vision and their support.

Norm Luba, left, passes the reins of leadership of UK's Equine Industry Advisory Board to Tom Riddle, right.

WANT TO BE **FEATURED** IN THE WILDCAT CANTER?

A CHANCE TO **WIN** SOME EQUINE SWAG?

**ENTER
THE FIRST
EVER**

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

AG EQUINE PROGRAMS

2021

PHOTO CONTEST

FOLLOW US FOR MORE INFORMATION



@UKEquinePrograms



10th annual Equine Research Showcase underway virtually; talks highlighted in Equine Science Review issues

By Holly Wiemers



University of Kentucky's 10th annual UK Equine Showcase is underway virtually. The event is continuing the life journey theme initiated in 2020 and is emphasizing weanling to yearling horses, presenting both completed and work-in-progress projects relevant to this age group.

Information from the sessions will be covered in the Equine Science Review, with stories about the Jan. 5 musculoskeletal talks featured [here](#). Look to upcoming stories in our February issue on the nutrition and pasture topics as well as parasitology, vaccination immunology and most common causes of mortality for this age group.

Presenting sponsors include BET, Kentucky Performance Products, McCauley's, Merck, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and Tribute Equine Nutrition.

Those interested in attending can still register. Upcoming sessions include:

- Feb. 2, 6-7:30 p.m. EST, will focus on parasitology, vaccination immunology and causes of mortality. Talks will include vaccination, immunity and immune response in weanlings; parasitology as it pertains to weanlings and yearlings; and common causes of mortality in this age group.
- Feb. 9, 6-7:30 p.m. EST will cover hot topics in a mini session format of 10 minutes each, with updates about equine research literature resources at UK, nocardioform placentitis summary from 2020, COVID-19 economic impact and the next equine survey, lab updates, Equine Biological Passport update, genetic diversity project, updates on equine surface research, important parasitology updates and more.

Sessions are available individually, or as a package of four, which includes a recording of the past sessions. There are special rates for farms interested in having multiple employees attend. Students from any university can participate for free. Please contact equine@uky.edu for help in registering for those discounted or free sessions. Continuing education credit for veterinarians and veterinary technicians has been approved by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners. Additionally, CEU credit has been approved for American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-uk-equine-showcase-virtual-event-tickets-123079454963>. Contact equine@uky.edu with questions about the event or with help registering.

January Equine Science Review recap

By Holly Wiemers

The Equine Science Review: highlighting research and outreach efforts at the University of Kentucky is a monthly newsletter from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment that highlights the important equine work happening at the university. UK is home to world-class research and service excellence in equine health, safety, nutrition, pasture and forages, economics, engineering, environmental compliance and many others. Programs at UK offer the depth and breadth of scope fitting its location in the heart of horse country. Have updates delivered to your inbox each month by subscribing to the Review [here](#).

The January issue of the Equine Science Review is [online](#) or can be read in [Issuu](#) . Some highlights of this issue include helmet safety and connection of horseshoes to osteoarthritis issues as a focus for engineering seniors, Gluck equine researcher assists in FDA approvals for COVID-19 testing device, better pasture management and much more!

HIGHLIGHTING RESEARCH
AND OUTREACH EFFORTS AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

JANUARY 2021
ISSUE #0010

EQUINE SCIENCE REVIEW

CA.UKY.EDU/EQUINE
@UKAGEQUINE ON FACEBOOK/TWITTER

HELMET SAFETY, CONNECTION OF HORSE-
SHOES TO OSTEOARTHRITIS ISSUES ARE
UK ENGINEERING SENIORS PROJECTS, 3
Senior design capstone course

10TH ANNUAL EQUINE RESEARCH
SHOWCASE UNDERWAY VIRTUALLY, 5
Event emphasizing weanling to
yearling horses

14TH ANNUAL PASTURES PLEASE!! JAN. 26
FROM 6-7:30 PM EST, 11
Event hosted annually by Central
Kentucky extension agents

AN EQUINE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:
BETTER PASTURE MANAGEMENT, 12
Like many resolutions, it's a year-
long undertaking.

Stories this month include:

- [Helmet Safety and Connection of Horseshoes to Osteoarthritis Issues are Two Focus Areas for UK Engineering Seniors](#)
- [Equine Innovators Podcast Features UK's Dr. Laurie Lawrence on Equine Nutrition Research](#)
- [Gluck Equine Researcher Assists in FDA Approvals for COVID19 Testing Device](#)
- [10th Annual Equine Research Showcase Underway Virtually; Talks Highlighted in This and Upcoming Issues](#)
- [Stanley Covers Bisphosphonates, NSAIDs and Other Meds in the Juvenile Horse at 2021 UK Equine Research Showcase](#)
- [Bone Pathology in Equine Wobbler Syndrome presented at 2021 UK Equine Research Showcase](#)
- [MacLeod Highlights Sesamoid Bone Maturation at 2021 UK Equine Research Showcase](#)
- [UK's Nielsen Secures Another Film Award](#)
- [Extension Agents Host Virtual 14th Annual Pastures Please!! Jan 26](#)
- [An Equine New Year's Resolution: Better Pasture Management](#)
- [Nocardioform White Paper, Video Recordings Released](#)



College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment

UK Saddle Seat Team hosts virtual show

The UK Saddle Seat Team hosted a virtual horse show (via photo submissions) on their Facebook page. The purpose was to engage both team members and outside participants to raise money for the Dance Blue team.

<https://www.facebook.com/uksaddleseatteam>

Leading intercollegiate eventing riders for 2020 include UK's Ryan Keefe, Jackie LeMastus, Madeleine Richards, Hannah Warner

Source: news story Dec. 30, 2020, United States Eventing Association

The United States Eventing Association Intercollegiate Eventing program has steadily gained popularity since its creation in 2014. In 2016, the USEA intercollegiate national leaderboards were introduced and every December, a new set of nationally ranked riders are named.

For 2020, the collegiate riders that took home top honors were Katie Lichten of University of Virginia, **Ryan Keefe of University of Kentucky**, Audrey Sanborn of California Polytechnic State University SLO, Kaley Crosby of Clemson University, Mikayla Kearney of University of Central Florida, Paige Ansaldi of University of Maryland and Jessica Wymbs of University of South Carolina – Aiken.

Ryan Keefe and Audrey Sanborn both finished the year with 17 points. Therefore, they are considered to both be the USEA Preliminary Intercollegiate Rider(s) of the Year. Keefe earned her points by piloting the 7-year-old Thoroughbred gelding Point Nemo (Songandaprayer x Wood Not) to four top-five finishes at the Preliminary level, including a win in the JYOP division at Fair Hill International.

The second-highest ranked collegiate rider at the Intermediate level was a tie between **Jackie LeMastus of the University of Kentucky** and Katherine Delaney of Randolph-Macon College, both with 30 points.

The second-highest ranked Modified intercollegiate rider was **Hannah Warner of the University of Kentucky** with 11 points.

Madeleine Richards of the University of Kentucky was the second-highest ranked intercollegiate rider at the Novice level with 17 points

About the USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Program

The USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Program was established in 2014 to provide a framework within which eventing teams and individual competitors could flourish at universities and col-

leges across the country. The USEA offers a discount of \$25 on annual USEA memberships for current students of universities and colleges registered as Affiliates with the USEA. Many events across the country now offer Intercollegiate Team Challenges where collegiate eventers can compete individually as well as on teams with their fellow students. In Intercollegiate Team Challenges, each rider's score is multiplied by a coefficient appropriate for their level to account for differences in level difficulty and then the individual scores are added together to determine the team score.

Read entire story [here](#).



Ryan Keefe, 2020 Preliminary Intercollegiate Rider of the Year. USEA/Leslie Mintz Photo.



Ag Equine Programs
College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

N212 Ag Sciences Building North
Lexington, KY 40546-0091
Office: (859) 257-2226
equine@uky.edu
www.uky.edu/equine