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## Gene Lyons – a role model for life-long learning

As a young person, I remember thinking about education as a phase of my life that I had to make it through in order to get to do more interesting things. I was well into veterinary school before I started realizing that learning is a life-long endeavor. As a veterinarian, you constantly need continuing education to keep up with the latest and greatest and to specialize in certain disciplines. Now, many years later I find myself in the very epitome of life-long learning: Academia.

As a university faculty member, you are not only involved with teaching and educating others, but you also seek to learn and understand as much as possible about your chosen research area. Since I started working here at the University of Kentucky in 2011, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Dr. Gene Lyons, a world-renowned equine parasitologist. His career at UK started exactly 60 years ago in 1958, and he worked full-time right up until his passing in December 2017.

Dr. Lyons set a remarkable example as a life-long learner. He worked seven days a week, with no exception, and he probably never had a sick day. His workday would start before 6 a.m. by going to the research farm and checking out his beloved research horses. He would then be back at the Gluck building before anyone else would show up. He would spend the day working and typically go home between 8 or 9 p.m. on any given day. He never took vacation. Or rather, his only "vacations" were always work-related trips going to remote islands to study parasites of seals and sea lions.

Dr. Lyons grew up on a small family farm in South Dakota, where he learned the value of hard work from his early childhood. He discovered his passion for parasitology as an undergraduate student at South Dakota State University in the 1950s, and he ended up having a remarkable career within this discipline. His career was driven by a passion for the biology of parasites and an eternal desire to observe, learn and discover. His list of research accomplishments is very long, but includes discovery and description of life cycles of important parasites, testing all dewormer products that ever made it to the market and description and documentation of drug resistance.

During my time working with Dr. Lyons, I had the privilege of observing him interact with students. Even after 60 years, his passion never faded and he was as fascinated by parasites and their biology as ever. So, as we are trying to adjust to a world without Dr. Lyons, we should remember his passion for life-long learning and cherish him as the role model he continues to be for all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. After all, as Dr. Lyons would always say, "You can always learn something new."

*Martin Nielsen*  
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## Furnish to lead UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Alumni Association

By Aimee Nielson

Jonathan Furnish has been named associate director of alumni engagement and communication for the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Alumni Association.

Furnish began working for the college in 2014 as a communications coordinator for the college's alumni association. Furnish is a UK graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in media arts and studies from the College of Communications and Information in 2012.

"I hope to continue the strong traditions already established within the college," he said. "We are known across campus as the leading college alumni association, and I hope to strengthen that notion and to grow our programming even more. We have more than 19,000 alumni spread throughout the country and abroad. It's my goal to successfully engage them all and deepen their connections to the college."

Furnish will continue planning traditional events on campus, across Kentucky and throughout the United States for the college's alumni. He'll also communicate with alumni in various ways through the alumni newsletter and via digital and social media. He is the primary liaison between the association and the college.

"We are thrilled that Jonathan will be carrying on the rich traditions of our college and our alumni association," said Pamela Gray, senior director for the college's Office of Philanthropy and Alumni. "Being part of this office for the past three years gives him an advantage. He really has a love for our alumni and the mission of our college. Jonathan wants all college alumni to feel connected to the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment no matter where they reside."



Photo: Matt Barton, UK Agricultural Communications Specialist





**Paige Schanke, '17**  
**Boehringer Ingelheim,**  
**Animal Health Division**

*By Maddie Regis*

**Where is home for you?**

I am from Neenah, Wisconsin.

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

As a little girl I was love-struck by a black Arabian named Sapphire that belonged to close family friends. After much pleading to my dad, at the age of 8 I was FINALLY formally introduced to American Saddlebreds at the training barn near my house. The day I threw my leg over my first Saddlebred was the day I sold my soul to the horse industry!

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

My career goals before graduation were to work in the equine industry in some capacity of marketing, or management.

**Where are you currently employed?**

I currently work for Boehringer Ingelheim in the Animal Health division.

**What are your current job responsibilities?**

I am a small animal pharmaceutical saleswoman working in a development program for B.I.!

**What led you to this position?**

Many personal connections lead me to my current position, but my love for animals in general ultimately took me in this direction.

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

I am actively involved in the Saddlebred world in Kentucky through Stachowski Farm, under the direction of TJ Santaferria and Foster Roberts. I currently live in Georgia, but I am there as much as possible!

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

The advice I have for current students is to enjoy your time at UK! We have the privilege of being part of an amazing program, and there are so many opportunities within it. Make connections, study hard, and always keep your equine dreams at the forefront of your focus.



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**Rodeo Team**

Last semester was a great semester for the rodeo team. The team had more competing members than ever before. The rodeo team is tirelessly trying to make a name in collegiate rodeo, so it was great to see them compete this last semester. It was also great to see the team come together like a family to cheer members on as they competed at the Murray State Rodeo.

As this semester kicks off, the rodeo team is busy getting ready for its spring rodeos. Competing members will be traveling to East Mississippi Community College, University of Arkansas – Monticello, University of Tennessee – Martin and Northwest Mississippi Community College.

The team is very excited to be helping with the 5th Annual Cowboy Up For A Cure Rodeo at the Kentucky Horse Park. Cowboy Up For A Cure is a non-profit organization that provides funding to benefit children with pediatric cancer. The rodeo team is proud to help as much as it can for such a great organization. The rodeo is set for April 7 and the team is already counting down the days. The last few years the rodeo team not only helped put on the rodeo, but has also competed. The rodeo team hopes you can make it out to the Kentucky Horse Park this spring to cheer us on and pack the house for another successful year.

For more information on the UK Rodeo Team, email [spa227@uky.edu](mailto:spa227@uky.edu).



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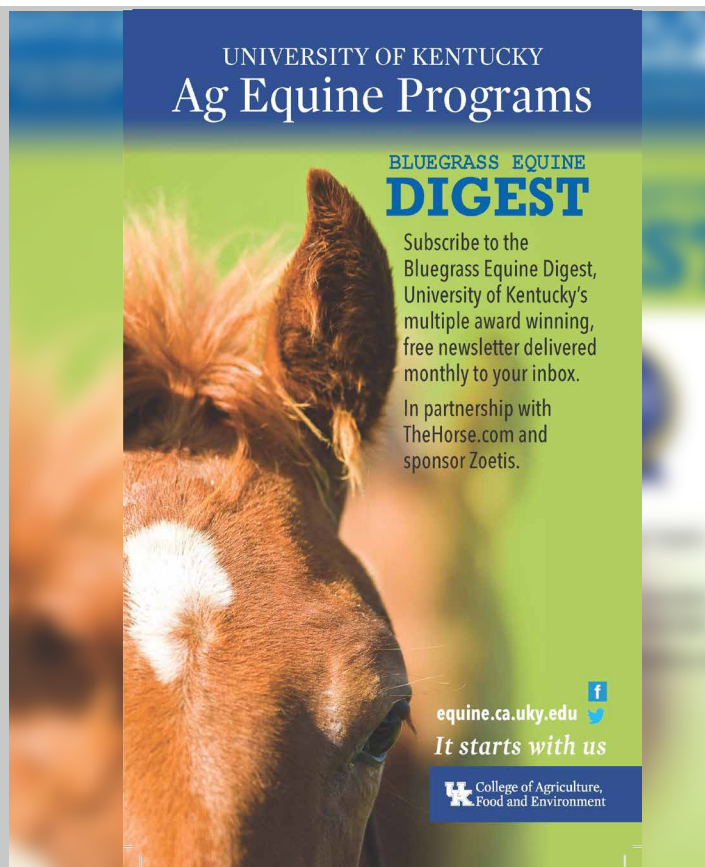


### *Bluegrass Equine Digest*

Check out the January issue of the Bluegrass Equine Digest, a free, monthly electronic newsletter dedicated to providing up-to-date information on equine research from the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in collaboration with TheHorse.com and sponsored by Zoetis.

Click [here](#) to see this month's stories.

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### *Champion University of Kentucky Saddle Seat Team Recognized at US Equestrian Annual Meeting*

The USEF Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Equestrian Team Awards took place January 20 during the President's Luncheon at the U.S. Equestrian Annual Meeting. The University of Kentucky Saddle Seat Team, coached by Stephanie Sedlacko of Wingswept Farm, was the 2017 Intercollegiate Saddle Seat Riding Association Champion Team.

Read the story at <https://www.usef.org/media/press-releases/team-champions-recognized-at-usef-intercollegiate>



From left to right: Sydney Shelton, Mary Virginia Gibbs, Murray Kessler and Samantha Robinson

Photo: Taylor Pence, US Equestrian



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We wish each graduate much success as they venture out into the equine industry.



### **Bennett Baughman**

Originally from Chesterton, Indiana, Baughman chose to come to UK for the exceptional equine science program where she could get her degree in exactly the field she wanted to pursue. She also chose UK to live in the horse capital of the world to network within the equine industry in Lexington.

Her favorite memory at UK was meeting a great variety of fellow horse enthusiasts and learning new things from them.

After graduation, Baughman plans to remain in Lexington and to find a job in sales while hopefully being able to retrain off-the-track Thoroughbreds as well.



## GRADUATE PROFILES

### **Sarah Bernknopf**

Originally from Marietta, Georgia, Bernknopf chose to come to UK because she felt it was one of the best places to study horses, and Lexington had so many opportunities to get involved in the equine industry. She felt having a combination of education and industry experience was extremely valuable.

Her favorite memory was studying abroad in Ireland and getting to learn all about its equine industry.

After graduation, she will be working at The Jockey Club with the Racing Officials Accreditation Program.



### **Caitlin Cooper**

Originally from Springboro, Ohio, Cooper chose UK because it is known for its amazing equine program and is in the horse capital of the world.

Her favorite memory from her time at UK was working as a TA at Maine Chance Farm.

After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in the equine industry while working at a therapeutic riding center.



### **Nicole Feeney**

Originally from San Francisco, California, Feeney chose to study at UK to experience a different part of the equine industry.

She said her favorite memory from her time in college is "...the tears spilt at Willy T."

After graduation, Feeney will be attending graduate school to study ethology.



**Hollis Glowniak**

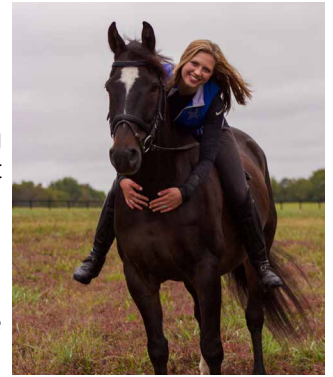
Originally from East China, Michigan, Glowniak chose UK because she wanted to find a college that could combine her love of horses and numbers.

"UK was the only school I visited that had a very strong equine program and accounting program," she said. "In addition, I fell in LOVE with Lexington, as all horse girls do! It has become my new definition of 'home.'"

Glowniak earned a dual degree in Equine Science and Management and Accounting.

Her favorite memory at UK was when she competed at the Intercollegiate Dressage Championships in New Jersey at First Level and placed 10th overall.

After graduation, Glowniak will be working for the United States Equestrian Federation as an accounting support representative.

**Marissa Helling**

Originally from Canton, Georgia, Helling chose UK to study horses and because she got a good scholarship offer from the university.

Her favorite memory from her time at UK was competing on the Intercollegiate Animal Welfare Judging Team.

After graduation, Helling plans to get a CPDT-KA and CBCC-KA certification and become an animal behaviorist.

**Olivia Lowe**

Originally from Lexington, Lowe chose UK because it was her hometown school and it had a great equine program.

Her favorite UK memory is playing with Tad at the farm.

After graduation, she said she plans to take a nap, and then work full time in equine insurance.





## GRADUATE PROFILES

### Emily Mercier

Originally from Boonsboro, Maryland, Mercier came to UK for the equine program.

When asked about her favorite UK memory, she said she couldn't name just one.

"My time at UK has been full of great memories and even better people. I wouldn't trade it for the world," Mercier said.

After graduation, Mercier is going to be a working student for a dressage barn in Mississippi, and plans to attend veterinary school in the future.



### Michaela Yowaiski

Originally from Front Royal, Virginia, Yowaiski fell in love with Lexington after visiting for Club Festival, and chose to attend UK because it offered an equine science degree.

One of her favorite memories at UK was trying to get her truck out of K Lot after Snowpocalypse her freshman year.

After graduation, Yowaiski is headed back to Virginia to be a trainer and barn manager Springs Farm.



### Congratulations to our other graduates as well....

Dakota DeCuffa

Olivia Gould

Rachel Henry

Morgan Reece

Stella Silverman



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## ***UK Ag Equine Programs to host equine showcase, breeders' short course***

By Holly Wiemers

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The Kentucky Breeders' Short Course is an in-depth program on horse management issues and will focus specifically on equine reproduction with presentations from UK faculty, local veterinarians and other experts in the field. The topics will range from nutritional considerations for the broodmare to assessment of stallion semen and recent advancements in diagnosis and management of reproductive diseases. It will run from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 3 with lunch provided.

"University of Kentucky as a land-grant institution has, from its founding, been tasked with engagement with the citizens of the commonwealth and support of Kentucky agriculture," said Mick Peterson, director of UK Ag Equine Programs. "The equine industry plays a unique role in the Kentucky economy, and we are proud to join with our partners within the industry by presenting current research."

"This program continues our commitment to provide the local industry with the latest information on advances in equine theriogenology," said David Horohov, chair of the UK Department of Veterinary Science and director of the Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Theriogenology is the area of veterinary science focused on reproduction.

Both programs are open to veterinarians, owners and managers of all horse breeds or anyone with an interest in learning more about equine reproduction and topics concerning horse management. Continuing education credit for veterinarians and veterinary technicians is pending approval by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners.

UK is also accepting sponsor participation for the event. Display opportunities are available to participating organizations. Please email [equine@uky.edu](mailto:equine@uky.edu) for details.

To register for the event, visit <https://2018ukshowcaseshortcourse.eventbrite.com>. UK Equine Showcase rates are \$50 per person, or \$40 each when two or more people from the same organization register at the same time. Early registration rates for the Kentucky Breeders' Short Course are \$75 per person, or \$65 each when two or more people register at the same time. Attendees can enroll in both the showcase and the short course for \$100 per person, or \$90 each when two or more people from the same organization register. Registration will close Jan. 26.

College students are eligible for a reduced rate to the showcase and short course, but student space is limited and on a first-requested, first-served basis. Students or UK faculty interested in attending either or both days should email [jenny.evans@uky.edu](mailto:jenny.evans@uky.edu). For more details about this event and other information about UK Ag Equine Programs, visit <http://www.ca.uky.edu/equine>.



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