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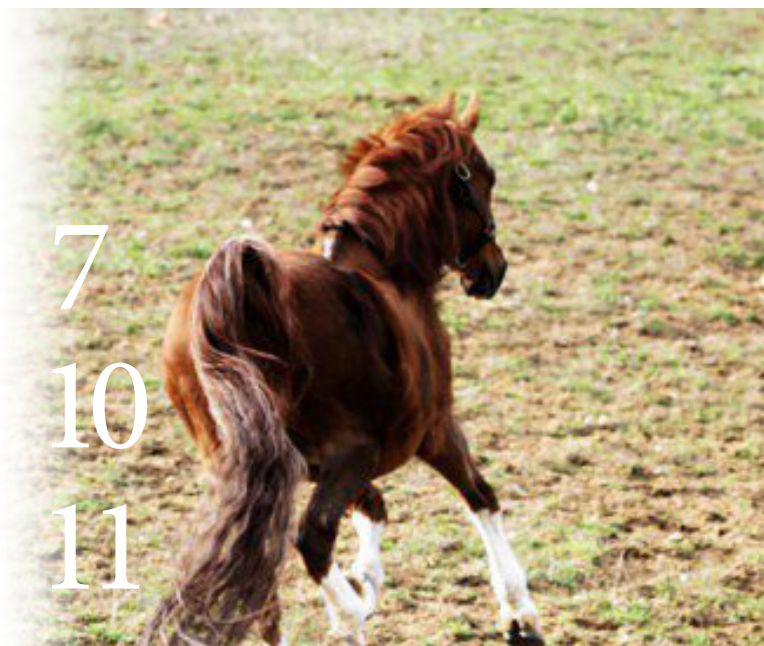
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Welcome

Since I moved to Lexington in 2001, I can't remember more excitement in the Central Bluegrass than October 2015, even considering the World Equestrian Games in 2010. Keeneland is hosting its first Breeders' Cup with the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years, American Pharoah, and the stunningly performing mare Beholder (who sadly was scratched days before the race), not to mention many other talented contenders. Not only that, the Kentucky Horse Park is hosting the National Horse Show and everybody's favorite hitched team, the Budweiser Clydesdales. On top of that, the Horse Park hosted the Retired Racehorse Project, a highly-visible and successful effort to create new careers for retired racehorses. October in the Horse Capital of the World is a dream come true for all horse lovers.

As students, attending UK provides you the richest experiences imaginable for an equine education. One day, you will be in the workplace, in Kentucky and elsewhere. To be optimally prepared, I have a suggestion for you. Learn what drives the events you attend. How do they operate? Who makes the decisions? Where does the money come from? Knowing how things work will help differentiate you and make you a more desirable candidate for that first big job.

I started thinking about how things work when a Lexington friend asked, "What is the Breeders' Cup, really?" It was nice to be able to tell them it is an organization run and driven by horsemen, conceived of by a visionary Bluegrass horseman, John Gaines, in 1984. Today, a board of 13 men and one woman oversee the organization, which collects membership fees from over 48 members. They are a 501(c) (6) organization, not a for-profit company owned by its membership.

What about Keeneland, aka Keeneland Association, Inc.? It is also a not-for-profit company incorporated in 1935, and it is unique in that it is both a Thoroughbred race track and an auction company. Its biggest moneymaker is the sales business, not the racetrack. In fact, it is the world's leading Thoroughbred auction house, and has sold more champions and stakes winners than any other sales company. Its structure includes an executive staff that oversees its operations. Keeneland has an executive team, a board of directors and a board of trustees, who operate the business and oversee substantial philanthropic activities on behalf of the community. Additionally, its affiliated sites include the Thoroughbred Center and Turfway Park.

The Kentucky Horse Park, founded in 1978, is an arm of state government and depends on state appropriations, donations and facility rentals to operate this 1,032-acre park. The CEO and operations staff are state employees, and the Horse Park Commission sets policy. The Commission, as provided by state statute, is composed of 13 members, 11 of whom are appointed by the Governor. Two appointees represent the equine industry and two are active in industry and commerce. Recently, I became the first college dean to be appointed to the Commission.

The Retired Racehorse Project is newer than the others. It was founded in 2010 and has a nine-member board, of which UK Ag Equine Advisory Committee member Glenye Oakford is a member. It depends heavily on fundraising by individuals who are passionate about off-track Thoroughbreds.

Will you work for an organization like this? Better yet, will you create an organization like this? The best place to start is by learning about the people and money that make the place run!

Enjoy your October, but also take some time to learn the story of the events and organizations that make the horse world special. And you will become a more valuable employee in that next job!

*Nancy Cox
Dean, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment*



Upcoming events/deadlines:**Oct. 19- Nov. 13****Advising for 2015 Winter Session & Spring 2016 Semester****Oct. 27- Nov. 1****National Horse Show****Nov.2- Nov. 24****Priority Registration for 2015 Winter Session & Spring 2016 Semester****Nov. 6****Last day to withdraw from a class for academic reasons****Nov. 25-Nov. 28****Holiday-Thanksgiving Break****MASTHEAD****■ Wildcat Canter Editorial Staff**

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Now, as the program celebrates its 10-year anniversary, Pitman is an undergraduate in the Equine Science and Management program. Originally from Alabama, she considers Lexington to be home and plans to remain in the Bluegrass after graduation in December 2015.

Pitman chose Miramonte Equine, owned by dressage rider and trainer Emily Brollier, who happens to be an ESMA alum ('11), as the site of her internship. Previously, her equine experience had been in the western disciplines, cutting and team penning, as well as assisting with an equine rescue in Southern Illinois.

“I wanted to get out of my comfort zone and learn something new,” Pitman said. “I did not know if I would ever have the opportunity to experience the dressage world again.”

Pitman's internship duties included shadowing Brollier to assist with daily activities like preparing feed, grooming, tacking up and cooling down horses after training rides. She watched lessons and worked with clients as well. She was responsible for grooming the horses for shows and sale, and was able to learn what happens behind the scenes in preparation.

“One of the things that I learned the most about was how horses become sport horses. The amount of training and pampering that goes into these horses is amazing,” Pitman said. “The supplements, chiropractic visits and massages that are vital to the function of these dressage horses is remarkable.”

When asked her favorite part of the internship, Pitman said that she enjoyed watching Brollier start young horses. She referenced Brollier's discipline when riding and how quiet and calm she was when teaching new concepts to the horses. Pitman said that seeing Brollier ride a young off-the-track Thoroughbred and then immediately get on her Grand Prix dressage mare was inspiring.

“It was an amazing experience, I do not think that I can put into words all of the things that Emily taught me,” Pitman said. “She gave me a lot of opportunities to interact with clients and ask questions about the horses. The broad scope of things that I was able to learn and experience there astounded me.”

Internships should benefit the supervisor as well as the intern, and Brollier believes that the best experiences come from the personal desire to learn.

“She is one of the most self-motivated students I have been around! She is always helpful, even when she is not prompted,” Brollier said. “Sydney's internship was extremely successful because she came to me with one goal, to learn.”

“I am not sure who was happier whenever I asked how this internship was going, Sydney or Emily,” said Lecturer and Internship Coordinator, Elizabeth LaBonty. “Emily was always such a hard working student and intern that when she had a student like Sydney who was so willing to learn, she really invested in her, and Sydney always has such a great attitude and work ethic. They were just a great team.”

Pitman intends to use the internship experience to drive her future career, including plans to apply for graduate school and pursue her two passions: horses and science.

“The internship showed me what sport horse owners and trainers are looking for in feeds and supplements, and the role that nutrition plays in performance,” Pitman said. “The experience enhanced my passion for research into supplements and feeds.”

After graduation, Pitman plans to utilize the hands-on horse management experience, and apply it to a research job in a nutrition lab, preferably working with microflora in the digestive system.



Wayne Centers announced as new Director of Student Relations

Wayne Centers will be joining the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment on Dec. 1 as the new Director of Student Relations. According to the announcement about his hire, Centers brings a variety of rich experience from his roles in advising, recruiting, student development and residential life.

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The development of the new plan included a lot of people, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, agribusiness, traditional and non-traditional producers, organizations that help families, elected policymakers, state agencies, community leaders and many more.

More than 1,830 Kentuckians participated in the strategic planning process in 15 listening sessions throughout the state, as well as one-on-one sessions with government leaders and stakeholders. The new CAFE strategic plan, which will guide our college through 2020, is available for your review at <http://strategicplan.ca.uky.edu>. The next step will be the formation of action teams that will implement plans to meet each of the six strategic goals.

I am confident this forward-thinking plan will fulfill our vision of building on the legacy of the land-grant promise of educational excellence and civic leadership, transformational research, and shared knowledge serving the common good.

As we celebrate the legacy of 150 years of UK, itself founded as an agriculture and engineering school, we are proud to also announce this collective great leap forward for the college to the many visitors we will have during our annual Ag Round-up. I hope to see you at one of the many activities we will have this week and I hope you will join me in embracing our new strategic plan, the guide for our future that builds on our legacy and also strengthens our culture--Building our Future on the Land-Grant Legacy: Strategic Plan 2015-2020.

Sincerely,
Nancy Cox, Dean

Setting her sights 26.2 miles high

Sarah Brookbank
Source: KyKernel

After years of training and running thousands of miles, a UK student will be running through the streets of Boston this spring.

Meet Kelsey Drew, an equine science senior who began running four years ago and said her competitiveness drove her to run more than just a 5k.

Drew will join elite runners from across the world to run the 2016 Boston Marathon.

"When I ran my first marathon, I was worried about even finishing," said Drew, but despite her worries, she finished "sub 4," or under four hours.

The time wasn't good enough for Drew. She realized if she wanted to run the Boston Marathon, she would need to qualify.

Drew set her sights on training harder to make the qualifying time for women aged 18-34, which is 3 hours and 35 minutes - 10 minutes faster than her first marathon time.

To read the entire story, visit <http://kykernel.com/2015/10/26/110086/>.

Student Professionalism Series

Elizabeth A. LaBonty

The University of Kentucky Equine Science and Management Undergraduate Degree Program strives to not only educate you about equine science, but also to prepare you for your future career. Part of this preparation includes classroom guest lectures, hands on labs, requiring an internship before you graduate, exposing you to numerous industry related careers and, most recently, we have added a series called the Student Professionalism Series to the Wildcat Canter. The Student Professionalism Series will offer insights and tips to help you effectively prepare for, find, apply to and obtain the career of your choice. This month, we will discuss the importance of dreaming big.

If you don't know where you are going, you might end up some place else. – Yogi Berra

It's finally here! After more than a year of planning, hoping, meeting, recruiting and then doing it all over again, the Breeders' Cup is here. The best of the best are here at Keeneland to compete, and in reflecting on this event, I can't help but think about what it takes to become the best.

Being the best doesn't happen overnight. I bet if you were to interview every trainer, every jockey, every owner and breeder at the Breeders' Cup, not one of them would attribute their success up to luck. None of them would tell you they ended up at the top by accident. Instead they would each likely tell you stories of the ups and downs and risks taken along the way. They would probably share stories of worry and fear, countless nights awake and thankless hours invested to get them right where they are. So what can we learn from the elite in any sport or competition?

Be the best right where you are.

You can't spend a life being mediocre and somehow end up at the top. Make a decision today to be the best wherever you are. The best student, the best intern, the best employee, the best friend, the best you can at everything you do. As a student you are laying the foundation for your future. Commit today not just to give 100 percent to the things you enjoy but also in the menial tasks of day-to-day life. The best predictor of future performance is the past, so what you do today will show your employers, your friends, your professors, your trainers and others what you are capable of tomorrow.

Invest in your goals.

An investment is not a here-today, gone-tomorrow kind of a thing. Investments consist of small deposits over time that result in big payouts. You might spend six hours studying non-stop right before a big exam, but it won't compare to what you would have learned had you invested 20 minutes every day. Decide what you want in the future and invest small amounts of time towards that goal every day. You won't reap the benefits right now, but when you do, you will be so glad you invested the time.

Try by investing 20 or 30 minute blocks of time at first. If it's your career, read a magazine, journal article or blog by someone in your industry of interest every day. If it's the people in your life, spend 20 uninterrupted minutes asking them how they are, thanking them for all that they do for you and telling them how important they are to you. If it's your health, commit to spending 30 minutes a day exercising to get in shape. If it's your education, invest small amounts of time keeping up on your courses every day. Whatever it is that matters to you, don't overlook the opportunity to get the very most out of it by investing your most valuable resource – your time – right now.

Choose your circle wisely.

Who you surround yourself with has a tremendous impact on your life. Chose to be around people who challenge you to be better, people who want the best for you and people who are willing to say the things that no one else will say. The ones who are there when things get hard are rare, but they are also among God's greatest blessings.

Whatever you do, don't settle for average in any aspect of your life. Working for people at the top of their game can be difficult; often they demand perfection and their daily aspiration of excellence every day can be exhaustive. But it's worth it. Work for people you want to learn from and you will walk away with more than you realize.

In the days and weeks ahead, look around you. Find people who are not only doing what you want to do, but also doing it well. Learn what makes them different and imitate it in your own life. Dream big, work towards your goals every day and surround yourself with people who want the best for you. One day soon it might just be you in the winner's circle, crossing the finish line first or the proud owner of a worldclass horse.



Equine Science and Management Alumni Profile

Jake Memolo, '14

Pedigree Assistant at Shadwell Estate



Memolo with Irish National Stud stallion Worthadd

Where is home for you?

Northbrook, Illinois

How did you first become involved in the horse industry?

In 2001, and it was on a fan basis. I was 9 and I loved (still do) a horse named Point Given. The horse bug bit me then.

What were your career goals before graduation?

There were really a number, but when it gets down to it, I wanted to become a bloodstock agent. But I wanted to go down that path the right way, and I feel as though everything I have done to this point will go towards helping me reach that goal in the future.

Where are you currently employed?

I am currently employed by Shadwell Estate at their English base, Nunnery Stud.

What led you to this position?

I would say that my work at the Irish National Stud helped me obtain this position. However, none of that would have been possible without the University of Kentucky. Most importantly, I think it is the positive influence from professors within Ag Equine. They help you not only become the best business professional you can be, but most of all, the best person you can be.

What are your current job responsibilities?

My job title is Pedigree Assistant. The position entails pedigree research, sales research and data compilation, and keeping tabs on our horses in training. Otherwise, it's anything the boss asks me to do!

How are you currently involved in the horse industry?

Primarily as an assistant in the office at Shadwell, but I would still call myself a student. The best part of the horse industry is that you can learn something new every day.

What advice do you have for current equine students?

If there was one thing I would say, it would be to put yourself out there as much as possible. Become involved in many different facets of the industry to figure out where you see yourself fitting in best. Don't be afraid to apply for the openings that Ms. LaBonty sends out in her emails: it is how I got my first job in Lexington! It is a fantastic industry and there are many people who are willing to help you out.



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

Holly Wiemers

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs will host the 5th Annual UK Equine Showcase and the 7th Annual Kentucky Breeders' Short Course Jan. 29-30, both at the Fayette County Extension Office, 1140 Red Mile Place, in Lexington.

The UK Equine Showcase will highlight the university's current equine programs and relevant industry findings, focusing specifically on the equine athlete. It will run from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Jan. 29.

The Kentucky Breeders' Short Course is an in-depth program on equine reproduction and horse management issues. It will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 30, with lunch provided.

"I very much look forward to the upcoming showcase and its focus on exercise and the performance horse," said David W. Horohov, chair of the Department of Veterinary Science and director of the Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

"The program will highlight some of the ongoing research efforts and provide a preview of a developing programmatic emphasis in this area. Likewise, the breeders' short course will provide the latest information on research as it relates to the various aspects of equine reproduction. Together, both topics encompass important aspects of equine health and well-being," he said.

"I always anticipate this educational event, which continues to grow in popularity," said Jill Stowe, director of UK Ag Equine Programs and associate professor in agricultural economics. "The sessions really highlight the breadth and depth of expertise found at UK."

Topics and speakers for the UK Equine Showcase include:

- The use of bisphosphonates in horses (Tildren and OsPhos): Laura Kennedy, assistant professor, UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
- Our current understanding of navicular disease from pathology to therapeutic options: Jennifer Janes, assistant professor, UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
- 2-year-old in training sales – breeze times, sales prices and racetrack performance: Stowe
- Gene expression as an aid in training racehorses: Horohov
- Equine sports science initiative: James MacLeod, John S. and Elizabeth A. Knight chair and professor of veterinary science, Gluck Equine Research Center
- Understanding the equine digestive system: Laurie Lawrence, professor, Department of Animal and Food Sciences
- Prevention of horse-related injuries to humans: Fernanda Camargo, associate professor, Department of Animal and Food Sciences

Topics for the Kentucky Breeders' Short Course include:

- Identification and treatment of high risk pregnancies: Barry Ball, Albert G. Clay Endowed Chair in Equine Reproduction and professor, Gluck Equine Research Center
- Assessing the foal and placenta at birth: Peter Morresey, veterinarian, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital
- Development of the foal's immune system: Horohov
- The what, why and how of measuring progestins in pregnant mares: Ball
- Abnormal estrous cycles: Alex Esteller-Vico, assistant professor, Gluck Equine Research Center
- Evaluation of the problem mare: Karen Wolfsdorf, veterinarian, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute
- Equine herpes virus-1: Udeni Balasuriya, professor, Gluck Equine Research Center
- Endocrine evaluation of the stallion: Esteller-Vico
- Leptospirosis: Craig Carter, director, of UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
- Management of the subfertile stallion: Charles Scoggin, veterinarian, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital

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 for details.

To register for the event, visit <http://2016ukshowcaseshortcourse.eventbrite.com>. Early bird registration rates last until Jan. 4. UK Equine Showcase early bird 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 \$100 per person, or \$90 each when two or more people register at the same time. Attendees can enroll in both the showcase and the short course for \$125 per person, or \$115 each when two or more people from the same organization register. Registration will close Jan. 16. College students are eligible for a reduced rate to the showcase and short course, but student designated 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. For more details about this event and other information about UK Ag Equine Programs, visit <http://www.ca.uky.edu/equine>.

Rider safety program releases new booklet on safe return to riding

Holly Wiemers

UK HealthCare, in partnership with University of Kentucky colleges of Agriculture, Food and Environment and Public Health and in conjunction with nearly 50 community, equine and medical organizations, has released a new educational booklet within the Saddle Up Safely educational partnership.

“Safe Return to Riding” covers topics that include what to do immediately after an accident, preparing for an injury, and returning to riding after a significant injury or long illness. It contains a newly developed equestrian injury and concussion assessment tool and gives information about calories burned during 30 minutes of activity, safety and helmets.

The booklet was written by members of the Saddle Up Safely Auxiliary, a group of volunteers passionate about rider safety issues who serve to help create and disseminate the campaign’s educational messages.

“The auxiliary regularly met to discuss and debate each safety point to ensure the recommendations were grounded in good horsemanship and were realistic,” said Bill Gombeski, senior advisor, Office of the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at UK HealthCare and Saddle Up Safely leader. “I really appreciate their dedication and vision.”

Auxiliary member and longtime core member of the campaign, Fernanda Camargo, an equine extension professor within UK’s Department of Animal and Food Sciences, shared what it meant to her to return to riding and why she felt the booklet was helpful.

“I was a little anxious to return to riding after having a child. But I did it slowly; I used a horse that I trusted; and I leaned on the solid equitation foundation I had built throughout the years,” she said “Those three elements together ensured I returned to riding successfully and gave me the confidence to start on new riding challenges.”

Saddle Up Safely was launched as a partnership in 2009 in advance of the 2010 World Equestrian Games in response to the number of riders admitted to UK’s Chandler emergency department. The national campaign aims to increase awareness and to educate riders about riding and horse handling safety. The campaign’s ultimate goal is to reduce the number and severity of rider injuries and to help make a great sport safer.

“Saddle Up Safely is an example of the type of collaborative effort that a land-grant institution strives for; it involves a number of colleges and draws on the expertise of industry participants to produce an educational product beneficial to the entire equine industry,” said Jill Stowe, director of UK Ag Equine Programs.

Statistics underscore the need for increased safety awareness. According to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System’s 2014 estimates, millions of people ride horses each year, generating approximately 50,688 emergency room visits, with more than 16.6 percent of those being admitted to the hospital.

While motorcycle riders experience a serious injury approximately every 7,000 hours of riding, horseback riders experience one nearly every 350 hours, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is estimated that one in five equestrians will be seriously injured during their riding careers. Novice riders, especially children and young adults, are eight times more likely to suffer a serious injury than professional equestrians.

The campaign features several tools to inform and educate, including a series of informational brochures; an interactive website featuring safety tips and stories from injured riders as well as Camargo’s horse rider safety blog; continuing education opportunities for medical personnel and first responders; education-based programs and an auxiliary comprised of volunteers.

To visit the campaign website, read one of several booklets, share tips about experiences involving horse and rider safety or to read the blog, go to <http://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/SaddleUp/>.

For a copy of the safe return to riding booklet, visit http://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/uploadedFiles/about/Community_New/Programs/Saddle_Up/Publications/saddle-up-safely-safe-return-to-riding.pdf.



Passing of Lisa Slone Cox

Lisa Slone Cox, wife of Alan Wesley Cox, died Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. She was the daughter of Don and Marie Oakes Slone. Lisa was a 1986 graduate of Tates Creek High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Kentucky, where she received her B.A. in communications and was a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority.

Lisa was a 19-year employee of UK and served as the Scholarship Coordinator in the Office of Academic Programs for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE). She oversaw the complex process of coordinating and awarding \$650,000 in CAFE scholarships annually to several hundred students. She was also the event planner for the scholarship luncheon. This remarkable event brings together donors, students, family members and faculty for a celebration of excellence. With approximately 800 guests, Lisa always made this happen flawlessly. She was also the staff advisor to CAFE Student Council and helped the Executive Council manage student-led events throughout the year. The CAFE students saw her as a key advisor on not only how to manage events, but also how to “do life” as she was often a second “campus Mom” to many of them as they negotiated the transition to adulthood. She was especially encouraging to students who came to her with personal or academic issues. Often by simply listening, or by providing a few words of encouragement, Lisa was able to help struggling students re-engage and find a way forward.



In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to: Lisa Slone Cox Scholarship, E.S. Good Barn 1451 University Drive, Lexington, KY 40546-0097 or UK Markey Cancer Foundation, 800 Rose Street Roach Bldg-CC160, Lexington, KY 40536-0091.



Bluegrass Equine Digest

Check out the October 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. This month's stories can be found at http://www.thehorse.com/enews/bluegrass-equine-digest/PDF/BED-Oct2015.pdf?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm_campaign=10-25-2015

- Novel Deworming Principles
- Broodmare Nutrition
- EEE Update
- New Booklet on Safe Return to Riding

Clubs and teams

Dressage and Eventing

The Blue Ribbon Jumper Show on Oct. 9 was successful; we had a fantastic turnout and enjoyed hosting a fun and relaxed show.

We had several team members compete in Octoberfest at the Kentucky Horse Park on Oct. 17 & 18. Congratulations to Kimmy Cecere, Renata Petraitis and Corrine Smith who each won their divisions. UKDET will also be represented at the Hagyard Midsouth Three-Day Event at the Kentucky Horse Park on Oct. 23-25, with a total of three teams entered. Lastly, we are happy to announce the 2015 Intercollegiate Dressage Association team members: Rebekkah Flanagan, Hollis Glowniak, Olivia Gould, Renata Petraitis, Anna Robinson and Trish Smith. Their first competition will be at Otterbein University the last weekend of October.

Horse Racing Club

The Horse Racing Club had a great time at Three Chimneys Farm for our October field trip. Our October Horse Racing Club meeting was held Wednesday, Oct. 21 in the Alumni Gallery of the William T. Young Library. Our speaker for this meeting was Matt Hogan. Matt, a UK graduate, is a co-owner of Blackwood Stables. Blackwood Stables specializes in breaking, training and rehabilitating Thoroughbreds.”

R.E.A.D. Club

Our next meeting will be Nov. 10 in Ag north room N10 at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you all there! Remember to check out our Facebook page for the most up to date information.



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Hunter Pace Q & A

Q Do you need a jumping horse to ride in the Hunter Pace?

A No; all types and breeds of horses can negotiate the Pace. There are divisions for jumping and non-jumping teams plus a special division for those folks who love to trail ride!

Q Do I need fancy Hunting clothes and tack?

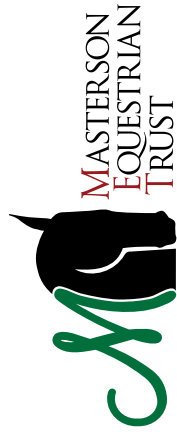
A Nope! You are welcome to come dressed in Hunt attire but casual attire is fine as well. Some participants will dress in costumes just for fun!

Q What if it rains? Will the Pace be cancelled?

A Since Foxhunts take place rain or shine, the Hunter Pace will take place rain or shine.



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Two animal science students, Hannah Herzing and Austin Horstman, traveled to Australia this past summer with Fernanda Camargo, Elizabeth LaBonty and several Equine Science and Management students. Below is an article they wrote about their experience that was published in the *Australian Stock Horse Journal* <http://www.ashs.com.au/journal/>.



Kentucky students visit National Show

Article by: Hannah Herzing

On a recent equine study trip to Australia, I was fortunate enough to have a tour of the Australian Equine and Livestock Centre (AELEC). It was a great privilege to meet David Gatwood, General Manager for the Australian Stock Horse Society.

At first I thought the Australian Stock Horse was the same as the American Quarter Horse. I soon learned, however, that the Australian Stock Horse is the most versatile horse. They have an excellent temperament, do well in working environments, and also exceed in being patient. This allows them to be involved in a variety of disciplines.

It was evident that the people working at the Australian Stock Horse Society did not want their horses to be mistaken for an American Quarter Horse. The horses are designed to look like a model horse statue "Stan". They are not huge in size, but rather a more moderate composition styled horse. The Australian Stock Horse is known to be "draft and ready". The disciplines the horses are asked to complete when taking part in the ASHS National Show include Futurity classes such as led classes, working classes, and time trial. There is also a campdrafting component that is offered in Maturity standing.

The campdrafting component seemed to be the most prized or proud discipline that is completed during the Show. Campdrafting involves teamwork, with both rider and horse having to separate the beast from the herd and complete a certain figure eight pattern. This must be done as quick as possible and, if some steps are not done within 40-45 seconds, the judge will crack his/her whip which means the competitor is finished. This sport has come to be known as the most popular sport in all of Australia.

Touring AELEC allowed us to see just how important the Australian Stock Horse is. It opened my mind to learning more about this breed, such that this breed has been represented in the Olympics. Since the temperament of these horses is very good, children are now getting highly involved with these animals. Also, because of the membership that the ASHS has, as long as one pays the membership they are free to take part in the disciplines without having to qualify. At the most recent Show, there was 420 riders and 736 horse entries. The Society does not dictate where the horses come from and offers a warm welcome to both experienced and new entries.

Overall, I appreciated the hybrid vigor and doing ability of the Australian Stock Horse. This breed enables people of all ages to come together to compete in a variety of disciplines. The temperament, hard work ethic, and stature of the horse has evolved to become the versatile Breed for Every Need. 🐾

Article by: Austin Horstman

When initially visiting the AELEC, our group from the University of Kentucky did not expect to see or learn half or even a quarter of everything that we did. Although the event taking place was in its last day on that Saturday, everyone saw and learned more than I could keep up with while taking notes. AELEC is a \$30 million facility that opened in 2009 to serve as the home facility for a majority of the Australian Stock Horse Society events as well as other livestock events. Walking through and around the facility, it could easily be seen that the needs of workers, owners, and horses were thought of when this facility was built.

From the arena itself with the large show ring, to the outside stalls, practise rings, and Campdraft arena, only one problem was found. Although there were three large barns, the facility needed to place temporary stalls in one of the smaller show rings due to the overwhelming desire of Members to partake in events at the AELEC. The main ring was large so that spectators could be comfortable while walking around or watching shows with areas set aside along the main walking area for vendors to set up and sell merchandise. There were plenty of rings and areas outside for trainers and riders to practise, with even more area to grow. AELEC includes everything anyone involved with the horse industry could want and it was easy to see why the demand for the centre has grown to catch the eye of other livestock groups to want to hold events there.

Through everything we saw though, I enjoyed learning about the sport of campdrafting the most. While standing in the ring with the intricacies of it being described to us, I could see why the sport has become so popular. This sport incorporates many different disciplines and really tests the rider and horse to be as similar as possible in order to score well. The horse has to show the urge to want to cut, camp, and draft the steer as much as the rider and doing all of this in a constrained time limit increases the difficulty and excitement of the event.

General Manager David Gatwood escorted our group around the facility, staying with us through the entirety of our time there. Not only this, but every person we met at AELEC met us with the same hospitality, taking time to enthusiastically share with our group their specific involvement with AELEC and the ASHS. The ASHS is similar to the American Quarter Horse Association, but I enjoyed that the ASHS made their competitions and events open to every Member with no qualifying events. This makes it more enticing for Members to partake in competitions and want to come from all around to AELEC for events. Overall our experience at AELEC, and with everyone there, is one I will always remember and hope to be a part of again. 🐾