

Wildcat Canter



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UK Equine Initiative
Student Newsletter

Fall is advancing and midterms are just around the corner.

We hope you've settled into your classes for this semester and have had an opportunity to take advantage of some of the social and educational activities the College and the University have to offer. Classes aren't only in full swing, but clubs and organizations are already planning events, activities, holding meetings and competing in shows. It isn't too late to get involved. Make sure you take advantage of all the opportunities to participate in clubs and organizations in and around UK's campus. Enjoy the fall weather and good luck on midterms!

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Equine Initiative News

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Congratulations to the UK Equestrian Team on its outstanding accomplishments at the team's first Western show of the year, hosted by Midway College.

Morning Show Achievements

Reserve High Point Rider- Molly Peyton

First Place Winners:

Jessica Harbour- Alumni Horsemanship

Savannah Craddock – Alumni Reining

Afternoon Achievements

High Point Team – University of Kentucky

High Point Rider- Emily Gaskin

Reserve High Point Rider- Molly Peyton

First Place Winners:

Emily Gaskin- Open Horsemanship

Molly Peyton- Open Reining

Megan Carter- Alumni Horsemanship

Savannah Craddock- Alumni Reining

Claire Knox- Novice Horsemanship

Breanne Wilson- Intermediate Horsemanship



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The next Western show will be held on Nov. 1, 2008, at Ohio State University.

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Equine Clubs Upcoming Events

Horse Racing Club

On Friday Oct. 24, the club will be going on a tour of Adena Springs Farm in Paris, Ky. The tour will in the afternoon but there has been no specific time set. If you have any questions or would like to attend please contact team president Katey Caddell at katey.caddell@uky.edu.

Equestrian Team

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Dressage Team

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Horse Judging Team

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Polo Club

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UK Equine Initiative and KEEP partner on statewide tour to introduce new equine faculty

By: Holly Wiemers

LEXINGTON, Ky. (Oct. 15, 2008) – The University of Kentucky Equine Initiative and Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) have partnered to introduce some of UK's newest equine faculty to residents across the Commonwealth through its "UK New Faces Tour."

The tour will kick off October 21 in Lexington on the UK campus and finish up November 25 in Elizabethtown. In between, UK's newest equine faculty – and in some cases established faculty in new roles – will make stops in London, Benton, Northern Kentucky, Morehead and Bowling Green.

This tour has been several years in the making. In March 2005, UK's College of Agriculture set out to better serve Kentucky's multi-breed horse industry by building on the University's strong tradition of excellence in equine research, instruction and service and to enhance the Commonwealth's well-deserved status as the "Horse Capital of the World."

UK's College of Agriculture held listening sessions across Kentucky as the Equine Initiative was forming to get a sense of what residents of the state wanted and needed from an equine program at Kentucky's flagship university. Participants overwhelmingly responded that it was important that UK greatly enhance its equine programs. The direction of the Equine Initiative was largely shaped through these sessions and the upcoming tour provides the opportunity for UK to share what's been put into place as a result of that input.

Faculty who will be participating in the New Faces Tour include Jamie MacLeod, Equine Initiative Director; Bob Coleman, associate director for undergraduate education in equine science and management and extension horse specialist; Fernanda Camargo, new faculty member in Animal and Food Sciences who is an Extension Specialist with a focus on the youth program and also teaching in the new undergraduate program; Mary Rossano, a new faculty member in Animal and Food Sciences who is teaching in the new undergraduate program and will be conducting research in epidemiology; Ed Squires, new director of advancement and industry relations for the Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center and executive director of the Gluck Equine Research Foundation; Jill Stowe, new faculty member in Agricultural Economics who will teach and conduct research on issues related to the equine industry; and Kristine Urschel, a new faculty member in Animal and Food Sciences who will teach in the new undergraduate program and conduct nutrition research. Locations were chosen in regions across Kentucky based on facilities available and relative ease of travel to each location.

Each of the events will occur from 6-8 p.m. Locations and dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, Oct. 21, E.S. Good Barn on UK's campus
- Thursday, Oct. 23, Laurel County Extension Office in London
- Thursday, Oct. 30, Marshall County Extension Office in Benton
- Monday, Nov. 3, in conjunction with the Northern Kentucky Horse Network meeting in Kenton County
- Tuesday, Nov. 11, on the Morehead campus
- Tuesday, Nov. 18, Warren County Extension Office in Bowling Green
- Tuesday, Nov. 25, Hardin County Extension Office in Elizabethtown

"Expanding equine programs means attracting new leaders to teach and conduct programs of quality and relevance to the horse industry. In consultation with UK students and our industry-wide stakeholders, we have added valued team members in animal nutrition, animal epidemiology, 4-H, agricultural economics, pathology and toxicology," said Nancy Cox, Associate Dean for Research in the College of Agriculture and primary administrative contact for the Equine Initiative. "Our faculty are motivated to conduct first class research, teaching and extension programs that support the well-being and economic value of the horse. Our programs reach across the state and address all horse owners."

The mission of the Equine Initiative is to discover, share and apply new knowledge that will enhance the health, performance and management of horses commensurate with the signature status of Kentucky's horse industry. It is an overarching framework for all equine programs at UK and employs a cross-disciplinary approach that has resulted in enhancements to existing equine programs and the formation of new equine areas of emphasis.

One of the most tangible of these enhancements was the formation of an undergraduate degree program. The Equine Science and Management degree program is now in its second year and has attracted more than 120 undergraduate students to UK.

Also since its inception, the Equine Initiative has enhanced equine research programs, expanded outreach programs to address equine issues of interest to Kentucky's youth and adults, established new partnerships with other equine organizations and universities, began building new facilities on the Maine Chance Equine Campus and hired more equine focused faculty and staff.



Student Spotlight



UK Student Greg Heideman serves U.S. citizens while serving the UK community as well

Major: Equine Management with a minor in agricultural economics

Hometown: Petersburg, Ky.

Age: 20

Year: Junior

Why did you choose UK and Equine Science and Management? I chose UK because it is close to home and I have been a UK fan my whole life. I chose ESM because I have been surrounded by horses for the majority of my life and love working with them.

What is your involvement in the military, and why did you decide to join? I am currently a reservist in the United States Army. I decided to join because I wanted to serve my country and give back to all the people who have served before me.

How has the process been so far? It has been the experience of a lifetime. It has taken a lot of time away from doing other things I love doing, but it is all worth it.

What is your involvement in horses? I go to horse shows when I can, mostly Saddlebred shows, but being away from home and busy with school keeps me from staying too involved.

Involvement in the College or on UK's campus? I am currently a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, a member of Ag Student Council and I work for UK's plant and soil science department on the farm crew.

What are some of your future plans? I may switch to active duty Army after graduation. I may also choose to immediately look for a job in the horse industry.

Do you want to continue to work with horses? Yes, I would like to continue to work with horses and if I choose to go straight into the horse industry after graduation, I intend to look for a farm management job close to home.

What are some of your hobbies? Hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and hanging out with friends

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Heideman with his parents in Spring 2008

Industry News

Kentucky Derby Festival Princess

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

Please visit www.kdf.org for more information about the Derby Festival Princesses, the 2009 application and the history of the Kentucky Derby Festival.

Requirements:

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

Judges will consider the following:

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

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCT. 20, 2008

For any questions, please contact:

Myrian Argüello Bodner, Vice President of The Fillies, Inc., (502) 895-6800, myrianf@aol.com

To learn more about the program from a Princess' point of view, feel free to contact: Christin Herbst, 2008 Kentucky Derby Festival Princess, cnherbst@uky.edu

TOBA offers special student membership rate

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) is proud to announce the addition of a student-level membership.

To be eligible for student membership, students must submit proof of enrollment in the form of a course schedule or a letter from the registrar. Student members will enjoy the same benefits as traditional TOBA members including a subscription to the Blood-Horse Magazine, entry to most racetracks throughout the U.S., discounted pricing at seminars and clinics, the TOBA membership directory and much more. More

importantly, membership dues support TOBA's programs that work on behalf of owners and breeders in the Thoroughbred industry. Student membership is available at a discounted annual membership fee.

"The TOBA student membership is designed to educate and inform the next generation of owners and breeders. As an industry we must cultivate new owners and breeders in order for our sport to continue," said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA.

If you're interested in joining TOBA please contact Allison Parks at aparks@toba.org or 859-276-2462

SEE BLUE Day at Keeneland

Join fellow UK students, faculty, staff, alumni and the rest of big blue nation for "see blue." Day at Keeneland this Friday, October 17.

The festivities begin at 11 a.m. at Keeneland's Entertainment Center with free food, soft drinks and a highlight film of the best of UK Football action. Register for great door prizes including UK/Keeneland gift baskets filled with logo merchandise and autographed items, betting vouchers and more.

At 11:30 a.m., join the cheerleaders, dance team, pep band and fans for a big blue pep rally with Tim Couch, Craig Yeast and other former UK greats from the 1998 Wildcat football team.

The fun will continue throughout the day with live racing at Keeneland beginning at 1:10 p.m. General admission is \$3. Students, faculty, staff and alumni will be admitted FREE with their student, faculty/staff, or alumni association membership card. All pep rally attendees also receive free general admission and access to reserved grandstand seating. (Faculty and staff who are unable to attend "see blue." Day at Keeneland, because of work commitments, will receive free admission on Sunday, October 19, with their valid UK ID card.)

Wear your UK blue and show your UK pride at "see blue." Day at Keeneland as the Cats prepare for a big Homecoming battle with the Arkansas Razorbacks on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Scholarships

Approaching scholarship deadlines:

The Race for Education has numerous scholarship deadlines approaching. Please visit their website www.racingscholarships.com to see if you qualify.

Equine Club Directory

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Polo Club

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Job Opportunities Continued

Taylor Made Sales is looking for students for either six- or 12-month internships. These include housing and weekly paychecks. The next season starts in January and the deadline for those to submit applications is this month. For more information please visit the intern website at **www.taylor-madesales.com/team/pages/interns**.

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

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

Job Opportunities

Help Wanted Classifieds:

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

UK students wanted for foaling and yearling preparation at horse farm in Versailles. The yearlings will be sold at the November and January sales. If you are interested in this position, please contact Tammy Barnes at (cell) 859-221-1940 or (home) 859-879-3652.

The Equine Reproduction Laboratory at Colorado State University is offering one breeding farm internship beginning Jan. 1, 2009. All applicants should have recently completed a Bachelor's degree in Equine Science, Animal Science or a related discipline. It is a non-degree program. Salary and on-site housing will be provided. If you are interested in participating, please visit **www.cvmb.colostate.edu/bms/erl** or call 970-491-5621.