

UK Equine Initiative Student Newsletter

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Welcome to the second issue of a newsletter for students and potential students interested in all things equine at the University of Kentucky! UK has a lot to offer if you're interested in horses – and even more is coming soon!

From a new undergraduate program and enhanced research to new faculty hires and upgraded facilities, there hasn't been a more exciting time to be part of the UK College of Agriculture and its equine programs.

This publication is a work in progress and will ultimately have its own visual identity. Its identity and look will be a result of your feedback. The Equine Initiative is currently in the process of a major enhancement of its communications efforts. We will be launching newsletters and revamping the Equine Initiative website in an effort to offer you more relevant and timely information. We will offer information specific to students, faculty, staff and a wide range of stakeholders from Kentucky's equine industry. We are looking to you to help us constantly evaluate the information we provide. What are we missing? What should we change? What would you like to know more about? What are some great story ideas? We also have a group on Facebook, so if you'd prefer to receive information that way, please request to join the Equine Initiative Group. And, we are looking for a name. Since we're running out of good ideas (they all seem to be taken!) – and we know that our students, faculty and staff can be creative geniuses, we are offering a \$50 gift certificate to a Lexington restaurant of your choice if you submit the newsletter name that is ultimately chosen.

Email equineinitiative@email.uky.edu with your ideas.

The deadline for a name is Dec. 15, 2007.

So pull up a chair (or a laptop) and read more about what's going on. We welcome any feedback you might have and look forward to communicating with you every month! And don't forget to submit your great name ideas so this newsletter can begin to take on its identity!



Serving Kentucky's horse industry through research and education

University of Kentucky Equine Initiative

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The image shows a dark blue horse lying on a bed of straw. The horse is wearing a blue blanket with white text that reads "EQUINE INITIATIVE". The background is a dark blue gradient with white text.

Equine Initiative Highlights

UK Horse Judging Team Places In Top Five at Morgan National Horse Show



Team at Morgan National Horse Show with ribbons. From left to right Amanda Smith, Keegan Gay, Jennifer Whittle and Rebecca Lloyd.

The UK Horse Judging Team placed in the top five at its Oct. 12 competition at the Morgan National Show in Oklahoma City. The team, coached by Kristen Harvey, ended up fifth overall out of 14 teams. The team also placed fourth in halter, sixth in performance and fifth in reasons.

Individual honors go to Jennifer Whittle a sophomore Ag Communications Major with an Animal Science minor and Amanda Smith an Animal Science, Equine Option Senior. Whittle placed third in halter and ended up seventh overall. Smith was fifth in performance and sixth overall.

The team consists of four members including, Keegan Gay, Jennifer Whittle, Rebecca Lloyd and Amanda Smith.

Around the College of Ag

Besides waiting for New Year's and the resolutions that you'll be making and then breaking, other things to look forward to in December and January include:

Winter Break
Dec. 15- Jan. 9

ESM Final Dates and Times:

- Dr. Rossano's ASC 320 final exam Monday, Dec. 10 at 8 a.m.
- Dr. Coleman's Gen 109 final exam Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. in room A7
- Dr. Lawrence ASC 311 final exam Thursday, Dec. 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Fall Semester Highlights

With the cold weather setting in, most of us realize the fall semester is quickly coming to an end. For some of you that might mean tons of stress because it is your first finals week and for some it might be the last fall semester of your college career. Some ESM students share their experiences from this past semester.



"The professors are the best! This program has not only taught me a lot already but has helped me feel comfortable in the college classroom and in meeting new people," said Mackenzie Brewer, ESM Freshman.

Grad Student Forum

The College of Agriculture's Equine Initiative at UK includes an exciting branch of Master and Doctorate-level research in equine related topics, including equine economics, land management and animal & veterinary science. Graduate students are encouraged to post summaries of their research interests at www.UnbridledNews.com, an online community for equine research, business, and related topics. The goal is to create an online graduate student equine research organization where students, faculty, and the equine industry can learn more about equine-related graduate work. The news forum is hosted by the chair of this new organization, Kimberly Brown (kimberly.brown@uky.edu).

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.

Equestrian Director and Equestrian Assistant wanted at Camp Kateri (located one-half hour southeast of Gainesville, Fla). This camp is for girls 6-17 years old. Both positions are paid and applications apply to the June–August 2008 timeframe.

Contact: Cynthia Wisner
Outdoor Education Manager
Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.
(904) 291-0648, ext, 102

UK equine student wanted to care for horses while owner is away on business trips. Job is at a personal farm in the Man O War/Nicholasville Road area and would range from three to 14 days per month. Experience with Thoroughbreds is preferred but not required.

Contact: Alicia Prister (859)537-0079

Nursing staff technician wanted for Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. At least one year of experience in handling horses is needed. Some training with medical or horse care preferred. Full, part-time and seasonal job opportunities are available.

Surgery Technician wanted for Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. At least one year of experience in handling horses required. Some training with medical or horse care preferred. Job openings available include full-time or part-time. Work days may vary from eight to 10 hours, five or six days a week.

Recovery Technician wanted for Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. At least one year of experience in handling horses required. Must be able to stand up long periods of times, running, holding horses, lifting up to 75 pounds, climbing and sitting. Full-time job available, flexible hours required.

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Student Spotlight

UK Student Shannon Frame Finds Her Passion at the Racetrack

Shannon Frame of Ballston Lake, N.Y. has spent the last two summers working in Nick Zito's barn at Saratoga Racecourse in New York. Zito is currently in the top 25 Thoroughbred trainers based on earnings a year and in 2005 was inducted into the National Racing Museum Hall of Fame. There, as a hotwalker, Frame fell in love with War Pass, who at the time was an un-raced 2-year-old. After his first race, Frame was fortunate enough to be there and hotwalk him as a winner.



PHOTO: Cutline:
Shannon Frame

When she found out that he would run in the Breeder's Cup World Championships in October of this year, she knew she couldn't miss him. Frame, along with a couple of her like-minded friends made the 13-hour road trip from Lexington to see him run. After War Pass won the Breeder's Cup Juvenile, leading from start to finish, she was able to once again be his hot-walker.

Shannon is an Animal Science Major with an emphasis in Equine Science. As a junior here at UK, she is involved in numerous activities, one as the 2006-2007 UK Horse Racing Club President. As president she helped to plan and host the club's recent panel discussion of Thoroughbred trainers. "Inside Horse Racing: The Trainer's View" was held Oct. 8. This fundraiser was a huge success, with more than \$4,000 made to benefit both the Horse Racing Club and the Maker's Mark Secretariat Center.

Horses have always been a constant in Frame's life. She said "No matter what has changed, I have always known that I wanted a career in Thoroughbred racing." Her future career plans include spending her remaining summers working for Zito. Upon graduation she plans to pursue two Thoroughbred internships -- the Irish National Stud and Darley Flying Start. After completing these internships, Frame would like to return to the track with a vast array of knowledge in the Thoroughbred industry and take that knowledge to work her way from assistant trainer to starting and running her own training stable.

Help Wanted Classifieds Cont.

UK Student wanted to work in the Barn Crew/Admissions at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. At least one year of working with horses is required and a horse farm background is preferred. No licenses or certification is required.

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For more information regarding any of the Rood and Riddle job opportunities please contact amathes@roodandriddle.com

Opportunities for Jobs and Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Thanksgiving and winter break are right around the corner. With the celebration of the end of finals comes the time to research scholarship and job opportunities for next year. Some opportunities to be keep in mind during the next few weeks:

- American Quarter Horse Foundation Scholarship
Deadline is Jan. 1, 2008. To apply for these scholarships you must be a member of AQHA and have put forth effort into the industry and the association. www.aqha.com/foundation/scholarships/wanttoapply.html
- Race For Education: www.racingscholarships.com/page.php?page=resources
- College Of Agriculture: www.ca.uky.edu/agripedia/testing/AS/academic/uppapp05.pdf
- KEEP: www.horseswork.com/scholarship.htm
- KyQHA: www.kyqha.com/youth/scholarship.pdf
- Kentucky Horse Farm Workers Educational Assistance Fund: www.horsefarmeducationfund.com/index.htm
- Kentucky Horse Council Scholarship: www.kentuckyhorse.org/scholarships.shtml

Industry News

The Kentucky Horse Park is putting on its annual Southern Lights: Spectacular Sights on Holiday Nights will be Nov.16- Dec.18.

For more information visit:

www.khpfoundation.com/events.php?eventid=122&pageid=4

For some of the latest equine news from the College of Agriculture, please visit the Equine Initiative website news section at www.ca.uky.edu/equine/press_news.html.

Suggestion Box

We want to hear from you! What are we missing? What should we change? What would you like to know more about? What information should we feature in an upcoming issue?

Your feedback is important and we welcome your comments! Please email equineinitiative@email.uky.edu and let us know what you think.

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