

# Wildcat Canter

UK Ag  
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February 2012

UK Ag Equine Programs  
Student Newsletter

As our February Wildcat Canter finds its way to you, a new semester is well underway and spring is just around the corner. There is so much happening here at UK in equine. It can be hard to take it all in.

When the Equine Initiative, now known as UK Ag Equine Programs (read the official news release here: [www.ca.uky.edu/news/?c=n&d=994](http://www.ca.uky.edu/news/?c=n&d=994)), was created in March 2005, it was a commitment by the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture to provide the same excellence and suite of services in equine as it does in other species and aspects of agriculture. At that time, much excellent work was already being done in equine, and across many departments. The formation of the Equine Initiative allowed the public access to all of UK's equine programs from one front door. It also was the impetus to create much more.

Now, seven years later, many of those initial aspirations have been realized or are well underway. There are several more goals on the horizon as UK endeavors to become the leading equine institution in the world.

The college's equine programs are unique in that they are incredibly diverse, spanning departments and areas of emphasis. Here you can talk to an expert in everything from equine infectious disease to equine economics, from agricultural engineering to forages to entomology to equine nutrition. Our college is home to 4-H youth programming, with one of the most active horse programs in the country, as well as continuing education about horses for people of all ages. Here you find top-notch, world-renowned research, as well as outreach, or bringing that research to horse owners and professionals across the state.

One of the most tangible outcomes of the Equine Initiative's formation is a young and rapidly growing undergraduate degree program. One of only three standalone four-year equine degree programs at a land-grant university nationwide, the Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program now has 220 students, with about half of them coming here to study from out of state. We celebrate 39 official graduates and 94 students who have completed their internships to date. There are also many different graduate specialties and six equine related clubs and teams to become involved in.

Finding out more has never been easier. You are reading this publication, the *Wildcat Canter*, already. What started as a newsletter to and for students has become widely read outside of our university. We also have a monthly newsletter about the equine research happening here. The *Bluegrass Equine Digest* is free, distributed via TheHorse.com and now reaches 45,000 people a month. A recent issue had stories downloaded by readers in all 50 states and 94 different countries. That's pretty incredible reach for UK! We also have a Facebook presence and send frequent updates through our news channels. We host several events like an equine career fair, a distinguished lecture series, a research showcase and an all-equine field day.

We know there's always more to be done. What do you think? What ideas do you have for our programs and communications? We'd love to hear from you!!

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# News and Announcements

## Congratulations to Recent UK Equine Graduates

Congratulations to the following December 2011 Equine Science and Management Graduates:

Emily Brollier  
James Tyler Clarke  
Lindsay Good  
Jessica Huellemeier  
Claire Knox  
Natasha Obara  
Cydni Simmons  
Nicole Zullo



Congratulations to the following PhD grads:

Ashley Wagner, PhD, under Dr. Kristine Urschel  
Debbie Even, PhD, under Dr. Chuck Issel  
Kenny Burdine, PhD, Dr. Leigh Maynard  
Stephen Coleman, PhD, under Dr. Jamie MacLeod, *Read more here: [www.thehorse.com/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=19503](http://www.thehorse.com/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=19503)*  
Yun-Young Go, PhD, under Dr. Balasuriya

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## Horse Racing Radio Network Aired from UK College of Agriculture Feb. 11

On Saturday, Feb. 11, the Horse Racing Radio Network hosted its Saturday Equine Forum with the University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs at the UK Gluck Equine Research Center. Guests included Jill Stowe, Bob Coleman, Ray Smith, Mats Troedsson and UK Horse Racing Club students Natalie Heitz and Audrey Boslego. Topics included the Kentucky Equine Survey, undergraduate program and internship opportunities, the Horse Pasture Evaluation Program and general forage information, the Gluck Center's 25th anniversary, grand opening of the reproductive facilities and the Horse Racing Club's spring event and handicapping tournament. Listen to the podcast at <http://horseracingradio.net/?p=2213>.

*By Holly Wiemers*



*From left to right: Jude Feld, Mats Troedsson, Jill Stowe*

# Unique Career Fair Unites Equine Students and the Industry

The University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs (formerly Equine Initiative) and the Georgetown College Equine Scholars Program are teaming up once again to host the fourth annual EquineCareer Fair March 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. EST in the E.S. Good Barn on the UK campus.

This event provides equine students from area colleges the opportunity to meet prospective employers and to learn about potential volunteer, internship, part-time and full-time employment opportunities. In addition to booths, there will be a keynote speaker and sessions led by industry professionals offering both tips and one-on-one career advice. This event also gives area equine businesses a chance to interact with future equine industry leaders.

“I am really excited to be partnering again with Georgetown College for the fourth annual Equine Career Fair. This event is such a unique opportunity for equine programs across the state to come together and for students and the industry to connect,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, lecturer and internship coordinator in the equine science and management undergraduate degree program in the UK College of Agriculture.

The event will open with a welcome from Shannon White, general manager at Fares Farm, and will follow with pizza and a chance to visit local equine business and organization booths. Informational sessions will allow participants explore careers related to pharmaceutical sales, the Thoroughbred industry, breed associations and veterinary medicine. Graduate school opportunities will also be a session topic.

“The equine career fair exposes students to myriad job and internship opportunities available to them here in the Bluegrass. By offering more in-depth information in five different equine career path sessions, the knowledge participants gain will be invaluable,” said Sarah Coleman, executive director of the Georgetown College Equine Scholars Program.

Confirmed participants include American Saddlebred Horse Association, Animal and Food Science Graduate Association, Blood-Horse Publications, Bluegrass Conservancy, Central Kentucky Riding For Hope, Darley Flying Start Program, Gluck Equine Research Center, Fasig-Tipton, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, Hallway Feeds, KBC International Horse Supplies, Kentucky Equine Education Project, Kentucky Equine Higher Education Consortium, Kentucky Equine Management Internship, Kentucky Equine Research, Kentucky Horse Council, Kentucky Horse Park, Kentucky Horseshoeing School, Kentucky Quarter Horse Association, Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers Club, KESMARC, Makers Mark Secretariat Center, North American Racing Academy, Paso Fino Horse Association, Race for Education, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, Three Chimneys Farm, Woodford Equine Hospital, UK Ag Equine Programs and United States Equestrian Federation.

Students and potential employers who would like more information about the Equine Career Fair may contact Elizabeth LaBonty at 859-257-2226 or e-mail [equine@uky.edu](mailto:equine@uky.edu). For more information about UK Ag Equine Programs and the Georgetown Equine Scholars Program, visit <http://www.ag.uky.edu/equine> and <http://www.georgetowncollege.edu/equinescholars>, respectively





UK's Equine Initiative becomes...

# University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs

- **World-class research** in equine health, nutrition, economics, forages, and more
- **Undergraduate and graduate opportunities** and six student teams and clubs
- **Year-round programs** and educational materials for horse owners, farm managers, and equine professionals

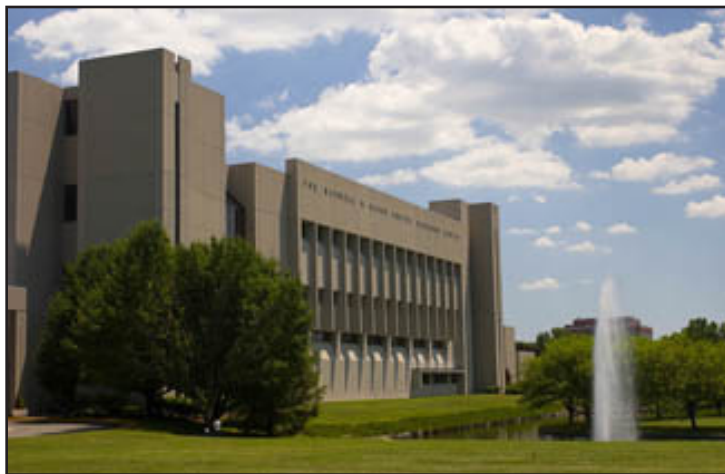


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is at the  
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## UK's Gluck Equine Research Center Celebrates 25 Years



The Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center is celebrating 25 years as a named center focused on improving the health and well-being of the horse. The world-renowned Gluck Center, within the Department of Veterinary Science in the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, is the only scientific institute in the United States where virtually all faculty conduct full-time research in equine health and diseases.

Six of the 10 major vaccines currently used to protect against equine infectious diseases were developed by faculty in the Department of Veterinary Science. They are among a long list of

other accomplishments with an international impact on equine research.

"The Gluck Center opened its doors 25 years ago, due to the generosity of Maxwell and Muriel Gluck and the horse industry," said Mats Troedsson, director of the Gluck Center and chair of the Department of Veterinary Science. "Landmark discoveries have been made in vaccine research and production, development of diagnostic tests for infectious diseases, drug detection in racing and performance horses, sequencing of the equine genome, identification and detection of genetic diseases and traits, parasite control and reproductive health and management."

Read more here: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/news/?c=n&d=985>

*By Jenny Blandford*

## Equine Reproduction Facilities open at UK's Maine Chance Equine Campus



A grand opening celebration for University of Kentucky's Equine Reproduction Facilities was held Feb. 2 at UK's Maine Chance Equine Campus. The celebration recognized the generosity of supporters who funded the remodeling.

The remodeled facilities, consisting of two state-of-the-art barns with laboratories, will help faculty at UK's Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center develop the best equine reproductive research program in the country and give the Gluck Equine Research Center, an affiliate of UK's Ag Equine Programs, better opportunities to

match the signature equine industry it serves. The mare facility and separate stallion facility will be used for studies on reproductive health. Laboratory facilities have been constructed for handling semen, embryos and reproductive tissues.



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Lexington is often viewed as the epicenter of the state's signature equine industry and, as such, reproductive health is of top concern to industry stakeholders.

"This reproductive lab is evidence of the vision of many stakeholders who encouraged UK to provide research worthy in what is arguably the Thoroughbred reproduction center of the world," said Nancy Cox, associate dean for research of UK's College of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station director and administrative leader for UK Ag Equine Programs. "We are fortunate to have the leadership of Dr. Mats Troedsson (chair of the Department of Veterinary Science and director of the Gluck Equine Research Center) and his new team of reproductive researchers to implement this vision in this 21st century facility."

Read more here: [www.ca.uky.edu/news/?c=n&d=993](http://www.ca.uky.edu/news/?c=n&d=993)

*By Jenny Blandford*

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## **UK Equine Student Finalist for James W. Stuckert Intern of the Year Award**

Catherine Riley, an equine science and management senior from Hopkinsville, Ky., was recently selected as a finalist for the James W. Stuckert Intern of the Year Award. This award recognizes interns' contributions to their employers, the volume and quality of work they produce, their dedication and commitment to teamwork, as well as evidence of original or creative thinking. Riley was chosen as a finalist based on the outstanding contributions she made to Kohler Stables during her spring 2011 internship experience.

"It is truly an honor to have one of our interns nominated for this award," said Elizabeth LaBonty, internship coordinator. "We have so many great interns but Catherine definitely deserves recognition for going above and beyond."



Riley's internship, at Kohler Stables in La Grange, Ky., taught her the ins and outs of the Morgan horse industry.

According to Riley, the internship gave her the opportunity to learn about the care and management of show horses, proper pasture management and Kohler Stables' breeding techniques. Riley also learned how to develop an individual training regimen and how nutrition affects the performance of horses of all ages. She said one of her favorite things during was being able to work with younger horses and teach them a cceptable behavior.

Linda Doll, her internship supervisor, has been active in the Morgan horse industry for many years and her horses are considered top-notch.

"While classroom lectures are instrumental in education, they cannot replace the importance of direct hands-on experience. I believe the route to employment is through internships," Riley said.

*Riley is currently studying abroad at the University of Ireland, Maynooth, and was unable to attend the awards ceremony.*

# HORSES

## a comprehensive study

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 320,000 HORSES IN KENTUCKY.

*Or are there?*

HORSES GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$3.5 BILLION FOR KENTUCKY'S ECONOMY EACH YEAR.

*We think.*

HORSES ARE ONE OF THE VERY CORNERSTONES OF OUR CULTURE.

*But our industry faces many challenges, and we must have better tools for making decisions.*

The University of Kentucky's Ag Equine Programs (formerly the Equine Initiative) and the Kentucky Horse Council, in conjunction with the University of Louisville's Equine Business Program and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), will conduct a comprehensive study of all breeds of horses across Kentucky.


**The surveys will be mailed in July 2012.**

*From this study, we will be able to:*

- Describe the economic impact of the equine industry in the state
- Quantify the number of horses in the state at the county level
- Provide information for new and existing businesses
- Provide better information to help design and implement equine programs benefitting the state
- Establish a benchmark that will enable the industry to nimbly adapt to changing market conditions
- Provide better assessment of disease incidence and surveillance
- Provide useful data for elected officials

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Kentucky is known as the Horse Capital of the World, yet the Commonwealth lacks fundamental information about its signature industry. The last rigorous equine study was conducted in 1977.



You are Kentucky's equine industry, and your input is vital.

# Kentucky Equine Survey

BEGINNING JULY 2012

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

**If you get a survey this summer, fill it out and send it back.** Each and every response, and each and every horse, matters.

With everyone's help and participation, we will know by early 2013 how many horses there are in Kentucky, by breed, use and county, and what the overall economic impact is to the Commonwealth.

This information will be used to strengthen the industry, inform strategic planning and provide a benchmark for Kentucky's agricultural economy and its signature industry.

**THIS IS A BIG PROJECT** that requires many resources. Several industry organizations and individuals have contributed time, money, information, and expertise to making this happen. Their support has been instrumental to the project's progression. A current list of contributors can be found on the project website.



TO FIND OUT MORE OR CONTACT US:

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# Kentucky Horse Council Recognizes Outstanding Service to Industry at Annual Convention

2011 Kentucky Horse Council (KHC) Partner of the Year was presented to The University of Kentucky Equine Initiative (now UK Ag Equine Programs), with Ed Squires, director, accepting the award. UK partnered with KHC for two significant industry activities in 2011: The first is the highly successful Kentucky Equine Networking Association program, an educational and networking dinner series for equine professionals in riding disciplines; the second is the development of a proposal for funding which resulted in a \$300,000 grant for the Kentucky Equine Survey, the first of its kind for 35 years.

For more information about KENA, please see [www.kentuckyhorse.org/kena/](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/kena/).

To learn more about the Kentucky Equine Survey or to participate, please see [www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/kyequinesurvey](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/kyequinesurvey).

If you would like to submit your information for the Kentucky Equine Survey, please send your name, address, and phone number to [nass-ky@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-ky@nass.usda.gov) and put "Kentucky Equine Survey" in the subject line. **The deadline for submission is Feb. 24.**

## UK Equine Student Finalist for U.S. Polo Association Award

Meghan Shader, an Equine Science and Management student at UK, has been chosen as one of the five finalists for the U.S. Polo Association's (USPA) Equus & Co. Award. The Equus & Co. Award honors a standout member of the sport's premier Team USPA development program.

Shader served as assistant polo instructor for Lexington Polo Club and attended the Team USPA Sheridan Clinic in Sheridan, Wyo. Shader was an all-star and runner-up in the 2011 USPA Southeast Regional Intercollegiate Championship with the University of Kentucky. In 2010, Shader was part of the Wildcat's polo team that won the USPA National Intercollegiate Women's Championship.



*Shader playing polo during the Team USPA Sheridan Clinic in Sheridan, Wyo.*

*“Team USPA is full of dedicated players, and these five finalists really exemplify the hard work of all these young men and women,” said Jim Whiseand, CEO and President of Equus and Co. “We are excited to reward a special player for their devotion and provide resource for them to grow their talents and extend their enthusiasm to other young people. Equus & Co. is proud to support and to be involved in the Team USPA Program, which is an exemplar of the USPA’s commitment to providing a platform for the growth and development of American professional polo players at all levels of play, especially entry to high-goal polo.”*

*Excerpt from blog on Poloblogs.com*

Finalists were selected out of the 32 members of Team USPA for their leadership and communication skills, sportsmanship on the field and participation in key Team USPA programs

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over the past year. Each finalist submitted an essay on how winning the award and receiving \$10,000 from Equus & Co. would significantly impact his or her polo career. The winner of the award will be selected based on who has shown the most commitment to the sport of polo and its growth in the United States. The winner will be announced Feb. 19.

*By Chelsea Urhahn*

## UK Horse Racing Club Hosts Handicapping Tournament

The UK Horse Racing Club is hosting a handicapping tournament leading up to the Kentucky Derby. The purpose of this tournament is mostly for fun, but also to encourage people to actively follow the Road to the Roses. It can be extremely difficult to keep up with all the prep races, so the club is thinking of this as a little incentive to stay in the know while having fun and potentially winning the grand prize.

The winner of the tournament will receive two infield tickets to the Kentucky Oaks. If the winner is unable to attend the Kentucky Oaks or already has tickets, a prize of equal or similar value may be given instead (think \$50 gift card to somewhere awesome or one infield ticket to the Derby).

Here's how to participate:

1. You email, text, smoke signal, carrier pigeon or write on the UK Horse Racing Club's Facebook Page: ([www.facebook.com/pages/University-of-Kentucky-Horse-Racing-Club/146463698765071?ref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/pages/University-of-Kentucky-Horse-Racing-Club/146463698765071?ref=ts)) and comment that you want to join the tournament. You may join at any time! You may also email Audrey Boslego at [ukhorseracingclub@gmail.com](mailto:ukhorseracingclub@gmail.com).
2. Every week, players are given 12 *fake* dollars to bet. You may use these 12 dollars to make any bet allowed in the race. You may not use it for bets that include other races (such as pick threes, etc.). You must play at least three times to win.
3. Make your picks and send them to Audrey Boslego by email, text or the Facebook page before the scheduled post time. Don't wait until the very last second because if it is time stamped after post time, it doesn't count.
4. Everyone's winnings (or losses...) and the results will be posted online after they have been calculated.
5. Whoever makes the most money wins the grand prize!

Here is the schedule of included races:

Feb. 25-Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream  
March 3-Gotham at Aqueduct  
March 17-Rebel at Oaklawn  
March 31-Florida Derby (or Louisiana Derby) at Gulfstream  
April 7-Santa Anita Derby at Santa Anita  
April 14-Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn  
April 21-Coolmore at Keeneland

## Semester Academic Calendar

### March

- 4- UK Dressage Team show at Sycamore Ridge
- 5- Midterm of 2012 Spring Semester
- 12-17- Spring Vacation

### April

- 27- Last day of classes
- 20- May 4- Final Examinations

### May

- 4- End of 2012 Spring Semester
- 6- Commencement

## Upcoming Events

### February

- 23- UK Polo vs. University of Louisville
- 25- UK Dressage Clinic with Reese Koffler-Stanfield

### March

- 6- Equine Career Fair, 4-7 p.m., E.S. Goodbarn

### April

- 1- UK Saddle Seat show at Hodges Arena
- 26-29- Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event

## Kentucky Horse Park Literacy Program Needs Volunteers

Calling all equine enthusiasts! The Kentucky Horse Park Literacy Program delivers books across the Commonwealth to first through fourth grade classrooms to broaden literacy and a love for horses. The Literacy Program is currently looking for UK Equine students to volunteer for book deliveries. During a book delivery to a school, there are one to two horses children can interact with. The Kentucky Horse Park Literacy program would like volunteers for the following dates: Feb. 22, 23, 24, 28, 29 and March 1, 2 and 7. For more information, please contact Laurie Mays at [laurie.mays@ky.gov](mailto:laurie.mays@ky.gov).





# Internships

## Sunny Florida Gives Student a Closer Look at the Dressage World

Last summer, one of UK's equine science and management undergraduate students went for an exciting ride. Hannah Niebielski, a junior from Atlanta, Ga., was elated to intern at Knoll Dressage located outside of Orlando, Fla., and it is no wonder why.

Knoll Dressage has established long-term presence at the top of the competitive dressage world and built a reputation for its facilities and training regime that is second to none. Owner Anne Gribbons is a certified "O" judge who has judged several Olympic and Pan American trial competitions. She has also successfully trained numerous Grand Prix horses.



Niebielski chose to intern at Knoll Dressage because she has dreams of one day having a similar operation.

"Hannah was so easy to work with on this internship and I have no doubt that she will go far in the industry," said Elizabeth LaBonty, Internship Coordinator. "She knew exactly what she wanted to do and what she wanted to gain from this experience. She was more than willing to travel all the way to Florida and work hard every day."

"I wanted to progress my riding ability, but also educate myself on the management practices of Knoll Dressage. I aim to one day organize an operation that can be comparable to this beautiful facility," Niebielski said.

Like many equine athletes, Niebielski hopes to compete in the Olympics someday, though she must first earn her United States Dressage Federation Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. During her internship at Knoll Dressage she learned about how to achieve such goals through her every day riding.

"I learned that as a rider it is imperative to know and constantly return to the basics, and, that paying one's dues, whether on a lunge line or riding any and every horse before you get "the best" is ultimately what makes a well-rounded rider," Niebielski said.

When it comes to horses, Niebielski is a long time enthusiast and finds it only natural to be in UK's Equine Science and Management program.

"Ever since I was knee high, I wanted to go to the 'Horse Capital of the World.' When I became older and realized that UK offered a major where I could learn about, handle and study horses, I was all game," Niebielski said.

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As an intern at Knoll Dressage, Niebielski was able to expand on what she had learned in the classrooms at UK.

“The training at Knoll Dressage is like no other place,” Niebielski explained. “Anne Gribbons and assistant trainer Tamra Brown, focus on making you and your horse perform to the best of your ability. There is always something to learn, whether it’s in your lesson or from watching someone else.”

As Niebielski reflected on her internship, she realized how influential her time at Knoll Dressage was to her daily life and her future.

“The gained knowledge about horse care and public relations with clients at an elite farm is priceless to my individual progress and success in the horse industry, and, ultimately, life,” Niebielski said.

Niebielski will graduate in December 2012, and she will be one to watch as we wish her the best of luck in her pursuit of an Olympic medal.

*By Chelsea Urhahn*



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## Clubs and Teams

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### Rood & Riddle offers club or team funding



Does your club or team want to host an event next semester? Due to the generosity of Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, UK Ag Equine Programs has established a fund to help offset costs associated with activities by UK student equine clubs and teams. Each club or team may apply once per fiscal year and may be awarded up to \$500.

Funding applications go through an approval process and funds are given on a first-come first-served basis. More information and copies of forms can be found online at [www.ca.uky.edu/equine/StudentHub](http://www.ca.uky.edu/equine/StudentHub), **under student clubs and teams.**

In 2010-2011, the UK Horse Racing Club’s “Inside Horse Racing: The Derby Experience” panel event and the Equestrian Team’s Intercollegiate Horse Show Association show were both supported, in part, by the Rood & Riddle Fund.

UK Ag Equine Programs would like to thank Rood and Riddle for its continued support of the equine industry and the University of Kentucky. If you would like to learn more about Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, please visit its website at, [www.roodandriddle.com](http://www.roodandriddle.com).

## UK Dressage & Eventing Team



The UK Dressage and Eventing team has an exciting semester ahead! The team will host a show on March 4 at Sycamore Ridge Farm in Paris, Ky. The team will also be competing Feb. 18 at the University of Findlay and on March 24 and 25 at Miami University. The Dressage Team is also hosting a clinic with Reese Koffler-Stanfield on Feb. 25 at her own Maplecrest Farm.

The UK Eventing team will be holding a cross country schooling day Apr. 14-15 at Masterson Station. The team is also preparing to do its annual “Event for Free in 2013” fundraiser, so look for the team’s booth at the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event.

Stay tuned for more updates from the UK Dressage and Eventing team!

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## UK Equestrian Team

The UK Hunt Seat Team hosted an IHSA show Jan. 28 and 29 at Lakeside Arena in Frankfort, Ky. The team won high point on both Saturday and Sunday. Ronni Nappi won high point rider on Saturday and Lauren Patterson won high point rider on Sunday.

The UK Western Team is looking forward to a fun semester of riding and showing. Its first show of the season was also Jan. 28 and 29 at Lakeside Arena where the team won reserve high point team. Its second show of the semester was Feb. 11 at Morehead State University. Western regionals were held at Midway College Feb. 17 and everyone who showed placed 3rd or higher! Congratulations!

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## UK Horse Racing Club

This month the UK Horse Racing Club host Mary Scollay, DVM, the medical director for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. Scollay talked to the club about race day medication and there was free pizza for all who attended. The Horse Racing Club was recently involved with the UK College of Agriculture as it hosted the Horse Racing Radio Network, where president Natalie Hetiz discussed the club’s spring panel event.

In January, the club hosted Kate Galvin, Stallion Nominations Manager for Darley. Darley is home to many notable stallions including Bernardini, Hard Spun and Medaglia D’ Oro. As we are now in breeding season, this was a great opportunity to learn more about the breeding process. Galvin also graduated from the Darley Flying Start program in 2006 and talked to the club about the program and how to prepare for it.

For more information about the UK Horse Racing Club, please contact Natalie Hetiz [nmheit2@uky.edu](mailto:nmheit2@uky.edu).



## UK Polo Team

The UK Polo Team was very busy this month! The JV Women's Polo recently defeated Culver Academy and will play against the University of Michigan this month. Also, the women's team against the University of Virginia on Feb. 19 was cancelled. JV Polo will be hosting the University of Louisville on Thursday, Feb. 23. These are huge games for the team and members urge everyone to come out to the Kentucky Horse Park to support them. In March, UK Polo will be hosting the Southeast Intercollegiate Regional Tournament. Stay tuned for updates from UK Polo!

## New! Research in Equine and Agricultural Disciplines

The Research in Equine and Agricultural Disciplines Club aims to educate undergraduates about agricultural and equine-based research at UK and get them involved in projects, allowing them to network with other researchers and gain the skills necessary to go on to graduate school, vet school, or other professional programs.

This semester the UK READ club is going to try to expand to all aspects of agriculture, in order to grow its membership and open members' eyes to new and exciting types of research. The club has elected a new secretary, Cate Thomas, and a new treasurer, Jackson Buchanon. Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7 p.m., so keep your eyes peeled for posters about upcoming activities and meetings.

## UK Saddle Seat Team

Congratulations to the UK Saddle Seat Team for winning Team High Point Champion against the University of Louisville on Feb. 4 at Zubrod Stables!

This semester, the UK Saddle Seat Team members have the option of partaking in up to three horse shows. The horse shows will be April 1 at Hodge Arena, hosted by the UK and the Intercollegiate Saddle Seat Riding Association Championship Show at a time and location yet to be announced. The highlight of the semester will be preparing and hosting the UK show, which entails not only prepping horses and competitors, but also setting up and maintaining the arena and facilities. All experience levels are still welcome to join the team, from no experience to world champions. Club dues are \$15 for this semester. If you have any questions, please contact Renu Ramesh at [UKSaddleSeatTeam@gmail.com](mailto:UKSaddleSeatTeam@gmail.com) or [Renu.R.Ramesh@gmail.com](mailto:Renu.R.Ramesh@gmail.com).

**To learn more about UK's equine clubs and teams, please visit their web pages:**

Dressage and Eventing Team: [www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/dressage](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/dressage)

Equestrian Team: [www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/equestrian](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/equestrian)

Horse Racing Club: [www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/horseracing](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/horseracing)

Polo Team: [www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/polo](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/polo)

**15** Saddle Seat Team: [www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/saddleseat](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/equine/studenthub/saddleseat)

# Scholarships

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## The Race for Education

The Race for Education is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. If you are interested in applying for one of their scholarships, please visit [www.theraceforeducation.com/scholarships](http://www.theraceforeducation.com/scholarships). Deadlines are quickly approaching.

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## UK College of Agriculture

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