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On the game show Jeopardy, the category “Potpourri” means a hodgepodge of topics. For once, I’d like to write an article that contains a potpourri of sage advice I’ve gotten throughout the years….

Networking is powerful!
Talk to people. While social media is popular, there is nothing else like face-to-face communication. Don’t know what you want to do when you graduate? Find someone who is doing what you are interested in and talk to them! MAKE that cold call to someone you don’t know. What is the worst thing that can happen — they might say they don’t have time. So, find someone else!

When I was a senior in veterinary school, I sent a letter to the head veterinarian of the Rolex Kentucky 3-Day Event, asking if I could observe in the vet box on cross country day. Dr. Marty Simensen didn’t know me at all, but he wrote back and said not only could I be in the vet box, I should bring my stethoscope as he’d put me to work!

Because I volunteered at the 3-Day Event, I met Dr. David Powell who was with the UK Department of Veterinary Science. Several months later, I contacted him about wanting to come to Kentucky (to shadow again). However, that phone call led to me being offered a position as a graduate student at UK. I’ve been here ever since.

You NEVER KNOW who are going to meet, and what opportunities it will bring you! Be positive! Smile! Volunteer, and don’t be afraid to get your hands dirty!

To work your way up the ladder, you need to start on the bottom rung. Very few people start out being a famous racehorse trainer, or managing a nationally-recognized horse farm. In the horse industry, people at the top almost always start out mucking stalls, grooming horses and cleaning tack. Valuable information is gained from mucking stalls (fecal consistency, urine output, feed intake), grooming horses (coat quality, wound healing, horse behavior) and tack cleaning (appreciation for well-oiled leather). Do your jobs well, show initiative and professionalism, and opportunities can open up!

Pass it forward.
Not everyone has your opportunities for a college education. Tutor another student who is having problems in school; read a book to a child; teach someone who knows nothing about horses how to safely handle them. Make time and listen to a person who is having a really bad day. You never know if that one thing makes all the difference in the world.

Then, just wait for the Final Jeopardy round to be played….

Roberta M. Dwyer
Professor,
Department of Veterinary Science
Upcoming Events:
November 26-30
Thanksgiving Holiday for Students

November 30
Last Day to apply for
May 2015 Degree

December 1-23
Students may change majors

December 3-22
Add/Drop for currently enrolled students

December 8-12
ESMA Study Breaks for Students

December 12
Last day of classes

December 15-19
Finals week

December 19
December Graduation and ESMA
Graduation Reception

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Left: A member of the UK Rodeo Team competes in barrels.
Above: Members of the Saddle Seat Team at a recent show in Kentucky.
Student Professionalism Series

Elizabeth 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.

To become successful, you must become a lifelong learner. Lifelong learners are never too old, too young, too smart or too talented to keep learning. They ask questions, push the limits, help others and are never satisfied with where they’re at or what they know.

As you gear up for the end of the semester, you will be pushing the limit of how much you can study, remember and comprehend. You will likely be pulling late nights, early mornings and a lot of coffee and pizza along the way. But no matter how you do on your final exams or with your end of the semester papers and class projects, don't stop learning on Dec. 19. Wherever you spend Christmas I would like to challenge you to not take a break. Talk with your family and friends about things you learned this semester, ask your trainers and veterinarians back home their thoughts on new ideas and above all - read.

For every breed, discipline and interest that exists related to horses, there is a magazine or journal specific to it. Find one that interests you and spend the break catching up on what is going on in the industry. Research the latest trends, explore the newest training techniques and find out what new drugs, treatments, feeds, supplements or equipment are out there. There is no end to new discoveries, concepts, accomplishments or research that is related to horses. If you have a horse, don't just visit your horse while you're home, go for a ride – even if it's cold – or maybe even try something new while you're on board.

We are all connected by our love of horses. No one picks this major or works in this industry unless horses are their passion. So don't use the break to just slack off. Push yourself. Learn something new, explore your interests. If you are a junior or senior, spend some time researching jobs and careers. If you are a sophomore, look up some places or areas you'd like to intern at. And if you're a freshman, spend some time learning more about all of the opportunities this industry and a career with horses has to offer.

They say the hardest thing in life isn't to get what you want, but to know what you want. So I would encourage you to spend your Christmas Break investing in your future. There is no shortage of blogs, magazines, websites or people with opinions in the horse industry. Start now in becoming a lifelong learner, and I can promise you won't be sorry you did.
Where is home for you?
I am originally from Webster Groves, Mo.

How did you first become involved in the horse industry?
I first became involved in the horse industry back home at a small riding facility called Kraus Farms.

What were your career goals before graduation?
My career goals before graduation were to pursue a career in the Thoroughbred industry. I managed to accomplish that goal with two years in a barn foreman position at WinStar Farm and a subsequent broodmare management position at Polo Green Stable.

What led you to this role? Did you have certain internships, professors or classes that influenced you?
My connections through University of Kentucky and the subsequent people I have met in the equine industry have helped me attain and succeed in all the positions I have held post-graduation. My most influential teachers and UK equine program staff were Dr. Bob Coleman, Dr. Fernanda Camargo, Elizabeth LaBonty, Dr. Laurie Lawrence and Bryan Cassill, farm manager of Maine Chance Farm.

What are your current job responsibilities?
I help oversee the management and care of champion warmblood show horses and the establishment of the new facility of SHF Enterprises in Bellville, Texas. I also assist in the management of their social media efforts.

How are you currently involved in the horse industry?
I currently work in the horse industry and involve myself in many other ways including attending seminars when possible, assisting equine connections, utilizing social media and staying updated on current issues in the industry. I am a freelance writer as well, and hope to begin writing articles for various horse-related magazines.

What advice do you have for current equine students?
The best advice I can give to an equine student is to get involved in the industry outside of school. For me, this meant working at Maine Chance Farm, which was a fantastic way to gain hands-on experience. Other things I suggest are checking out the horse sales, riding and showing horses, joining Vision 20/20 and/or any of the various equine-related clubs at UK.
UK’s Horsepower Spotlight

Alexandra Harper

Uneeda Bryant, associate professor of veterinary pathology at the University of Kentucky Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, grew up along the coast of Chesapeake, Va., in the Tidewater area.

She graduated from Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine in 2002 and arrived at the UKVDL shortly after graduation, as a pathology resident/post-doctoral scholar to acquire additional specialized training in pathology.

Bryant’s responsibilities at the UKVDL include serving as a veterinary anatomic pathologist and reviewing and examining not only animals in their postmortem state during necropsies, but also diagnostic specimens from live viable animals in the form of surgical biopsies and cytologies.

Over the past five years, Bryant has engaged in many educational opportunities within the community and at more than 10 local and regional grade schools, universities, industrial companies, science centers and community centers.

Those invited visits consisted of Bryant exposing individuals of all ages to a non-traditional career path within the veterinary medicine field. Those visits included career days, science nights, district science fairs, University of Kentucky STEM camp, USDA-Aphis AgDiscovery program, Lexmark International Youth Science Summit and Kentucky Science Center.

“Those experiences are not only exciting and satisfying to the students and attendees, but to me as well,” said Bryant. “The excitement I see from the participants is rewarding because I’ve exposed them to a side of the veterinary medicine field that is ‘outside the box,’ up close and personal through interactive exercises and demonstrations.”

When Bryant isn’t busy at the lab, she loves cooking, traveling, photography, fishing and crabbing. She also stays involved in the community by serving the non-profit organizations she is a member of and educating and mentoring youth.
UK Ag Equine Programs to host equine showcase, breeders’ short course

Holly Wiemers

University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs will host the UK Equine Showcase and the 6th Annual Kentucky Breeders’ Short Course Jan. 23-24, both at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, 2601 Richmond Road, in Lexington.

The UK Equine Showcase, now in its fourth year, will highlight the university’s current equine programs and relevant industry findings. It will run from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 23, with a light reception following. The 6th Annual Kentucky Breeders’ Short Course is an in-depth program on equine reproduction and horse management issues from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 24, with lunch provided.

“We are pleased to again offer these educational events, which have grown in popularity over the past several years,” said Jill Stowe, event co-chair and director of UK Ag Equine Programs, part of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “The showcase and short course really highlight the breadth and depth of expertise found at UK.”

“The UK Equine Showcase is a great opportunity for those in the industry to learn about the latest equine research and education efforts at UK. The annual Kentucky Breeders’ Short Course will focus on equine reproductive efficiency and horse management issues,” said Ed Squires, faculty member in UK’s Gluck Equine Research Center and event co-chair.

Topics for the UK Equine Showcase include:
• Update on the illicit use of cobalt in racehorses
• Update on moxidectin poisoning
• Parasites and growth rates in foals
• Developing practical pasture and forage diagnostic tools
• The tall fescue enigma: Understanding the stability of the toxin ergovaline in the plant
• The molecular composition of Sarcocystis neurona and its application for controlling equine protozoal myeloencephalitis
• An update on equine proliferative enteropathy and Lawsonia intracellularis
• Physiology of aging – Let’s talk about inflammation, vaccination and deworming
• Amino acid requirements in horses: In search of new knowledge
• Emerging equine diseases

Topics for the Kentucky Breeders’ Short Course include:
• Old and new approaches for lighting programs in mares
• How are deworming programs impacting growth rates in foals?
• Plasma for foals: Is it all the same?
• Angular limb deformities in foals
• Omega 3 fatty acids in mares and stallions
• The genetic tool box: Beyond answering the question, “Who’s your (horse’s) daddy?”
• What goes wrong in the geriatric mare?
• Vaccination strategies for EVA and managing the EVA carrier stallion
• Improving the survival of stallion sperm
• Placentitis update

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.

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UK is also accepting sponsor participation in the event. Display opportunities are available to participating organizations. Please email equine@uky.edu for details.

To register for the event, visit https://2015ukshowcaseshortcourse.eventbrite.com. Early bird registration rates last until Jan. 5. 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. More about this event and other information about UK Ag Equine Programs can be found at http://www.ca.uky.edu/equine.

Shawhan Place enjoying growth phase

Glenye Cain Oakford

(Note, this story was written by one of our Equine Industry Advisory Committee members about another of our advisory members. We are fortunate to have the time and expertise of these members.)

Ted Kuster and Matt Koch’s Shawhan Place near Paris, Ky., is rolling into the November sales with some good momentum.

The farm, now in its 10th year of operation, is coming off its biggest-ever yearling auction season in terms of consignment size. Shawhan prepped 52 young horses for the Keeneland September sale and sold a dozen more at Fasig-Tipton’s October auction, led by a $360,000 Medaglia d'Oro filly out of Pinafores Pride at Fasig-Tipton and a $350,000 Pulpit filly out of Style Squad at Keeneland.

A lot has changed in 10 years. Kuster and Koch started off with seven mares together.


Engager Newsletter

The semester has come to full swing here in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment! This issue will allow you to see what exciting events have taken place in the college thus far during this busy fall semester. Students and faculty have been working very hard to make this semester a great one!

In this issue, you will find an overview of the newly elected College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Student Council Freshman representatives, a spotlight on the first ever Agronomy Field Day hosted in mid-September and an update on the Block & Bridle Little North American practices currently happening. You will also receive word about the college's annual Career Fair hosted earlier this month, words from an outstanding student and professor, as well as, a list of upcoming dates here in the college.

http://us9.campaign-archive2.com/?u=bbf6149186b094cd138fe73f8&id=b808aaea55&e=649fb149a9
The well-established and successful partnership between Lloyd's of London and the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment continued when representatives from Lloyd's recently presented a check to UK.

“We are very pleased to announce an increase in Lloyd’s annual support from $45,000 to $50,000,” said Julian Lloyd, chair of Lloyd's Livestock Committee and bloodstock underwriter at the Amlin Syndicate.

“For 22 years, the Lloyd's Equine Disease Quarterly has served as the benchmark publication for support of equine health. Lloyd’s long-standing financial commitment to the University of Kentucky exceeded $1 million a few years ago, and this increase will help to ensure continued global distribution of this leading-edge publication.”

The Lloyd's Equine Disease Quarterly, a research-based publication dedicated to equine health, is produced by the UK Department of Veterinary Science.

“The College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is grateful to Lloyd’s of London for this long-standing and unique support of the veterinary science department in general since 1985, and of the Equine Disease Quarterly since 1992,” said Nancy Cox, UKAg dean and director. “This year’s support brings their total investment to more than $1.1 million. We appreciate Lloyd’s long-standing confidence in the impact of our Equine Disease Quarterly.”

The award-winning publication includes articles written by prominent researchers from around the world and provides timely and authoritative reports on some of the most important issues facing the equine industry. The Quarterly reaches more than 18,000 readers in 102 countries. Available in paper and online, its articles are regularly reprinted in numerous scientific and lay equine publications worldwide.

Lloyd's Equine Disease Quarterly is available to subscribers at no charge. It is co-edited by Roberta Dwyer, Peter Timoney and Alan Loynachan from the Department of Veterinary Science.

The most recent Quarterly is online at http://www2.ca.uky.edu/gluck/q_oct14.asp. For more information about the Department of Veterinary Science and the Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center visit http://www2.ca.uky.edu/gluck/.

Lloyd's of London is a 325-year-old insurance market whose members underwrite risk on a direct and reinsurance basis in more than 200 countries. As a global leader in specialty insurance, Lloyd's remains committed to supporting equine research and providing the insurance coverage essential to the well-being and prosperity of bloodstock interests worldwide.
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Katy Bennett

The University of Kentucky is proud to launch two brand new virtual tours — one of the main campus and one of residence halls — through the YouVisit platform. The YouVisit tours provide both prospective undergraduate and graduate students an up-close and engaging view of the university.

“Our community is continuously becoming a more diverse, global society,” Kelley Bozeman, marketing director, said. “We wanted to give students from across the Commonwealth, country and world a way to experience our campus, even if they are unable to travel to Lexington.”

This project was a collaborative project between the UK Office of Public Relations and Marketing and Enrollment Management.

The online tours simulate an actual campus tour. Each of the tours is led by a campus tour guide who narrates the visitor through the tour much like they do on a campus visit. Cassidy and Arayo, both UK Visitor Center tour guides, take visitors to the site on a tour of campus and residence halls, describing each tour stop and giving fun information about UK, academics and campus services along the way.

The main campus tour guides you through the campus, Rupp Arena and Downtown Lexington, the Arboretum and Keeneland. The second tour gives you a personal view of the many residence halls on campus.

“We felt it was important to include parts of Lexington with the campus tour,” Bozeman said. “Lexington is a great college town and is part of what makes UK so special. We selected a few locations to highlight that are favorites of our students.”

Viewers are able to watch videos and view 360-degree panoramic shots that connect to each stop to give them an even more exclusive look at the university. The website also provides text-only subtitles for each stop of the tour. Interested students can also schedule a campus tour and apply to the university from the site.

“We know that students spend a lot of time online researching prospective institutions,” Bozeman said. “YouVisit allows students to check out UK as they are researching schools and gives them a great sampling of what our campus is like. We also anticipate students using the site to review campus as they make their final college decisions. The University of Kentucky is an amazing place to spend your collegiate years and we’re excited to offer YouVisit as another tool to help in the college selection process.”

The online virtual tours provide translations in both Spanish and Mandarin to accommodate interested international students. They are also mobile-friendly and work on any mobile device including smartphones and tablets. The tours will be able to help keep prospective students informed and aware of the many new innovations going on at UK.

“The tour will be updated on a yearly basis, but we will continuously add supplemental photos and videos to the site,” Bozeman said.

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EQUINE PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHT

Behind the Scenes at an International Event-Internship Spotlight

**Hannah Forte**

Kim Cecere has dreamed of competing at the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships since she was a little girl. Though she is a successful competitor in three-day eventing, Cecere was never able to compete at the event due to horse issues. However, this past summer she received an incredible opportunity to experience NAJYRC from behind the scenes while interning with the United States Equestrian Federation.

Cecere grew up on her parent’s lesson, boarding and training farm in Littleton, Mass., about 45 minutes outside of Boston. Aside from working with her mom training horses every day, Cecere said she was practically born on a horse.

When asked why she chose UK, Cecere said, “It is a gateway to equine connections all around the world. The Equine Science and Management Program presents once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to all of its students. The program is taught by extremely knowledgeable and experienced professors, and provides hands-on experience. Plus, what better place to go to school than the ‘Horse Capital of the World?’”

Because Cecere is a management and marketing double major in addition to equine, she was ecstatic when Elizabeth LaBonty, lecturer and internship coordinator, told her about the opportunity to intern with the marketing department at USEF. In her time at USEF, Cecere did a variety of tasks including office work, event set-up and even ordering flowers.

“Kim was such a great fit for this internship,” said LaBonty. “She is hard-working, goal-oriented and eager to learn. We have a great relationship with USEF and interns we send them always get great experience and exposure.”

“Anything that needed to be done in order to make this event run smoothly, we did. We made photo ID’s for everyone attending events, overlooked the stabling and show offices and even got to work alongside some the officials,” Cecere said of the intern responsibilities.

According to Cecere, the internship taught her about the time and commitment necessary to put on an international event, including working 12-hour days.

She said her favorite part of the internship was meeting her idol and U.S. Eventing Team coach, David O’Connor. USEF interns were allowed to enjoy the food and parties at night, and O’Connor spoke about the United States Eventing Association as well as what it takes to be a great leader.

“I would love to be a professional rider when I graduate. I think there is a huge gap between the officials who run the event and the riders who compete in them,” Cecere said. “Some of the officials have never even been on a horse. By working for USEF, I was able to see where and how to fill in those gaps. I was even inspired to work on getting some official licenses myself.”

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The YouVisit tour platform, along with seeblue.com and applyuk.com, are innovative ways that the University of Kentucky is utilizing to share our “see blue.” story with prospective students.

“Visiting seeblue.com, our YouVisit campus tour and applyuk.com, along with following our social media accounts, should give a prospective student a good idea of what life would be like as a Wildcat,” Bozeman said.

View the University of Kentucky virtual tour at the YouVisit website at www.youvisit.com/tour/uky.
Veterinarians Rood, Riddle are 2014 Galbreath Award winners

*Source: theHorse.com*

*(Note: Tom Riddle, DVM, is a member of our Equine Industry Advisory Committee)*

The University of Louisville Equine Industry Program have announced that veterinarians Bill Rood and Tom Riddle have been chosen as the 25th recipients of the John W. Galbreath Award, given annually since 1990 to persons who have created and led successful equine business enterprises.

“We recognize people, and their organizations, who have impacted the horse industry in a positive way through the development of a meaningful business enterprise that serves the equine world,” said Tim Capps, director of the Equine Industry Program. “We look for the difference makers, the innovators who saw opportunities and turned those situations into reality, and Bill Rood and Tom Riddle exemplify the entrepreneurial mindset.”

Today, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital is one of the most renowned equine health care facilities in the world, known for its clinicians, facilities and service, but at its founding in 1986, success was far from certain.

The two veterinarians whose names are attached to the practice group had first started working together in 1982, when the Thoroughbred industry, and the horse industry in general, was experiencing an unprecedented boom. Foal crops were growing steadily every year, and commercial activity was at record levels, with auction average prices and stud fees climbing at sometimes double-digit levels. In fact, Lexington, Ky., home to their practice, seemed more like a mining town during gold rush days than a sedate southern city with a long heritage in the breeding of fine horses.


Congratulations to Veronica Bill

Congratulations to Veronica Bill, equine undergraduate major, who placed third in a very competitive contest of 10 agronomy students. Bill presented her research, “Plant Growth Regulators and N Fertilization on the Partitioning of Red Clover Growth,” at the American Society of Agronomy meetings.

*Bill at the American Society of Agronomy meeting.*
Clubs and teams updates

**Equestrian Team**

*Hunt Seat:*
The University of Kentucky Hunt Seat team has been busy. On Oct. 25 and 26, the team rode at Louisville against Cincinnati, Midway, Morehead and other local teams. By the end of the weekend, the UK Hunt Seat team won High Point Team. Alexa Prettyman and Dakota DeCuffa won High Point Rider on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

On Nov. 8 and 9, the team rode at Midway, and once again brought home High Point Team.

Reminder, team lessons are now over for the rest of the semester. If you would like to continue taking lessons, please contact Diana to set up a time. During dead week, (the week before finals) we will hold our annual holiday party. Be ready to swap gifts and drink hot chocolate!

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Western Team:
The UK Western team attended a show Nov. 2 at the Northern Kentucky University Arena. The team came back with High Point Team awards at both the morning and afternoon shows. Individual riders also had success. Sydney Hull received High Point Rider in the morning show and Elyssa Smith received High Point Rider in the afternoon show.

The team also had many first place riders at the double horse show event. They included Ann Marie Kadnar, Ashley Murphy, Lindsey Scherer, Emory Thomas and Ann-McCullough Wilkins. From this show, the team has qualified three more riders: Fallon Jackson, Ann Marie Kadnar and Ann-McCullough Wilkins, for regionals. Congratulations to all riders for a good show. The next horse show will be on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 and UK is the host.

Dressage and Eventing Team
On Nov. 9, UKDET hosted a clinic with local four star event rider Allie Knowles. It was a jumping clinic hosted at Clear View Equestrian Center. Thank you to Allie Knowles for coaching, Alexa Ehlers for hosting and the team members who came to participate and audit.

UKDET participated in the 2014 UK Campus Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics Kentucky. The team received an award for the highest non-greek fundraising team, and was the highest fundraising team overall, with more than $1,000 raised. In addition, UKDET team member Maggie Hoffman was the top individual fundraiser.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, UKDET is hosting an Intercollegiate Dressage Association show at Valley View Farm in Midway, Ky. This is an excellent opportunity for the team to showcase its program and receive points to qualify for the IDA National Championships.

READ Club
The READ Club recently had Sarah White, a graduate of the University of Florida with a doctorate in equine exercise physiology, speak at its last meeting. The club's field trip was Nov. 20 at the Equine Research and Diagnostics Seminar at the UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Its next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m., with a UK equine graduate as the speaker.
Join the University of Kentucky’s Ag Equine Programs for two events on two days with more than 15 top equine researchers.

**January 23**  
4th Annual UK Equine Showcase  
_A program highlighting the university’s current equine research programs and findings relevant to the industry._

**January 24**  
6th Annual Kentucky Breeders’ Short Course  
_An in-depth program on equine reproduction and horse management issues._

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For more information, contact equine@uky.edu.  
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From Monday, December 8 - Friday, December 12
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

At the Ag Science North Building, Room 212
UK Ag Equine Programs Office

We know how hectic and sometimes stressful the week before final exams can be and sometimes you need to just take a break. We will have refreshments/treats for each day.