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UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- Nov. 8 - Equine Fall-Themed Game Night, Ag Sciences Bldg starting at 6 p.m.
- Nov. 28 - ESMA Internship Showcase, E.S. Good Barn from 5-6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 - Equine Finals Study Night, Ag Sciences Bldg from 4-7 p.m.
- Dec. 14 - ESMA Graduation Reception
- Dec. 15 - Commencement

Full event listings and details can be found [here](#).

WELCOME

If you're starting to get the "Fall Blues," don't fret because you aren't alone. Midterms have just finished, we're rounding the corner into the holidays (which for some can be SUPER stressful) and then for some (and especially our seniors) there's this lingering sense of worry about what the future holds. To top it off, if you're anything like me you're feeling like there aren't enough hours in the day, minutes on the clock or seconds on hand to get everything done. While I don't have it all figured out, it is sometimes helpful to know we're not alone.

My first thought when writing this welcome was to focus on ways to keep your momentum from the Career Fair and career preparation last month, but I decided that to do that and do it successfully, we need to be in the right space and place. There are a few things that I have used that help me to get to the next step and things I think may be helpful for some of you.

- 1. Ask for help.** Now that you know you aren't alone and that you're in good company with this stress, maybe it's time that you ask for help. Reach out to family, friends, advisors, pastors, youth group members, mentors or professors to let them know that things can feel overwhelming, and that you may need some assistance with resources.
- 2. Check out UK's Resources.** <https://studentsuccess.uky.edu/center-support-and-intervention/resources/student-resources> UK has several great resources you can tap into that you may not be aware of, including:
 - POWER- Prevention, Outreach and Wellness Education Resources – focusing on everything from alcohol and other drug prevention and recovery to mental health and stress reduction and even health and wellness coaching. Lots of opportunities to reach out. <https://studentsuccess.uky.edu/power>
 - Mental Health Support – UK offers the Counseling Center, TRACS and Behavioral Health Services. I know many students have been struggling to get appointments, but I did learn that if they can't get you access on campus, they can help you find a provider that can take your specific insurance, so don't write it off all together.
 - Academic Resources- If you're struggling with coursework, a learning ability or disability or need help with developing better study habits, options include the Academic Ombud, Disability Resource Center and Transformative Learning.
 - Financial Support – If you're struggling with paying your tuition or housing bills or need assistance with financial wellness in other areas don't miss out on the resources at the link above.
 - Additional resources – First generation student services, international needs, LGBTQ+, CARES and the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center are other great on-campus resources that may be helpful to you.
- 3. Stay engaged.** I know it can feel like being alone or not joining clubs and going to study groups may help with eliminating distractions, but being a part of a community is what is most important when we're feeling overwhelmed or having a hard time. Check BBNvolved for upcoming events, activities or just things you can do, and drag a friend along because you never know what someone is going through, and it could be like the things you're facing. <https://uky.campuslabs.com/engage/>
- 4. Invest in someone else.** Sometimes helping others can be a helpful way to distract yourself. Sign up to volunteer at a local equine assisted services program, volunteer at the Campus Kitchen or just simply befriend someone in your class. Trust me, those things go A LONG WAY for all parties.
- 5. Express gratitude.** Consider starting a gratitude journal and stating one thing that you're grateful for each day. It may seem silly or hard at first, but from experience I can tell you that establishing a culture of gratitude is something that is hard to do in today's world (when it's all about comparison) and it is the most joy fulfilling thing you can do. <https://www.verywellmind.com/writing-in-a-gratitude-journal-for-stress-relief-3144887>

Life is hard and it's hard for every single one of us in very different ways. That's what makes it so difficult to shove everyone's struggles into a one-size-fits-all box because it's not realistic. Be kind, be bold, be genuine and do your best to accept help. We're all here to support you. We're cheering you on. And we're wanting the best to get you through this race.

Once you feel you're in the right space and place, then we can revisit that personal mission statement and really dive into who you are and how that impacts what you do! Then follow up on those connections, keep building relationships, hone your networking skills by getting out there to do some job shadows and start taking one step at a time towards that future. You're not building a skyscraper overnight; you're building it one step at a time, one day at a time. That way when you need to take a break or if you happen to fall, you have the steps and skills necessary to keep moving forward up that staircase.

You are valued. You are loved. You are wanted. You are here for a reason and we will get through this season.



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UK Ag Equine Programs welcomes Brooke Morfit

Hello! I'm Brooke Morfit and I am a sophomore working on my Equine Science and Management major on the pre-vet track.

My current goal is to be an equine veterinarian and specialize in sports medicine. I have been riding hunter/jumpers for 14 years and I am on the UK Hunt Seat Equestrian Team.

I am very excited for the opportunity to work with Ag Equine Programs here at UK and become more involved in the equine community on campus!



UK Experience Equine Day held Oct. 20



UK Ag Equine Programs held its annual Experience Equine Day for future Wildcats and their families Oct. 20.

Nearly 40 participants from 15 different states learned about undergraduate opportunities within the Equine Science and Management degree program.

Participants also toured Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, Spy Coast Farm and UK's Maine Chance Farm.

Kentucky 4-H Horse Program sees success at the 2023 All American Quarter Horse Congress

Congratulations go out to members of the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program. From the hippology contest at the 2023 All American Quarter Horse Congress, Kentucky earned 8th in Team Problem, 12th in Exam, 15th in Judging and Overall out of 21 teams.



UK Signature Industries Career Fair successfully presents job seekers with equine and distilling opportunities

By Holly Wiemers

Photos by Seriously Sabrina Photography



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The UK Signature Industries Career Fair presented professional opportunities to more than 400 participants.

Attendees represented 84 different majors and academic programs across UK's campus, along with five other universities. Participants met with more than 200 recruiters and employers from the equine and distilling industries.

According to Savannah Robin, event co-organizer and lecturer of career and professional development at Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, developing undergraduates' professional capacity is essential to future career success.

"This is an opportunity for our students to apply the professionalism skills they develop in class. The art of networking in any career is essential and in the equine industry it's even more important," Robin said.

"The career fair not only helps students explore what opportunities may exist in the industry, secure internships and jobs, but it also provides the space to practice networking skills and grow as equine professionals."

The equine and distilling programs have previously held separate career fairs over the past decade. Starting in 2022, the two industry-focused programs merged into one fair.

Ilka Balk, associate director of the James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits and event co-organizer, said students are well-prepared through the UK Distillation, Wine and Brewing Certificate program to fill the industry's need for talent — giving many attendees an opportunity to show employers their abilities.

"We were excited to host the distillation, wine and brewing portion of the Kentucky Signature Industries Career Fair," Balk said. "The strong employer participation shows a great need for talent in the distillation, wine and brewing industry. The industry is growing exponentially, with room for many disciplines and backgrounds."

Participating employers also found it beneficial for their businesses and professional networks.

"We were fortunate to be able to attend this year's career fair and discuss multiple employment opportunities with attendees. Our representatives were pleasantly surprised at the networking opportunities to meet other industry professionals and pleased with the quality and quantity of young people in attendance," said Anthony Koch, Hallway Feeds director of sales and marketing. "The students were all prepared to have professional conversations about our company and available positions."

Those sentiments were echoed by Dot Morgan, founder and executive director of New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program.

"We met with eager students, seeking work in the equine industry including internships, full or part-time, and volunteer opportunities. The Bluegrass is a fertile region for these aspiring young people, and we need their contributions to grow and preserve our equine resources. This was our second year attending and once again, I left inspired with the response we received," Morgan said.

Students who attended also shared positive experiences.

"The whole experience was clear and streamlined," said Mari Crosby, a UK senior equine major. "I had very productive conversations with leaders in the industry. Our college seems to have such key professional development opportunities and I think that sets us up for success,"

Daniel Smith, another UK equine senior was equally complimentary.

"The career fair was amazing. It was encouraging and exciting



to see so many farms and equine businesses excited to talk to the next generation,” he said.

The impact of both industries on the state is significant. The most recent Kentucky Equine Survey reported the state is home to 209,500 horses on 31,000 operations with \$2.1 billion in total income from sales and services. The bourbon industry generates more than 22,500 jobs with an annual payroll topping \$1.23 billion. The impact goes further with more than \$286 million in annual tax revenue in the commonwealth attributed to bourbon, combined with both industries generating substantial tourism revenue and visitors to Kentucky worldwide.

“Kentucky’s important cultural heritage in both areas reflects a long and deep history. Horses and distilled spirits truly are signature industries for the Commonwealth,” said James MacLeod, UK Ag Equine Programs’ director and professor in the Department of Veterinary Science. “The growth and diversity of career opportunities across multiple STEM, social and business disciplines is evident. In addition to their historical and cultural significance, these two industries will continue to provide valuable economic opportunities for Kentucky citizens.”

For a list of employers at the fair including information about next year’s event, visit <https://students.ca.uky.edu/KY-signature-industries>.



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Photos by UK's Wildcat Wranglers and UK Ag Equine Programs staff

With the flick of paint brushes, the snip of pruners and the lending of extra hands to tackle pressing needs, 150 participants provided more than 400 volunteer hours at equine non-profit organizations in the Lexington area during University of Kentucky's Equine Week of Service Oct. 8-14.

An annual tradition led by UK Ag Equine Programs' Wildcat Wrangler student ambassador team, the week of giving back is a way for equine students, alumni, faculty and staff in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment to return the favor of support to Kentucky's equine industry.

Over the course of the week, volunteers served seven different non-profit organizations in the equine industry: African Cemetery No. 2, Blue Grass Farm Charities, Central Kentucky Riding for Hope, Kentucky Equine Adoption Center, Old Friends, New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program and the Retired Racehorse Project's Thoroughbred Makeover.

"I have loved being able to volunteer at different organizations during the UK Equine Week of Service for the last four years. This community does so much for us as students and offers us so many unique opportunities and I really enjoy seeing other students have the chance to give back to them as well," said Stephanie Smith a senior in the Equine Science and Management Program and Wildcat Wrangler student ambassador. "The equine community and industry around Lexington are a big part of why I chose to be a student at UK and the Equine Week of Service helps me show my appreciation for all they do."



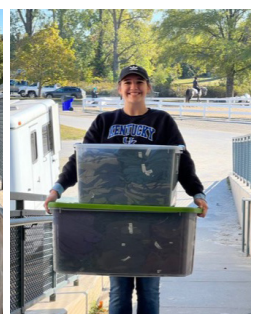
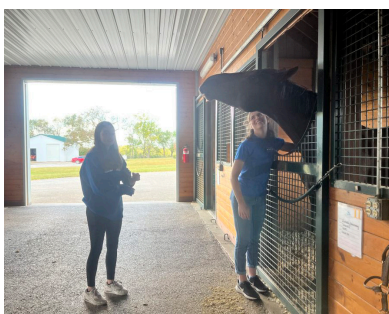
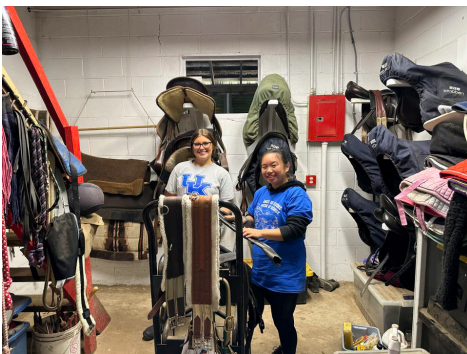
UK's Equine Week of Service began in 2020 during the lockdown days of the pandemic. Students in the program wanted to help support Kentucky's signature industry in a meaningful way while at the same time finding opportunities to connect with other students who shared a similar passion for horses. They could accomplish both objectives in a safe and socially distanced way, outside. The event was wildly popular, and it became an annual tradition.

"I'm very proud of the Wildcat Wrangler equine student ambassador team. Their hard work in creating and implementing unique opportunities for students to get out into the industry and serve and network does not go unnoticed," said Kristen Wilson, senior academic coordinator for the Equine Science and Management program and advisor to the equine ambassador team. "This year we were able to return to organizations we've served in the past and add new opportunities, allowing for a diverse variety of opportunities for students to choose from."

"Over the past four years, I've had the privilege of volunteering with various organizations, and the heartwarming gratitude and appreciation I've witnessed have continually motivated me to return, year after year," said equine senior and Wildcat Wrangler Isidra Powell.

Volunteers often report getting more out of the experience than they put in and UK Ag Equine Programs' director James MacLeod is no exception.

"The Week of Service has become a wonderful annual tradition. Within the equine agriculture community, it allows us to 'Be the engaged and caring person you admire and want to be,'" he said. "Sharing this very positive experience with students has been especially enriching for me."



TWO UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO FAMED IRISH NATIONAL STUD PROGRAM

By Jordan Strickler



GRACE HAMILTON, LEFT, AND LUIS ETEDGUI, RIGHT, ACCEPTED INTO IRISH NATIONAL STUD PROGRAM.

Two University of Kentucky students, Grace Hamilton and Luis Etedgui, both equine science and management majors, achieved a remarkable milestone by securing spots in the world-renowned Irish National Stud program. This prestigious six-month initiative begins in January and offers a unique opportunity for students around the globe to gain hands-on experience in the world of Thoroughbred racing, breeding and management.

"The Irish National Stud program provides a framework for teaching students the technical and managerial skills necessary for working in the equine industry, with a focus on the Thoroughbred breeding industry," said Savannah Robin, internship coordinator in the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Ag Equine Programs. "Students go through a rigorous educational process that includes a variety of assessment methods such as continuous assessment, practical skill demonstrations, projects and final examinations."

The program's defining feature is its strong emphasis on practical and applied skills, primarily facilitated through work-based learning experiences. This approach ensures graduates possess theoretical knowledge and practical abilities they can apply in the field.

Hamilton, a South Carolina native who will graduate in December, began her journey with minimal experience in the Thoroughbred industry. However, her passion for horses led her to volunteer with off-the-track Thoroughbreds, giving her an initial glimpse into the world of Thoroughbred racing and breeding.

While on a UK study abroad program, Hamilton had the opportunity to visit Irish National Stud. The experience left an indelible mark on her, solidifying her desire to apply for the program.

Upon arriving at the University of Kentucky, Hamilton's exposure to the industry was limited compared to many of her peers. However, her drive and commitment to expanding her knowledge set Hamilton apart.

"Grace jumped in and began immersing herself into the experience as soon as she stepped foot on campus," Robin said. "She's worked on breeding farms, at the Keeneland sales, you name it. She has really tried to diversify herself."

As Hamilton continued to explore various facets of the industry, she uncovered her passion for breeding and sales.

"Long term, I'd love to do something on the breeding and sales side because I truly find that part fascinating," she said.

Ettedgui's journey to the Irish National Stud program began in Venezuela where his family had deep roots in the Thoroughbred industry. They later relocated to Florida, where he continued to nurture his passion for Thoroughbred racing and breeding.

After moving to Lexington, he worked in various sides of the Thoroughbred industry. Ettedgui spent two breaking seasons at Juddmonte Farms' yearling division, one year working under trainer Brad H. Cox, and a breeding season at Godolphin's Stonerside Farm. He also attended yearling sales throughout the year and developed an eye for picking new racing prospects.

"UK provided me with some amazing professors, mentors, and great support to fulfill a successful learning experience during my four years at the university," said Ettedgui, who graduated in May. "From career fairs, to taking numerous courses, to receiving the best counseling advice, I could not be more thankful to have had such an extraordinary equine department staff."

"For Luis, participating in the Irish National Stud program was a natural progression in his journey," Robin said. "With his strong background in the industry, he aimed to enhance his understanding of the business from an international perspective. The program presented an excellent opportunity for him to do just that."

Both Hamilton and Ettedgui were also recipients of the Gerry Dilger Scholarship. The equine scholarship, established in Gerry Dilger's memory, honors his industry legacy. Dilger, originally from County Clare, Ireland, pursued his passion in the United States, founding Dromoland Farm in Lexington in 1994. The scholarship aims to continue his legacy by providing young people a "leg-up" in their equine careers.

"Grace and Luis may hail from different backgrounds and possess varying levels of experience in the Thoroughbred industry, but they share a common passion for horses and an unwavering commitment to excel in the industry," Robin said. "They both stand as shining examples of students who have embraced opportunities to further their careers in the Thoroughbred world."



UK ALUM BRINGS THOROUGHBRED RACING DREAMS TO LIFE

By Jordan Strickler



PHOTO COURTESY KEENELAND.

A passion for horses and a love of the sport have drawn countless people to Thoroughbred racing. Emily Pendergest, a University of Kentucky Equine Science and Management graduate, is realizing her passion as she takes on a new role as Keeneland's Community Relations Coordinator.

In her position, Pendergest plays a pivotal role connecting the racetrack with all ages of the local community, forging bonds and creating experiences with a desire to leave lasting positive impressions. Her responsibilities include event planning, promotions and ensuring Keeneland remains an integral part of the horse racing community.

Her journey from a budding equine enthusiast to a figure at one of the world's most prestigious race-tracks is a tale of dedication, mentorship and the power of education.

"I'm extremely blessed to be in this new position, I can't believe this isn't a dream," Pendergest said. "I love helping involve community members, especially children. We have several youth events, such as our kid's club. They are the next generation of racing fans."

Throughout the racing season, Keeneland hosts a series of promotional events to create memorable experiences for racegoers. Pendergest helps plan and execute events, such as “Make a Wish Day” and “College Scholarship Day.”

Her love affair with horses began at an early age. Growing up in Kentucky, she was surrounded by the equestrian world’s rich culture and traditions. This fascination with horses and racing led her to pursue a degree in equine studies within UK Ag Equine Programs at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Initially a pre-veterinary student, she switched paths to work more closely with the racing community. As a student, her passion for horses only deepened. She immersed herself in the world of equine education, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the industry, from hands-on horse care and training to the sales side of the Thoroughbred industry. This knowledge was invaluable as she embarked on her professional journey.

Mentorship is one of the key factors that set Pendergest on her path to success. While at UK, she worked with accomplished professionals who shared her passion for horses and were eager to guide her.

Savannah Robin, UK Ag Equine Programs internship coordinator, was one of the many pivotal people in Pendergest’s growth.

“Her transition from a pre-vet track to her role at Keeneland underscores the importance of exploring diverse opportunities within the equine field,” Robin said. “She embodies the spirit of adaptability and discovering one’s true passion.”

Robin, known for her dedication to student development, pushed Pendergest out of her comfort zone, encouraging her to take on challenges and expanding her skill set. Robin said thanks to Pendergest, one of the state’s most important equine documents currently in circulation came to fruition.

“One of Emily’s significant accomplishments includes her involvement in the Kentucky Equine Survey, highlighting her dedication to advancing the industry’s understanding and impact,” she said. “Emily’s primary role at Keeneland is to build bridges between the racetrack and the community. She understands the importance of community engagement.”

As Pendergest continues her work at Keeneland, she remains committed to fostering community engagement and connecting the racetrack with the hearts of horse racing fans. Her role is not just a job; it’s a lifelong dream come true, a dream she is determined to share with the world, one race at a time.

“I don’t think I could have gotten this far without UK Ag Equine Programs,” Pendergest said. “There are a lot of people who want you to succeed. I owe so much to the program and its people for making this dream become a reality.”



Kentucky Farm Bureau names Savannah Robin of Bourbon County the 2023 Kentucky Farm Woman of the Year

Source: Edited Kentucky Farm Bureau news release, Oct. 13

Each year KFB presents this award to recognize, encourage and appreciate the achievements made by women farmers. Robin helps manage the family farm's daily operations while also using her skillsets to expand agriculture's reach further into the community.



"Faith, family and agriculture are my life's calling, and I am so proud to be able to positively impact my community while helping provide for my family," Robin said. "As my little girls grow up, I want them to recognize that as females they have a unique skillset and approach to things, even cattle farming, that should be embraced and celebrated. There are no limits to what we can do on a farm, for agriculture and for our community."

Robin resides in Paris, Kentucky, where she and her husband own and co-manage Robin Ridge Farms with their two daughters. They raise beef cattle, sheep, goats and cut flowers. Through all her farm endeavors, she has increased the overall profitability of the farm and exponentially grown both the livestock and flower businesses. She also maintains the farm website, marketing materials, email lists and social media presence.

"Savannah embodies the spirit of the hardworking farm women across Kentucky," said Mark Haney, president of Kentucky Farm Bureau. "Her drive for farming, business, education and family is an inspiration to all."

Robin's entrepreneurial approach to bring agriculture to new markets has also seen great success. For example, she established corporate partnerships with local businesses to provide employee Christmas gift packages.

Robin's work doesn't stop on the farm. She also serves as lecturer of career and professional development for the Martin-Gatton University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Ag Equine Programs. In this role, she oversees the equine internship program along with the career and professional development for the more than 300 students enrolled in the Equine Science and Management undergraduate program. She serves as a career advisor and mentor, teaching the equine careers course. She is active within Kentucky's equine industry and serves as a liaison between businesses, organizations and farms to offer a connection for the UK students to the equine industry in Central Kentucky and across the U.S. Along with building industry relationships with equine industry leaders and providing job opportunities, she coordinates and manages the UK Equine Career Fair.

Robin is heavily engaged in many agricultural-based organizations around the community as well as her church and children's school. She has spearheaded efforts to build and maintain food pantries and lead an agricultural and Farm Bureau Day at her local Chamber of Commerce. She is also an active member of her church and prioritizes donating 10% of each farm animal harvested to a local food pantry.

‘This is the best place to be’: UK equine students tout top-notch education

Source: Lex18 feature, Oct. 23

A week-long spotlight on Kentucky’s equine industry starts in the classroom.

At the University of Kentucky, students come from all over to study in the prestigious Ag Equine Programs.

There’s Jennifer Zimmerman from Michigan, Ariel Baldon from Georgia, and hundreds of others.

“This program really is a national program for the University of Kentucky. We’re drawing students from around the country to come here,” said Jamie MacLeod, professor of veterinary science and director of Equine Programs.

According to faculty, over 80% of the program’s students come from out of state. By the time they graduate, more than half stay in Kentucky.

Watch and read more here: <https://www.lex18.com/spotlight-series/this-is-the-best-place-to-be-uk-equine-students-tout-top-notch-education>

Student ambassadors showcase Kentucky’s love for horses with a week of service

Source: FOX56 feature, Oct. 22

The equine industry is a huge driving force in Kentucky. A group of passionate students are working to make sure that’s always the case.

October 8–14 marks the University of Kentucky Agriculture Equine Programs UK Equine Week of Service 2023. It’s headed by a group of student ambassadors known as the Wildcat Wranglers. The goal of the week is to serve at different locations, including the New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program. Braden Heath and Loralye Page are both wildcat wranglers, and they both agree it’s a blessing to be able to be a part of this week.

“It’s really cool for me because I work with thoroughbreds, so it’s cool to see like where the thoroughbreds come off the track and they get to find a new home and find a new job and have like another chance at life,” Heath said.

“It’s just so great to be able to come out and serve the industry and get to meet people. You don’t realize how open and willing people are to teach you until you go out and meet them,” Page added.

This week showcases the growing interest in the equine industry. Dot Morgan is the executive director at New Vocations, and she’s a 1971 graduate of the UK College of Agriculture. Morgan witnessed the interest in the program firsthand at a recent job fair for the equine and distillery divisions.

“I was practically in tears. They were just so eager and fresh and wanting to work in the equine industry, and they held so much promise, and then a week later or two, they’re out here volunteering, blue shirts in the flower beds and blue shirts in the gift shop, and just doing all kinds of work, clean up, and organization. It just thrilled me,” Morgan said.

This is an industry that makes use of multiple skill sets, which is good news for those who want to combine design and horses into one career. Delaney Foster designed the shirts for 2023.

“Those are my two passions. I was so excited that I was going to volunteer anyway, but knowing that I had an

opportunity to design something and really use my art to also make an impact on the industry was exciting. I'm very happy to be here," Foster said.

Watch and read more here: <https://fox56news.com/news/local/student-ambassadors-showcase-kentuckys-love-for-horses-with-a-week-of-service/>

Preserving the legacy of the first Kentucky Derby winners

Source: Lex18 feature, Oct. 8

African American Cemetery Number Two is located in the heart of Lexington.

While it may serve as the final resting place, the history here lives on. The cemetery is 8 acres, filled with over 100 of the horse industry's first African American jockeys, trainers, and horsemen. Including the first seven Kentucky Derby winners, dominating the horse industry through the 1800s.

"There is no other place that recognizes this group of individuals and their history," explained former UK professor Mark Coyne.

See the coverage at https://www.lex18.com/news/preserving-the-legacy-of-the-first-kentucky-derby-winners?fbclid=IwAR39USHsbB2fP7LLeQaK7nKcE86YfGJ3xthRuOi9KZayR_0TlesOoS1ZZQU

UK 2023 Homecoming royalty crowned

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Princess Magor Agbozo, of Ghana, West Africa, and Joshua Griffith, of Greenup, Kentucky, were crowned the 2023 University of Kentucky Homecoming queen and king during the halftime ceremonies at the UK vs. Missouri Homecoming football game at Kroger Field Saturday night.

Earlier this week, Harrison Goode and Imani Barnes were crowned Mr. and Ms. Black UK 2023. The Mr. and Ms. Black UK Scholarship Pageant is an annual ceremony presented by the Black Student Union in partnership with the Mu Epsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Learn more about this celebrated UK tradition here.

Goode, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is a senior studying Equine Science and Management with a minor in agricultural economics. He is a member of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), where he serves on the executive board, and participates on the UK Saddle Seat team. Last semester, Goode achieved awards such as the 2023 Intercollegiate Saddle Seat Riding Association's National Senior Division High Point Champion through the UK Saddle Seat team and a leader on the Chapter of the Year award at the National MANRRS Conference in Atlanta, guiding the UK MANRRS chapter to their eighth consecutive win. Goode has interned for John Deere the past two summers expanding his network, knowledge of the marketing world and interest in the corporate space. He is the son of Antwain and Andrea Goode.



THE 2023 UK HOMECOMING COURT AND 2023 MR. AND MS. BLACK UK. MARK CORNELISON | UK PHOTO.

Ed Brown Society Scholarships awarded to UK Equine students and alumni



Congratulations to ESMA student Jaida Alee (pictured second from left) and ESMA alum Charles Churchill ('22), on each receiving \$3,000 scholarships from the Ed Brown Society.

Goode receives Lyman T. Johnson Torch Bearer Award



Congrats to Harrison Goode, pictured left, on receiving the Lyman T. Johnson award for displaying academic achievement and continually participating and leading activities to impact the lives of others.





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