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UK Equine Career & Opportunity Fair

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Take Advantage of the Commonwealth

I mean the title of this piece with the utmost sincerity. Take advantage of UK. And Lexington. And the entire state of Kentucky for that matter. I will throw in the United States and the entire world as well. No clue where to start? Keep reading.

Working in student services for nearly 10 years, I have been able to see students at their best and at their lowest. I have seen the smiles that will not go away after you have landed an internship. I have seen the fist bumps and high-fives after a personal victory. I have also seen the look of disappointment after an exam did not go the way you had planned. Those are all moments that make up a semester as a college student and you share those moments with 21 million other college students around the country (National Center for Education Statistics Fast Facts, 2012).

21 million is a big number. That means you are entering the workforce with lots of company and you have to make yourself stand out in that crowd. That statement was not made to cause panic attacks or to cause you to immediately begin work on your resume (though you should have one if you do not already). I present that statistic as a challenge to you. How do you make yourself a better candidate for the job market, graduate or professional school, and in life? You learn.

One of my teachers once told me a statement that has stuck with me since seventh grade. He said, "You should learn something new every day. Not just in school, but in your walk through life."

When you enrolled here, you made a commitment to yourself to get an education. Being on a college campus this size presents opportunities that so many people do not have in their lives. Within a four-mile radius, you have access to some of the best speakers, seminars, workshops, music, arts, theater and human capital in the entire world. Going to class is half of the adventure. Learning from the other experiences is the other. Someone who stands out in the job market will be cultured. That does not mean you have to be an expert in the finest foods and still-life paintings. This means you have seen things. You have immersed yourself into a city like Lexington and truly awakened your brain. Part of the college experience is challenging yourself and your comfort zone. Maybe you never had access to plays and musicals before college. You never knew that you could attend a lecture on the latest research in the fields of animal science, heart health or global politics. Maybe you have never been to a soccer game or watched a tennis match in person. Or maybe you have never tried foods from other cultures. Enjoy a day hike at Red River Gorge or take a tour of Mammoth Cave National Park, the longest cave system in the world. Go to Gallery Hop, held the third Friday of every other month, in downtown Lexington to see art, meet the artist and get a feel for the local arts scene (<http://www.galleryhoplex.com/>).

The last part of the puzzle is the taking advantage of the commonwealth of people here. The professors and staff in your department are great leaders of industry, research and skill. I encourage you to look around the rest of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, UK and the state to learn from people. Sometimes an informational interview allows you to explore a new career path or learn about a new hobby, and Kentucky is an awesome place to explore all of those things.

Now is your time. Time to take advantage of all that UK has to offer. Expand your personal depth beyond what you already know. Get out of your comfort zone. Try new things. Take an art class. Move beyond chicken fingers and pizza. Your brain, career path and ultimate happiness will thank you.

Please stop by Student Services in Ag Science Center if you ever need any help or for suggestions on any of the things I mentioned above. I am glad to assist you in exploring this campus and all the greatness it has to offer.

Jason Headrick is the director of student relations in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at UK. He works with prospective students and student development program. He is a Kentucky native who enjoys sweet tea, sports in general, painting and good conversation.

Sources:

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Upcoming Events:

April 1-10

Advising for summer & fall 2015

April 1-21

Priority registration for summer & fall 2015

April 10

Last day to withdraw from a class for academic reasons

April 18

Cowboy Up for a Cure rodeo
Kentucky Horse Park, Alltech Arena

April 18-19

Thoroughbred Ownership Seminar

April 21

Advising & registration for spring 2015 new students

April 23-26

Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event

April 24-25

Kentucky Reining Cup

April 29

Derby Celebration of Hope
Kentucky Horse Park, Alltech Arena

May 1

Last day of classes

May 4-8

Finals week

May 9

UK graduation
Rupp Arena

May 9

Equine Science and Management
Graduation Reception, 9:30-11 a.m.
Good Barn, Gorham Hall

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Members of the Saddle Seat Team at a recent show in Kentucky.

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Holly Wiemers

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“The UK Equine Career and Opportunity Fair is the only equine-specific career fair in the country. It’s also the only career fair planned by students for students. These elements make it unlike any other event and an excellent opportunity for equine students from across the country and equine businesses to come together for the future of the industry,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, lecturer and internship coordinator in UK’s Equine Science and Management undergraduate degree program. LaBonty’s equine careers class planned and executed the event.

Informational sessions allowed participants to explore career opportunities related to Thoroughbred sales, equine non-profit organizations, equine therapeutic and rehabilitation, vet school and other equine graduate school options.

Booth participants included Antebellum Farm, Camp Thunderbird, Central Kentucky Riding For Hope, DeLima Stables, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, International Center for Equestrian Ministries, Irish National Stud, KBC International Horse Supplies, Keeneland, Kentucky Equine Education Project, Kentucky Equine Management Internship, Kentucky Equine Research, Kentucky Equine Humane Center, Kentucky Horse Park, Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers’ Club, League of Agriculture and Equine Centers, Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass, Lovesome Stables, Makers Mark Secretariat Center, Masterson Station, Miramonte Equine, Noble Equine, North American Racing Academy, Park Equine Hospital, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, Split Rock Farm, Stable Meadows, Taylor Made Sales Agency, UK Ag Equine Programs, UK Animal and Food Science Graduate Association, United States Equestrian Federation, YMCA and Zoetis.

Students and potential employers who would like more information about the UK Equine Career and Opportunity Fair may contact Elizabeth LaBonty at 859-257-2226 or email equine@uky.edu. There is also an event Facebook page, University of Kentucky Equine Career Fair.



Students talk to Jodi Findley from Zoetis during the career fair.



UK Ag Equine Programs Career Fair, hosted at Spindletop Hall.



Students listen to an equine industry professional during the Therapeutic Treatment Careers session.

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Carol Lea Spence



Rick Bennett, new director of Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station and Associate Dean of Research.

Rick Bennett has been named the new director of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station and associate dean for research at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Bennett will assume his new duties on June 1.

Bennett comes to UK from the University of Arkansas College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, where he is a professor and head of the Department of Plant Pathology. In that position, he directed national and state research and extension programs, as well as built partnerships with state and federal agencies. Prior to that, he spent 17 years in various roles with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service, including serving as national program leader for plant

health. As such, he managed a large national research program with an annual budget of more than \$68 million.

"We are pleased that Dr. Bennett is going to join our administrative team," Dean Nancy Cox said. "Dr. Bennett brings extensive experience based on his leading programs at the USDA Agricultural Research Service and at the University of Arkansas."

As experiment station director, his primary task will be to promote success of the research enterprise in the college. He will also supervise several support programs critical to Kentucky's economy, including Division of Regulatory Services, UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Kentucky Tobacco Research and Development Center, the Research and Education Center in Princeton and the Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability in Quicksand.

"The University of Kentucky is regarded as a top tier university in agricultural research. I'm passionate about research, and I am very excited to have this opportunity to join the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. I'm looking forward to working in a great team environment with Dean Cox, the associate deans, as well as the department chairs and unit leaders. Together they represent the great diversity of research in Kentucky," Bennett said. "I'm most excited to learn more about the research-related activities and opportunities for the college's academic departments and all of the off-campus units and centers."



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.

“Well, tests aren’t fair. Those that study have an unfair advantage. It’s always been that way.”

-Allan Dare Pearce

Spring is here! I think I speak for all of us when I say...finally! The sun is out, the grass is turning green, the days are longer and the horses are just begging to be ridden. (Ok, I’m not really sure about that last one but that’s what I keep telling myself). Academically speaking, the end of the semester is just around the corner, which means final exams are coming up. So what are you doing to prepare? And why do we need finals anyways?

When I was a student, I would start stressing about finals from the first day of class. I wanted to know what would be on them, what grade I needed to get and how they would be structured. I’m sure it’s no different for students today. There is probably a part of you that wonders why professors even give exams and why they can’t just assign everyone an A and be done with it.

The truth is, grades are students’ paychecks. What you get in return for the time you do (or don’t) invest in each class is knowledge and a grade reflecting how much you learned. Teachers need some way to assess what you learn and the most common method for that is an exam. I used to hate exams. But in retrospect I realize now that had I never had to take an exam I would have never invested the time necessary to truly learn the material.

So my advice to you today is to start studying for your finals now. Start going over notes, making note cards, asking professors about things you don’t understand and reading class handouts so that you don’t end up trying to cram everything into the last two weeks of the semester. How you prepare for and perform on exams is a good indicator of how you will prepare for and perform in your career. If you are someone who takes learning seriously and knows your subject material thoroughly you are more likely to succeed in a professional environment.

Life is not an open book assignment. When you are on the other end of the lead rope from a horse that is acting up, in the stall with one that is sick or looking at one that is nutrient deficient there is not always time to Google what is going on or look back over your class notes. You need to know the material cold, not every single detail, but as much as you can. Invest the time in learning what you need to know now so that when the times come that you need it you will be ready.

And of course...be sure to enjoy the first few weeks of spring as well!



UK economic study snaps agriculture's bigger picture

Carol Lea Spence

A new University of Kentucky study has found agriculture's total impact on Kentucky's economy equaled \$45.6 billion in 2013, an 8.3 percent increase over 2007's figures.

The Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky study was authored by researcher Shaheer Burney and Associate Professor Alison Davis of the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Department of Agricultural Economics. They examined three aspects of agricultural activity: on-farm production, processing and agricultural inputs.

"It's important to think of agriculture as a more comprehensive picture than just production," said Davis, CEDIK executive director. "There can be a miscomprehension that, because there is not a significantly large number of on-farm workers, agriculture is an insignificant contribution to the state's economy. Agriculture has a broader scope than just on-farm employment, and this study illustrates that."

Total output for the entire agricultural industry crested \$31.3 billion, accounting for nearly 8 percent of Kentucky's total output. Output is measured by the dollar value, or market value, attached to the product. The sector employed nearly 136,000 workers, a 5.6 percent share of employment across all of Kentucky's industries.

All agricultural sectors, which include production, processing and manufacturing, added \$2.8 billion to the economy in terms of labor and wages, accounting for 2.8 percent of total wages earned from all of Kentucky's industries.

The average market value of agricultural products per farm increased from \$56,586 to \$65,755 and farm-related income rose by almost 60 percent from 2007 to 2012. Both factors helped to offset a 9 percent decrease in the number of farms and a 6.7 percent decrease in agricultural acreage in the state during the same period.

A goal of the study was to quantify agriculture's multiplier effect, that is, the dollars generated from every dollar spent within the sector. Certain figures stood out in the researchers' calculations. For every job within the agricultural inputs sector, an area that includes such things as fertilizer, feed and pesticides, 2.71 other jobs were created. Within the production sector, \$8.09 was generated for every dollar spent to grow vegetable and melon crops, while cattle ranching generated an additional 43 cents and oilseed and grain crops generated an additional 44 cents from every dollar spent.

Taking into account the multiplier effect, production agriculture represents approximately \$9.5 billion of output, 128,855 jobs, and almost \$889 million in labor income. Including other agriculture-related industries, the researchers calculated that agriculture is responsible for 258,605 jobs in the state and \$6.2 billion in labor income.

"Agriculture isn't the only important industry in Kentucky," Davis said. "Though it's only 8 percent of the state's total economy, that's not a trivial amount. It's important that Kentucky focuses on a diverse economy, and agriculture has an important part to play in that."

The entire study is online at http://cedik.ca.uky.edu/files/REPORT_Importance_of_Ag_KY_2015.pdf.

Service learning, study abroad and internship: All wrapped in one incredible experience

Hannah Forte

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Powers, originally from Columbus, Ohio, is a pre-vet junior in the Equine Science and Management program at the University of Kentucky. Powers said she chose UK because of its location in the Horse Capital of the World.

She began riding horses at the age of 6 and got her first horse, Vegas, at the age of 12. With Vegas, she competed at the lower levels of hunter jumpers. Eventually, she purchased Bentley, and together they won many championships in the hunter divisions at the Kentucky Horse Park.

“I had been horse showing down here and I simply fell in love with the area. I knew in order to have a career in the equine industry; I would need to start networking early. I felt like going to school in Lexington would enable me to do so. The equine opportunities are endless here, so I am definitely happy with my decision,” Powers said.

“Kelli is impressive in her willingness to learn and travel outside of her comfort zone,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, Internship Coordinator. “She was looking for a service learning component to her internship and Vida was the perfect match. I would love to see more students go this route as well.”

During her internship at Vida Volunteer, a nonprofit that aims to provide basic health services to Central American people and animals, Powers worked with a group of volunteers to educate the people of Costa Rica, perform spay and neuter procedures on small animals and administer vitamins to large herds on Costa Rican farms.

“Our volunteers basically bring their scrubs and stethoscopes to the clinics,” said Ernesto Vargas, from Vida. “Many of them also contribute with material and economic donations, not to mention their disposition, time and hard work. Most of the materials and supplies for the clinic are provided by us.”

As a volunteer, Powers was responsible for the physical examination, surgery preparation and either working as an assistant surgeon or monitoring anesthesia during procedures. Afterwards, the volunteers recovered the animal and explained the procedure and antibiotic regimen to the owners before returning the animal. Some of her many responsibilities during the surgery also included monitoring heart and respiratory rate, administering anesthetic, placing the endotracheal tube and clipping the surgery site.

When assisting with surgery, Powers was able to work directly with the veterinarians to learn different surgical and suturing techniques. With constant veterinary supervision, Powers was able to gain hands-on experience with the animals and perform several treatments herself, including suturing a dog’s abdomen.

“I learned the most about surgery techniques. There were six amazing vets on the trip with us and I was lucky enough to do surgery with four of them. I learned how each one achieved the same outcome in a slightly different way. I was able to practice different suturing techniques with each of them, as well as different surgical techniques in general,” Powers said.

Powers said another thing she loved about the internship was the exposure to Costa Rican culture. On her internship, the group spent a few nights with a Costa Rican family. Although she speaks no Spanish, the group was able to communicate and enjoy the time together by learning games and dances.

She discovered the internship opportunity as a member of the UK Pre-Vet Club, which takes an annual trip with Vida. Powers chose this internship because she believed she could travel and it would enable her to gain a lot of hands-on experience.

“I was looking for something to make me stand out for my vet school applications. There are so many applicants for so few spots that I wanted something unique to help me stand out,” Powers said. “I figured Vida would be a perfect opportunity to get my hands dirty and boost my vet school application!”

After graduation, Powers hopes to attend vet school and become an equine veterinarian. She said that the internship gives her experience, knowledge and confidence as she applies to vet school.



Kelli Powers, right, during her internship at Vida.

Equine Science and Management Alumni Profile

Amy DuKate, '12

Sale and Training Barn Manager at Champagne Run Farm

by Hannah Forte



Amy DuKate

Where is home for you?

Home for me is a small rural town called Franklin in central Indiana, where I was born and raised.

How did you first become involved in the horse industry?

Ever since I was little, I have loved horses, but my first involvement was participating in the 4-H Horse and Pony project. I was a member for 10 years, ambassador and also a hippology/horse bowl contest competitor.

What were your career goals before graduation?

My career goal was always to be in the equine industry and to get back into my favorite riding discipline, eventing.

What led you to this position? Did you have certain internships, professors or classes that influenced you?

A few months before graduation, I sent out my resume to multiple eventing farms around Lexington. I had many interviews and made my decision to take the management position at Champagne Run Farm. I believe that I found a job so quickly out of college because of my previous experience in the horse industry. I grew up riding and showing horses. In college, I did an internship at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute that ended up turning into a two-year job. I completed another internship at Maine Chance Farm in the horse unit.

What are your current job responsibilities?

My responsibilities are endless. They range from paperwork and filing, to scheduling the vet and farrier appointments, first aid and individual care for each of the 37 horses I am in charge of. I also ride and show the green horses we have brought to the farm to flip and sell as eventing prospects.

How are you currently involved in the horse industry?

I am the manager at Champagne Run Farm, and we host well-known events at the Kentucky Horse Park that attract participants from all over the United States.

What advice do you have for current equine students?

My advice to current Equine Science and Management students is to get as much hands-on experience as possible. You will need the experience. You also need to know how to think independently and quickly if you want to stand out to others.

New UK safety app announced for campus

Anne Halliwell

Source: Kentucky Kernel

UK student body president Jake Ingram recently announced the implementation of the new LiveSafe phone application.

The app is available through the Apple store and Google Play store and is free to download for UK students, faculty and staff. According to Ingram, there have already been more than 1,000 downloads.

“We used our (student government) money to get it off the ground,” Ingram said. He noted that the app did not lead to an increase in student fees and likely will not in coming years.

To read the entire article, visit <http://kykernel.com/2015/03/09/new-uk-safety-app-announced-for-campus/>.

March's Bluegrass Equine Digest

Check out the March issue of the Bluegrass Equine Digest, a free, monthly electronic newsletter dedicated to providing up-to-date information on equine research from the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in collaboration with TheHorse.com and sponsored by Zoetis.

This month's stories can be found at http://www.thehorse.com/news/bluegrass-equine-digest/PDF/BED-Mar2015.pdf?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm_campaign=03-29-2015.



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- Live event: the best hay, grass, and other forages for your horse
- Bennett Named UKAg associate dean for research, experiment station director
- UK researchers study lawsonia intracellularis infection and risk
- Is HIP an effective treatment for R.equi?
- Weed management in grass pastures, hayfields, and other farmstead sites
- Eastern tent caterpillar egg hatch begins in Central Kentucky
- Career fair unites college students, equine industry

Clubs and teams updates

Equestrian Team

Hunt Seat Team

On Feb. 28, the Hunt Seat team rode at Morehead, Ky. for the IHSA Regionals show. A huge congratulations goes out to the entire team, as the Wildcats won High Point Team. Thank you to all riders, for riding and representing the University of Kentucky brilliantly.

A special congratulation to High Point Rider, Alexa Prettyman, and Reserve High Point Rider, Lucy Hart. Both riders will be riding in zones, March 28 at Morehead. Wish them, and the rest of our advancing riders, luck as they aim to qualify for nationals.

The team also joined the Letter Movement, a program that sends letters of hope to orphans in Nepal and builds orphanages there with the help of three missionary families. In total, the team wrote thirty unique letters. You can learn more about Letters in Motion at www.golettersinmotion.com.

Western Team

The University of Kentucky's Western Team qualified to compete at semi-finals. The semi-finals will be held March 21-22 in El Reno, Okla. The riders representing the team will be Gianna Alberti, Marisa Henrickson, Christina Hermanns, Sydney Hull, Jessica Pierce and Elyssa Smith. Individually, Gianna Alberti, Fallon Jackson, Ann Marie Kadnar and Elyssa Smith qualified for semi-finals in horsemanship and Sydney Hull qualified in both horsemanship and reining.

Rodeo Team

The Rodeo Team welcomes Allison Barkley as its new president. The team has been gearing up for this semester's rodeo season by competing in local barrel races and rodeos. Team member Whitney Ott has been turning and burning on her horses Penny with great run times at the local barrel shows, held at Hodge Arena. The bull riders have been going weekly to the Fox Hollow rodeos, held every Saturday in Waynesville, Ohio. Bull rider, John Allender recently won first place in the Novice division on Jan. 31. The team welcomes two new bull riders; Austin Miller and Harrison Peoples. The Rodeo Team will also be helping put on Cowboy Up Rodeo on April 18.

Upcoming college rodeos:

- Bullriders: Auburn University Rodeo on April 11
- Barrel Racers: East Mississippi Community College Rodeo on March 26-28



Hunt Seat Team after winning High Point Team.



Western Team after winning High Point Team.



Whitney Ott with her horse Penny.

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Saying Farewell

Jackson Wells

Rather than diving into this commentary and writing a heartfelt goodbye from the top of my head, I decided to hit the pause button, and look into our archives. Deep into our archives. Over a year ago, I wrote my “Welcome to the Team” article for the Wildcat Canter. I laughed. I cringed. I wished I had supplied better photos. The past 13 months have been an incredible learning experience, as I have seen first-hand the amazing amount of “behind the scenes” effort that is poured into UK’s equine program.

Besides learning the importance of solid photography, I worked with some of the most transformative people I have ever known. Not only are they 110 percent horse crazy, but the people of the Equine Office showed me how important an individual student is to the program. Personally being one of nearly 30,000 students enrolled at UK, I know how easy it is to be lost in the shuffle. Seeing students at events, or even just dropping by the office, gave me a unique opportunity to learn the importance of individual attention.

While being a part of the equine program has improved my writing, graphic design and communications skills immeasurably, I place my most valuable experience in a skill that cannot be on a resume – human to human interaction. The faculty and students in UK’s Ag Equine Programs are all exceptionally unique, and their passion for the horse never fails to inspire me.

Rather than just being another office drone, I truly believe that I have spent the last 13 months contributing to something much greater than I had previously imagined. “The horse is at the heart of everything we do,” is our mission statement, and I am proud to have worked with such an incredibly dedicated team of people who deliver this mission day after day.



Wells interacting with a participant at the 2014 Hats Off Day.



UK Ag Equine Programs’ interns, Jackson Wells and Hannah Forte during the 2015 UK Ag Equine Programs Career Fair.



Wells with his horse Hannah.



Cowboy Up For A Cure

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