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Cover photo: Chelsea Urhahn, ’12 ESMA, snapped this photo at Antebellum Farm. The horse pictured here is Quinn, an Off-The-Track-Thoroughbred and retired eventing horse, who was known in the show ring as Twice in a Lifetime. Quinn was owned by UK Dressage and Eventing team member and UK alum (’12) Jessica Wolk.

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I spend a lot of my day thinking about the image and reputation of our program.

I think about a lot of independent things (content, messages, images, logos, events, outreach, service) that ultimately add up to an overall perception by others about who we are, what we stand for and how valuable we are to them. And I work to continually move that perception in a positive direction. I nurture our brand.

We're all used to seeing branding everywhere. Messages and logos and images are all around us. We are wearing them, eating them, drinking them, driving them, seeing and hearing them. We have experiences with brands and build relationships with brands. We also have very strong opinions about brands.

Now the fun part, and what I enjoy sharing during guest lectures with students.

Maybe you haven't taken a moment amid all that chatter and noise to consider that you yourself are a brand. Brand YOU. That's right. Like it or not, you are a brand, out there with a reputation, projecting an image, as a professional and as a person. And that brand is the currency you trade in the professional world. It determines the jobs you get, the progress you make in your career and the value others find in you as a professional. It is a summation of everything you do and say (or chose not to do and say).

As carefully as companies tend to their organizational brands, it's just as vital that you pay the same attention to your own personal brand. It starts now, in college. With your digital footprint on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. and how consistently you project who you are and who you aspire to be. With your work ethic and your attitude and your willingness to go above and beyond on projects. All of these add up to (or take away from) what people think about you, and what value companies think you will bring to their organizations.

The equine industry is a fascinating, diverse world. It's also a very small one where relationships and reputation are especially important. It can be hard to break into, and becoming an insider takes time and trust. You need a very strong brand.

How do you develop a positive Brand YOU? It starts with you being you, being authentic. After all, it's really hard to try to be someone else for any length of time.

Sit down and ask yourself, what are your words? That is, how would someone else describe you in just three to five words? How do you describe you? And, is that what you aspire to be?

I always think a good litmus test is to Google your name. Have you Googled yourself? Is what comes up what you want out there for the world to see? You can manage your brand so that what people see is what you want them to see.

Start nurturing your reputation now. Consistently deliver great work in the classroom, on your internship, in your groups, on your teams and with your peers.

Finally, never stop cultivating Brand YOU. Like you, it is living and changing and growing.

Holly Wiemers, MA, APR, communications director, UK Ag Equine Programs
March 3
Midterm

March 9-April 10
Advising for Summer & Fall 2015

March 16-21
Spring Break

March 26-29
Road to the Horse, Kentuck Horse Park Alltech Arena

March 27
UK Ag Equine Programs celebrates 10 years, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Hilary J. Boone Center

March 30-April 21
Priority Registration for Summer & Fall 2015

April 1
CAFE scholarship applications due
UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment indicts 2015 Hall of Distinguished Alumni

Laura Skillman

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will induct the 2015 members into its Hall of Distinguished Alumni today.

This year's living inductees are Randall Barnett, Thomas Hammond, William Moody and John Robertson. These honorees have had outstanding careers and continue to serve in their professions and their communities.

"This is one of the most exciting events for our college, because we celebrate our alumni who are true legends in their various fields," said Nancy Cox, dean of the college.

This award is the highest honor the college bestows. The college's Office for Advancement and the Ag and HES Alumni Association administer the program.

Barnett, of Lexington, served in many capacities during his tenure with the college, starting as an assistant 4-H agent and rising through the ranks to finish his career as associate dean. He founded and, for many years, directed what is today known as the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program. He was instrumental in creating and promoting the Kentucky Cooperative Extension advisory council system, provided the leadership to better financially position county extension offices and secured funding for several college facilities. He received a bachelor's degree in dairy production from the college in 1957, a master's in extension education from UK in 1964 and his doctorate from North Carolina State University in adult education and administration.

Recognized as one of the leading network sports broadcasters in the United States, Hammond's vast body of work includes calling thoroughbred horse racing, play-by-play of the NBA, the WNBA, college basketball, gymnastics, figure skating and the Orange Bowl. He is the recipient of numerous awards including three Emmys and two Eclipse Awards, horse racing's top honor. He was the play-by-play voice for Notre Dame football for 21 years. Hammond, of Lexington, has a degree in animal science with an emphasis in equine genetics from UK in 1967. He is a strong supporter of the university, community and the college, where his grandfather, Thomas Poe Cooper, was once dean.

During Moody's tenure as a UK meat scientist, he taught more than 2,500 students, served as adviser or committee member to 55 graduate students and had an active research program. He served as an adviser for one or more student organizations for 30 of his 37 years at UK. His passion for his students and his excellence in teaching and service are reflected in his seven teaching awards. Moody, of Lexington, continues to be a strong supporter of UK, the college and FarmHouse Fraternity. He received his bachelor's degree in 1956 in animal husbandry from UK and master's degree in the same field in 1957. He received his doctorate degree in meat science/physiology from the University of Missouri in 1963.

Robertson, of Lexington, began his career as a swine specialist and held several positions prior to being named associate dean for instruction, a position he held from 1968 to 1994. Robertson is a believer in the total student experience and implemented that idea throughout his career. Under his leadership, a career placement service was started for the college's students along with international exchange programs that continue today. He began the student/faculty picnic that is in its 46th year as well as the annual scholarship banquet that allows students and donors to be recognized and interact with each other. He received his bachelor's degree in agriculture from UK in 1953 and his master's degree in animal husbandry in 1958.

This year's posthumous award recipients are Henry C. Besuden, William G. Finn, William C. Johnstone, Joseph H. Kastle, William D. Salmon and Jesse W. Tapp. Find more information about these honorees at http://alumni.ca.uky.edu.
New provost named

Source: campus email from UK President Eli Capilouto

Members of the University Community,

As you know, we have spent the last several weeks in a deliberative process to identify our next Provost. I am grateful to the approximately well over 100 people – trustees; deans; direct reports to me and to the Provost; faculty, staff, and student leaders; senior staff in UK HealthCare; the co-chairs of the various strategic planning committees; attendees at the recent candidate forums; and countless others - who have provided advice to me during this process. I also am very grateful to the members of the Provost Search Committee who committed long hours in a short time frame to review applications, interview candidates, and provide counsel to me. We implemented a time-sensitive, but thorough and thoughtful process.

I am pleased that Dr. Tim Tracy, Dean of our College of Pharmacy, has accepted my offer to be our next Provost. He will begin his formal service as Provost on Monday, February 23. As I have noted to you in previous correspondence, there are several pressing issues facing our University that require immediate attention:

1. Strengthening our work in undergraduate student retention and graduation;
2. Strengthening our graduate and professional education efforts;
3. Advancing our research enterprise;
4. Fostering with greater urgency an inclusive campus environment that celebrates the multitude of backgrounds, identities, and perspectives;
5. Further refining and completing our next Strategic Plan;
6. Implementing a new financial model; and
7. Selecting deans for the colleges of Dentistry, Design, Medicine, and Public Health.

Dr. Tracy will begin immediately the conversation about interim leadership in the College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Tracy received his bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from Ohio Northern University; his Ph.D. in clinical pharmacy from Purdue University; and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical pharmacology at Indiana University. After serving on the faculty at West Virginia University and the University of Minnesota (where he also served as department chair), Dr. Tracy became Dean of our nationally ranked College of Pharmacy in August 2010. From April 2012 until August 2013, Dr. Tracy served as our Interim Provost. He has published almost 100 scientific manuscripts, more than 15 book chapters and edited two books. He has been principal investigator and co-investigator on numerous grants funded by the National Institutes of Health and other agencies. He also holds two patents.

I know you join me in congratulating Dr. Tracy. I know you also join me in thanking Dean David Blackwell for his interest in the opportunity to serve as Provost, his willingness to participate in our public conversation about the position, and his tireless commitment to the Gatton College of Business and Economics and the University of Kentucky. I was gratified that nearly all of the feedback I received about our two finalists praised them both for their talent, commitment, and capacity to succeed in the role. This was not an easy decision.

Eli Capilouto
President
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.

You are awesome.
- Ms. LaBonty

In life there is no shortage of opinions - especially in the equine industry. People are more than willing to tell you what to do and how to do it and especially what you are doing wrong or what you need to do better. I am always happy to help students out and give them advice on their career ambitions and lifelong goals. But in the last week as we have all struggled to survive the weather, what I think students need to hear more than anything when I look at them is this: you are awesome. You really are. And this article is written right for you, wherever you are right now as you read this.

It’s easy to get bogged down in the day-to-day, overwhelmed by life, class and work. It’s easy to feel like you are spinning your wheels and are forever away from your dreams. It’s easy to think everyone else is succeeding, that they all have it made while you wonder what you are going to do this summer, this year, after you graduate and beyond. But when I see you, I see someone with incredible potential. I see someone with life experience and vision and ambition. I see you coming to class in freezing weather, cheering on each other’s successes and doing the best you can.

Above all I see your passion. You are here because you love horses and that love alone will take you farther than anything else. So today I don’t want to give you a list of things you should be doing or could be doing to get where you want to go. Instead I want to congratulate you for being exactly who you are and where you are right now. You have a team of faculty and staff that celebrate your arrival into our degree and, more importantly, love to see your story unfold when you leave.

Here’s to spring!
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In February 1865, just before the end of the Civil War, farmer and lawyer John Bryan Bowman challenged the Kentucky state legislature to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862 to build a public university in Lexington. Though located in the Bluegrass, the Agriculture and Mechanical College of Kentucky University would go on to serve the better interests of the entire Commonwealth.

From its beginnings with only 190 students and 10 professors, A&M College was committed to the state of Kentucky. The institution’s work (and name, eventually becoming University of Kentucky in 1916) evolved and expanded with the passage of the Hatch Act of 1887 and the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, which added UK’s experiment station and cooperative extension network.

Today, UK’s campus is enjoying great growth in classrooms and campus facilities. It covers more than 918 acres; is home to more than 30,000 students, 14,500 employees including 2,300 full-time faculty; more than 90 nationally ranked academic programs; and boasts an annual budget of more than $3 billion. In addition, UK is one of only eight universities in the U.S. that has well-established programs in agriculture, engineering, medicine and pharmacy on a single campus.

To commemorate the students, faculty and staff who came before and to solidify the blueprint for 150 more years of success, UK will present several events recognizing and celebrating those who make the university the exemplary land-grant, flagship institution it has become.

UK Athletics opened Founders Week with recognition of the milestone as part of the UK Hoops game vs. Texas A&M University Feb. 19, and the same is planned for the UK Men’s Basketball game vs. Auburn University on Feb. 21. The festivities include performances at each game by the university’s popular a cappella groups, Paws and Listen and the acoUstiKats, respectively.

To read the entire story, visit http://uknow.uky.edu/content/happy-150th-university-kentucky.
Georgia native comes to Kentucky for countless opportunities in the equine industry

Hannah Forte

Maredith Davis is currently enrolled in her third year as an Equine Science and Management student at the University of Kentucky. Originally from Ringgold, Ga., her experience with horses has been showing on the hunter/jumper circuits for the past 12 years.

Davis said she chose to attend UK because of the Equine Science and Management program. She had always wanted to work in the equine industry. Combined with the ability to receive in-state tuition through the Academic Common Market, UK was the best fit.

Davis said, “I applied to several schools that offered similar programs, but I could not overlook the countless opportunities to be submerged in the equine industry that came along with living in Lexington.”

Davis applied and was accepted for an internship with Breeders Cup LTD. This internship provided an introduction to the Thoroughbred industry and insight into planning a large equestrian event.

“One of our most prestigious internship opportunities with the Breeders Cup. Stephanie Clark who oversees our interns there does such an excellent job of integrating them into the process and teaching them valuable skills,” said Elizabeth LaBonty, Internship Coordinator and Lecturer. “Maredith was the perfect fit for this internship and they really enjoyed having her – along with the other interns they took.”

Davis interned as a customer service representative along with fellow Equine Science and Management students, and assisted customers in purchasing tickets for the 2014 Breeders Cup in Santa Anita. She worked with customers over the telephone or online chat to answer questions about ticket sales and the races in general.

“From her attention to detail to her always friendly demeanor, Maredith exemplified all of the world-class skills we ask of our interns,” said Stephanie Clark, manager of ticketing and customer service for the Breeders’ Cup LTD.

“I am really interested in equine event planning, and thought this would be the perfect opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at how one of the largest events in horse racing is planned,” Davis said.

Davis said that her favorite memory from her time at Breeders Cup LTD was selling $20,000 in tickets to the Chandelier Room to one individual. One benefit of the internship was that it required that Davis talk to a variety of customers from different backgrounds.

Davis said, “I quickly learned the importance of treating callers with the same level of respect and making sure that their time at the Breeders Cup would be the best possible.”

She is interested in equine event planning and graphic design. After graduation, she hopes to start a career in marketing that utilizes both her background in hunter jumpers and minor in digital media.

“Ideally, I would like to work for an equine event assisting in their marketing department, specifically through web design and promotional materials. Breeders Cup LTD was the perfect opportunity to experience how much effort it takes to host a successful event,” Davis said.
Equine Science and Management Alumni Profile

Bora Nam, ’13
Graduate Research Assistant at the
UK Gluck Equine Research Center

by Hannah Forte

Where is home for you?
I am originally from South Korea and came to the United States in 2006. That year, I watched the Kentucky Derby and cheered for Barbaro. He won the Derby and I told myself that one day, I would visit Kentucky to see the Derby. I graduated from Lehigh Valley Christian High School in Allentown, Pa., in 2009.

How did you first become involved in the horse industry?
Before I moved to the U.S., I grew up with horses and competed at national and international levels in South Korea and Australia. I began riding at 10 years old. I joined the Samsung Equestrian Team in 2004 for the Olympic Dressage Camp. I also visited Ms. Colleen Brook’s farm in Australia to learn show jumping.

What were your career goals before graduation?
To become an equine veterinarian, professor of Equine Science and Management, an equine lawyer, or international horse businesswoman.

What led you to this position? Did you have certain internships, professors or classes that influenced you?
I did my required internship in the laboratory of Udeni Balasuriya, associate professor of virology at the Gluck Equine Research Center and completed a research project entitled, “Sequencing the full-length genome of KY84 strain of equine arteritis virus” under his supervision. This project was presented at the 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research on the UK campus. Dr. Balasuriya is my current supervisor, but is also a great mentor and sometimes like a father to me. Also, I would like to acknowledge my undergraduate advisor, Dr. Mary Rossano, associate professor in the department of Animal and Food Sciences. It was very difficult for me coming all of the way from South Korea to study abroad by myself. Whenever I went through a rough moment, she trusted me and never gave up on me as a student.

Did you pursue further degrees after graduation?
I am currently enrolled as a master’s student of Veterinary Science at the UK Gluck Equine Research Center at the University of Kentucky. My undergraduate research background with Dr. Balasuriya inspired me to attend graduate school and continue my research on Equine Arteritis Virus and other equine viral pathogens. I believe that my research training at the Gluck Center will provide experience to work in equine research or a diagnostic laboratory in South Korea. In addition, graduate school will allow me to develop critical thinking, problem solving and decision making skills. This will allow me to better understand equine diseases and apply my knowledge to improve and protect equine health and welfare in South Korea.

How are you currently involved in the horse industry?
I am involved in the veterinary science field of the industry. I study equine infectious disease and molecular virology.

What advice do you have for current equine students?
Life does not always go as you plan. However, it is important to focus on your interests, beliefs and what your heart is saying. Show your appreciation and people will help you. Grab opportunities and grow with them. The horse industry is broad and fascinating, find the specific area you fit into in this industry.
Honor a Teacher Who Made a Difference

Members of the University of Kentucky community are encouraged to honor the teachers, professors, principals or other educational professionals who have made meaningful impacts on their lives.

The UK College of Education and UK Women's Basketball Coach Matthew Mitchell are teaming up once again to host the 17th annual Teachers Who Made a Difference Program. This program gives individuals the opportunity to thank the educators who have inspired and motivated them to succeed.

The program does not select winners from a pool of nominees, all teachers are honored. The College of Education created the program to provide individuals a means to express thanks to the special teachers in their lives. Honorees can be from anywhere and do not have to be affiliated with UK; however, the number of honorees to be recognized is limited. Organizers ask that each person limit recognitions to one educator per year.

Submissions for the program are being accepted through March 16, or as soon as the maximum number of submissions is received.

To honor an educator, visit http://education.uky.edu/TWMAD and complete the online form (or download the printable form to mail in).

A special recognition event and reception will be held April 18 for both the honored teachers and their nominators.

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February’s Bluegrass Equine Digest

Check out the February 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, which can be found at http://www.thehorse.com/enews/bluegrass-equine-digest/20150222.html?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm_campaign=02-22-2015.

- Know Your Pasture Grass
- Grad Student Spotlight: Gabriel Monteiro Davolli
- Nutrient Digestibility in Healthy Adult and Senior Horses
- Reproduction in Geriatric Mares
- Why Do Horses Need Amino Acids in Their Diets?
- Parasite Control in Young Horses
- Upcoming Conference Celebrates 35 Years of Advancing Alfalfa
Congratulations to three UK equine advisors

Three Equine Science and Management advisors were nominated for the Ken Freedman Outstanding Advisor Award by undergraduate students in the program. Kudos go out to Elizabeth LaBonty, lecturer and internship coordinator, Mary Rossano, associate professor in Animal and Food Sciences and Kristen Wilson, academic program coordinator. The award is given each year to one professional and one faculty advisor. The candidates are nominated by students and the award, named in honor of Ken Freedman, who served as a professional advisor at UK for 15 years, recognizes outstanding service in the field of academic advising.

Grad Salute

Grad Salute will be March 3-6 at King Alumni House. Students graduating in spring 2015 will be able to order announcements, class rings and purchase their cap, gown and tassel.

Undergrad research opportunities and scholarship deadlines

The University of Kentucky Office of Undergraduate Research invites students to apply for Undergraduate Research Abroad Scholarships and Summer Research Grants. The deadline to apply for both is March 3.

The 2015-2016 College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Upperclass/Continuing & Transfer Student Scholarship Application is now available online at the website below. The application deadline is April 1, 2015, and must be submitted online.

https://acsg.uky.edu/ScholarshipApp/UpperclassTransferAppMain.aspx

Horse College kicks off many opportunities

Source: Lyndall Harned, The Independent

Because there have been so many requests, Horse College will be offered, but with a different curriculum of a more specific nature.

Bob Coleman, UK Equine Specialist and faculty member at UK, will teach a couple of sessions, but we also will have a couple of new faces teaching other sessions.

The first session, set for Feb. 3, will be about broodmare care and pre-foaling nutrition, perfect for this time of the year, as foaling season is upon us. Coleman will be the presenter.

The second session, Feb. 10 and taught by Duane Chappell, Morehead State University veterinarian, will be about foaling preparation and new foal care basics.

To see the story, visit http://www.dailyindependent.com/news/horse-college-kicks-off-many-opportunities/article_819cb372-a88c-11e4-be6a-0b6941fe52fc.html.
Clubs and teams updates
Equestrian Team

Hunt Seat Team
On Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, the team hosted its home horse show at Lakeside Arena. The show was a great success and all events ran smoothly and safely. The hunt seat team won high point team both days. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication over the weekend. Hosting a show is tough work, but all team members deserve a pat on the back for their enthusiasm and perseverance over the weekend. Great job!

To finish off the regular show season, the hunt seat team traveled through the snow and ice to Morehead’s show. Despite being able to show only one day, everyone rode their best, and the team won high point. Special congratulations to Lucy Hart, high point rider.

Alexa Prettyman, treasurer and graduating senior, rode in her last regular IHSA horse show at Morehead. She will next be competing for the Cacchione Cup at nationals. Alexa has been an amazing component to the team for the past four years. Good luck in everything you do, and come back to visit anytime. You will be missed.

With the regular show season now behind us, the team has turned its attention to Morehead once again for regionals. All team members are expected to come out and support one another, regardless if they are showing or not. Let’s ride our best, and get the team to zones.

Western Team
The University of Kentucky’s western equestrian team finished as the top team of the region and the team will automatically continue to semifinals. Twelve of the women on the team will be continuing on to regionals. Elyssa Smith was the reserve high point rider in the region and Sydney Hull was the high point rider, which earns her a spot to ride at nationals. Regionals will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, at Morehead State University. The team would like to congratulate its seniors, Gianna Alberti, Jackie Dinnebeil, Fallon Jackson, Ann McCullough, Lindsey Scherer and Amanda Swider.
**Dressage and Eventing Team**  
At the Midway College IDA Show Feb. 14, UKDET had two teams compete. First team results as follows:  
- Erin Johnson placed 9th in lower training  
- Hollis Glowniak placed 5th at first level  
- Sarah Robertson placed 6th at intro  
- Taylor Pence placed 7th in upper training  

Second team results:  
- Corinne Smith placed 9th at intro  
- Jessica Lyons placed 5th in upper training  
- Katie Canfield placed 3rd in lower training  
- Maggie Hoffman placed 6th at first level  

The team is hosting a two-day clinic with upper-level eventer Katy Groesbeck on March 28-29. Please contact hannah.forte@uky.edu for more information.

**R.E.A.D. Club**  
R.E.A.D. Club had a great meeting in January discussing undergrad research opportunities and a great February meeting as a Graduate-Undergraduate Student Panel. The KESMARC tour had to be rescheduled due to the Snowpocalypse. The team cannot wait to tour this wonderful local facility. This spring semester also brings volunteer opportunities, so email President Sarah Sivinski at sesi225@g.uky.edu if you are interested.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Ag North Room N10. We are always accepting new members and require no dues, so if you are interested in equine, animal or agricultural science, research and/or graduate school, come check us out. Email Sarah Sivinski or like us on Facebook as READ Club as a University page if you have any questions or interested in receiving club updates and meeting/event information.

**Rodeo Team**  
The Rodeo Team practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hodge Arena from 6-8 p.m.

Also the Cowboy Up For A Cure Rodeo is coming up on April 18. There will be events for college students to enter.
Taking the reins

Anne Halliwell
Source: Kentucky Kernel

Hooves shifted restlessly as six women, helmeted and padded to protect their heads, knees and lower legs, waited for a softball-sized ball to hit the dirt. Minutes later, the calm was replaced by the sound of horses huffing and the thunk of mallet meeting ball, boot and saddle.

Rebecca Kozlowski, Emma Oakley and Monique Thomas-Whitehurst lined up Saturday afternoon against Virginia Tech's polo players in the first chukker of the qualifying game.

The game began with short bursts of motion — the horses circled each other, kicking up dust, until the ball was launched out of the pack and one or two riders stretched their lead. That burst of speed only lasted until the horses reached a three to four-foot wall, however, and had to slow or risk injury.

To read the entire story, visit http://kykernel.com/2015/02/01/taking-the-reins/.
Katy Groesbeck Clinic  
March 28-29, 2015

Hosted by the UK Dressage and Eventing Team

On her own Anglo-Arabian gelding, Oz The Tin Man, she has successfully competed through Prix St. Georges level in dressage and the CIC3*** and Advanced level in eventing. She has had the opportunity to train extensively with upper level event riders Hawley Bennett-Awad and Buck Davidson. Other career highlights include being named to the 2013 and 2014 USEF Developing Rider Eventing Program.

For more information, please visit [www.kgeventing.com](http://www.kgeventing.com)

UKDET Member Cost  $130  
Non-member Cost  $150

Clinic cost includes a semi-private dressage lesson on Saturday and a Sunday group jumping lesson.

Hosted at
Clear View Equestrian Center
3349 Elkchester Rd, Lexington, KY

Please contact hannah.forte@gmail.com for more information or to register by March 11.
Career & Major Exploration Sessions

Take the first step in making a career decision!

Spring 2015 Workshop Dates

Jan. 26 — 11:00 am, 12:00 & 2:00 pm
Jan 27 — 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
Mar. 24 — 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
Mar. 25 — 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
Apr. 14 — 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
Apr. 15 — 11:00 am, 12:00 & 1:00 pm

All workshops will be held in Miller Hall, Room 102