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Department of Animal Science

E-Newsletter

D. E. King Equine Program

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Dash4Cash

Fayetteville, Ark. – The University of Arkansas Department of Animal Science D.E. King Equine Program (DEKEP) will host their annual Dash4Cash 5K, a 1 Mile Dog Walk at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center starting at 8 a.m. on April 20, 2013.

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Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the new University of Arkansas Department of Animal Science Newsletter. We want to do our job of reaching YOU, our target audience, and deliver exactly what you want to know right to your fingertips. Here you will find stories that will keep you current with the various activities within the Department. Stay tuned for announcements, event updates and departmental news relevant to your life.

If you would like more information about a story, simply click the link below the article preview to view it in its entirety. Relevant contact information will be included with each full article.

We invite you to visit <http://bumperscollege.uark.edu/equine/index.htm> to learn more about our organization and to visit <http://animalscience.uark.edu> to learn more about our department.

Thank you for your interest and support. We look forward to providing you our service and having your involvement with our organization.

Sincerely,

Brittany A. Butler, Editor

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Association (APVMA) Symposium at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine (UFCVM) from March 1-3, 2013.

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Block & Bridle

The Block & Bridle club has been busy involving students in hands on activities! Students toured Oaklawn and hosted their annual cow show, Razorback Classic.

To see more of the Oaklawn tour, [click here](#).

To see more from Razorback Classic, [click here](#).

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Student Awards

Student Receives Dale Bumpers Distinguished Scholar Undergraduate Transfer Award

Animal Science student, Brittany Smith, was awarded with the Dale Bumpers Distinguished Scholar Undergraduate Transfer Award for 2013 in the Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences.

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Student Receives Presidential Scholarship

Animal Science student, Claire Crews, was awarded with the 2013-2014 Presidential Scholarship for Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and

Life Sciences.

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Dash4Cash To Be Held at Pauline Whitaker Center

Friday, February 15, 2013 at 03:26PM

Equine Program Staff



The

Department of Animal Science D. E. K. Equine Program will host their annual Dash4Cash, 5K, and 1 mile dog walk on Saturday, April 20 .

Each event will cost \$25 per person to participate. Participants will receive specially designed t-shirts and goodie bags. Dash4Cash will begin at 8 a.m. with a 5K run followed by a 5K dog run at 9 a.m. and a 1 mile dog walk at 10 a.m. All activities will take place at the University Of Arkansas Division Of Agriculture's Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center and Agri Park.

For more information about the event or the Equine Program contact Kathi Jogan at kjogan@uark.edu or call (479) 236-4768.

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We apologize for any inconvenience and will soon begin planning for the 2014 event to promote and assist the equine department funding endeavors. Your past and future support is appreciated and look forward to working with you in the near future.

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“I had hoped to attend my first Razorback Roundup after hearing such great things about it from my colleagues,” says Chris McSherry, “I read about Dot on the website and hoped to attend the auction so I could say I’d met a Suffolk Punch in person.” However, on that day Craig McSherry was returning from a three-week visit to the family ranch in Wyoming, and bringing with him two mares owned by his wife. The couple couldn’t help but stay home to spend time with who they consider family.

The week after the auction, Chris McSherry took her husband to meet Dot with no intention of taking the mare home. “I needed another horse like a hole in the head,” says Chris McSherry, “but I could see from Dot’s photo and doing some research on her registered name that she was quite special.”

For years Craig McSherry got along with all the animals his wife brought home. He built fences and barns, hauled hay, paid bills, bought trailers and hauled his wife’s horses without complaint, but never expressed a particular interest in horses. At times he would even joke that his support group was called, “Just One More Horse, Honey, I Promise.” That all changed when he met Dot. “He turned to me with tears in his eyes and asked, ‘Why is this mare not *ours*?’” Chris McSherry reports, “There is still a dent in the yard where my jaw hit the ground.” He asked his wife to do whatever she could to make Dot theirs.

Dot is now part of the family and has taken fondly to Craig McSherry. As soon as she sees him, Dot will come thundering up to greet him, nickering the whole way. She’s bonded with Chris McSherry but in a different way. “If I show up without Craig she kind of saunters over to say hi. It’s clear that Craig is indeed The One.”

The McSherry family is looking forward to attending the 2013 Razorback Roundup Horse Auction and meeting the people that helped to bring them a new member of their family. “I want to thank Dr.

Jack for Dot and for the excellent care she received while she was at the U of A. Now that I know about the Roundup, you can bet I will be there next year to help support it.”

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The tour will include trips to beef, poultry and dairy farms. Lunch will be provided, followed by cooking demonstrations by the Arkansas Cattlewomen. The tour begins at the Pauline Whitaker Arena (1335 W. Knapp St.) off Garland Avenue, approximately two miles north of the University of Arkansas campus. Participants will be transported by bus to tour locations.

The Moms on the Farm tour is free but seats are limited. Non-farm moms planning to attend the event are registered on a first-come first-served basis. The deadline to register is April 5.

The goal of the tour is to help mothers understand more about agricultural production, food safety and nutrition and experience Northwest Arkansas agriculture first-hand. "We are really excited to share agriculture with the women of Northwest Arkansas," said Janeal Yancey, event organizer and UA meat scientist.

The Arkansas Cattlewomen will conclude the tour with beef and dairy food cooking demonstrations. "Typically, people feel more knowledgeable about doing their taxes than about making healthy food decisions for their families," said Yancey. "The cooking demonstrations will provide an opportunity for moms to ask health-oriented questions, and the tours will help them better understand where their food comes from."

For more information or to register, contact Janeal Yancey at 870-688-4247 or jws09@uark.edu. Additional information about the Moms on the Farm tour can be found on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/MomsOnTheFarmTour>.

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American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association

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The APVMA Symposium is one of the largest pre-vet conferences in the country and includes a dynamic schedule of labs and lectures that introduce pre-vet students to the myriad careers available in professional veterinary medicine. The UFCVM is proud to host the event for 2013 and looks forward to welcoming the 600 pre-vet students, admissions personnel, and undergraduate advisors that are expected to attend. The UFCVM has some of the finest veterinary facilities and educators in the world and is excited to use the small and large animal hospitals, its varied teaching spaces and labs, in conjunction with its faculty and staff, to provide the most exciting docket of labs and lectures ever presented at an APVMA Symposium.

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The Block and Bridle club goes to Oaklawn annually for a day at the races to allow members of the club to experience thoroughbred racing at its finest. This offers a good variety to the equine activities that the club participates in. Oaklawn Park is one of the top racetracks in North America, and is conveniently located in Hot Springs, AR. Students go and are allowed to tour the stable areas to see what it's like behind the scenes and get a good understanding of how different things are on the racetrack compared to the rest of the equine industry. Students watch races from the starting gate and see the horses work out and train in the morning. The Mallory family has been so gracious to donate their box seating to the club every year they have gone, giving students the chance to experience the races from a comfy bird's eye view. It's truly a great experience for the club members to participate in, and everyone always loves going to the races!

To see pictures from the tour click here (http://www.facebook.com/DepartmentOfAnimalScienceUA/photos_albums?ref=hl#!/media/set/?set=a.341534515965998.78595.281775948608522&type=3) .

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Lynley is from Lillie, Louisiana and is a junior majoring in animal science with a soon-to-be concentration in pre-pharmacy. She is the Secretary of the Pre-Vet Club, a student ambassador, works as a Peer Assistance Leader for Off Campus Connections and was an orientation mentor during the summer. She also involves the Animal Science REPS group in on-campus activities to educate students, staff and faculty about agriculture and animal science.

After graduation Lynley plans to attend pharmacy school and pursue a career as a pharmacist here in Northwest Arkansas.

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Brandon received his undergraduate degree from Auburn University in August, 2012, with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences and a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy & Soils, both with a concentration on production systems. Brandon is currently pursuing his Master of Science in Animal Science with an emphasis on beef cattle nutrition. He is researching the limit-feeding systems to maintain cattle through adverse conditions using co-product commodity feedstuffs. His study will evaluate production aspects of maintenance under limit-feeding.

In August of 2012, Brandon received his certification as a Professional Animal Scientist from the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists. He is also a member of the American Society of Animal Science, American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, Soil Science Society of America, and American Forage and Grassland Council.

Following completion of his master's degree at the University of Arkansas, Brandon plans to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy in Agronomy, emphasizing forage crop physiology and production. Ultimately, he plans to attain a university professorship to continue his research interests in beef nutrition on a forage and pasture basis.

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Graduate Student Poster Competition Winners Announced

Poster competition shows off research, creativity

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“The quality of the research presentations this year speaks volumes about the quality of our graduate students and the faculty that mentor these exceptional students,” Gaber said. “As the University of Arkansas continues to grow, our graduate students will continue to play an important role in our success and in our effort to become a top 50 public research university.”



Graduate students competing in the "From Abstract to Contract" poster competition at the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House.

More than 120 graduate students from all academic areas on campus competed in the sixth-annual contest, “From Abstract to Contract: Graduate Student Research and Creative Expression Competition.” The public viewing and judging portion of the competition was held Feb. 8 in Mullins Library. The winners received \$200; those placing second got \$100.

Winners are:

First place

- Ashley Binns, a doctoral student in kinesiology and exercise science; her adviser is Michelle Gray.
- John Blanchar, a doctoral student in experimental psychology; his adviser is Scott Eidelman.
- Ashleigh Burns, a master of fine arts student in drama and scenic design; her adviser is Pat Martin.
- Ananya Chakravarti, a doctoral student in cell and molecular biology; her adviser is David S.

McNabb.

- Donna Davis, a doctoral student in environmental dynamics; her adviser is Frank L. Farmer.
- Jace Hollenbeck, a master's student in animal science; his adviser is Jason Apple.
- Daniel Keeton, a master's student in agricultural economics; his adviser is Michael Popp.
- Brian Kisida, a doctoral student in education reform; his adviser is Jay P. Greene.
- Bhanu Prasanth Koppolu, a doctoral student in biomedical engineering; his adviser is David Zaharoff.
- Mary Kordsmeier, a master's student in food science; her adviser is Luke Howard.
- Cassandra Marnocha, a doctoral student in space and planetary sciences; her adviser is John Dixon.
- Si Hong Park, a doctoral student in cell and molecular biology; his adviser is Steven C. Ricke.
- Noah Pittman, a doctoral student in public policy; his adviser is Michael Miller.
- Tyson Raper, a doctoral student in cotton physiology; his adviser is Derek M. Oosterhuis.
- Timothy Seidel, a doctoral student in accounting; his adviser is Linda Myers.
- Mahmoud Sharara, a doctoral student in biological and agricultural engineering; his adviser is Samy Sadaka.
- Matthew Strasser, a doctoral student in civil engineering; his adviser is R. Paneer Selvam.
- Jingjing Tong, a doctoral student in industrial engineering; her adviser is Heather Nachtmann.
- Amber Tripodi, a doctoral student in entomology; her adviser is Allen Szalanski.

Second place

- Emily Arijaje, a doctoral student in food science; her adviser is Ya-Jane Wang.
- Nathaniel Cahill, a master's student in agricultural economics; his adviser is Michael Popp.
- Mallory Everett, a master's student in entomology; her adviser is Robert Wiedenmann.
- Eric Fernstrom, a doctoral student in engineering; his adviser is Kirk Grimmelman.
- Jordan Glenn, a doctoral student in exercise science; his adviser is Ro Di Brezzo.
- Jacob Haislip, a doctoral student in accounting; his adviser is Linda Myers.
- Zachery Heller, a master's student in biomedical engineering; his adviser is Jeffery Wolchok.
- Diana Kaiser, a master of fine arts student in drama; her adviser is Pat Martin.
- Kristin Kelley, a master's student in sociology; her adviser is Jeff Gruenewald.
- Erika Kohler, a doctoral student in space and planetary sciences; her adviser is Claud Lacy.
- Issam Moussaoui, a doctoral student in supply chain management; his adviser is John Aloysius.
- Jonathan Mills, a doctoral student in education reform; his adviser is Gary Ritter.
- Christiane Pilon, a doctoral student in crop, soil and environmental sciences; her adviser is Derek M. Oosterhuis.
- Kalavathy Rajan, a doctoral student in food science; her adviser is Danielle Julie Carrier.
- Ana Roso, a doctoral student in agronomy; her adviser is Nilda Roma Burgos.
- Everett Smith, a doctoral student in public policy; his adviser is Michael T. Miller.
- William Smith, a master's student in animal science; his adviser is Kenneth P. Coffey.
- Marla Steele, a doctoral student in biology; her adviser is Doug James.
- Chase Stoudenmire, a master's student in history; his adviser is Alessandro Brogi.

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Animal Science student, Brittany Smith, was awarded with the Dale Bumpers Distinguished Scholar Undergraduate Transfer Award for 2013 in the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences.

Bryan Kutz, UA Livestock Judging Team coach, recruited Brittany from Ft. Scott Junior College to compete on the livestock team. "She is an outstanding student that has a passion for production agriculture," says Kutz, "We hired her to be our student barn manager for our sheep flock and teaching swine herd. Brittany has taken ownership of that responsibility and as proven to be a great asset during lambing and farrowing time. She truly loves what she is doing and always wants to learn more."

She also made an impression with Danny Belcher, Arena manager. Danny first met Brittany in the summer when she worked with Bryan to develop and expand the pig program at the North Farm. They were breeding sows that would farrow during the fall Swine Production class. "Up to that time, I really hadn't worked closely with her and just hadn't gotten to know her," says Belcher, "In fact; I didn't even know her name. But, I did notice that she did an excellent job of taking care of the pigs."

Danny always tries to hire a few students to help at the Arena and to take care of the livestock at the farm. "We especially need a good student or two who live close by and can help with the lambing/farrowing barn in the spring," says Belcher, "When I visited with Bryan about any students he knew that could help at the barn he suggested Brittany. It turned out to be good advice." After just a few days on the job Danny told her she was in charge. Brittany also happened to be in Dr. Apple's Sheep Production class so her schedule worked out perfectly. She worked closely with Dr. Apple and helped schedule students in Sheep Production to do "lamb watch" at nights to observe ewes during lambing and assist with lambs as needed. She did an excellent job. She has been at the barn for most lambing's, and has been on call for all of the other students if they suspected problems. She's worked hard to make it a successful lambing season.

In addition, there were several sows that farrowed this spring and she has been the primary care person of the sows and baby pigs. "She's been one of the best 'student barn managers' we've had in several years," says Belcher, "Not that she did it alone. We had several others helping but the primary responsibilities fell on her shoulders and she willingly shouldered the weight. She's earned her 'star' as far as I'm concerned."

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Animal Science student, Claire Crews, was awarded with the 2013-2014 Presidential Scholarship for Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences.

Claire is a junior from Little Rock, Arkansas majoring in animal science with a concentration in pre-veterinary medicine. She is President of the Pre-Veterinary Club and a member of the Bumpers College Honors Program, Razorback Marching Band, Gamma Beta Phi Society and Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society. Claire enjoys volunteering at the Fayetteville Animal Services Shelter where she assists Dr. Jones in the clinic area.

Along with her campus involvement, Claire is the School Outreach Coordinator for Animal Science REPS group. Her role is to contact local schools and find involvement opportunities for the REPS to educate K-12 classrooms about agriculture and animal science.

After graduating from the University of Arkansas, Claire plans to attend veterinary school.