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Oaklawn Park Offers Unique Experience

“And they’re off!” This iconic phrase conjures images of horses flying out of starting gates and cheers filling the air. The University of Arkansas’ Department of Animal Science gives students the opportunity to experience the rush of horse racing first hand, through its Thoroughbred Industry class.

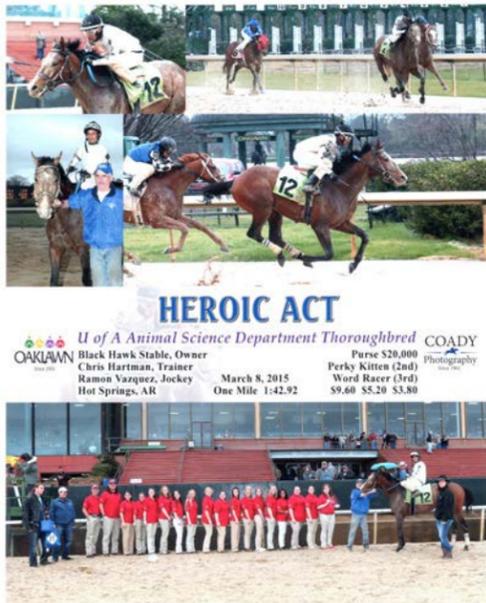
The class is an in-depth look at the thoroughbred racing and breeding industry. Not only do enrolled students present papers and PowerPoints on class topics, but they also take two incredible trips.

One of those trips was to Oaklawn Park, March 7. The historic racetrack, located in Hot Springs, Ark., invited the group for an extensive look at the inner-workings of a racetrack. They were given tours of both the “front” and “back” of the track as well as the opportunity

to watch the races from the starting line with Jerry Walker, the Oaklawn starter. The students were also able to spend time with and learn from race-track veterinarians, Drs. Lokanc and Bohnhoff.

One of the biggest highlights of the trip was being introduced to D. Wayne Lukas. Lukas is in the United States Racing Hall of Fame; has won 20 Breeder’s Cup races; holds the record for the most Triple Crown wins; and has received five Eclipse Awards. During the introductions, Lukas took the time to answer any questions the group had.

Going even further to give the Department’s students a once in a lifetime experience; Oaklawn named a race in their honor. After their race, the class presented the trophy to the winner’s owner in the winner’s circle and posed for pictures. }



HEROIC ACT
U of A Animal Science Department Thoroughbred
Black Hawk Stable, Owner
Chris Hartman, Trainer
Ramon Yanez, Jockey
Hot Springs, AR
March 8, 2015
One Mile 1:42.92
Purse \$20,000
Perky Kitten (2nd)
Word Racer (3rd)
COADY photography

ANSC Selects New REPS

We are excited to introduce the Department of Animal Science’s 2015-16 REPS (Representing, Education and Promoting Scholars):

Jacie is a senior from Hermitage, Arkansas. She is double majoring in Animal Science and Biology with a minor in Wildlife Habitat. She is a member of Block and Bridle, Turpentine Creek Club, and the Biology Club. Jacie is also a member of the University of Arkansas’s Livestock Judging team. Jacie’s ultimate dream is to travel the world to survey and study unique wildlife and exotic animals.



Jacie Sweeney

Jessica is a junior from Fayetteville, Arkansas. She is an Animal Science Major with minors in Equine Science and Agricultural Business. She is a member of the Wildlife Society club and the Pre-Vet club, while also being involved in the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. After graduation, Jessica plans to pursue a career in animal conservation and rehabilitation; she also plans to attend graduate school.



Jessica Breslau

Kyra is a senior from Frisco, Texas and is majoring in Animal Science with a concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine and a minor in Equine Science. She currently serves as treasurer for the Pre-Vet club and is working at the Wedington Animal Hospital as a veterinary assistant. She also volunteers for the D.E. King Equine Program. After she graduates, she plans on attending veterinary school and concentrating in large animal and exotic animal medicine.



Kyra Campbell

Caleb is from Dierks, Arkansas, and will be a junior this year. He is majoring in Animal Science with a concentration in animal nutrition and meat science; and minoring in Agricultural Business. He is a member of the meats quiz bowl team, and enjoys getting involved in the department. After graduation he plans to either work for an animal show feed company, or get involved in the meat industry.



Caleb Shepherd

Lensey is a senior from Bentonville, Arkansas majoring in Animal Science with a concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine. She is currently the vice president of the Block and Bridle club, a member of the Pre-Vet club, the Bumpers Honors College, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Alpha Lambda Delta. After graduation, Lensey plans to attend veterinary school and continuing on her path to becoming an Equine Orthopedic Surgeon.



Lensey Watson

Sara is from Siloam Springs, Arkansas and is a senior majoring in Animal Science with a concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine. She is also minoring in Equine Science and Spanish. She student ambassador to the Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education. Sara worked at Hancock Veterinary Services in Springdale; and conducted a veterinary observation and research assignment at the Easter Bush Centre in Edinburgh, Scotland. After graduation, she plans to attend veterinary school.



Sara Guillen

Sarah is a junior majoring in Animal Science with a concentration in Pre-Veterinary Medicine. She is also minoring in Equine Science and Ag Business. She is a member of both the Pre-Vet club and the Block and Bridle club; and works at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center. Upon graduation, she plans to go to veterinary school.



Sarah Mason

Will is a junior from Prairie Grove majoring in Biochemistry and Animal Science. He served as a State 4-H Ambassador as well as the Arkansas Beef Ambassador and is currently serving as a National Beef Ambassador. Will is a member of Block and Bridle and Residence Interhall Congress. After graduation he plans to attend medical school to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a practicing physician. }



Will Pohlman

Equine Award Created in Honor of Nancy Jack

The Nancy Jack Award for Equine Excellence has been created in honor of Dr. Nancy Jack upon her retirement after 15 years with the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Department of Animal Science at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.



Dr. Nancy Jack

This financial award and accompanying plaque will be given annually to the Bumpers College Animal Science senior with a concentration in Equine Science who

has the highest grade point average at the end of the fall semester.

If you would like to give a gift in honor of Dr. Jack, please send it to:
Development Office
Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences
1 University of Arkansas, AFLS E108
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Please make checks payable to the University of Arkansas Foundation, and please note that the donation is to go to the “Nancy Jack Award Fund.” }

Department Hosts Students for Diversity Day



The Department of Animal Science hosted two groups of students from the Rogers school district, as part of a campus wide student diversity day. Dr. Janel Yancey introduced the groups to Hilda (who is pictured in the red halter,) teaching them about her digestion process.