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Students connecting
with Equine
Enthusiasts

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Goal: To strengthen relationships between faculty, staff and industry professionals by providing CSU Equine Sciences students with a collection of information pertaining to the industry and undergraduate program.

editor's note

Greetings Equine Students!

Five weeks into the spring semester and it is flying by! Spring Break is just around the corner, with several exciting events to follow – the Spring Branding Banquet and The Legends of Ranching Sale to name a few. The Equine Science Stewards are working diligently and are proud to be presenting a new opportunity for Equine students!

Coinciding with The Legends of Ranching Sale will be an Educational Day which will include a career panel and luncheon with industry professionals – a great opportunity to learn and network. Please be looking for upcoming announcements with more details on this event and how to be a part of it! We hope you enjoy this issue of the Equine Connection with exciting news from the industry, a highlight from one of our alumni, a great internship, and our new MARE Program.

We are always welcoming members of the Equine Science Program to share their equine related stories with us! If you are interested, please feel free to submit your articles. We also encourage you to visit the Equine Science Stewards webpage at <http://www.csuess.com> and swing by our Facebook page!

Erin Pettigrew

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Photo By Taylor Randall



From left to right: CSU Students, Taylor Randall, Alex Heimann, Cailin Caldwell, and Aimee Henderson return from a trail ride on four very talented athletes

Photo By Taylor Randall



Rancho Corazon: Student Experience at the AHHA Holsteiner Approvals

By Cailin Caldwell

On October 11th four students made the nine hour drive south to Lemitar, New Mexico to watch the AHHA Holsteiner Approvals at Rancho Corazon. The four students were representatives from the Collegiate Horseman's Association and the English Riding Club, and were accompanied by English Riding Club Advisor, Tiare Santistevan.

The American Holsteiner Horse Association inspects and scores each horse before they are accepted into the registry. Inspection sights occur all over the country, with Rancho Corazon being the closest site for both New Mexico and Colorado residents. The students spent the morning watching the approval process, during which time the foals and mares were inspected by judges and given scores on movement and type. If the foals received a combined score of fifteen or more they were awarded the highest rating of 'premium'. Rancho Corazon had a very successful day with over half of their foals receiving a premium award.

The Ranch followed up the approvals by free jumping several of their younger sales and breeding prospects. The audience was treated to a demonstration by the Ranch's top riders, which showed the athleticism and talent of their sale horses over a technical jump course.

After the demonstration, Rancho Corazon generously allowed the CSU students to take the previously shown horses on a trail ride through the cotton wood forests. Our students were able to experience the athleticism and rideability that is a result of the Ranch's meticulous breeding program. After the ride the students received complete ranch tour, live music, and dinner before making the long drive back to Fort Collins.

The students all felt the generosity and hospitality of the ranch and enjoyed learning more about sport horse bloodlines and the American Holsteiner Horse Association. Rancho Corazon is one of the country's premier breeders of Holsteiner horses. The Holsteiner horse has been carefully developed and bred over the past 700 years, and the result is a modern athlete with strong and correct conformation and superior jumping abilities. Holsteiners continue to be top contenders in all of the major sport horse events.

Rancho Corazon's horses and riders compete at the highest levels of show jumping, with continued success in major Grand Prix events all around the country. The ranch is currently offering year-round internship positions for Colorado State University students. Interns have the opportunity to be involved with all of the daily ranch activities and learn about the riding, training, and breeding of top Holsteiner show jumpers. If you are interested in this internship please contact Tiare Santistevan for more information.



Little Mike winning the Turf

Breeders' Cup

2012 Thoroughbred Racing Championship

By Jessica Werner

The Breeders' Cup was founded in 1984 as an end of the year Championship for Thoroughbred Horse Racing. Since that time the Breeders' Cup has brought us some of the world's most exciting and historic races. The Breeders' Cup brings together horses from all over the world to compete in a two day marathon of racing, competing for some of the largest purses there are. These championship races give the world a glimpse at the best of the best jockeys, trainers, owners, and of course, horses. It is an event which allows every corner of the sport to come together and unite in the same goal. The Breeders' Cup has always been one of the most exciting events on the Thoroughbred Racing calendar, and the 2012 edition did not disappoint.

2012 was certainly a year for the underdogs, with the favorites winning only five of the fifteen races. In the dirt mile, Tapizar, racing wide, moved into contention early and won it all after coming in last place in his last race. Tapizar beat the favorite, Emcee, as well as Preakness winner, Shackleford. The biggest underdog winner was definitely Little Mike in the Turf, whose final odds were 17.30 and whose payout was \$36.60. Little Mike maintained

third place until the last turn when he pushed forward to defeat Point of Entry (an undefeated horse in his last five starts). The better story here is less about the horse and more about Little Mike's owner, Carlo Vaccarezza. Vaccarezza was an Italian immigrant who started as a groom in the 1960's and has grown into a Breeders' Cup winning owner and breeder.

Some of the favorites held up their end of the bargain. Royal Delta, a mare sold for \$8.5 million in last November's Keeneland sale, defended her title in the Ladies classic, winning for the second year in a row. Taking the lead from the start, Royal Delta won the race by 1 ½ lengths, giving jockey Mike Smith a record-setting ride. After winning this race, Mike Smith surpassed the previous record of 15 Breeders' Cup wins set by retired Hall of Fame jockey, Jerry Bailey. But by far one of the most exciting races of the weekend was the Grey Goose Juvenile, a race where we got a look at some of the two-year-olds that might run in the Kentucky Derby as three-year-olds next year. All eyes were on the favorite, Shanghai Bobby and female jockey Rosie Napravnik, as they had an early lead out of the gate. Three Furlongs out from the finish He's Had Enough, owned and trained by the same team as the

great I'll Have Another, had all but caught up when Shanghai Bobby broke away for a second time to win by a head. Leaving the question in everyone's mind, "Will we see that horse on the first weekend of May?"

In the final Breeders' Cup Race, the Breeders' Cup Classic, Game On Dude, Mucho Macho Man, and Flat Out were the big names on everyone's mind. But it was Fort Larned that led every step of the race, followed closely by Mucho Macho Man. Fort Larned claimed the \$5 million purse, winning by a length, giving jockey Brian Hernandez the biggest win of his career, and trainer Ian Wilkes his first Breeders' Cup win. It was two days of amazing and historic racing, but if you missed it, have no fear! The amazing horses, owners, jockeys and trainers will be back in the 2013 Breeders' Cup! Look forward to next year's World Championships which will be held November 1-2, 2013 at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, CA.



Shanghai Bobby winning the Grey Goose Juvenile

Alumni Highlight: Bethany Serafin

Photo By Bethany Serafin

By Erin Pettigrew



As the assistant barn manager of a private facility in Carbondale, Colorado, Bethany Serafin begins her day distributing medications to horses, ensuring the grooms and barn crew are on task, and then getting her first horse to ride. Throughout her day she rides anywhere from four to six horses and ends her evening mixing grain rations and feeding the twenty-five horses she is responsible for attending to.

Bethany is a proud graduate of Colorado State University's Equine Sciences Program with a minor in Business as of May 2012. Bethany came to CSU as a transfer student from a small private school in Terra Haute, Indiana. While attending school there for a year a

half, it was easy for her to realize she wanted something bigger and better. Colorado State's advanced and world-renowned program was the answer.

While attending CSU, Bethany was an active member of the English Riding Club where she had multiple opportunities to volunteer at the horse shows and assist in the organization of these events. She interned at Colorado Horse Park in Parker, Colorado as a barn manager in the summer of 2010. Additionally, Bethany was a valuable asset to the barn crew at the Gail Holmes Equine Orthopaedic Research Center. She also enjoyed being an independent study student in the fall of 2011, riding Westin, one of CSU's horses.

Bethany commends CSU for how well-rounded the Equine Sciences Program is. Not only that, it is evident that employers in the industry today are looking for a certain type of individual. Bethany shared that two of the main requirements for her job position were to be young and teachable. These are some of the characteristics that CSU's Equine Sciences Program instills in its graduates. As Bethany reports, "this program has helped [her] establish a good equine management background," and when speaking of her career in the industry, she says, "It is essential for a job like this."

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A Word of Advice:

Do not confuse motion and progress.

A rocking horse keeps moving, but does not make any progress – Alfred

A. Montapert

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What's Going On In Our Program:

Collegiate Horseman's Association:

CHA will be busy this semester planning for and putting on our annual Spring Fling Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show, our biggest event of the year. It is to be held at the Equine Center on Saturday, March 23, with registration starting at 8am and classes beginning at 9am. We are looking for volunteers to help with the show, so please contact us on Facebook or by email if you want to get involved! We also have plans to attend a demonstration by the Denver Mounted Police Force before the year is out, and are working on plans for more demonstrations, clinicians, and trips for next year. (By Taylor Randall)

English Riding Club:

The English Riding Club began this semester with an extremely successful Hunter/Jumper horse show fundraiser. They will use these funds to support weekly ride nights, clinics, and other social events. Coming up are two clinics, the first is a Dressage clinic with local trainer Jessica Greer. The second is with local Three-Day Event trainer, Cayla Stone. (By Jessica Werner)

Polo Club:

The Polo Club kicked off the spring semester with a big rival match against the SMU Mustangs. Both our CSU men and women's varsity teams reigned victoriously against SMU, but the Rams have not seen the last of the Mustangs this season. The Polo Club's men and women's varsity team will be traveling down to Houston, TX for the USPA's Intercollegiate Central Regional, March 21-24. There, they will compete against not only SMU, but also other Central collegiate polo teams, for a chance to go on to Nationals April 9-14. Our JV members have been practicing hard, working up to a JV Tournament coming up in April. Stay updated on the Polo Club events and progress this season, by visiting www.csupolo.com or liking us on Facebook. We wish our men and women's team the best of luck this season, making us all so proud to be CSU RAMS! (By Dani Kammann)

Versatility Ranch Horse:

Versatility Ranch Horse is off to a great start this semester. The club has seen record numbers of participation with upwards of thirty horse and rider combinations; all the enthusiasm can't be contained. Within the next few months we are hosting a Collegiate Versatility Show, holding weekend cattle practices, and most importantly, getting ready to head down to Texas to compete at Collegiate Nationals on April 20th. We sure are looking forward to such a great semester. (By John Barker)

M.A.R.E. – Mentoring And Resource Extension Program

By Cailin Caldwell

Conceptualized from a student suggestion at a peer mentoring session, the Equine Sciences Stewards have been working hard this semester to create a peer mentoring program to help new students to engage with their major, better understand the opportunities available to them, and connect with the Fort Collins community. To meet these objectives the students created the Mentoring And Resource Extension Program, more commonly known as the MARE program, which was implemented in early September.

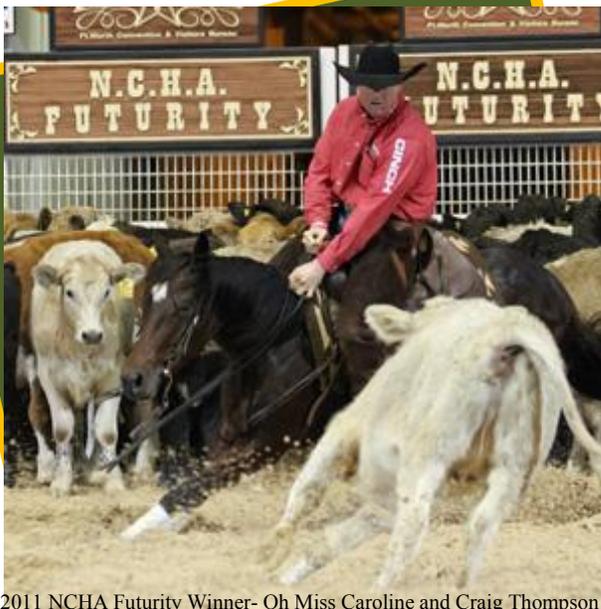
The program had an overwhelmingly positive response, with just over seventy applicants. Consequently, several students were paired with each steward. The steward's role was to act as a leader and mentor to the younger student by engaging in activities like taking them to club meetings and major related classes, advising them during the registration process, and helping them connect with other students within the major.

The stewards are pleased with the progress of the program during its initial semester. However, there are many areas that are going to be restructured and strengthened to ensure the ongoing success and continuation of the MARE program. The student leaders will provide more structured events, improve the channels of communication, and create an online application system that will allow mentors and mentees to contact each other with greater ease.

The MARE program is off to a great start, and with many concrete plans for positive change and growth, the stewards are looking forward to a stronger and more structured program for the next fall semester. Thank you to all the mentors and mentees that have invested their time and energy into the program.

2012 NCHA World Championship Futurity

By Elizabeth Canda



2011 NCHA Futurity Winner- Oh Miss Caroline and Craig Thompson

As the weather starts cooling down, horses in the cutting pen are warming up in preparation for the 2012 National Cutting Horse Association's World Championship Futurity. From November 25th through December 15th, cutting horse enthusiasts will be flocking the stands at Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas for a chance to see many of today's top three year old athletes. This year's 1,600 entries will be competing in amateur, non-professional, or open competitions with up to \$3.2 million for grabs.

Over the 21 days, contestants will showcase their horses. For two and a half minutes, the horse and rider will "work a cow". Cutting the cow from the herd, the horse must exhibit

lightning quick actions with style and control. With enthusiasm building from the crowd, the cutting pen generates an electrifying atmosphere! Judges score the horse and rider and award an overall score. Those in the open division with the highest scores will move on and become one step closer to the championship title and purse earnings of \$200,000. Winning the NCHA Futurity also brings the contestant one step closer to the NCHA Triple Crown.

Also a part of the NCHA Futurity is Western Bloodstock's NCHA Futurity Sale. Beginning December 10th and continuing through the 15th, cutting horse prospects, producers, and seasoned athletes will be sold in the hopes of owning the next great performer. Concluding the sale will be Super Stallion Saturday to showcase top sires in the cutting horse industry.