Every year students in the horse training class, formally known as ANEQ 340 and 341, take part in the Wagonhound Student Competition the weekend before the Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale. This gives each of the students in the horse training class a chance to show off the training and hard work that they put into starting their young horses, and it provides an opportunity for potential buyers to preview the young horses before the sale.

The competition classes consist of a Salesmanship portion where each student completes a showmanship pattern and then must make a short speech regarding the breeding and talents of their assigned horse. Following the Salesmanship class, there is a riding portion where the students must complete a pattern with their horses to demonstrate the training each young horse received during the semester. This year at the Wagonhound Student Competition, Kelsey Dawson was named the overall champion, Morgan Redford was named reserve champion, and Justin Riley placed third overall. The 2018 Wagonhound Student Competition was a great success. Each student worked diligently to prepare and train their horses for the competition and persevered through many challenges.
LOR Futurity and Maturity Horse Show Invites Back Previously Sold Horses

By Lillian Esterl-Byrne

During the last two weekends in April each year, the CSU Equine Center is always a buzz with events surrounding the Legends of Ranching Program. One of these such events was the 2018 Legends of Ranching Futurity and Maturity Horse Show that occurred on Friday April 20th, the day before the 2018 Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale. This was the 3rd year the Legends of Ranching Program hosted the Futurity and Maturity Horse Show and each year it seems to grow in success.

The show was double judged by Dr. Clay Cavinder and Dr. Mark Russell. Dr. Cavinder is currently the Extension Horse Specialist at Mississippi State University. He was a successful horse judging team member for Oklahoma State University during his collegiate career and continues to be a well-respected judge across the country. Dr. Russell is the Equine Extension Specialist for the University of Arkansas and serves on several national equine committees as well as holds several judging cards for multiple organizations. Their involvement and the help from many others allowed this competition to be a success.

The Futurity and Maturity Horse Show is designed to showcase horses that have been through the Legends of Ranching Program in previous years. This show consists of Maturity and Futurity classes with the difference between the two being that the Futurity classes are for horses that went through the program the year before and the Maturity classes are for horses that have gone through the program in any other previous year. In addition, the show also (continued on next page)
offers Non-Pro and Open divisions so that people of all experience levels have the opportunity to compete successfully. All the contestants seem to greatly enjoy competing against each other and there is always great camaraderie amongst them. This show is a unique opportunity to showcase the journey of the horses after they have come through the Legends of Ranching Program and exhibit how much they have developed since they were young, green horses going through the program.

I would like to offer congratulations to all of our winners of the 2018 Legends of Ranching Futurity and Maturity show. In the Futurity division, the Open Champion was Kennedy Synder and the Non-Pro Champion was Briana Danielsen. In the Maturity division, the Open Champion was Cody Crow and the Non-Pro champion was Collin Oshner. Thank you to all the competitors who joined us for this competition and showcased all of their hard work and thank you to all the spectators who came to cheer them on. If you didn’t get the chance to make it to the Legends of Ranching Futurity and Maturity Horse Show this year, be sure to make a note on your calendar for next year (April 19, 2019) because it is an event you won’t want to miss.

**Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale Results**

by Morgan Offutt

On Saturday, April 21st, 58 horses and 2 fundraising items were sold in the 13th Annual Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale. Of the 58 horses, 31 were young horses (2 or 3-years-old) and 27 were aged horses (4-years-old or over), all consigned to CSU by successful, historic ranches and breeding programs within the industry. The highest selling horse was Smart Lonewood, an aged horse consigned by Silver Spur Ranches that sold for $17,000. The highest selling young horse was SCR CD Peptoes, consigned by Spur Cross Ranch and trained by CSU student Makayla Dahley, who sold for $10,500. In total, the sale grossed $348,700 including the two fundraising items: A “Winter Escape” package at Colorado guest ranch, C Lazy U Ranch, and a PRCA package with tickets to an NFR performance and other accommodations in Las Vegas. The average sale price for the young horses in the sale was $5,103 and the average sale price for the aged horses was $7,523. The success of this year’s sale can be credited to the hard work and dedication of LOR Program Director Dr. David Denniston, Sales Production students, Horse Training students, volunteers, and faculty and staff.
Online Silent Auction Raises Funds for LOR Program
by Lucia Ruppert

The Legends of Ranching Sale is known for the amazing student trained horses, the high-profile consignors, and the amazing support system behind the students. The silent auction is a less commonly known aspect of the Legends of Ranching Sale. Although the silent auction has been going on and off throughout the years, it has always been a typical auction with hand-written bid sheets and multiple items. This year, Lucia Ruppert and newly minted Equine Science Steward Ericka Gross had the daunting task of taking over the silent auction.

Lucia and Ericka wanted to widen the audience of the silent auction and give it an overall “facelift.” So, this year they decided to make it completely online and get high quality specialty items to catch more people’s attention. The silent auction is a great fundraiser directly benefitting student activities within the LOR program, which gives students more opportunities to take trips to meet sponsors like Miller International (Cinch) and Purina. The ladies brought in some pretty amazing items including Purina feed, Polylast gift certificates, custom made CSU spurs, and CSU season football tickets for the new stadium. With the first year of the silent auction being online and tailored, they raised over $3,000.00 for next year’s group! To sign up for future LOR silent auctions, sign up for an account at www.32auctions.com/LOR. Keep an eye out for the 2019 silent auction items!

First Annual LOR Photography Contest
by Morgan Offutt

For the first time ever, this year’s Legends of Ranching Program organized a photography contest open to students in the Equine Digital Photography class. Students attended and photographed each LOR event and submitted an eight-photo portfolio to be judged by professional judges. The winner of the contest will receive a trophy belt buckle and a cash scholarship. Throughout the newsletter, you will see some of the submissions from students in the contest. Keep an eye on the “Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale” Facebook Page for the announcement of the winner. Thank you to the students who participated and captured these shots!
The Inside Scoop of ANEQ 340 & 341
by Haley Tankersley

Being a participant of the 2017-2018 Horse Training class was by far one of the best experiences I have gotten to be a part of. If you have been thinking about taking the class or currently have one of the spots in the next year’s Horse Training Class, I am here to give you some insight on what it is like to be a part of the class.

In the fall semester, the class will consist of learning how to handle an untouched horse that has not been haltered and doesn’t know how to lead. You will learn round pen exercises, how to read body language, and how to put first rides on young horses ranging from two to three-years-old. You will have the opportunity to work with the polo horses to gain a different perspective of how to work a horse from the ground and learn different techniques that will help you be more effective with your time. You will get a chance to work with several of the consigned horses until about mid way through the semester, by which time Mr. Snyder will have made the student/horse pairings for the remainder of the program. As exciting as it is to get assigned, I would advise against getting attached to any one horse in particular until you are matched. I say this because there is a good chance you will be matched with a horse you have not touched or seen before.

In the spring semester, your life feels like someone hit the fast forward button and the days begin to fly by. The horses get moved from communal corrals outside to individual stalls in the Adams-Atkinson barn where they learn to be on their own. Once the horses are in their own individual stalls, students will form into groups to participate in “feed week.” Student feed week groups are responsible for two weeks during the semester to complete chores like feeding and watering all the horses, along with cleaning the barn twice a day starting at 6:00 AM and then again at 5:00 PM. Aside from feed week, you are responsible with the constant daily care of your individual horse as far as grooming, daily stall cleaning and riding on the off days when you do not have class. Free riding days on Tuesdays and Thursdays become available later on in the semester, which is where I got the most quality time with my horse. My biggest recommendation would be to take advantage of every opportunity to ride your horse. Simply getting them out of the stall is enough to be 1% better. Not only does it give you an additional chance to better your partnership with your horse, but it was also in those moments I was able to bond with my horse. (continued on next page)
Another aspect of the class in the spring semester aside from the actual horse training is a weekly recitation taught by Dr. David Denniston. In recitation, the sales production class and the horse training classes come together to learn the ins and outs of the Legends of Ranching Program, along with completing catalog notes for the sale catalog pages. Attending recitation helped me be overly prepared for the upcoming LOR events. We cover material ranging from knowing the consignors by face, name and recognizing their brands, to carrying on professional conversations with potential buyers. Do not ever miss a recitation because you never know what you will miss.

To the future Horse Training classes, keep in mind that this class requires a high level of commitment and dedication. Have the mindset that you are an agent for the Colorado State University Equine Sciences program. Being an agent means to represent yourself in a respectful manner to everyone and everything you come into contact with because you never know who is watching. Always support your fellow classmates in both setbacks and success and offer a helping hand. Most of all, cut yourself and your horse some slack because there are going to be good, productive days, and there will be frustrating days too. Always keep a level head, a steady hand, and remember that your horse is very young and needs to be given a chance to make mistakes.

As I look back on my time as a Horse Training student, I realize there were several things I gained from this experience that went beyond wanting to be a better horse trainer. I made new friends with whom I shared laughs, and they became one of the most positive support systems I have ever had. I met new people and gained new connections, which led to amazing opportunities. Of course, I had the chance to train and ride a phenomenal horse that I will never forget. Don’t waste a moment and soak it all up because, as Dr. Denniston says, “This is your time.”

STEWARD OF THE YEAR: Annie Beckham
by Valerie Lindstrom

Every year the Equine Science Stewards pick a deserving member of the group to be deemed “Steward of the Year.” This Steward is someone who embodies stewardship, dedication, and passion for the Equine Science Program and wants to see it flourish and succeed in every facet. This year, that member was Annie Beckham—a true representative to what it means to be a Steward. Her tenacious and devoted service to making the Equine Science Program a better community has brought more people together and made events more successful. She contributed to the future of our program with her leadership.

As Annie is a graduating senior, she will undoubtedly be missed, and we wish her all of the best in her new adventures. We know she will continue to be a great leader and spread her positivity wherever she goes. Congratulations Annie!
“I (Almost) Have My Diploma... What Now?”

by Ashley Baller

Regardless of where you are in your college career, we are all here for the same end result: a job. Right? We are doing everything we can (or at least we should be) so that after graduation, our hard-earned work is all worth it when we land our dream jobs. However, this is easier said than done. All our lives we have been trained to achieve success in the classroom to get the high school diploma, scholarships, and ultimately college acceptance. What many of us have not been trained to do is switch our mindset during the last few semesters of college and start training for job preparation. Although I am still trying to find my way through the professional world, allow me to share some tips with you that I have found helpful throughout my last couple of years.

#1: Do more than get the “A”

So, you have a 3.5 GPA, which is really awesome and has taken a lot of hard work. Is the job recruiter who is deciding between you and the 30-year-old who has been out of school for the past decade really going to care about your GPA? Maybe depending on what career you are going into, but most of the time the answer is no. More than anything, you need to get out there and get your name known with things like volunteering and joining meaningful clubs. Most importantly, get MULTIPLE internships; don’t restrict yourself to just the one required to graduate.

#2: Start NOW finding who you are and where your passion lies

Do not follow the path of everyone else. You can literally create your own career! Do not be afraid to step outside of the box and try everything and anything when searching for what makes your soul sing. Get involved in a variety of different aspects of the industry, because I guarantee that what you think you want to do now is going to change thirty more times before graduation. For example, if you are interested in marketing, do not necessarily search for a marketing internship. Instead, look for something related, yet still within the marketing realm that pushes you out of your comfort zone. This makes you a better-rounded employee, which is way more appealing to your future employer.

#3: Be proactive and USE YOUR RESOURCES

Job search. Talk to people. Ask questions. Find a mentor. Do informational interviews. Meet with Beka Crocket and your professors. Network. Your time is now! Start getting close with your fellow classmates and professors. It is never too late! I cannot stress enough how important it is to get out there and start talking to people. Everyone who is successful and has a job now has been in our shoes before and wants to help you! Use the career success center and PLEASE meet with people like Beka who are literally here to help you succeed.

At the end of the day, you are the only one holding yourself back. The best thing you can do is get out there and not be afraid to try, or even fail. Failing is awesome; it helps you to learn about your weaknesses and how to improve yourself!
Steward Travels to the Heart of America to Bring the Best to the Rockies

by Maddy Pielage

Growing up in the Midwest, I just heard rumors of the opportunities the western states had to offer. It became my goal once I got to Colorado State University to bring more information about our College of Agriculture, and specifically about our Equine Science Program, to the Midwest. I couldn’t think of a better event than the country’s largest three-day horse event in America, the Midwest Horse Fair, located in Madison, WI. The three days were made up of 300+ clinics, seminars and educational events. People from all across the country came to this event to learn about opportunities in the horse industry and listen to the many top industry leaders who presented. To say it simply, the Midwest Horse Fair is a big Time To Ride Event. It allows people to ask questions about breeding, disciplines, veterinary medicine, nutrition and more. It also allows individuals who are new to horses to fall in love with the diverse and unique Equine Industry.

I was very fortunate to attend this event and represent Colorado State University and spread my passion for the Equine Science Program. Many people at this event had no idea that CSU had an Equine Science Degree, so it was a fantastic opportunity to teach them and show them what sets CSU apart. This will be my last event recruiting students for CSU as I will be graduating next week. I have to say I will miss seeing students light up when they see the Colorado State University booth. I will also miss sparking their interest in pursuing college by showing them how many opportunities CSU has to offer. Each event I attend for CSU makes me prouder of my program and prouder to call myself alumni just next week! GO RAMS!
Equine Science Program Crossword Puzzle
by Hailey Davis

How much do you know about the Equine Science Program? Try to solve this crossword puzzle and see! Answer key can be found on page 11.

Across
3. Who is the career advisor in the College of Agriculture?
4. Which month is the Spring Branding event?
6. Location of the Animal Science building on main campus?
8. What does the “A” stand for?
10. Who works at the front desk at the Equine Science Center?
12. Who is the namesake for the new EAAT center?
13. Name of the sale held every year in April?
14. A warmblood breed originating in Schleswig-Holstein Germany?

Down
1. How many white socks did Secretariat have?
2. What is the name of the rodeo held at CSU every year?
5. The name of the biggest arena at the Equine Science Center?
7. Where was the Adams Atkinson Arena moved from?
9. Class that Dr. Coleman teaches?
11. The name of the group of ambassadors for Equine Science?
Thank You Graduating Stewards!

Annie Beckham
Hometown: Paso Robles, CA
Major/Minor: Equine Science Major; Agricultural Business Minor
“As my time at CSU comes to an end, I reflect back on all the amazing experiences I have had within Equine Science. Through being involved in the Legends of Ranching Program, serving as a teaching assistant, and my involvement in Equine Science Stewards, I have been guided towards my future career goals of wanting to obtain my Master’s degree and PhD in order to take a leadership role in the equine industry and academia as a future professor. I would not be where I am today without the mentorship I have received from various professors, faculty, and staff. To those of you who have helped and supported me along the way; I cannot thank you enough! It has been such a blessing to attend CSU and be a part of the Equine Sciences Program.”

Ashley Baller
Hometown: Parker, CO
Major/Minor: Equine Science
“I plan on going into the business professional aspect of the Equine or Ag industries, as I strive to work for a large corporation within these. Since studying abroad in Spain and interning with the National Western Stock Show I have found that my passion lies with both non-profits and international activities. The Equine Science program has allowed me to pursue what I love. I’m so grateful that I’ve had the opportunity to involve myself with so many aspects of the program. Most of all, I’m excited to give back to it. I praise God for helping me along this journey and guiding my steps along the way.”

Beth Smith
Hometown: Bothell, WA
Major/Minor: Equine Science Major; Agricultural Business Minor
“I am so grateful for all of the faculty and staff in Equine Sciences for making this program the quality that it is, and for truly caring for all of us students. After graduation I hope to find a job in video production, social media, or marketing in the equine industry.”
Dana E. Pugh

**Hometown:** Holyoke, CO  
**Major/Minor:** Equine Science

“The past three years as an Equine Science Steward has provided me the opportunity to grow my leadership skills, work with some amazing professors, interact with a great student body and expand my equine network. My experiences at CSU have assured me that you are never too old to follow your dreams and make new life-long friends. Age is just a number so, set your goals, use the positive resources around you, and don’t be afraid to step outside your comfort zone. Now that I have graduated with my Equine Science Degree I will be completing my application to Veterinary Medicine School in my pursuit to be a veterinarian. I am taking a gap year that will allow me to continue gaining experience toward my career field and put my equine education to practice. Thank you to all the great professors in the Equine Science Program for your dedication to education and commitment to students.”

Maddy Pielage

**Hometown:** Verona, MI  
**Major/Minor:** Equine Science

“Four years have come and gone faster than I could have ever imagined. I have learned so much along the way and I’m so proud to call myself a CSU alumni! Being at CSU has not only taught me how to be an Equine Scientist and succeed in the field, but also how to slow down and enjoy the little things. Post graduation I plan on pursuing the Veterinary Medicine Field and work in sales or as a technical specialist for a company. As always, GO RAMS!!!”

**Crossword Puzzle Answer Key**

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