‘Tis the Season for the College of Ag Holiday Extravaganza!

by Kayla Lent

Come join us for our second annual College of Ag Holiday Extravaganza! This event will be held **Friday, December 7th** from **6:00-8:30 PM** at the CSU Equine Center - B.W. Pickett Arena. There will be free food, games, prizes, and an ugly sweater contest! This event is open to ALL students, faculty, and staff and is **FREE** to attend. This is a great way to celebrate the upcoming holidays and de-stress from studying for exams. We hope to see you there!
CSU Horse Judging Team Wins Arabian Horse Judging Contest

by Katie Feighner

This October, the 2018 Arabian Horse Judging Team traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma to compete in the US National Arabian Horse Judging Contest. Coached by Mr. Tim Jedra and Ms. Justine Dunlap-True, the team consisted of students Morgan Offutt, Mikalah Marbach, Brenna Martin, Erin Garlock, and Katie Feighner. The team spent three days at the horse show watching classes, practicing judging, and giving sets of reasons. The team was able to visit Midwest Arabians, where they saw one of their prized halter horses nicknamed ‘Thor’ and learned about ideal Arabian breed characteristics.

The team was very successful and completed a clean sweep of the competition, winning 1st place in all three team categories: halter judging, performance judging, and reasons. The team took home a 1st place overall trophy in addition to each member winning a belt buckle and scholarship money from the Arabian Horse Association. Erin Garlock was the overall high individual of the contest. She won a trophy saddle and had the opportunity to judge a class Saturday afternoon with the professional judges.

The Fall 2018 judging team was proud to represent CSU at the US National Arabian Horse Judging Contest. Go Rams!
Trick or Treat Street: Halloween Fun for All

by Val Lindstrom

The weekend before Halloween, the Equine Science Stewards had the exciting opportunity to volunteer at the annual Trick-or-Treat Street event held at the Equine Center. The event is put on by My Heroes Equine Therapy for client families and families of Fort Collins, and it allows kids of all ages to come and celebrate Halloween.

College of Agriculture Clubs were able to come together during this event and “sponsor a stall” which included decorating the stall, creating a game or craft for the kids, and distributing candy. The Equine Science program was able to provide pony rides and hayrides for the kids to participate in. This event was so special to both the Stewards who were able to interact with kids who had a special interest in horses, and also to the community who were able to participate. Events like this are what make our program so special.

This event provided a fun, family-friendly environment for trick-or-treaters who may not have gotten the opportunity to do so otherwise. The Stewards had a blast interacting with community members in support of a Halloween that everyone was able to enjoy.
Representing CSU at the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity

by Hannah Davis

Back in October, four Equine Science Stewards had the opportunity to travel to Fort Worth, Texas to attend the National Reined Cow Horse Association Snaffle Bit Futurity. We set up a booth that showcased our Equine Science Program as well as our Legends of Ranching Program in order to attract more potential students and industry professionals. We spent three days at the Will Rogers Coliseum and watched all the futurity events. We also sat front row for the open finals, which was amazing. After a long, successful weekend, we flew home to prepare for the next week of classes. The four of us got to network the whole weekend, which was a fantastic experience, and we were able to watch some extremely talented trainers and horses. This was a trip I will never forget and I am so thankful for the opportunities that being a steward brings.

Summer Internship: Boyle Ranch

by Asia Arellano

Over the summer I had the incredible opportunity to intern for Boyle Ranch in Ione, California. Boyle Ranch specializes in breeding, raising, training, showing, marketing and selling their young, quality-bred reining horses. As an intern I had the opportunity to work with amazing horses in the reproduction and training aspects of the Boyle Ranch program. My daily intern duties included assisting with morning feeding, tacking and untacking horses for trainers and clients, washing and grooming horses after they had been ridden, as well as warming-up and lunging horses as directed by trainers. I also assisted with preparation at horse shows and related events. Other duties of my internship included assisting the barn and breeding
manager with mare insemination, foaling and foal care, weanling and yearling training, moving horses for farrier and veterinary work, and distributing vaccines and medications. This internship was a great opportunity to involve myself in every part of the equine industry from sale prep for yearlings, to breeding and foaling management, as well as introducing training basics for yearlings and schooling techniques for show horses.

“Horsepitality” at the AQHA World Show
by Megan Corgan

This past October the Colorado State University Ranch Horse team along with two Equine Science Stewards were invited to visit and volunteer at the 2018 Lucas Oil AQHA World Championship Show in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On one of the days they were there, they volunteered as the “Horsepitality” crew. They helped move in exhibitors, their horses, and some of their extravagant stall fronts. This made for a great networking opportunity for many of our students and helped make a great name for Colorado State University.

On the day the team and stewards weren’t volunteering they got to watch all the excitement at the AQHA World Championship Show. From cutting to pole bending, there were a lot of exciting events with world-class Quarter Horses! The Trade Show was another exciting place to check out, with great shopping and even an agility dog show happening. Overall, the Ranch Horse team and Equine Science Stewards had a ton of fun at the 2018 Lucas Oil AQHA World Championship Show!
“Fryin’ for Agriculture” Raises Money to Further Agricultural Education in Colorado

by Lillian Esterl-Byrne

The Equine Science Stewards not only serve as leaders within the Equine Science program but are also actively involved in the broader realm of the College of Agricultural Sciences as well. For example, I am a member of Sigma Alpha Sorority. Sigma Alpha is a professional agriculturally-focused sorority whose goal is to further the development of women pursuing a career in agriculture. This organization is made up of passionate and driven young women that have goals of being future leaders within the agriculture industry. I have greatly enjoyed my time as a member of Sigma Alpha and I am constantly inspired by hard-working and compassionate sorority sisters.

Each semester Sigma Alpha puts on a philanthropic event to raise money for a deserving cause within the agricultural community. This semester we teamed up with our national brother fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, to put on Fryin’ for Agriculture. All the proceeds for this event went towards a Supervised Agricultural Expenses Grant for the FFA Foundation of Colorado. FFA stands for Future Farmers of America and it is a national organization committed to supporting agricultural education. A core part of this agricultural education involves providing SAE grants, which are awarded to FFA members ages 7 to 11 years old who are need financial aid to start or expand their Supervised Agricultural Experience. In 2018 alone, 148 SAE grants of $1000 each were awarded across the country.

Sigma Alpha and Alpha Gamma Rho were extremely excited about the opportunity to donate to such a deserving organization that has been committed to furthering the agricultural education of
children in Colorado. Our Fryin’ for Agriculture event consisted of several fun activities such as pumpkin painting, s’more roasting, and yard games. Besides all these fun activities, there was also a smorgasbord of fried food up for grabs which included everyone’s favorite rocky mountain oysters. Money was raised through ticket sales, and there were also multiple donors who generously donated towards this deserving cause. Fryin’ for Agriculture was certainly a fun event, and behind it all was a passion to help further the agricultural education of young students through SAE grants.

Proud To Be a CSU Admissions Ambassador

by Lucia Ruppert

Through opportunities presented to me during my college career, I have found a major passion of mine: talking with prospective CSU students! Luckily, I have been able to feed my passion through being both an Equine Science Steward and a CSU Admissions Ambassador. I remember when I was looking at colleges and majors, I had so many questions and went to lots of different people for advice. Some of the best advice I received was always from the current college students. They always gave me great tips and tricks and told me how to prepare. I don’t know where I would be if I didn’t get all that advice from students during my college search and preparation. Because of this, I am passionate about helping future college students learn more about what Colorado State University has to offer.

Being an ambassador allows me to help those students who are scared, overwhelmed, and confused. Hopefully, I can help put their minds at ease. I know how important it is to find and pursue your passions. Any help I can provide during that process is worth every second to me! My passion for both the Equine Science major and the University as a whole has grown through my ambassador experiences.
Students Visit Harmony Equine Center
by Ericka Gross

One of my favorite things about the CSU Equine Science program is that students are given so many hands-on learning opportunities. This semester, a group of students were able to visit the Dumb Friends League Harmony Equine Center in Franktown, CO. Harmony is a private rehabilitation and adoption facility for abused and neglected horses, ponies, donkeys and mules that have been removed from their owners by law enforcement authorities. Harmony also has their own training and rehoming program which makes it easier for these animals to find good homes.

Dr. Hess’s Equine Disease Management class was studying the importance of infectious disease control and different strategies to ensure the safety and health of horses. There was no better place to learn from than Harmony Equine Center because they have taken in more than 1,500 horses since their opening in 2012. With that amount of horses coming to one property, it is extremely important to have good infectious disease control. Their facility is set up to protect all types of horses.

When the students arrived at the 168-acre facility, they were given an initial overview of the program. This included how Harmony got started, where the horses come from, and what their goals are for the future. After the overview, students were given a tour of the property. They learned the process
of what each individual horse goes through from when it first gets off a trailer to when it is adopted out. The students were allowed to explore the property, meet the horses, and ask questions.

Following the tour, students were presented with different hypothetical situations and given the opportunity to make their own decisions on how they would handle sick horses on their own property. This exercise was challenging and eye-opening, allowing students to see the many different ways infectious diseases can be controlled. Overall, the students learned a lot during the visit, and trips like this are one of the many reasons I love the Equine Sciences program!

Newly Designed Applied Equine Behavior Course

by Bracy Groshko

Sarah Matlock has recently taken over ANEQ115: Applied Equine Behavior, and she is making some great improvements to the course. I took a moment to chat with Sarah about the revamped class and the future plans for the course.

**Bracy:** Could you give us a brief description of what the equine behavior class looks like?

**Sarah:** The newly designed Applied Equine Behavior course is now a foundation class required for all incoming freshman and transfer students. We feel that it is important for our students to receive a solid foundation in equine behavior before heading out into the industry. The lecture portion of this course focuses on learning theories, equine welfare, innate behaviors, stereotypic behaviors, and unwanted behaviors. From understanding these concepts, students will learn how to identify the causes of certain behaviors and how to develop a behavior modification plan.

Along with the behavior lecture, this course entails a Safety and Handling lab that focuses on the fundamentals of working around horses, which includes groundwork and saddling. The goal for the lab is for students to develop safe and effective handling skills for a variety of situations. This course will also serve as a prerequisite
for upper level handling classes, such as the horse training class and the Right Horse class.

**Bracy:** What’s different about behavior now versus 2 or 3 years ago?

**Sarah:** The former Equine Behavior course was an upper-level behavior course that focused on advanced concepts and skills. It was mostly comprised of guest lecturers and demonstrations that provided a wide variety and overview of equine behavior. However, the curriculum committee, along with our Equine Advisory committee members, assessed that there was a strong need for a foundations course in Equine Behavior that would provide a bridge between learning theories and basic handling with advanced application.

This class will serve to build that foundation through multiple methods. Throughout the course, students will spend time reviewing the current literature on behavior and learning theories, analyzing case studies, practice handling and elementary training techniques, and develop effective behavior modification plans for unwanted behaviors. In the future, we hope to add back an advanced behavior class, but for now this will provide a solid foundation for our program to build upon.

**Bracy:** Why do you find this class so important?

**Sarah:** Studying equine behavior is important for the future of our industry because it tackles two very significant issues facing our horse population: feral horses and horses in transition. The feral horse population is a major welfare issue that needs serious attention. Additionally, it is estimated that approximately 35% of horses in transition were relinquished due to behavioral issues. Understanding behavior is at the forefront of these issues.

I also believe that this generation of students, perhaps more than ever before, is very passionate about furthering the human horse connection. This class will hopefully open doors into this field of increasing interest for our students, and serve as a catalyst for developing innovative strategies to combat some of the more prominent issues that involve equine behavior and welfare.
**No-Bake Horse Cookies**
*Recipe credit to Shawna White of thehorse.com*

**Ingredients**
- 1 cup rolled oats
- ¼ cup water
- 1-2 tbsp molasses
- 5 peppermints

**Instructions**
1. Mix oats and water until oats becomes damp
2. Add molasses until mixture is sticky
3. Roll mixture into golf ball-sized balls, then press peppermints into the center of each cookie
4. Refrigerate uncovered to harden

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**Delicious Apple Crisp**

**Ingredients**
*For step 2*
- 10 cups apples (peeled, cored, sliced)
- ½ cup white sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 tbsp flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ cup water

*For step 3*
- 1 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup brown sugar (packed)
- ¼ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- ½ cup melted butter

**Instructions**
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Place the sliced apples in a 9x13 inch pan. Combine the white and brown sugar, 1 tablespoon flour and ground cinnamon together, mix well. Sprinkle the mixture over the apples. Pour water evenly over all.
3. Combine the oats, 1 cup flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and melted butter together. Crumble evenly over the apple mixture.
4. Bake at 350 degrees F for about 45 minutes, then serve!
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