



Animal Science News And Announcements

April, 2007

1. **ANSC STUDENTS ADMITTED TO VETERINARY SCHOOL AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS:** Congratulations to Kelly Matthews who has been accepted at both Texas A & M University and the University of Florida to pursue a Master's degree in Agricultural Education; Sarah Roberts and Sandra Strilec have been accepted to Prince Edward Island Veterinary School; Colleen Kellogg (ANSC graduate) accepted at the University of Glasgow, Scotland to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine; Anna Brandin has decided to go to Tufts after being accepted by 5 veterinary schools; Caty Love has been accepted to the University of Florida Veterinary School.
2. **ANSC STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARD:** Congratulations to Ms. Rachael Garland (2-year student) and Ms. Anna Brandin (4-year student), recipients of the Outstanding Senior Woman Award for the 2006 – 2007 Academic Year. They both were nominated for this award because of their academic excellence and their involvement in many extracurricular activities. They will both be recognized at a reception honoring outstanding women at UConn on May 4th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, Alumni House where Dr. Cameron Faustman and Dean Kerr will present them with a plaque.
3. **FALL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY:** The dormitory rooms at the Kellogg Dairy Center are full this Summer. However, there is one opening for a female student for the Fall 2007/Spring 2008 academic year. Interested female students may call Mary Margaret Cole at 860-486-2023 or email Mary.Cole@uconn.edu.
4. **JOB OPPORTUNITY - EQUINE:** The Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association is looking to fill two Product Coordinator positions. The full-time positions need to be filled by outgoing, hard-working, energetic and dedicated individuals with past/current exposure to horses (any breed/any discipline acceptable). A Bachelor's degree in Equine Science is required. For a complete list of duties, responsibilities, and qualifications, please stop by the Animal Science main office, room 107 of the George White building.
5. **COLLEGE OF AG T-SHIRTS FOR SALE:** New College of Agriculture and Natural Resources T-shirts are now for sale! The CANR/RHSA Undergraduate Student Council will hold a T-shirt sale on Friday, April 27 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the east entrance to the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena. T-shirts are \$15 each. Payment

by cash and check will be accepted. Please make checks payable to the "University of Connecticut". T-shirts may also be purchased anytime in the Academic Programs Office (W.B. Young Building, Room 211) by check or exact amount. Agriculture and Natural Resources T-shirts make a great gift for friends and family, graduating students, alumni, student workers, and co-workers! If you would like to see what the t-shirt looks like, visit <http://www.myagrn.uconn.edu/T-shirts.html>.

6. **CLUB NEWS:**

Pre-vet Club: The Pre-vet Club will hold its annual Dog Wash on Sunday, April 29th from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Kellog Dairy Center. Baths for dogs of all sizes and nail clipping will be available. All proceeds support the Pre-vet Club.

Poultry Club: ANSC students, faculty, staff, family and Poultry Club alumni are invited to the Poultry Club's Annual Potluck Chicken Barbeque to be held on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 5:30 PM in the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena. Each family is asked to bring a potluck item (chips, beverage, dessert, main dish). The Poultry Club will provide the chicken and paper goods. Don't forget to come prepared for the undergraduate versus graduate student volleyball game. Please sign-up in the Animal Science Main Office room 107 to let the club know what you are bringing and how many people will be attending.

7. **CAMP HORSEMANSHIP SAFETY CLINIC:** The 2007 Riding Camp Instructor's Safety Certification Clinic will be held at the Horsebarn Hill Arena foyer at the University of Connecticut in Storrs on Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This clinic is sanctioned by the Youth Camp Licensing Board and is for individuals instructing campers in any phase of horsemanship. Camp staff who work with horses need to be aware of safety. This will also be a good review for any person interested in improving their safety skills and/or knowledge. Information discussed will include helmet safety, fire safety, tack selection, care and problems, selection of horses, basic nutrition, equine first aid, liability, horse handling safety, and mounted instruction by clinicians Dr. Jenifer Nadeau and Lorraine Day. Certificates, valid for three years from date of issue, will be awarded to all participants that successfully complete the clinic. Cost of the daylong clinic is \$25. A registration form can be obtained by going to the web page at <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/equine/extension/extensionevents07.htm> and clicking on "register" located under June 2, emailing jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu, or calling (860) 486-4471.

8. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – EQUINE:** The Windham/Tolland County 4-H Camp is seeking a horse riding instructor for their horse camp. The position allows you to bring your own horse to camp and food and hay, etc. will be paid for. Candidates who are 21 years old by June 24th are preferred, but this is not absolute if they are a fine instructor. If interested, please email Ed Smith at Esmith18b@wmconnect.com.

9. **RIDING INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:** The American Riding Instructor Certification Program is a nationally recognized and respected program offered by the American Riding Instructors Association (ARIA) to recognize and certify outstanding teachers of horseback riding who instruct their students in a safe, knowledgeable and professional way. The program is meant for serious,

above-average instructors who teach safely and with high standards of honesty and integrity. The testing is conducted at one-day ARIA Test Centers held throughout the year at different locations around the country. Ask for a current list or check our website: www.riding-instructor.com. The fee is \$395.00. It is recommended that you register 30 days in advance. You may register online at the aforementioned website or by calling 239-948-3232.

10. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – BEEF/LIVESTOCK**: River Rock Farm, an all natural beef farm in Brimfield, MA, is looking for part-time help with farmers markets this summer. Opportunities are available to work 2 – 3 days per week at markets in the Boston area and Western Massachusetts. Knowledge of beef cattle and prior experience working at farmers markets a plus, but most important is interest in supporting sustainable, local and family-owned farms. They are also looking for part-time assistance managing their cattle herd (approx. 80 head). Previous experience working with beef cattle is necessary. Job would require working on farm anywhere from 2 – 4 days per week with potential for greater responsibility/commitment in the future. Contact Kim at 413-245-0249 or riverrockfarm@juno.com for more information.
11. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – UCONN DAIRY BAR**: The UConn Dairy Bar is currently hiring students to work this summer. This is a customer service based job with emphasis on cleaning. Job duties include, but are not limited to: scooping ice cream, using cash register, handling money, taking orders, making and decorating cakes, milk pick-up, ice cream production, cheese production, sweeping, mopping, and cleaning restrooms. Students must be reliable and available to work all holidays, mornings, nights, and weekends. Normal working hours for the summer are between 8:30am -10:00pm. Students must be available for special events and 3 weekend days per month. It is preferred that students have experience and their own transportation. The uniform requires khaki colored pants. Students are needed for 10 to 40 hours per week, \$7.65/hour, depending on experience. Please contact Jackie Patry at Jacqueline.Patry@uconn.edu, or 860-486-2634.
12. **EQUINE INTERNSHIP – KENTUCKY**: The Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) Program located in Lexington, KY is a non-profit organization that provides paid internship opportunities for college students or recent college graduates on Central Kentucky Thoroughbred horse farms. Application deadline for Fall sessions is April 30th. More information about the KEMI program can be found on their website at www.kemi.org. We have had a few ANSC students participate. Contact Jen Simoniello at Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu or 486-1088 for more information.
13. **EQUINE INTERNSHIP – COLORADO**: The Equine Reproduction Laboratory, Colorado State University, is offering a Breeding Farm Internship beginning July 1, 2007. The goal of the program is to provide advanced training in equine breeding farm procedures and management. Applicants should have recently completed a BS degree in Equine Sciences, Animal Science or a related discipline. For more information about the program and application procedures, visit their website at http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/bms/erl/erl_internships.htm or call (970) 491-7379.

14. **OPEN HORSE SHOW**: The Tolland and Hartford County 4-H Leaders are sponsoring a Bluegrass 4-H Benefit Open Horse Show on Sunday, May 20th at the Tolland Agricultural Center on Route 30, Vernon, CT. There will be English and Western Classes. The money raised is used to support the show and Tolland and Hartford County 4-H horse members competing at the National 4-H Horse Round-Up held in Louisville, Kentucky. For a prize list, contact Lisa Lyon-Visny at (860) 742-8413.
15. **SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEWS**: If you are a senior graduating in May, and you have not set up an appointment for an exit interview with Dr. Fletcher, please stop by the Animal Science Main Office, Room 107 or call Kathy Noyes at 486-1035.
16. **SUMMER JOB OPENINGS IN ANSC**: There are still opportunities available to work in some of the barns and other facilities in the Animal Science Department this summer. Please contact the following individuals if you are interested:
 - Dairy Bar – Jackie Patry, 486-2634
 - Dr. Tian's Lab – Dr. Cindy Tian, 486-9087 (work study students only)
 - Horse Barn – John Bennett or Kathy Pelletier, 486-2034
 - Kellogg Dairy Center – Mary Margaret Cole, 486-2023More information on these jobs can be found on the student employment website at <http://studentjobs.uconn.edu>.
17. **UConn POLO – NATIONAL CHAMPS AGAIN!**: The Women's Polo Team won their third consecutive National Championship and their sixth National Championship title over the last 12 years.
18. **GRADUATING STUDENTS**: Students who are graduating this May, please remember to return any department/lab keys that you may have signed out to Ms. Tina Burnham in the George White Bldg., Room 109.
19. **DAIRY SHOW STANDINGS**: The UConn Dairy Show was held Sunday, April 22 in the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena. Congratulations to all the students who participated. Here are the final standings: Novice Champion: Caylei Arnold, Reserve Novice Champ: Beth Harvey, Intermediate Champ: Kristin Funk, Reserve Intermediate Champ: Sarah LaRose, Experienced Champ: Matt Senecal, Reserve Experienced Champ: Rachael Garland, Overall Champ: Matt Senecal, Reserve Overall Champ: Rachael Garland, Champion Fitter: Kristin Funk, Reserve Fitter: Rachael Garland.
20. **APARTMENT - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**: An apartment is available on a horse farm in Lebanon, CT (15 miles from UConn). It is a one bedroom with private entrance located on the 2nd floor of an 1800's home. It was completely renovated a few years ago and consists of a large bedroom, living room, kitchen and full bath. The rent is \$775.00 per month and includes heat, hot water and electric. There is cable access as well, but that would be the responsibility of the renter. There is also the possibility of part-time employment to help to pay the rent which would range from horse care (for a qualified person) or possibly grounds maintenance (mowing, raking, etc). Would consider renting w/o the working option or employing a part time person w/o the apartment. If interested, contact Cheryl Williams 860-642-6757 or email CWgolden_oaks@Yahoo.com.