



Animal Science News And Announcements Spring, 2009



- 1. ANSC STUDENTS ADMITTED TO VETERINARY SCHOOL AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS:** Animal Science students are just now receiving their acceptance letters. Congratulations to the following ANSC students who have been accepted to vet school: Mary Elizabeth Braun (Ohio State University), Genevieve Comeau (University of Pennsylvania and Oklahoma State University), Ben March (Cornell), and Amberlee Peltier (University of Pennsylvania).
- 2. PLAN OF STUDY:** Seniors, if you haven't already completed your plan of study, you need to do that ASAP. Please contact your advisor. For those of you planning on graduating after May term or after summer term, you can fill out your plan of study as soon as you are registered for your remaining classes.
- 3. SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEWS:** If you are a senior graduating in May, you are encouraged to attend a casual senior exit interview with Dr. Daniel Fletcher, Department Head. Interviews are conducted to receive feedback from students as to the ANSC programs strengths and weaknesses. Please e-mail Kathy.Noyes@uconn.edu to schedule an appointment.
- 4. REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2009:** It is that time again to make an appointment with your faculty advisor in order to register for fall classes. Fall registration begins Monday, March 23, 2009 and runs through May 1st.
- 5. JOB OPPORTUNITY:** If students are interested in employment in one of UConn's ANSC animal units, please visit the following site for unit manager contact information: <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/handbook/sourceofinfo.htm>.

6. INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

a. The Equine Reproduction Laboratory, Colorado State University, is offering one Breeding Farm Internship beginning July 1, 2009. 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. Deadline for applications is **April 15, 2009**. For more information about the program and application procedures, visit their website at <http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/bms/erl> or call (970) 491-5621.

b. Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW) is accepting applications for the Enhanced Internship Program, which connects students with dairy producers for an on-farm internship. Complete details are available online at www.pdpw.org. To go directly to the Enhanced Internship Program information, visit <http://www.pdpw.org/internship.htm>. Students can view available internships on this website, using the password PDPW2009. Please note that this is case-sensitive. If you find an internship that fits your interests, please contact the producer directly. They will also be collecting applications from students and sharing their application with interested dairy producers from around the country. The student application is available online, by emailing sorth@pdpw.org or calling 800-947-7379.



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c. The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) is currently recruiting for its fall 2009 internship program. NPPC is seeking four interns, one for each of the following groups: communications, environmental law and policy, international trade, and science and technology. Applications must be postmarked by **May 1st**. For more information and application requirements, visit www.nppc.org.

d. 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.

e. UConn Career Services wants to know if your students are approaching you for help with locating an internship for the summer or fall? If so, you can help them by directing them to Career Services. They are offering a presentation, "Internship Search Preparation and Strategies on" March 23, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Center for Undergraduate Education (CUE) 134. Students will walk away with tips, advice, and ideas on how to find an internship.

f. Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc. in Woodbine, Maryland is now accepting applications for their internship program. They are a non-profit horse rescue operation working with neglected and abused horses seized by state-wide Animal control agencies. For a detailed description of the Internship Program and its application, visit their website at www.defhr.org.

g. Kraft Foods is currently recruiting college sophomores and higher for internship opportunities during the summer of 2009. If you are interested in working in Kraft's Manufacturing or Research Development & Quality organization, please contact Jill DeJong at jdejong@ffa.org for more information and how to apply.

h. Wildlife Safari in Winston, OR is offering a Cheetah Keeper Internship. The Cheetah Intern will work as a full-time keeper in the Cheetah/Tiger department. The intern will assist in all aspects of husbandry including diet preparation, medical procedures, and breeding strategies. Applicant must have completed at least 2 years of a college degree program in biology, animal behavior, zoology, or other related field.

Position is a 3 month, experience-based, unpaid internship. Off site housing is offered. (No pets allowed).

Internship may be completed for college credit depending on college's guidelines.

There are 4 sessions of the internship: Winter (Dec- Feb), Spring (Mar – May), Summer (June-Aug), and Fall (Sep-Nov). Deadline is 2 months prior to the start of the session. For more information visit

http://www.wildlifesafari.net/Wildlife_Safari_Cheetah_Internship.pdf.

When sending your resume specify which session(s) you are applying for. Hard copies preferred. Send resume to: Wildlife Safari, c/o Lacey Braun, Cheetah Keeper Internship, P.O. Box 1600, Winston, OR 97496.

i. Central Connecticut Co-Op in Manchester, CT is now accepting applications for the 2009 Summer Internship. CCC Feeds offers students a unique opportunity to experience animal nutrition, sales and quality assurance. Tasks the intern is expected to perform are as follows: work directly with all of CCC Feeds staff, hold a valid driver's license, develop a professional relationship with current customers, generate new customers, correctly obtain forage samples, interpret forage analysis results, uphold all quality assurance practices, gain the knowledge to make nutritional recommendations to producers, and to develop new marketing strategies.

A cover letter and resume should be sent no later than Friday, March 20, 2009, to: CCC Feeds, c/o Megan Eberly, 10 Apel Place, Manchester, CT 06042.

7. **HORSE SYMPOSIUM:** This event will take place on March 21st and 22nd. Admission for UCONN Students is only \$5. Check out <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/equine/horsesymp.htm> for details.

8. **UCONN HORSE AUCTION:** The Department of Animal Science will hold its Annual Horse Auction on April 25, 2009. Any student who would like to volunteer on that day, please contact Jenny.Mccoy@uconn.edu.



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9. CLUB NEWS:

Pre-vet Club: The Pre-vet Club will hold its annual **Dog Wash on Sunday, May 3rd** from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Kellogg Dairy Center. Baths for dogs of all sizes (cash only). 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, May 1, 2009** at 5:30 PM in the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena. Each individual or family is asked to bring a potluck item (cold salad, appetizer, chips, beverage, dessert, main dish). The Poultry Club will provide the barbequed 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.

Dairy Club: The Dairy Club will hold its **Annual Dairy Show on April 19, 2009**. The show starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Horsebarn Hill Arena. Everyone is welcome. The club's banquet will be held following the show at the Bishop Center on the Storrs campus. If interested in attending, please contact MARY.COLE@uconn.edu by **Friday, April 10th**.

10. **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**

a. FarmTek (also Engineering Services & Products) in South Windsor, CT has a position for a **National Account Manager**. FarmTek's multiple catalog companies serve the agricultural, horticultural, equine and building communities, both nationally and worldwide. The position involves providing prospective and existing customers with complete solutions to their needs. For more information visit www.FarmTek.com. To apply, send resume and cover letter to: FarmTek, Attn: HR Dept., 1395 John Fitch Blvd., South Windsor, CT 06074 or by email to hrdept@farmtek.com.

b. California Dairies, Inc., with multiple locations in California, is recruiting for Plant Supervisor Trainees. The successful candidate(s) will earn \$48,000-\$50,000 per year while they train to supervise approximately thirty employees per shift in the operation of a large nonfat dry milk, butter and processed fluids product milk plant. Prefer dairy manufacturing knowledge, a degree in Dairy Science, Dairy Manufacturing, or Food Science, basic computer skills, and excellent verbal and written communication skills. The estimated application deadline is April 17, 2009. For more information contact Holly Misenhimer, Vice President Human Relations, at the Visalia facility (559) 625-2200 extension 113. Or e-mail your resume to HRRecruiting@californiadairies.com.

11. **UPCOMING HORSE EVENTS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

April 25 – 4-H Horse Hippology Contest to be held at Ratcliffe Hicks and Young Buildings. **Student volunteers are needed** to help with scoring and judging of contest. Contact Dr. Nadeau at jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu if interested.

April 26 – 4-H Horse Judging Contest to be held at the Horsebarn Hill Arena, Ratcliffe Hicks, George White, and Young Buildings. **Student volunteers are needed** to help with scoring and judging of contest. Contact Dr. Nadeau at jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu if interested.

12. **CAMP HORSEMANSHIP SAFETY CLINIC:** The 2009 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 6, 2009 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, 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. For more information email jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu, or call (860) 486-4471.

13. **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 \$595.00. It is recommended that you register 30 days in advance. You may register online at the aforementioned website or by calling 239-948-3232.

14. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – UCONN DAIRY BAR:** The UCONN Dairy Bar is currently hiring students to work this summer. 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. This is a customer service based job with emphasis on cleaning.



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- 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. Students are needed for 10 to 40 hours per week, \$8.00/hour, depending on experience. Please contact Jackie Patry at Jacqueline.Patry@uconn.edu, or 860-486-2634.

15. **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.

16. **PROGRAMS:** [The AHP Internship Handbook](#) is designed specifically for college students who have an interest in horses and seek a career in equine publishing. This program

offers opportunities for students to work at equine publication and businesses throughout the country and the opportunity for AHP members to utilize the talents of students with an interest in equine publishing. For more information contact Christine W. Brune at ahorsepubs@aol.com or visit www.americanhorsepubs.org.

The AHP Mentoring Program provides students with insight into a career in the equine publishing industry through interaction with AHP professionals. This program is available to Student Members only. If you are currently not an AHP Student Member and would like to join for \$25 a year, please complete the Student Member application available at www.americanhorsepubs.org under JOIN AHP and send with your dues payment to: American Horse Publications, 49 Spinnaker Circle, South Daytona, FL 32119. To request a form mailed, please contact Chris Brune at ahorsepubs@aol.com.

17. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** C.A.T.S (Cats Assisted Through Spay/Neuter) Northeast, a Mansfield nonprofit organization, seeks volunteers for a feline spay/neuter clinic in Willimantic. This is a great opportunity to get experience in surgical prep and recovery. For more information, please call 429-7899 between 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ONLY, or email info@catsnortheast.org.

18. **GRADUATE STUDIES – EQUINE REPRODUCTION:** The Equine Reproduction Laboratory at Colorado State University is looking for well-qualified, talented students for their graduate degree programs. Three types of educational programs are available: Master's degree program, Doctoral degree program, Postdoctoral program. Accepted students receive support from a variety of sources and have the opportunity to conduct original research with highly qualified faculty in world class research facilities. For more information and application procedures, visit http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/bms/ERL/erl_gradprog.htm.

19. **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

a. First Pioneer Farm Credit offers up to 21 \$1,500 scholarships in total to be awarded across First Pioneer's Local Service Area.

To apply, students must demonstrate, through their experience, academic program of study, extracurricular activities and career interest statement, significant progress toward and a clear intention for a career in production agriculture, agribusiness, forestry, or commercial fishing at a college within First Pioneer's six-state service area. Deadline for applications is **April 17, 2009**, but don't wait until the deadline. The judges are most impressed when the "date received" stamp on your application is well before April 17. For more information and application procedures visit <https://www.firstpioneer.com/resources-and-reports/community-support/scholarships.aspx>.

b. The American Savings Foundation Scholars Program is currently accepting applications for scholarships. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$3,000 for the academic year and may be renewed for up to four academic years. High school seniors, current college student, students transferring from a two-year to a four-year college are encouraged to apply. **Deadline for applications is March 31.** For more information or to apply online, visit



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www.asfdn.org or call the foundation at 860-827-2556.

c. FastWeb is the largest and most complete source of scholarships available to students. New scholarships are added every day, all year long. Students can set up a profile to be matched with scholarships suited to their profile. To register for FastWeb, visit www.fastweb.com.

d. The Chester M. Wilcox Memorial Scholarships in Poultry is being offered by the Animal Science Department at Oregon State University for graduate study in Poultry Science. The scholarship will be available October 1, 2009 for the ensuing 12-month period. US citizenship required; must meet graduate school and department's graduate requirements. A 0.2 FTE Graduate Research Assistantship is added to this award. The scholarship provides stipends of \$9,200 for the M.S. or \$10,200 for the Ph.D. per year. Applications for this scholarship must be received by April 6, 2009. More information and application forms are available by contacting: Dr. Thomas F. Savage, Animal Sciences Department, Oregon State University, 114 Withycombe Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-6702; Phone: 541-737-5066, Email: Thomas.Savage@oregonstate.edu.

e. The Nutmeg Section of the Institute of Food Technologies is sponsoring student scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate students. Two \$500 undergraduate scholarships and two \$1,000 graduate scholarships will be awarded. Only one letter of recommendation is needed. The deadline for all application materials is March 24, 2009 and awards will be made at the April Nutmeg IFT meeting. Winners are expected to attend this meeting. Undergraduate winners should provide a brief (5 min.) presentation about their backgrounds and future plans in food science or nutrition. Graduate winners will make a 15 minutes presentation about their research programs. Audiovisuals are appreciated. Scholarship applicants must be members of either the national IFT or the Nutmeg IFT Section. For more information contact Richard.Mancini@uconn.edu.

20. **ACADEMIC FORMS LINK:** Students will find a variety of academic forms such as Excess Credit Authorization, Petition for a Late Drop, and a Appropriate Plan of Study at http://www.myagmr.uconn.edu/current_forms.php.

21. **WORKSHOP:** The UVM Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge, VT, the William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute of Chazy, N.Y., Meadowbrook equine of Bridport, VT, and the Middlebury Large Animal Clinic of Middlebury, VT will host their 21st annual Reproduction Workshop beginning the afternoon of Friday, April 3 and continuing for a full day on Saturday, April 4, 2009. There will be hands-on participation and demonstrations of ultrasound, teasing procedures, semen collection and processing, artificial insemination and frozen semen handling. The important step of training the inexperienced stallion to the breeding phantom is also demonstrated.



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The registration fee of \$250 includes workshop materials and meals. Door prizes are awarded throughout the workshop. Spaces are limited to 25 participants. Call the UVM Morgan Horse Farm at (802) 388-2011, or e-mail uvm.morgans@uvm.edu for more information.