



Spring 2022

KENTUCKY  
EQUINE  
MANAGEMENT  
INTERNSHIP

# KEMI NEWS



Sixteen interns were selected to participate in the Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) program for the Spring 2022 Session.

The traditional Orientation Week was finally restored for the Spring 2022 session after COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted in the Bluegrass! Interns spent a week of touring several Central Kentucky Thoroughbred farms, veterinary clinics, and racetracks—intended to bring all of the interns up-to-date on the vast Thoroughbred industry in the Central Kentucky area. During the Orientation Week, the interns were the guests of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association, Shawnee Farm, Keeneland Racecourse, Three Chimneys Farm, Godolphin at Jonabell Farm, Juddmonte Farms, Hallway Feeds, Spendthrift Farm, Hagyard Equine Clinic, Blackwood Training Stable, WinStar Farm, and the Kentucky Derby Museum.

For 22 weeks, these interns will be working on our area farms where they are working primarily with broodmares—assisting with foalings, caring for the newborn foals, taking the mares to the breeding shed and performing routine care of these horses: cleaning stalls, feeding, grooming, etc. In addition to this daily work on the farms, the interns attend lectures each week that focus on topics of interest to the equine industry and to Thoroughbred racing. These weekly lectures are presented by leading equine professionals and provide numerous opportunities for the KEMI interns to network and refine their career goals. The interns also attended the University of Kentucky Equine Showcase, the Tex Cauthen Farrier Seminar,

and the University of Kentucky's Pastures Please Seminar.

KEMI offers two internship sessions each year. The 22-week Spring session (January-June) provides opportunities for interns to work with and learn about mares, foals and reproduction. Lectures during the Spring session focus on reproduction, foal care and the nutritional needs of breeding stock and young growing horses. The 24-week Fall session (June-December) allows interns to work with sales yearlings, mares and weanlings. Lecture topics for the Fall session concentrate on sales preparation and early race training. Applications for either KEMI session, as well as more information about the program, can be found on the KEMI website ([www.kemi.org](http://www.kemi.org)). You can also follow KEMI on Facebook, Instagram (@KYequineintern), and Twitter (@KYequineintern).

To date, KEMI has provided internship opportunities to over 1,000 interns from all 50 states and 19 foreign countries. Many of the KEMI graduates are now employed in the equine industry in Kentucky and throughout the world. They have found these positions through the contacts they made while enrolled in the KEMI program.

KEMI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and is funded through generous donations from Central Kentucky Farms, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers Club, Thoroughbred Charities of America, other businesses and foundations and individual donors. All contributions are tax deductible. Questions about the KEMI program or about making a donation to KEMI should be forwarded to the Program Coordinator.

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## ABIGAIL BERGLUND

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
SHAWNEE FARM



Abby is a junior at Colorado State University double-majoring in Business Management and Equine Science. She grew up in Denver where she competed in hunter-jumpers for five years on the CHJA and IEA circuits. She came to the KEMI program looking to gain hands-on experience with racing Thoroughbreds, specifically during the breeding season. She also hopes to extend her studies to Ireland for a semester, and ultimately plans to pursue an administrative career in the equine industry.



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## MEGAN BRYANT

CAL POLY POMONA  
SILVER SPRINGS STUD



Megan is from San Diego, California and attended college at Cal Poly Pomona where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science. At Cal Poly Pomona she was involved with the Arabian Horses at the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center on campus. After years of working with Arabian horses, Megan decided she wanted to learn more about the Thoroughbred industry. She is not yet decided on a career path, but has an interest in pursuing breeding management, farm management, or veterinary medicine after the completion of the spring internship.



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## MICHAEL BYRD

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
STONE FARM



Michael is from Prosper, Texas. He graduated from the University of Wyoming in December of 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies with a concentration in Animal and Biomedical Science. Michael grew up with a love for horses and spent time with his grandparent's Quarter Horses. He is currently a 2nd Lieutenant in the Wyoming Army National Guard and aspires to one day serve in the Army Veterinary Corps. Michael is excited to expand his knowledge of the equine industry and learn more about all that the Thoroughbred industry in Kentucky has to offer.



## COURTNEY COOK

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY  
TAYLOR MADE FARM



Courtney is from Cedar City, Utah and is a wife and mother of two young boys. Three years ago she decided to go to college where she is now a junior at Southern Utah University working on getting her Agriculture Science Bachelor's degree (emphasis in Animal Science) with an Associate's Degree in Equine Studies. Courtney has competed in rodeos and Horse 4-H as a young teen and has two horses of her own: one Quarter Horse and one Mustang. Courtney really enjoys training and working with horses of all breeds. Courtney has always wanted to learn about horse breeding and foaling and has always wanted to come to Kentucky and learn about Thoroughbreds. When she graduates she plans on starting her own business breeding, raising and training quarter horses for team penning and reining.



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## COLIN COOKSEY

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
INDIAN CREEK FARM



Colin is from Grisco, Texas and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from Texas Tech University. He has worked with retired and rescued Quarter Horses as well as competed in collegiate horse judging while at TTU. This is his first experience working with Thoroughbreds, but is excited to explore and work hands on in the Thoroughbred industry.



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## HEATHER DURFEE

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY  
DENALI STUD



Heather is from Eagle, Idaho and is currently attending Southern Utah University. She will be graduating in the Spring of 2024 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and an Associate's Degree in Equine Studies. Her first experience with horses began at summer camp in 5th grade where she continued to go until her freshman year of high school when she moved to Idaho. In Idaho she began riding horses more often at her neighbor's small farm. That was where she decided that she wanted to work with horses as a career. Her dream is to one day own her own horse business and KEMI seemed like an excellent way to progress towards that goal and expose her to a bigger part of the horse industry.



## KAYLA ENCK

WILSON COLLEGE  
MARGAUX FARM



**K**ayla graduated with a degree in Equine Studies from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She is originally from Pennsylvania and showed Hunt Seat Equitation in college. She hopes to continue to work in the equine field in Kentucky after finishing her KEMI internship while learning more about broodmare management and foaling.



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## KATELYNN GOMEZ

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
THREE CHIMNEYS FARM



**K**atelynn attended Texas A&M University and graduated in August 2021 with a Bachelor's of Science in Animal Science and a certificate in Equine Science. During her time at University she grew her interest in Thoroughbreds by riding an off the track Thoroughbred for the Texas A&M Polo Club. Katelynn's goal during the KEMI internship is to be able to discover the many opportunities the Thoroughbred industry has to offer.



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## ZEYNAB INAIMI

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
TRACKSIDE FARM



**Z**eynab is from Amman, Jordan. She is attending Colorado State University and majoring in Equine Science. She had no background or experience with horses prior to transferring to CSU. She discovered her passion for the horse industry when she witnessed a mare foaling in her Foaling Management class. Zeynab is determined to be a part of the horse industry and contribute to it. She hopes the KEMI will help her explore the Thoroughbred industry where she can learn something new every day. Zeynab aspires to work in the equine reproduction field.



## MADISON LANE

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
LANE'S END OAK TREE DIVISION



**M**adison is from Boston, Massachusetts and is currently a student at the University of Connecticut where she is studying Animal Science on the Pre-Vet track. Madison grew up riding horses and has been competing in hunters and equitation for over ten years in addition to being a member of the UConn Equestrian Team. Through her time in hunters, she found her love for Thoroughbreds and the industry. Through her KEMI experience, she is looking forward to exploring the Thoroughbred industry and everything that it has to offer. After graduating, she hopes to return to Kentucky to pursue a future career in veterinary medicine.



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## SHELBY LAWRENCE

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO  
SHAWHAN PLACE



**S**helby is from Boise Idaho. She graduated from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science Pre-Vet with a Pre-Health Studies Minor. She has always been interested in working with horses and hopes to attend vet school to become a large animal veterinarian with specialties in equine chiropractic and massage therapy work. This is her first experience working in the Thoroughbred industry and she is excited to learn and get hands on experience.



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## DARIAN ORNDORFF

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
CASTLETON LYONS



**D**arian attended Texas Tech University, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science with a concentration in Equine Production. She first grew her interest in the equine industry by shadowing her father who is an experienced Quarter Horse farrier in their hometown community. In her spare time, she enjoys team roping and spending time at her family's ranch. While she attended her university, she worked at the Texas Tech Therapeutic Riding Center. Darian's goal during the KEMI internship is to broaden her horizon of the Thoroughbred industry.



## ALLYSON SHIVELY

DELAWARE VALLEY UNIVERSITY  
DON ALBERTO CORPORATION



Allyson is from Shippensburg, Pennsylvania and graduated from Delaware Valley University in December 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in Equine Science with a specialization in Breeding and an Associate's Degree in Equine Management. She grew up competing in hunters for the past seventeen years and found her passion for the Thoroughbred industry while working with a Thoroughbred stallion at school. Allyson is excited to get more hands on experience within the industry and learning how to create the best racehorse. In the future, she hopes to be a stallion manager before eventually managing her own breeding farm.



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## ALESSANDRO TACCIOLI

UNIVERSITY OF PARMA, ITALY  
LANE'S END FARM



Alessandro is from Milan, Italy and graduated from the University of Parma in Livestock Science and Animal Production Technologies, Curriculum in Equine Science. Alessandro in 2020 graduated from the Diploma in Stud Practice and Management, The National Stud, Newmarket (UK) winning a special award. In Italy he is licensed as a Thoroughbred horse trainer. Since 2019, Alessandro has held a seminar on Thoroughbred horses every year at the University of Parma. The KEMI course is a great opportunity to increase and develop knowledge in this industry.



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## JORDYN WELLS

BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
CRESTWOOD FARM



Jordyn Wells is from Lawrenceburg, Kentucky where she attended Bluegrass Community & Technical College, graduating with an Associate's Degree in Science. She grew up riding walking horses and now does barrel racing. Jordyn is looking forward to learning new things in the KEMI internship about the Thoroughbred industry.



# Participating Colleges & Universities

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Louisiana Tech University	Texas Tech University
Anderson University	McNeese State University	Transylvania University
Auburn University	Meredith Manor Equestrian	Truman State University
Baker College	Miami University (Ohio)	Tuskegee University
Baylor University	Michigan State University	University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
Becker College	Middle Tennessee State University	University of Arkansas-Little Rock
Bemidji State University	Miles Community College	University of Arizona
Berry College	Mississippi State University	University of California-Davis
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	Modesto Junior College	University of Colorado
Brigham Young University	Montana State University	University of Connecticut
Brigham Young University-Idaho	Morehead State University	University of Delaware
Butte College	Morrisville State College	University of Denver
Cal Poly State University Pomona	Mount Ida College	University of Findlay
Cal Poly State University San Luis Obispo	Murray State University	University of Florida
California State University-Chico	New Mexico State University	University of Georgia
California State University Fresno	North Carolina A&T	University of Idaho
Cazenovia College	North Carolina State University	University of Illinois
Centenary College	North Dakota State	University of Kentucky
Citrus College	Northeastern Junior College	University of Louisville
Clemson University	Northeastern State University	University of Maine
Colby Community College	Northern Arizona University	University of Maryland
College of Central Florida	Northern Michigan University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
College of Southern Idaho	North Georgia College	University of Minnesota-Crookston
College of the Sequoias	Oakland University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Colorado State University	Ohio State University	University of Missouri-Columbia
Columbia State Community College	Ohio State ATI	University of Montana-Western
Colorado State University	Oklahoma State University	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Cornell University	Oregon State University	University of New Hampshire
Delaware State University	Otterbein University	University of Puerto Rico-Mayaquez
Delaware Valley College	Pennsylvania State University	University of Rhode Island
Dickinson State University	Pierce College	University of Southern Mississippi
Eastern Oregon University	Post University	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Elms College	Purdue University	University of Tennessee-Martin
Erie Community College	Rocky Mountain College	University of Texas
Frostburg State University	Rutgers University	University of Tulsa
Georgia College	Saint Mary of the Woods College	University of Vermont
Guildford Technical Community College	St. Xavier University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Hampden Sydney College	Sam Houston State University	University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Harvard University	Scottsdale Community College	University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Hocking College	Shasta College	University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Illinois State University	Sierra College	University of Wyoming
Indiana University	Skidmore College	Utah State University
Iowa State University	South Dakota State University	Vanderbilt University
Ivy Tech	Southern Illinois University	Virginia Tech University
Johnson & Wales University	Southern Utah University	Virginia Western Community College
Judson College	Sul Ross State University	Washington State University
Kansas State University	State University of New York-Cobleskill	West Texas A&M University
Lake Erie College	State University of New York-Old Westbury	West Virginia University
Laramie County Community College	Tarleton State University	William Woods University
Lexington Community College	Tennessee Tech University	Wilson College
Linn Benton Community College	Texas A&M Commerce	Yakima Valley Community College
Louisiana State University	Texas A&M University	

# Foreign Countries Represented

Argentina	Germany	Poland
Australia	India	Scotland
Brazil	Ireland	South Africa
Canada	Italy	Turkey
China	Korea	Uruguay
England	Malaysia	
France	Peru	

## KEMI Host Farms

505 Farm	Fares Farm	Payson Stud
Adena Springs	Gainsway Farm	Pin Oak Stud
Ashford Stud	Gainsborough Farm	Rood & Riddle Equine
Bluegrass Thoroughbreds	Godolphin USA	Royal Oak Farm
Bluewater Sales	Heaven Trees Farm	Shadwell Farm
Calumet Farm	Hill 'N' Dale Farm	Shawhan Place
Castleto Lyons	Hinkle Farm	Shawnee Farm
Chesapeake Farm	Hunter Valley Farm	Silver Springs Stud
Claiborne Farm	Indian Creek Farm	Spendthrift Farm
ClassicStar	Juddmonte Farms	Stone Farm
Cobra Farm	Lane's End Farm	Stonestreet Farm
Creekview Farm	Lane's End Oak Tree Division	Taylor Made Farm
Crestfield Farm	Lantern Hill Farm	Three Chimneys Farm
Crestwood Farm	Mallory Farm	Timber Town Stables
Dallas Stewart Racing	Margaux Farm	Trackside Farm
Darby Dan Farm	Miacomet Farm	Valkyre Farm
Dell Ridge Farm	Milestone Farm	Vinmar Farm
Denali Stud	Millennium Farms	War Horse Farm
Dixiana Farm	Mill Ridge Farm	Wimbledon Farm
Don Alberto Corporation	Monticule Farm	WinStar Farm
Elm Tree Farm	Overbrook Farm	Woodstock Farm

## KEMI Board of Directors

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## Admission Deadlines

Admission To:	Deadline for Applications:	Beginning-Ending Dates:
Fall 2022	April 30, 2022	June 20 – December 2, 2022
Spring 2023	October 31, 2022	January 9 – June 9, 2023
Fall 2023	April 30, 2023	June 19 – December 1, 2023
Spring 2024	October 31, 2023	January 8 – June 7, 2024
Fall 2024	April 30, 2024	June 17 – November 29, 2024
Spring 2025	October 31, 2024	January 6 – June 6, 2025
Fall 2025	April 30, 2025	June 23 – December 5, 2025