



Fall 2023

KENTUCKY  
EQUINE  
MANAGEMENT  
INTERNSHIP

# KEMI NEWS



Eight new students and one returning intern joined the Fall 2023 Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) session in Lexington, Kentucky, for five months of academic training and practical experience with Thoroughbreds. For the next 24 weeks, these students will participate in the exciting but demanding tasks of readying Thoroughbred yearlings for a variety of public sales and starting some under saddle in preparation for racing careers.

The interns enjoyed a traditional Orientation Week to begin their session, visiting farms, clinics, rehab facilities and racetracks. Orientation Week provides an eye-opening introduction to the breadth and depth of the Thoroughbred industry in Central Kentucky and the role it plays worldwide. On Monday, Shawnee Farm General Manager Randy Gilbert welcomed the interns to Kentucky and the KEMI program. Interns were briefed on general horse farm etiquette and given a safety demonstration on working with yearling Thoroughbreds. Farm visits included Godolphin's Gainsborough Farm, Lane's End Oak Tree division, Margaux Farm and WinStar Farm, and the group received extensive tours of both Rood & Riddle Equine and Hagyard Equine Medical veterinary clinics. Other highlights of the week included tours of Hallway Feeds, the Keeneland sales grounds and racetrack, Fasig-Tipton and Old Friends Retirement Farm. On Orientation Tuesday, the KEMI interns volunteered at the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers' Club's annual golf scramble, and the week closed on Friday with a fun afternoon of live racing at Belterra Park.

The interns are employed on our area farms where they work primarily with yearlings and young stock. In addition to routine barn chores, typical fall sales prep activities involve intensive daily hand-walking and grooming, showing yearlings on the farm for photos, video or prospective buyers and accompanying yearlings to the sales grounds. Interns on farms starting young horses under saddle may assist in basic groundwork or riding tasks. In addition to daily work on the farm, interns attend lectures each week that focus on topics of interest to the equine industry and Thoroughbred racing. These weekly lectures are presented by leading equine professionals and provide numerous opportunities

for KEMI interns to network and refine their career goals. The interns attended the joint Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association—Grayson-Jockey Club "Sesamoiditis and Stifle Study Panel" at Fasig-Tipton prior to the kick-off of the 2023 yearling sales season in Kentucky, and will attend the regular monthly Farm Managers' Club meetings featuring timely and topical guest speakers.

Host farms for the Fall 2023 interns are: Crestwood Farm, Denali Stud, Gainesway, Juddmonte, Mallory Farm, Pin Oak Stud, Shawhan Place, Shawnee Farm, Trackside Farm and WinStar Farm.

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, and 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 KEMI graduates are now employed in the equine industry in Kentucky and around the world. These professional horsemen and women found these positions and furthered their careers through contacts made while enrolled in the KEMI program.

KEMI is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation 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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## AMY EULER

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
TRACKSIDE FARM



Amy was born and raised in Tucson, and has always loved being around horses and became a racing fan for life when Barbaro won the Kentucky Derby in 2006. Since delving into the racing industry, Amy's fondest memories have been at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, where she had the opportunity to meet some of racing's brightest stars including Bob Baffert and American Pharoah. She also participated in a Thoroughbred Sales Prep class at the University of Arizona campus farm, where she worked with three horses that were going to be sold. Amy is enjoying her time in the Kentucky Equine Management Internship; you will be seeing her in the Winners Circle!



## TABITHA GILL

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
PIN OAK STUD



Tabitha is from East Tennessee and graduated in May of this year from Middle Tennessee State University with a degree in Horse Science. She has always had a passion for horses and started riding when she was eight years old. She has experience in both English and Western disciplines and is excited to add experience in the Thoroughbred racing industry. She enjoys riding, training and researching nutrition. She's not sure what she is going to do after the internship, but is very excited for the future!





## GRACIE HARMS

LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SHAWNEE FARM



Gracie is in her third year of college at Linn-Benton Community College, majoring in animal science with a focus on equine and will also be receiving a minor in crop and soil science. She is originally from Brookings, Oregon, a small town on the coast. She grew up around horses and was a three-sport athlete playing volleyball, basketball, and softball. She grew up on an Easter lily farm, so agriculture has always been a part of her life. During her junior year when COVID-19 hit, Gracie and her dad started a hanging basket project selling baskets for Mother's Day. Shortly after ordering the seeds and baskets for this project, she had the idea to talk to the city manager and got the contract to do the hanging baskets in town as well. Along with her interest in horses, she also has a love for plants and would one day like to own her own nursery.



## GISELLE MUNOZ

REEDLEY COLLEGE  
DENALI STUD



Giselle Munoz is from central California and graduated from Reedley College with an animal science degree and earned an equine certificate. She has always loved animals, and it was while in college that she learned of the KEMI program and came to Kentucky. She plans to explore the Thoroughbred industry and its many opportunities through the KEMI program



## CELINE ROBERTSON

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
JUDDMONTE



Celine grew up in San Antonio and got her bachelor's degree at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. She received a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science along with an agricultural business and equine science minor. Celine's been riding horses since she was nine years old and started training horses when she was 13 years old. Her riding experience is in the Western world but she is willing to venture out and wants to try new things. She comes from a military family with her parents retiring from the Air Force and an older brother currently serving in the Army. Celine's end goal is to become a horse trainer or become a manager or assistant manager and to stay in the equine world.





## BRANDY SHATTUCK

COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MALLORY FARM



Brandy is originally from Corpus Christi, Texas, and is a graduate of the University of Colorado. She decided to get a second degree from Colorado Northwestern Community College in Equine Studies and Management. She enjoys competing in gymkhanas and skijoring with her Quarter Horse, Titan. Brandy plans on staying in Lexington, Kentucky, after her KEMI internship for the mare and foal season. She is excited to learn more about the Thoroughbred industry.



## SPENCER STULL-SHAW

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
CRESTWOOD FARM



Spencer is currently a college student from Illinois, where he attended and continues to take courses through Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC). He majors in Animal Science specializing in Equine Management. He grew up joining in on organizations such as the FFA and National Honor Society through high school, and later joined organizations such as the zoology fraternity ZTO and the SIUC Equestrian Team. He hopes to figure out and focus on what to do long-term as he continues to gain experience and skill as an equestrian here in Lexington.





IAN WILSON  
NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY  
GAINESWAY



Ian is from Johannesburg, South Africa, and has been passionate about horse racing since finishing high school in 2013. During the past ten years, Ian has gained extensive knowledge of the South African Thoroughbred industry as well as the European and American Thoroughbred industries since his time at The National Stud course and through KEMI. Ian participated in a work experience at Summerhill Stud (SAF) in 2014 before completing a four-year degree in Agricultural Management at the Nelson Mandela University in George (SAF). He completed the English National Stud Diploma Course in 2022, participated in an internship at Freeman Stallions (SAF) and recently graduated from the KEMI Spring Program. Ian has a very keen interest in the breeding and bloodstock side of the industry, especially with stallions, and would love to further his knowledge and experience in sales, marketing and nominations as well as on bloodstock selection.



ANGELA WIRTH  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – DAVIS  
SHAWHAN PLACE



Angela is from Oceanside, California. She graduated in Spring 2023 from University of California - Davis with a degree in Animal Science and a specialization in Equine Science. She was a Mare and Foal Manager at the UC Davis Horse Barn, where she was involved in foaling, halter breaking, and training a Quarter Horse yearling for the annual auction. KEMI offered an excellent opportunity to broaden her horsemanship skills along with discovering different equine career options. Upon completing this internship, Angela plans to continue working in the equine industry.





SPRING 2023 KTFMC MANAGEMENT AWARD WINNER:



Katarina Wallace, who interned at Castleton Lyons Farm for the Spring 2023 session, was the KTFMC Management Award winner. Kat graduated from Colorado State University and was offered a position at Castleton Lyons upon completion of her internship. She and her husband have relocated to Lexington and she will be working in the Broodmare Division of the Farm. The Award consists of \$500 and a week-long shadowing experience for the winner.



HOLLI PENNINGTON SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

The family and friends of Holli Pennington (KEMI Spring 2018 and Fall 2018 intern) have established a scholarship in her honor to be given to KEMI interns from Colorado State University. For Spring 2023, two interns from Colorado State University each received \$500: Katarina Wallace, who has accepted a broodmare position in Kentucky at Castleton Lyons Farm and Cyan Hayes, who is returning to CSU to complete her degree. Congratulations to both Kat and Cyan!



## KEMI Host Farms

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

## KEMI Board of Directors

Donnie Snellings	Denali Stud	President
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## Admission Deadlines

Admission To:	Deadline for Applications:	Beginning-Ending Dates:
Spring 2024	October 31, 2023	January 8 – June 7, 2024
Fall 2024	April 30, 2024	June 17 – December 6, 2024
Spring 2025	October 31, 2024	January 6 – June 6, 2025
Fall 2025	April 30, 2025	June 23 – December 5, 2025
Spring 2026	October 31, 2025	January 5 – June 5, 2026
Fall 2026	April 30, 2026	June 22 – December 4, 2026
Spring 2027	October 31, 2026	January 11 – June 11, 2027
Fall 2027	April 30, 2027	June 21 – December 3, 2027



# Participating Colleges & Universities

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
Auburn University  
Becker College  
Bluegrass Community & Technical College  
Butte College  
California State University-Chico  
Centenary College  
Colby Community College  
College of the Sequoias  
Colorado State University  
Delaware Valley University  
Elms College  
Georgia College  
Hampden Sydney College  
Illinois State University  
Ivy Tech Community College  
Kansas State University  
Lassen Community College  
Louisiana State University  
Meredith Manor Equestrian Centre  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Modesto Junior College  
Morrisville State College  
New Mexico State University  
North Dakota State University  
Northern Arizona University  
Oakland University  
Oklahoma State University  
Parkdale University  
Post University  
Reedley College  
Saint Mary of the Woods College  
Scottsdale Community College  
Skidmore College  
Southern Utah University  
State University of New York-Old Westbury  
Texas A&M Commerce  
Truman State University  
University of Arkansas-Little Rock  
University of Colorado  
University of Denver  
University of Georgia  
University of Kentucky  
University of Maryland  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Tennessee-Martin  
University of Vermont  
University of Wisconsin-Platteville  
Utah State University  
Vermont Technical College  
Washington State University  
West Virginia University

Anderson University  
Baker College  
Bemidji State University  
Brigham Young University  
Cal Poly State University Pomona  
California State University Fresno  
Citrus College  
College of Central Florida  
Columbia State Community College  
Cornell University  
Dickinson State University  
Erie Community College  
Greenville Technical College  
Harvard University  
Indiana University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Lake Erie College  
Lexington Community College  
Louisiana Tech University  
Miami University (Ohio)  
Miles Community College  
Montana State University  
Mount Ida College  
North Carolina A&T  
Northeastern Junior College  
Northern Michigan University  
Ohio State University  
Oregon State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Prairie View A&M University  
Rocky Mountain College  
St. Xavier University  
Shasta College  
South Dakota State University  
Sul Ross State University  
Tarleton State University  
Texas A&M University  
Tuskegee University  
University of Arizona  
University of Connecticut  
University of Findlay  
University of Idaho  
University of Louisville  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Southern Mississippi  
University of Texas  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
Vale Technical  
Virginia Tech University  
Weatherford College  
William Woods University

Atlantic Cape Community College  
Baylor University  
Berry College  
Brigham Young University-Idaho  
Cal Poly State University San Luis Obispo  
Cazenovia College  
Clemson University  
College of Southern Idaho  
Colorado Northwestern Community College  
Delaware State University  
Eastern Oregon University  
Frostburg State University  
Guildford Technical Community College  
Hocking College  
Iowa State University  
Judson College  
Laramie County Community College  
Linn Benton Community College  
McNeese State University  
Michigan State University  
Mississippi State University  
Morehead State University  
Murray State University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern State University  
North Georgia College  
Ohio State ATI  
Otterbein University  
Pierce College  
Purdue University  
Rutgers University  
Sam Houston State University  
Sierra College  
Southern Illinois University  
State University of New York-Cobleskill  
Tennessee Tech University  
Transylvania University  
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University of California-Davis  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois  
University of Maine  
University of Minnesota-Crookston  
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University Puerto Rico-Mayaquez  
University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
University of Tulsa  
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
University of Wyoming  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Western Community College  
West Texas A&M University  
Yakima Valley Community College

# Foreign Countries Represented

Argentina  
Canada  
France  
Ireland  
Korea  
Peru  
South Africa

Australia  
China  
Germany  
Italy  
Malaysia  
Poland  
Turkey

Brazil  
England  
India  
Jordan  
Mexico  
Scotland  
Uruguay