



Animal Science News & Announcements



Dr. Kristen Govoni examines silage with her ANSC 2111 Principles of Animal Nutrition class.



ANSC STUDENTS ADMITTED TO VET SCHOOL

Animal Science students are just now receiving their vet school acceptance letters. Students have been accepted to Colorado State, Cornell, Univ. of Edinburgh, Univ. College Dublin, Univ. of FL, IA State, Univ. of IL, KS State, Univ. of Melbourne, MI State, Univ. of MN, Univ. of MO, OH State, OK State, Univ. of PA, Purdue, Univ. of TN, and Tufts. Congratulations to the following ANSC students who have been accepted to vet schools so far:

- Elsa Anglin – will attend University of Edinburgh
- Juliet Armstrong – will attend OH State
- Tabitha Basine – will attend Univ. of PA
- Maria Cardona – will attend Univ. of MN
- Meghan Clark, Heather DeRico, and Amanda Lopez will attend Tufts
- Elizabeth Fedorko - will attend Univ. of MO
- Stephanie Goldstein – will attend Univ. of TN
- Nicole Greenbaum – will attend Univ. of IL
- Katherine Hebert – will attend CO State
- Brittany Koether – will attend OK State
- Emily Manriquez and Erin Miscioscia will both attend Cornell
- Stacia Twarog – will attend Ross University
- Christopher Ziegler – will attend Univ. of FL



Before and After photos of the Horsebarn Hill Arena portico.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD



It has been a truly exciting semester in Animal Science. In spite of the bleak economic times we are in the process of filling two critically important faculty teaching positions in genetics and equine science as well as a new regulatory compliance officer. Renovation of the Dairy Manufacturing Plant (The World Famous UConn Dairy Bar) is almost complete. Three of our current faculty and staff were recognized this spring for outstanding service by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR): **Ms. Kathy Pelletier** for CANR Alumni Association Outstanding Staff Award, **Dr. Richard Mancini** for the CANR Donald M. Kinsman Award for Excellence in Teaching, **Dr. Kumar Venkitanarayanan** for CANR Excellence in Research.

We survived the snow storms of January (although we temporarily had to move 110 heifers out of the Cattle Resource Unit due to the danger of excessive snow loading on the structure and the collapse of the portico at the Horsebarn Hill Arena). Many of our seniors are receiving notifications of their acceptance to vet schools, Animal Science students were recognized at the CANR Scholarship and Awards Banquet March 16th with **126 scholarship awards**, lambing is almost complete, calving should begin any day and Spring is in the air.

- *Dr. Daniel Fletcher*

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2011

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 21, 2011.

SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEWS

Seniors graduating in May or August, are encouraged to participate in a casual senior exit interview with Dr. Daniel Fletcher, Department Head. Interviews are conducted in order to receive feedback from students as to the ANSC programs strengths and weaknesses. Please e-mail Kathy.Noyes@uconn.edu to schedule an appointment.

ACADEMIC FORMS LINK

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

PRE-VET CLUB ACTIVITIES

- a. **March 21st from 6:30-8pm in Young 207/208:** Presentation by University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine
- b. **Annual Dog Wash - Sunday, May 1st, Time TBA:** Dogs of all sizes - Offering nail trims as well - An annual fundraiser that supports all PreVet Club ventures. Money raised enables members to prepare for admission to vet school, visits to Vet Schools and hosting admissions reps, trips to vet clinics, the Beardsley Zoo, Fairfield Equine Center, Mystic Aquarium, The Humane Society, and the APVMA National Symposium.
- c. Eight UConn Pre-Vet students attended the **American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association National Symposium** on March 12th at Mississippi State Vet School. Along with other PreVet Clubs from across the nation, they attended seminars and labs on topics such as Bovine Lameness and Hoof Trimming, Diagnostic Imaging in Veterinary Medicine, Restraint and Physical Examination Techniques, and Global Veterinary Medicine. According to APVMA, the purpose of the symposium is to "highlight opportunities for careers in veterinary medicine and animal health-related fields". The APVMA's mission is to "promote and stimulate interest in the field of veterinary medicine".

NEW FACULTY

The Department of Animal Science is proud to announce that the position of Assistant Professor in Animal Genetics has been filled by Dr. Heather White. Dr. White will start this fall and she will teach Principles of Animal Genetics. Dr. White received her B.S. from Notre Dame and M.S. and Ph.D from Purdue. Welcome to the department!



ANSC Equine Science Position

The Department of Animal Science just completed interviews to fill the Assistant Professor of Equine Science (formerly Dr. Dinger's position). The new hire should be identified soon and an announcement will be shared with faculty, students and staff. Dr. Gary Kazmer, Search Committee Chair thanks the following undergraduates for participating in the interview process and supplying feedback to the committee: **Ashleigh Cournoyer, Jessica Upham, Cameron Smart, Maria Cardona, Juliana Demay, and Rachel Haynes.**

OTHER CLUB NEWS

Dairy Club: The Dairy Club will hold its **Annual Dairy Show on April 16th** in the Horsebarn Hill Arena. Everyone is welcome. The club's banquet will follow at the Alumni Center on the Storrs campus. If interested in participating or for schedule information contact Stephanie.Goldstein@uconn.edu by **Friday, April 1st**.

Poultry Club: ANSC students, faculty, staff, family, and Poultry Club alumni are invited to the **Poultry Club's Annual Potluck Chicken Barbeque on Friday, April 29, 2011** 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 club will provide the bbq chicken and paper goods. Please sign-up in the Animal Science Main Office, room 107.

Block & Bridle: On February 12th at the Univ. of NH, fourteen members of B&B competed at the annual NESL Livestock judging competition. **Becky Reynolds** placed 6th for individual judging score, and 2 teams placed in the Top 10 for judging; Team B placed 2nd (**Lisa Dauten, Nicole McKay, Becky Reynolds, Brian Carson, Liz Forbes**) and Team C placed 6th (**Marjorie Hardy, Chelsea Anderson, Molly McGaughey, Erika Enkler, Emily Silva**).

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, visit

http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/bms/ERL/erl_gradprog.htm



Attention Alumni!



This summer we'll be working on building our network!

Forward us your new e-mail address to keep getting job opportunities anscmail@uconn.edu

Drop us a line as to what you're doing now!

FACULTY RECOGNITION

The following faculty are being recognized for their many years of dedication to the Animal Science Department and the University. Congratulations to all!



- Dr. Sheila Andrew has 15 years of service.



- Dr. Steven Zinn has 20 years of service.



- Dr. Thomas Hoagland has reached his 30th year of service.

CLUB EVENTS

• **SPRING HAMS just in time for Easter!**

The Department of Animal Science Block and Bridle Club will be selling hams again this year. Pick-up dates are Tue., April 19 and Wed., April 20 from 3-6 p.m. at the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena Meats Lab. Any questions regarding the Ham Sale please contact **Lisa Dauten** at (860) 459-0986.

• **11th Annual Sigma Alpha Horse Show on April 3rd.** Registration begins at 8am & show starts at 9am. Contact Elayna.Brogis@uconn.edu for more info.

TEAM RESULTS

Equestrian:

The Equestrian team is in 1st place for the Region leading by 68 points and is qualified for the Zone finals on April 9th. Nineteen individual riders are qualified for the Regional finals on April 2nd. The Equestrian team has been Champion at the last five shows.

Dressage:

Dressage Team was fifth at their last competition at Mount Holyoke College. The UConn Dressage team will be hosting a show April 9th.

UCONN HORSE AUCTION

The Department of Animal Science will hold its Annual Horse Auction on April 23rd. Any student who would like to volunteer on that day can contact

Leanna.Antenucci@uconn.edu.



Leanna Antenucci, ANSC major and Equestrian Team captain, admires UC Doc Sanchez.

UCONN HOSTS CAMP HORSEMANSHIP SAFETY CLINIC

The 2011 Riding Camp Instructor's Safety Certification Clinic will be held at the Horsebarn Hill Arena at the University of Connecticut in Storrs on June 11th from 10 am-3 pm. This clinic is sanctioned by the Youth Camp Licensing Board and is for individuals instructing campers in any phase of horsemanship. 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 will be awarded to participants that successfully complete the clinic. Cost is \$25. For more information email Jenifer.Nadeau@uconn.edu, or call (860) 486-4471.



Student tacks up one of the UConn Morgans before a riding course.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

(many more positions are regularly posted on the board outside of the ANSC Main Office — room 107, G. White)

- a. **FarmTek** in South Windsor, CT has a position for a National Account Manager. FarmTek serves the agricultural, horticultural, equine and building communities, both nationally and worldwide. For more information, visit www.FarmTek.com.
- b. 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 ice cream cakes, sweeping, mopping, and cleaning restrooms. Must be reliable and available to work mornings, nights, and weekends. Normal working hours for the summer are between 9:00am-10:00pm. 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 20-40 hours per week, \$8.25/hour. Visit the Dairy Bar https://studentjobs.uconn.edu/Cmx_Content.aspx?cpld=188 to fill out an application.
- c. Students interested in summer employment at one of UConn's **ANSC animal units**, please visit <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/facultyandstaff.php> for unit manager contact information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- a. **First Pioneer Farm Credit** offers up to twenty-eight \$1,500 scholarships to qualified students, including at least one diversity scholarship. Qualified students are those who demonstrate exceptional achievement as future ag. leaders. Selection is based on applicant's essay, experience, course of study and extracurricular activities. Deadline is 5 p.m. on **April 15th**. Visit <https://www.farmcrediteast.com/en/Industry-Support/Scholarship.aspx>
- b. **The American Savings Foundation Scholars Program** is accepting applications for scholarships. Scholarships range from \$500-3,000 for the academic year and applicants may reapply for up to 4 academic years. High school seniors, college students, students transferring from a two-year to a four-year college are encouraged to apply. **Deadline for applications is March 31st**. For more information or to apply online, visit www.asfdn.org
- c. **FastWeb** is the largest and most complete source of scholarships available to students. New scholarships are added every day, all year long. To register for FastWeb, visit www.fastweb.com
- d. **Chester M. Wilcox Memorial Scholarships** in Poultry are being offered by the Animal Science Department at OR State Univ. for graduate study in poultry science. US citizenship required: must meet graduate school and department's graduate requirements. The scholarship provides stipends of \$9,200 for the M.S. and \$10,200 for the Ph.D. per year, as well as a 0.2 FTE Graduate Research Assistantship. The due date for the application is still to be announced. For more information visit <http://ans.oregonstate.edu/students/undergrad/gradsch.htm>

CONGRATULATIONS!

James Gaffney, an ANSC major and aspiring veterinarian, has been admitted to the University Scholars Program. Congratulations James!



PROGRAMS

The AHP Internship Handbook is designed 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 AHP at ahorsepubs@aol.com or visit www.americanhorsepubs.org.

The American Horse Publication's 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 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.

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. Testing is conducted at ARIA Test Centers year-round at different locations around the U.S. The fee is \$595.00 and it is recommended that you register 30 days in advance. You may register online at www.riding-instructor.com or by calling 239-948-3232.

2011 Spring Clinic

(in lieu of Horse Symposium)

This event will take place on
March 26th and 27th.

For details, visit

<http://animalscience.uconn.edu>

and click on "Equine Program" for more information.

UPCOMING AG EVENTS!

Gastric Ulcers in Horses

FREE WEBCAST

(March, 22nd at 7 pm)

In this webcast, Dr. Jenifer Nadeau will discuss what causes gastric ulcers, how your veterinarian can diagnose ulcers as well as treat them. To register for this webcast or learn more, visit:

<http://www.myhorseuniversity.com/resources/webcasts/march2011>.

Massachusetts Poultry Enhancement Meeting

(Bolton, MA – March 24th)

Attention chicken enthusiasts, this meeting has all the latest information on poultry. This year's meeting is hosted by the MDAR and the MA Poultry Enhancement Council (MPEC). Agenda items include all aspects of the poultry spectrum. This is an open meeting for residents of MA and surrounding states. Contact Ed Hageman at 617-626-1796,

Edward.Hageman@state.ma.us

for more info.

4-H Horse Judge's School

(Manchester, NH – April 9th/10th) Renew your New England Judge's Card, apply for a card or just audit the classes and live judging. This event is appropriate for 4-H youth, judging teams, those who want to learn more about judging, and those who want to obtain/renew their New England cards. For fees and other information, contact Sherri Thornton at wifie55@yahoo.com or call 207-872-1302.



Pictured here is Michael Barbeau, a CANR student. He is helping chicks learn where and how to obtain their water supply.



Dr. Sheila Andrew and ANSC alum Danielle Jeffries, ultrasounding a Dairy Cow.

WORKSHOP

The UVM Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge, VT, the William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute of Chazy, N.Y., and the Middlebury Large Animal Clinic of Middlebury, VT will host their **23rd Annual Reproduction Workshop** on April 1st and 2nd. There will be hands-on participation and demonstrations of ultrasound, teasing procedures, and more! There is a registration fee and 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 info.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

a. **Wildlife Safari** in Winston, OR is offering four separate unique wildlife internships: Cheetah, Carnivore, Ungulate, and Elephant. 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; may be completed for college credit depending on college's guidelines. Visit <http://www.wildlifesafari.net/internships.asp>.

GRAD STUDENT NEWS

Events:

What? Graduate Student Research Forum

When? March 26th, 9 am -4 pm

Where? Bishop Center

RSVP for complimentary lunch to

Lynn.Grabowski@uconn.edu

Plenary Speaker is

Dr. Frank Boteler, Assistant Director of the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

ANSC GRADUATE PROGRAM

Grads, where are they now?

- **Mary Anne Amalaradjou** (PhD, '10) is currently a Post Doctorate Research Associate at Purdue University in Indiana.
- **Gregory Dady** (MS, '10) is now Quality Assurance Supervisor at The Smithfield Packing Company in North Carolina.
- **Ebenezer Otu-Nyarko** (PhD, '10) works for Central Connecticut Farmers Cooperative in Manchester, CT as an assistant plant manager.
- **Julie Richmond** (PhD, '08) completed her Post Doctorate in Animal Science at UConn in '10 and now is an Assistant Professor in Biology at the University of North Florida.



One of UConn's Dairy Cows
Photo by Cameron Smart, ANSC major.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (*continued*)

- b. **ANSC Summer Internship** – Four 4-year students have been chosen to participate in the 2011 ANSC Summer Internship. Congratulations to **Katie Faust, Molly McGaughey, Jen McGuire,** and **Ryan Pelletier**.
- c. **The Equine Reproduction Laboratory**, Colorado State University, is offering one Breeding Farm Internship beginning July 1, 2011. 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, 2011**. For more information about the program and application procedures, visit <http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/bms/erl> or call 970-491-8626.
- d. **The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC)** is currently recruiting for its Fall 2011 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 **June 10th**. For more information and application requirements, visit www.nppc.org.
- e. **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**. For more information, visit www.kemi.org.
- f. **UConn Career Services** is offering a presentation, "Finding an Internship" on **March 23rd**, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Center for Undergraduate Education, CUE 122. Students will walk away with strategies on how to find an internship.
- g. **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 www.defhr.org.
- h. **Devon Point Farm**, an Organic Vegetable and Flower CSA and Grassfed Beef Farm in Woodstock, Connecticut, is seeking summer interns. This is an excellent learning opportunity for motivated individuals who are interested in learning how to make a small farm profitable. The majority of internship hours and learning will occur in our CSA Vegetable operation, as the grassfed beef operation offers limited animal interaction during the grazing months. Contact Patty Taylor at patty.taylor@lycos.com or at 860-974-9004 for a position description or to apply. For more information about the farm, visit www.devonpointfarm.com



Snapshot of Alison Bush, a CANR student, helping with Dr. Kristen Govoni's sheep nutrition project