

## **An Interview with ANSC Undergraduate Student Madison Maneri on Her Internship Experience at Darby Dan Farm**

### **Q: Where did you intern, and when?**

I interned at Darby Dan Farm through the Kentucky Equine Management Internship in Lexington, Kentucky in the Spring of 2019 (January 7th-June 7th).

### **Q: Was it a paid internship? What did you do there?**

Yes it was a paid internship but you could also receive credits as well. I was a broodmare and foaling intern. So my daily routine including turning out the pregnant mares, feeding, administering medications, cleaning stalls and assisting with the veterinarian and farrier. I was also on call every night for foalings. I assisted in over 50 foalings throughout the season. Once foals were on the ground, I also was responsible for caring for the foals by checking their temperature every day and administering medications as needed. I also attended several lectures and seminars and learned about the many current issues in the thoroughbred and racing industry by many industry professionals.

### **Q: When did you apply for this internship?**

I applied during the fall semester of 2018.

### **Q: How long did the internship last?**

It lasted for 6 months. My normal work week was 6 days a week with a minimum of 48 hours.

### **Q: How did you learn about this opportunity?**

I received an email about the opportunity from the Department of Animal Science.

### **Q: Anything else you'd like to add about your experience?**

I absolutely loved my experience, I gained so much knowledge about the thoroughbred industry and had the pleasure of working with so many professionals in the industry. I had the opportunity to shadow many veterinarians at one of the top equine hospitals in Lexington, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. I was also able to attend the 145th Kentucky Derby with my internmates! It was also a great networking opportunity to meet with many industry professionals!

### **Q: What is your area of interest as an ANSC major?**

I was pre-vet, but now am focusing on the equine aspect of my major.

### **Q: So, what are your plans when you graduate?**

My plan is to move back down to Kentucky and hopefully work alongside the incredible veterinarians at Hagyard!

**Q: If someone has questions, can they contact you regarding your internship experience?**

Absolutely!

