



EQUINE STUDIES PROGRAM

TEACHING PROGRAM

We've been busy!



14 Equine Studies tracking students out of 293 majors with many more equine studies in the pre-vet track.

6 Equine courses were offered with a total of 104 seats filled.

Hands-on learning opportunities are emphasized to give our students an edge when competing for industry jobs after graduation.

Right - Students learn to pull horse shoes in cases of emergency.



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Our Fearless Foaling Program turned 3!

Students trained, prepared, and helped sell two weanlings in December grossing \$4,700.

Two new foals were born on campus this spring with the assistance of 24 students.

In the News! When Fox 5 heard about the heroic efforts students and staff went through to help save the life of one of our struggling newborn foals, they featured the story on the evening news.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES



Students care for the recovered foal. Many students indicate that watching the birth of a foal is a life-changing experience.



Graduate student Aubrey Lowrey is investigating novel uses of turfgrasses on horse farms including their use as a diet horse pasture!

She planted 16 different cultivars in replicated plots and will be testing their hardiness, nutrient content, and palatability over the next two years. Stay tuned!

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APPLIED RESEARCH



Students and faculty traveled to Rutgers to collaborate on a study investigating the relationship between continuous and rotational grazing, carbohydrate levels in grasses, and the glycemic response in grazing in horses.

WINNING WAYS



Diamondback Fire, the first horse foaled and raised by students in the rejuvenated breeding program, won his first race at the Timonium State Fairgrounds.

Diamondback Fire's success lends credibility to the university breeding program and brings welcome attention to the equine program.



Maryland has a new Intercollegiate Eventing Team!

A new intercollegiate eventing team was founded this fall bringing our total number of students riding on a UMD team or club to **108**. Students may compete in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association via the Equestrian Team or care for and take lessons on UMD owned horses as part of the Equestrian Club.



Photo courtesy of T. Richards

Students care for and ride horses on campus in the Maryland Equestrian Club.



Student Kristina Davis successfully **showed 2 of our broodmares** in hand at the International Sport Horse Registry Inspections. Both mares were accepted into the main mare book which allows UMD to register their foals in the future.



We held **9 equine outreach events** educating over **200 people** in nutrition, hoof care, land stewardship, and pasture management.

We educated horse owners in multiples counties including Prince George's, Baltimore, Cecil, Wicomico, Harford, and Montgomery.

Extension Horse Specialist Dr. Amy Burk took to the road to educate **294 people** via **7** equine nutrition, health, and pasture management presentations spanning MD, VA, and NJ.

College Park was bustling with hundreds of 4-H youth, parents, and volunteers when the Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl, Judging, and Hippology contests were held on campus.



We have expanded our social media presence and now have **800 followers** keeping up with our busy schedule!

Articles featuring the equine program were published in The Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred, The Journal of Equine Veterinary Science, and The Equiery.



Terpretariat made an appearance at our vendor booth at the Maryland Horse Expo, promoting our program to thousands of people.



Dr. Burk was elected to the Equine Science Society's Board and appointed by the Governor to serve on the Maryland Horse Industry Board.



Jennifer Reynolds, Equine Extension Coordinator, was recognized by both the Animal Science Department and the College of Agriculture for **Outstanding Staff Member of the Year**.



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