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FRIENDS OF THE MSU HORSE TEACHING AND RESEARCH CENTER

Fall Newsletter 2020



STAY TUNED...

Even though we had to cancel the 2020 spring show, the organization is hoping to host a show in 2021! For show updates follow "MSU Friends: Spartan Spring Warm-Up Show" on Facebook!

Each year MSU Arabians are sold across the U.S. and some even to Canada. Check out the last page of our newsletter to see MSU Arabians in their forever homes outside of East Lansing!

**THE MSUHTRC
HAD AN AMAZING
2020 FOAL CROP,
INCLUDING MANY
PA MARCO FOALS
AND A PA KID
KHAN COLT!**

STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE FRIENDS GROUP!

Interested in learning more about the Friends and what's happening on a monthly basis? Make sure to like us on Facebook at MSU Friends of HTRC. It's the quickest way to receive the latest happenings with our group! You can also stay up to date with happenings at the MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center by following the Friends group on Facebook.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

by Alexis Garbo

Even though 2020 has tested us through the thick of everything, the Friends organization is still moving forward, and our alumni are doing the same thing. This newsletter's featured alumni is Brooke Fuchs. She is a 2011 graduate of Michigan State University where she completed her Agriculture Technology Horse Management Certification and a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science with an emphasis in Agriculture Business. Brooke said she was interested in the MSU Horse Program because of her love of horses and the number of hands-on classes that the program offers.

"This was definitely more my learning style – hands on!" Brooke said.

After graduation, Brooke was able to jump right into the Arabian horse industry to begin her career because of the confidence that she gained through the skills taught to her from teaching staff and the hands-on learning opportunities offered to her. Her success came from the mentoring, teaching, and support of MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center Manager, Paula Hitzler.

"I knew I would always have horses in my life, and would be working with horses as my career," Brooke said, "but once I was able to take multiple young horses to regional and national competition, and do extremely well at those competitions, I was really energized to continue training, showing, learning, and teaching others to do the same."

Brooke continued to see success after her wins with MSU. She was the head trainer at Al-Marah Arabians in Arizona. She then continued her training career with leading halter trainer, Ted Carson Arabians, as their performance trainer and won a unanimous National Championship title in Arabian English Show Hack riding EQ Escalade. Brooke then traveled to Florida to be the all-around trainer at Innovation Arabians and not long after her time there she had the opportunity to start her own training business out of Oak Creek Farm (owned by Beth Kelly and Virginia Godwin). She is now the business owner/manager/trainer of Fox Performance Horses, LLC.

Brooke still visits the farm during her time spent in Michigan and continues to offer advice to students working with horses at the MSUHTRC.

Brooke Fuchs pictured below throughout her career including a win with MSU Counterfeit (Pictured Left Top).



Left and above right: Angelfyre BWF, two championships at 2019 Sport Horse Nationals in Training Level Jr Horse and Training Level Open. Along with numerous Top Tens. Above middle: Nazareth CF, Reserve Champion in Arabian Hunter Pleasure Jr Horse at the Scottsdale Show

Pictured Below: Rachel Postello at Kalmbach Feed Headquarters in Findlay, Ohio.



MEET OUR STUDENTS

by Alexis Garbo and Rachel Postello

Meet one of our 2020 Student Directors, Rachel Postello. Rachel is a senior studying Animal Science with a minor in Photography and Agribusiness and will be graduating in the Spring of 2021. Although we are sad to see Rachel leaving us, we are so excited to see what her future holds! Get to know Rachel a little bit more from Rachel herself:

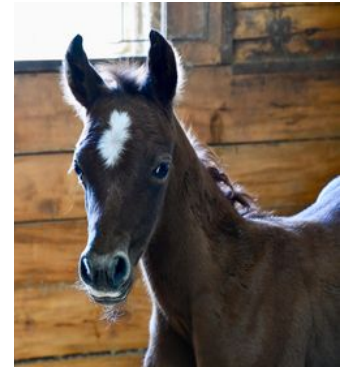
"When I thought of what the fall semester of my senior year would look like, I didn't picture myself sitting at home in my pjs looking at a computer screen all day. Now that school is in full-swing, I have spent the majority of my time watching lectures on zoom, working part-time for Kalmbach Feeds marketing team, working part-time grading papers for an MSU professor, and scheduling photoshoots for my photography business. I am also the President of the MSU Horsemen's Association and have kept myself busy with organizing industry leaders to speak at our monthly meetings via zoom.

Although this year isn't what I hoped it would be, I feel very fortunate that I have a job lined up at Kalmbach Feeds working in their marketing department after I graduate from MSU in the spring of 2021. My love for horses and passion for the horse industry is what led me to become a student director for the Friends of the MSUHTRC. I enjoy being a part of a group of highly educated equine enthusiasts who are driven by the desire to make the equine industry better. I am very excited to see where this organization goes in the future!"

2020 FOAL UPDATE FROM MSUHTRC

By Paula Hitzler, MSUHTRC Manager

2020 brought us some of the best foals to date. We had 6 fillies and 3 colts, including several amazing PA Marco fillies and a PA Kid Khan colt that is out of this world. We can't thank Connie O'Brien and Palmetto Arabians enough for their support for our breeding program.



Pictured above are some of the MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center's 2020 foals. Look out for these foals as they continue to carry on the MSU Arabian legacy!

MSU ARABIANS' SUCCESS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

By Paula Hitzler, MSUHTRC Manager; Alexis Garbo

Each year some MSU Arabians are offered for sale and go on to be incredible Arabians inside and outside of the show ring. Even though this year's show season was not usual, many MSU Arabian owners saw great success with their horses.

Congratulations to Monique Mahler and her two MSU Arabians MSU Spartan Pride and MSU Stradivari for their Top Ten awards at the Youth and Mid-Summer Arabian National Champion show.

This year MSU was well represented at the Arabian Sport Horse Nationals. MSU Slovachka owned by Loree McGee, MSU Start Again and MSU Start All Over owned by Bob and Kelli Bennett won 4 National Championships, 4 Reserve National Championship and 8 Top Ten Awards. Congratulations to Loree and Bob and Kelli!

We also welcome many new owners into the MSU Arabian horse family: Alex Nakfoor and his purchase of MSU Shandy, Cheryl Nelson and her purchase of MSU Sriracha, Jennette Aubert and Mike Kemeter and their purchase of MSU Salignac, Kimberly Dawson on her purchase of MSU Sinderella, Barb Ocobock and her purchase of MSU Suri, Beverley Gremel on her purchase of MSU Shalyah and Gwen Hammond on her purchase of MSU Annie Oakley.

We recently went to Facebook and asked to see some of those Arabian horses that have been loved by their owners outside of East Lansing. See where some of the MSU Arabians are now on the next page!

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS AT MSUHTRC

By Paula Hitzler, MSUHTRC Manager; Alexis Garbo



While most of the University has been teaching remotely, the MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center was allowed to teach ANS 140 Horsemanship face to face. We are all hoping that we can teach more hands on, face to face classes this spring semester. The Farm Crew has taken this time to continue to make improvements to the farm and can't wait to welcome a full slate of students back to the farm, when deemed safe again! The farm is still open to the public- excluding the barns and restrooms - as long as safe social distancing is maintained. Take a trip to the MSUHTRC to meet some MSU Arabians while practicing safe social distancing!



Friends of the MSU HORSE TEACHING AND RESEARCH CENTER



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

The Michigan State University Horse Teaching and Research Center (HTRC) is dedicated to a mission of quality equine education & applied scientific research. Today, the HTRC enjoys a national and international reputation for excellence in its teaching, research & breeding programs.

The Friends of MSU HTRC is a volunteer organization with the goal of supporting the equine programs at MSU through:

- * Educational programs for the public
- * Equine clinics and workshops
- * Promotion of HTRC events, students & programs
- * Assisting with fundraising for MSU equine clubs

**Make a donation and
become a member
today!**

All donations will support the MSU Horse Teaching & Research Center and equine student activities. Choose your desired level of activity within the organization while receiving updates and information about activities & events. Members have the opportunity to volunteer at horse shows, represent the group at the Michigan Horse Expo as well as help organize fundraising events. Or, opt out of participating and simply make a donation.

For more information find our link on the website; www.msuarabians.com OR *Like* us on facebook; MSU Friends of HTRC

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(Memberships are per calendar year, January 1st - December 31st)

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