

**An interview with ANSC Major Michelle Grant
regarding her WinStar Farm Internship**

(Kentucky, June-July 2012)

Q: Where did you intern, and when?

I did my internship at WinStar Farm LLC. in Versailles, KY during the months of June and July.

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

The internship was paid on an hourly basis for a minimum of 48 hours per week. I was responsible for caring for Thoroughbred mares and foals at one of the many barns on the property. I was responsible for general barn chores, grooming, medication administration, and turnout of a barn of approximately sixteen mares and their young foals. I also participated in the weaning process beginning in July. The internship involved a lot of hands on experiences with the horses. While there, I was able to see the stallion complex and experience some breedings at the end of the season. I was also able to spend some time at the training barn where I saw daily workouts, training, and injury maintenance with swimming pools and a hyperbaric chamber.



Q: When did you apply for this internship?

I applied for this internship in January 2012.

Q: How long did the internship last?

The internship lasted for two months but could have gone for the month of August as well. The internship could potentially be offered at any time of the year for any given amount of time.

Q: How did you learn about this opportunity?

Dr. Milvae informed me of the opportunity for this internship.

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

While in Kentucky, I was able to visit some of the most beautiful horse country in the United States. I also spent some time experiencing the local culture with food, bluegrass music, and Thoroughbred yearling sales at the Fasig-Tipton sales complex. You are close to many Kentucky attractions including major racetracks, the Kentucky Horse Park, and downtown Lexington.

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

My area of interest is equine breeding farm management.

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

I plan on looking for a job in the equine industry either managing a breeding farm or managing an equine program at a university. I would eventually like to start my own horse training and breeding business.

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

Absolutely! E-mail me at Michelle.Grant@uconn.edu