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← We visited Shamrock Farm to practice foal handling before our own foals arrived a few weeks later.

In April, students witnessed the birth of three new foals as part of our Equine Reproduction class! →

← After prepping our Nicanor colt for several months, students were pleased that he brought $5,200 at the January sale.

Three new foals are expected in 2018 sired by the outstanding stallions Jump Start, Golden Lad, and Mosler!

To date, 71 students have learned how to care for broodmares and foals.

Two students were hired by Thoroughbred breeding farms and worked the yearling show and sale. →

5 FOAL CROPS
11 FOALS BORN ON CAMPUS
$4,414 AVERAGE SALE PRICE FOR WEANLINGS
OVER $101K IN RACE EARNINGS
$6,648 EARNED IN MD BREEDER AWARDS
Our survey revealed that 40% of ponies and horses in MD are over-conditioned & that it costs an average of $434 more each year to manage those horses.

We continued our studies investigating the suitability of 14 turfgrasses for their use in a “diet horse pasture” for over-conditioned equine.

We’re underway with two new studies investigating the effects of grazing muzzles on horse behavior and G.I. health in event horses.

Dr. Burk educated 110 individuals while giving presentations on nutrition to animal control officers at Days End Horse Farm Rescue, pasture management to horse owners in Baltimore County, and the Equine Studies Program to youth participating in an agricultural leadership program.

33 horse owners improved their knowledge of equine nutrition and feeding management skills at our Equine Nutrition Seminar featuring talks on feeding the off-the-track Thoroughbred, gastric ulcers, and weight control strategies. The gastroscopy of the lesson horses was quite a highlight!

The Equine Session of the Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference educated 74 horse owners and industry professionals about feeding the aged horse, the equine gut microbiome, boosting the equine immune system, and feeding horses with feed allergies.

The Maryland Equestrian Club's on-campus Ag Day Horse Show was a huge success drawing a big crowd and a visit from Testudo!

Congratulations to the Maryland Equestrian Team for earning a Reserve Champion and High Point Team to finish third in the region and for having 7 individuals qualify for Regionals!

The Maryland Eventing Team was FEARLESS, but just out of the ribbons earning an 11th place out of 21 teams at the National Intercollegiate Eventing Championships.

Terpretariat loved visiting his fans at Maryland Million Day at Laurel Park.

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