

The renowned Morgan Horse Farm apprenticeship will continue to operate as a year-long program, but with upgrades. The apprenticeship is also now paid! Apprentices will focus on farm operations and will provide mentorship to the interns, learning valuable supervisory skills in advance of entering the competitive job market.

We are now accepting internship applications for the 2019 fall semester, and have one opening for an apprentice. Email uvmorgan@uvm.edu for more information.



Picturesque fall foliage landscape of the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm.



Current Morgan Horse Farm Apprentice Yu "Mia" Kawaida and UVM Whisper. Mia is a graduate of Murray State University.



UVM Willoughby and Dwayne Knowles at the 2018 New York Morgan Horse Show.



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Summer Highlights!

- New event Cavalry Day was a success with over 150 people attendance- check out MHF Facebook page for pictures.
- UVM Admission was won by Danielle Boon of New Jersey, after she has been buying raffle tickets for 18 years.
- UVM students from five different classes used the Weybridge campus this fall.



1st Vermont Cavalry Co. K. members dueling on the front lawn of the Morgan Horse Farm during Cavalry Day, 2018.

A New Strategic Plan

In just 100 days, the staff and advisory board of the UVM Morgan Horse Farm completed the strategic plan with help from members of the equine, education, and tourism communities lent their wisdom and connections. This living document identifies 52 discrete action items organized within 5 core priorities that will guide program and facility development.



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From the presentation of this strategic plan on July 25th, to the Advisory Board meeting on November 2nd, 6 action items have been completed and 14 are in meaningful progress. A PDF of the strategic plan can be found on the Morgan Horse Farm website, www.uvm.edu/cals/morganhorsefarm.

New and Potential Renovations

The Manton Foundation awarded the UVM Morgan Horse Farm with \$450,000 in grant funding to address maintenance and ADA considerations in the Main Barn. Staff from the Morgan Horse Farm and UVM Facilities worked with SAS Architects in Burlington to confirm the first phase projects. SAS will produce drawings for review by the first of the year.

SAS will also provide architectural drawings for a new breeding facility. This potential new construction would be built in the existing perimeter blueprint of the colt shed, a 3-sided pole barn built in 1965 that housed loafing pens for yearlings. This breeding facility would be designed to better support the farm's needs during breeding season and have a classroom for 25 students.



Students from the Tourism, Parks & Recreation class 138, Intro to Landscape Design, touring the Morgan Horse Farm for projects related to visitor experience.

Notes From the Farm

In September, long-time breeding stallion Otter Brook Xenophon was laid to rest at the age of 26. "Xeno" had several medical diagnosis that affected his health and condition. He will be missed! (shown below)

UVM Willoughby was Grand Champion Stallion at the New York Morgan Horse Show, and took home the Park Harness Junior Horse Championship at the NEMHS. The MHF is currently accepting breeding inquiries for UVM Willoughby for the 2019 season.

Introducing the new Academic Internship at the UVM Morgan Horse Farm!

UVM Morgan Horse Farm staff met with Animal Science faculty to establish an academic internship based in Weybridge. This 15 credit "semester on the farm," is a 6-month, paid internship – housing included – that is an immersive experience for undergrads. The spring semester, (Jan through June), will focus on breeding while the fall semester, (July through December), will concentrate on training and young horse handling.



Otter Brook Xenophon and Josie Davis.