



Dr. Zinn with ANSC majors (L-R) Brenna Daly, Bethany Sullivan, Audrianna Finney, and Julia O'Rourke at 2015 Scholars Day

UConn Department of Animal Science April 2015 Student Newsletter

A Message from the Department Head

Greetings.

With all the snow and cold this winter, it may be difficult to realize that we are getting ready to wind down the spring semester. With the last days of the semester it means that we are gearing up for the Dairy Show on April 19th, Open House on April 11th, the Horse Auction on April 25th, the end of the semester barbecue on May 1st and commencement on May 9. This year from April 6th to the 11th, in conjunction with the United States Polo Association (USPA) and the UConn Polo Club, we are hosting the 2015 National Collegiate Polo Finals at Horsebarn Hill Arena. The top Men's and Women's Collegiate

Polo teams in the country, including the UConn Women's team, will travel to UConn to compete for the national men's and women's polo championships. We look forward to hosting the tournament.



Join me in congratulating our graduating students in the 2-year and 4-year programs, including **Bethany Sullivan** who will give the student commencement speech at graduation.

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Message from the Department Head *(continued)*

I offer my congratulations to our students, faculty and staff that have been recognized for their achievements this spring.

Dr. Sarah Reed earned the 2015 CAHNR Donald M. Kinsman Award for Excellence in Teaching, and **Dr. Indu Upadhyaya** was recognized as the 2015 Outstanding Graduate Student by the CAHNR. At the spring CAHNR Scholarship Dinner, numerous Animal Science students were recognized for their outstanding achievements. Also, congratulations to the Animal Science students named as New England (3.7 GPA for all of 2014) and Homer Babbidge (4.0 GPA for all of 2014) Scholars, including **Emma LaVigne** who gave the student speech at the ceremony, and to the sophomores, juniors, and seniors that have been named as American Society of Animal Science Scholars (the ceremony is scheduled for May 1st).

Congrats to the successes of our Equestrian teams; the Dressage, Western and Hunt Seat teams all did very well and both the Men's and Women's Polo teams completed successful seasons. In addition, congratulations to the UConn Women's Basketball team, including ANSC student, **Tierney Lawlor**, on their 10th National Title.

For students graduating this May or August, make sure that your Plan of Study is submitted to the degree auditor. It is important that these be turned in before graduation. In addition, we will start scheduling senior exit interviews. These meetings give seniors an opportunity to provide feedback on our program.

Good luck with the end of spring semester and finals. I hope to see you at the Animal Science events in April and May.



2013 ANSC alumni and current veterinary students Michelle Forella, Justin Simone (top L to R) Stephany Lopez, Rachel Forbes, and Ashley Cournoyer (bottom L to R) at the 2015 SAVMA Symposium in Minneapolis, MN.

Vet School Admits

Our students have been admitted to the following veterinary schools this year:

- Colorado State University
- Cornell University
- Glasgow
- Iowa State
- Michigan State University
- Midwestern University
- North Carolina State
- Ohio State University
- Oregon State
- Purdue
- Ross University
- Royal Vet. College
- St. George's University
- Texas A&M
- Tufts University
- UC Davis
- University of Illinois
- University of Missouri
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of Wisconsin

Attention Senior Pre-Vet Students: We Want to Hear From You!

If you have been accepted into a Veterinary Program, please email michelle.grant@uconn.edu with your news!

STUDENT DEADLINES



Senior Exit Interviews

To help the Department of Animal Science maintain and improve the quality and standards of its undergraduate programs, the department finds it beneficial to gain feedback from graduating seniors.

This will be an informal but confidential meeting. Interviews will be conducted between Wednesday, April 15th and Friday, May 1st. Please contact Ms. Kathy Noyes (860-486-1035) to schedule an appointment.



What are your plans after graduation?

Attending the veterinary school? Continuing studies at graduate school? Land the job of your dreams? Tell us about it!! Send your news to michelle.grant@uconn.edu.

LINKS TO FORMS

For the new Independent Study Syllabus Form click [here](#).



UConn Women's team in a season match against Cornell – Photo credit Dan Gebben

UConn Hosts National Polo Championships

The University of Connecticut is hosting the National Intercollegiate Polo Championships April 6th – 11th for the first time. The UConn women were unanimously chosen as one of the Wildcard teams to compete for the championship.

The National Collegiate Polo Championship is hosted by the Department of Animal Science, The UConn Polo Club and USPA at Horsebarn Hill Arena.

The UConn Women's Polo Team's first game will be Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 PM and with a win will play on Saturday, April 11th in the Finals.

See a video of the UConn Polo Team [here](#).

Please come out and support the team including ANSC Majors **Sara Tufts**, **Carly Persano** and **Audrianna Finney**!



Members of the UConn Women's Polo Team (L to R) Sara Tufts, Audrey Persano, Kara Googins, and Carly Persano.

Scholarship Winners!

Congratulations to ANSC Seniors **Julie Notestine** and **Allison Schauer** who were honored by Alpha Lambda Delta, the National Honor Society for First Year Students, with prestigious scholarships that they can use at graduate school. Julie was awarded the Dr. Helen Clarke fellowship and Allison was awarded the Dean Katherine Cater fellowship. Both Julie and Allison plan to attend veterinary school after graduation. Great job ladies!!



Allison Schauer, left, poses with a chicken at the UConn poultry units



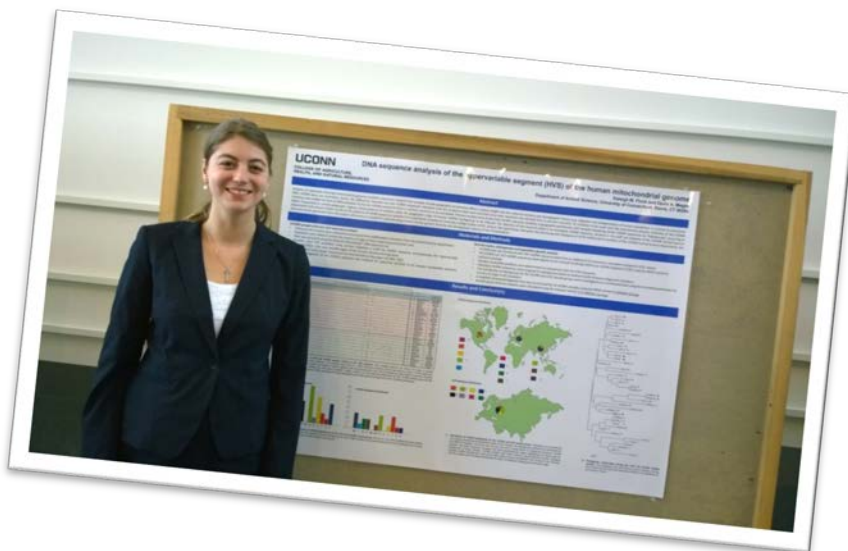
Julie Notestine with Zoe G's colt, right, at the recent Pre-Vet horse handling demonstration

CAHNR Graduate Student Council Research Forum

At the end of February, ANSC graduate students presented their research at the annual College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources Graduate Student Council Research Forum. At the forum, the students presented their research through oral and poster presentations and compete with several departments in the College of Agriculture. Four of the ten winners for oral presentations were ANSC students **Samantha Fancher**, **Hsin-Bai Yin**, **Meera Nair**, and **Genevieve Flock**, all advised by Dr. Kumar Venkitanarayanan. In addition to the oral presentation awards, **Kaleigh Flock** won an award for her poster presentation. Congratulations to all of our students!

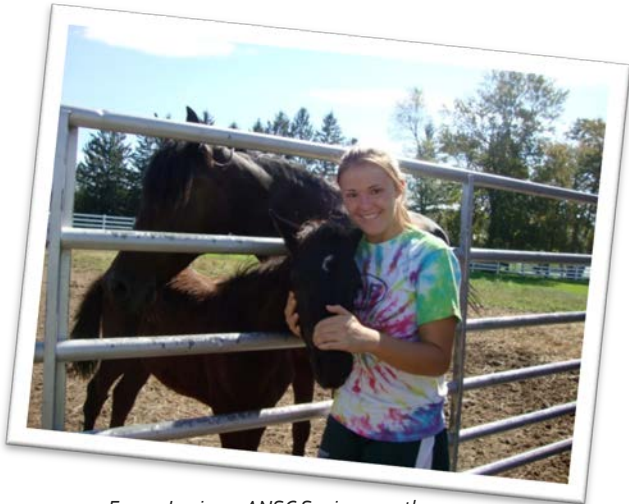


The ANSC Graduate and Post-Doctorate students at the 2015 CAHNR Graduate Student Council Research Forum



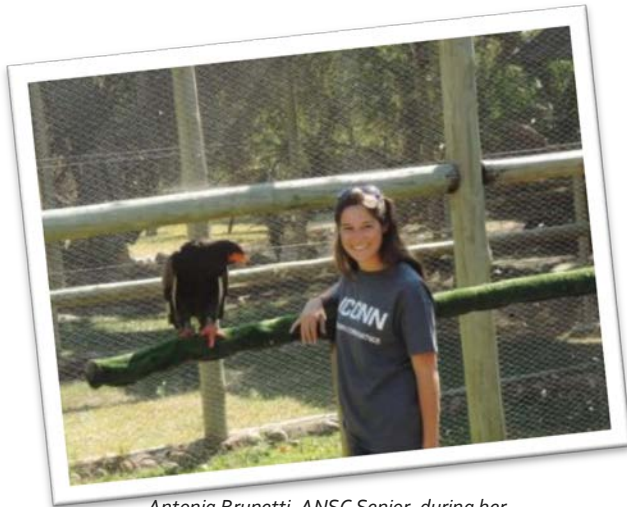
Kaleigh Flock, ANSC Master's student, poses with her winning poster

Students Recognized



Emma Lavigne, ANSC Senior, was the Scholars Day student speaker this March

Emma Lavigne, ANSC Senior, was chosen as the 2015 Scholars Day student speaker. The event, which took place in late March, was hosted by the Honors Program and served to recognize the academic excellence of students from all UConn campuses. Emma, who is a three-time Babbidge Scholar, Honors Scholar and undergraduate researcher, represented the student body at this event.

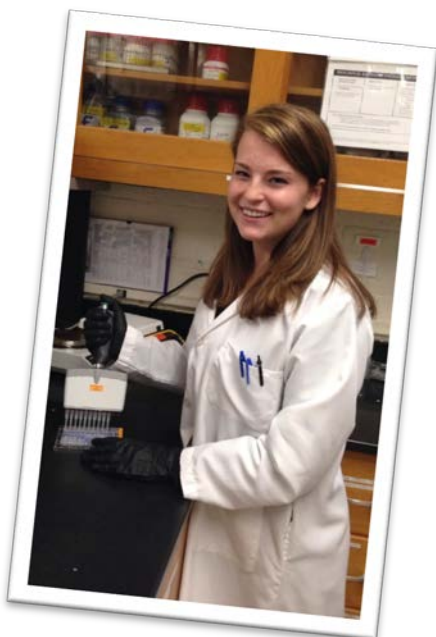


Antonia Brunetti, ANSC Senior, during her trip to South Africa last summer

Antonia Brunetti, ANSC Senior and College Ambassador, was featured by the CAHNR Ambassador program for her South African Ecology trip last summer. The study abroad trip allowed Toni to get out of her comfort zone and learn more about African ecology, grassland management, animal behavior, and wilderness first aid. Read more about her experience [here](#).

Bethany Sullivan, ANSC Senior, has been chosen as the 2015 CAHNR Commencement speaker. Bethany was chosen by peers in an interview process in which she presented her topic of choice for the speech. We look forward to hearing her address the 2015 graduating class!

Brenna Daly, ANSC and Pathobiology Senior, has been selected as the 2015 Outstanding Senior Woman in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources. She will be honored at a ceremony in May. Read more [here](#).



Brenna Daly, ANSC Senior, the 2015 CAHNR Outstanding Senior Woman



Bethany Sullivan, ANSC Senior, will be the 2015 CAHNR Commencement Speaker

Students and Alumni Featured in Naturally@UConn

Brenna Daly, ANSC and Pathobiology senior, has made the most of her time as an undergraduate at UConn. She is an active member of the Equestrian Team, secretary of the Sigma Alpha sorority, works at the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory on campus, and plans to attend veterinary school after graduation. Read more about Brenna [here](#).



Brenna Daly, ANSC Senior, poses with colt UC Angel's Last Whisper

Laurie Macha, ANSC alumnae, graduated with her bachelors in 1987 and masters in 1991. While a student at UConn, she was able to intern at Mystic Aquarium where she is now the Curator of Marine Mammals and Birds. She is responsible for the care, management and training of beluga whales, sea lions and seals, but penguins are her passion. Read more about Laurie [here](#).



Laurie Macha, ANSC Alumae, with a penguin at Mystic Aquarium

Jenifer Pantazis, ANSC and Agriculture and Natural Resource senior, was attracted to UConn because of the opportunities for hands-on experiences due to the close proximity of the animal units on campus. During her time at UConn, she has worked at the Kellogg Dairy Center, become a practice leader for the Little "I" Show, and is a member of Dairy Club, Block and Bridle Club, Sigma Alpha sorority, and Alpha Zeta professional society. Read more about Jenifer [here](#).

Andrew Muller, ANSC and Political Science senior, began his studies wanting to become a veterinarian but now plans to combine his degrees to pursue a career in animal and agricultural policy. Andrew has made the most of his time at UConn, doing study abroad in Italy, being a part of the UConn Mock Trial Society, and enjoying his hobby of scuba diving. Read more about Andrew [here](#).



Andrew Muller, ANSC and Poli. Sci major, during his study abroad trip in Italy



Jenifer Pantazis, ANSC senior, poses with her Dairy Show heifer

ANSC Generations: The Davenports Continued

Bill Davenport (ANSC BS '85 and ANSC MS '86 with a teaching certificate) was very involved as an undergraduate and graduate student in the Department of Animal Science. While a student at UConn, he was Vice President and then President of the Dairy Club as well as an active member of the Block and Bridle Club. As a student, Bill enjoyed participating in the Dairy Show, in which he won Champion in 1983 and 1985.

Bill credits his successes as an agricultural teacher at Nonnewaug High School to his experiences at UConn both in club involvement and mentorship from faculty and grad students. As an undergraduate and graduate student, Bill studied under renowned professors such as Dr. Cowan, Dr. Riesen and Dr. Kinsman, the latter to whom he credits his knowledge of meat science. This knowledge was instrumental in teaching his students including current ANSC professor Dr. Richard Mancini. Bill credits graduate student, Jeff Semler, with honing his coaching skills for dairy judging.

As a teacher at Nonnewaug High School, Bill has coached many successful FFA dairy judging teams to victory including 20 state championships and three top 5 teams at nationals. Bill's successes in and out of the classroom gained him the CT Teacher of the Year Award in 2004.

In addition to being a successful agricultural teacher, Bill owns and shows several dairy cows that he keeps on his brother Jim's farm in NY.

Read the entire interview with Bill Davenport [here](#).



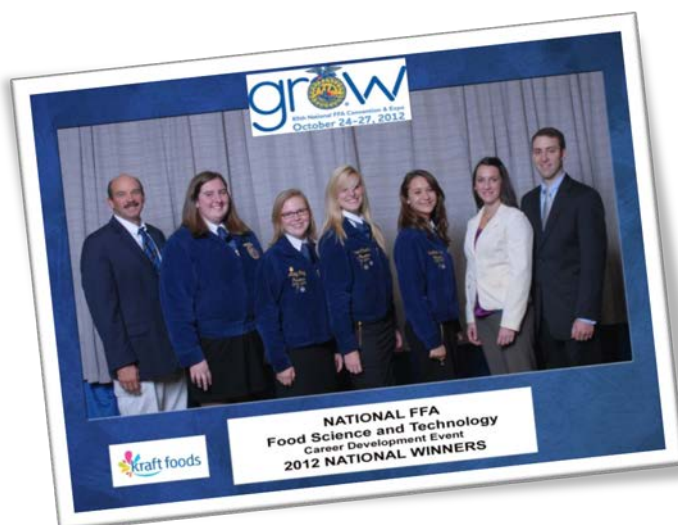
Bill Davenport (right) showing in the 1983 Little International Championship Class



Bill with his winning heifer at the 1985 Dairy Show



Bill Davenport with former President George Bush and First Lady Laura Bush after receiving Teacher of the Year Award in 2004



Bill with his winning FFA Food Science team at Nationals in 2012

Spring Dairy Show

The Annual Spring Dairy Show will be held Sunday April 19th in the Horsebarn Hill Arena. The event is open to all UConn students. Earlier in the spring, students attended a draw to pick a heifer. Students spend several weeks working with their heifers and then prepare their heifer by bathing and clipping and then show in several different divisions based on their experience level. The event is free and open to the public.

Dairy Club members **Jenifer Pantazis**, **Kaitlyn Way**, **Brigid Ernst**, and **Victoria Vendetta** will be competing in the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge and **Jose Carvajal** and **Kelsey Karp** will be participating in the Dairy Challenge Academy in Syracuse, NY from April 9th – 11th. Best of luck to all attending!



Pre-Vet Club Events and News

The semi-annual Pre-Veterinary Club Dog Wash will be held on Saturday, May 2nd from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Kellogg Dairy Center. The club will wash well-behaved dogs of any size and will offer nail trims. All dogs must be leashed and up-to-date on their rabies vaccination. For more information, click [here](#).

The Pre-Vet club attended a horse handling demonstration at the end of March at the UConn horse units. Mr. John Bennett, Horse Unit Manager, gave a demo on handling a full size horse and then students were able to compare two pregnant mares' udder sizes and handle the new foal that was recently born at the barn.

The Pre-Vet club participated in two trips for alternative spring break activities through the organization World Vets. Four ANSC students, **Kayla Akkaya**, **Erin Faurete**, **Alyssa Pires** and **Sofia Santacaterina**, traveled to Granada, Nicaragua to work at a spay/neuter clinic and three students, including ANSC student **Ashley Russo**, traveled to Roatan, Honduras to work at several wildlife centers. Read more about their trip [here](#).



A Corgi gets a good scrubbing at the fall Pre-Vet club dog wash



Pre-Vet club members on their alternative spring break in Nicaragua



Pre-Vet club members look on as Mr. John Bennett discusses horse handling

Annual Spring Horse Auction

The Annual Spring Horse Auction will be held on Saturday April 25th. Animal Science student **Amy Zembroski**, Senior Auction Manager, and **Kaitlyn Boggio**, Junior Auction Manager, will organize and run the auction with help from Animal Science staff. Nineteen horses will be going through the auction including three donkeys and one horse from the CT Department of Agriculture as well as four horses from SUNY Cobleskill Animal Science Department. The preview begins at 11 AM and the auction at 1 PM. Mr. Bennett, Horse Unit Manager, will be the auctioneer for the event. There will also be a Tack and Equipment Tag Sale starting at 9AM. For more information, click [here](#).



Amy Zembroski, ANSC Senior, poses with One Hot Tamale, one of the horses in this year's auction



B&B Club members with faculty advisor Dr. Hoagland at 2015 NESA



Rachel Holden, left, with the team ribbon and Kate Rowatt, right, with her individual 3rd place ribbon at NESA

Block and Bridle Club Attends NESA

Nine Block & Bridle Club students and Dr. Hoagland, ANSC Professor, attended the NESA (North East Student Affiliate) Livestock competition hosted at Penn State. Livestock clubs from different universities competed in livestock judging, quiz bowl, & presentations. Two teams from UConn competed. **Kelsey Karp**, ANSC junior and the Fundraising Chair of Block and Bridle, and **Rachel Holden**, ANSC junior and the Vice President of Block and Bridle, both animal science majors, presented their research study review. UConn placed 9th overall and **Kate Rowatt** won 3rd place for her independent research study presentation. Awards were presented at an awards banquet following the show.

Horse Symposium



Victor Delaire, department Compliance Coordinator, navigates a bridge obstacle on "Penny" under the instruction of Brooke Fowler



A participant learns the art of driving from a member of the team from Knoll Farms

The 2015 spring CT Horse Symposium was held on the first weekend in March. Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, ANSC Associate Professor, planned and organized the event which featured clinics that covered a variety of disciplines including dressage, driving, and showmanship in hand. Meg Brauch, Brooke Fowler, and Cedar Knoll Farms were the clinicians. Participants brought in their own horses to ride or chose to ride UConn's horses. Following the conclusion of the clinics on Sunday, the Morgan Drill Team performed a demonstration. See more photos from the event [here](#).

Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Sarah Reed is the recipient of the 2015 CAHNR Donald M. Kinsman Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Reed was selected based on input from other faculty for her work in "advancing the learning process" as an "outstanding educator."

Dr. Indu Upadhyaya was selected to receive the 2015 CAHNR Graduate Student Research Award for her work as an Assistant Professor in ANSC.

Two of our faculty members, **Dr. Sarah Reed** and **Dr. Mary Anne Amalaradjou** received funding for their research from the 2015 Research Excellence Program Award. The recipients of this award were chosen by faculty peer review of research proposals submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Research. A total of 108 proposals were submitted and 37 awards received funding.

Dr. Sarah Reed



Dr. Mary Anne Amalaradjou



Dr. Indu Upadhyaya



Dr. Dennis D'Amico provided a presentation on how cheese is made

CT 4-H Dairy and Beef Day

The Connecticut 4-H Dairy and Beef Day was held at UConn in mid-March. 4-H members experienced a variety of activities including beef and dairy fitting demonstrations, genetics and reproduction, beef quality and food products workshops, and IVF and ultra-sounding presentations, and reading pedigrees.



Ethan Coutu provided a fitting demonstration for fellow 4Hers

ANSC Compliance Corner

Attention: All Potential Student Employees of ANSC Barns!!

As part of the pre-employment process, barn employees must complete the EHS Training Module and IACUC training. The EHS training module description and training information are listed below. More information can be found at

<http://animalscience.uconn.edu/compliance/compliancecorner.php>

EHS Training Module specific to ANSC barn employees

- Review of Workplace Hazard Assessment
- Employee Safety Orientation
- Hazard Communication
- Voluntary Use of Respirator
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Animal Handler Forms

EHS Training Module Schedule for ANSCI barn employees

G. White Building, Room 103

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Thursday 04/16 3-4:30 | • Wednesday 04/29 11-12:00 |
| • Tuesday 04/21 3-4:30 | • Thursday 04/30 3:30-5 |
| • Wednesday 04/22 3-4:30 | • Tuesday 05/05 10-11:30 |
| • Tuesday 04/28 4-5:30 | • Wednesday 05/13 10:30-11:30 |



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Annual Animal Science



You're invited to the 2015 Animal Science Chicken BBQ and picnic on **May 1st at 5:30 PM** hosted by the Poultry Club and Poultry Science Class. The event will be held in the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena. Please sign up in the George White Main Office (Room 107) to bring a food item to share! For a brochure with more information, please click [here](#).

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For more information, contact Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu via phone (860) 486-1088 or mail: University of Connecticut, Department of Animal Science, 3636 Horsebarn Road Ext., Storrs, CT 06269-4040.

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