

News Release

Equine Science Program Partners with Minnesota Horse Breeders for Spring Foaling

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The University of Minnesota Crookston Equine Science program has announced that it will have openings to foal out mares for Spring Semester 2019. This will give owners another option to foal mares out in Minnesota, making the foals eligible for Minnesota Breeders Fund Awards.

More than 10 Equine Science students will participate in pre-and-post foaling procedures as part of the school's Equine Reproduction Techniques course.

"This hands-on experience not only gets our students more involved in the field, but also gets them interested in the Minnesota horseracing industry," commented Nicky Overgaard, University of Minnesota Crookston Equine Science Instructor.

The University's barn is a forty-five stall heated barn that features two 16' x 16' foaling stalls, a 100' x 160' heated indoor arena, and multiple turn out lots with RAMM fencing. There are tours of the facility available to those who are interested in what else it has to offer.

In addition, the barn will have veterinarians on call and students, who are supervised by faculty and staff, on location at all times during the foaling season. Foaling cameras will also be made available to keep owners updated on progress. "We are more than prepared to provide the best care to the mares and foals throughout the entire foaling process," said Overgaard.

"To have the University of Minnesota Crookston support the breeding program in Minnesota adds great value to our racing community," stated Minnesota Racing Commission Deputy Director, Joe Scurto. "The Equine Science Program is becoming more involved with the Breeders Fund, which will only make the program stronger," he added.

To learn more about the University of Minnesota Crookston Equine Science program, visit their website at <https://www.crk.umn.edu/academics/agriculture-and-natural-resources-depa...>. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Overgaard, 218-281-8127, novergaa@crk.umn.edu.

The Minnesota Racing Commission was established to regulate horse racing and card playing in Minnesota; to ensure that it is conducted in the public interest, and to take all necessary steps in ensuring the integrity of racing and card playing in Minnesota thus promoting the breeding of race horses in order to stimulate agriculture and rural agribusiness. More information can be found at www.mrc.state.mn.us

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