

Student veterinary nurse of the year

Congratulations to Margo Clarke, who recently won the prestigious Northern Ireland Student Veterinary Nurse of the Year Award. Margo is a student veterinary nurse at Earlswood Veterinary Hospital in Belfast and is currently studying for her RCVS NVQ Level 2 Award in Veterinary Nursing at Greenmount Campus. Margo has always been interested in animals and is pictured here with Wishbone Morgan, who is recovering from spinal surgery.



Dairy delights for Greenmount student

Mark Allen, who has just completed his National Diploma in Agriculture at Greenmount Campus, was a runner-up in the final of the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers and Dairy Crest Student of the Year Award. The competition was open to students from Agriculture Colleges all over the UK with the final being held at the Farmers Club, Whitehall, London. Mark is pictured receiving his award from judge Steve Harris, Dairy Crest.



Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn 2008 edition of Cafre Chat, the publication that keeps you up-to-date with student news and events from across the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE).



Making a fresh start at Enniskillen Campus

All the first year students on the equine and pre-farriery programmes at Enniskillen Campus soon got to know each other, during their student induction programme. As part of the team-building activities at the Share Centre in Lisnaskea, everyone had the chance to make new friends and learn new skills, such as rock climbing and banana boating, before the start of lectures.

SPRING OPEN DAYS

Enniskillen Campus
Saturday 28th March 2009

Greenmount Campus
Wednesday 29th April 2009

Loughry Campus
Tuesday 28th April 2009

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Supplying job success for Loughry students

Congratulations to Adele Stewart who has just graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Food Supply Management with Sandwich Industrial Placement, from Loughry Campus. She is now looking forward to a successful career in the food industry on the Tesco Graduate Trainee Management Scheme. With 100% of Honours Degree students having gained employment or progressed to higher education, within six months of graduation, Loughry's courses are certainly worth checking out.





The French Connection

Horticulture Foundation Degree students from Greenmount Campus got a taste for horticulture outside Northern Ireland during their study tour to Northern France. The wide range of horticultural related visits allowed the students to explore their career aspirations. They got *arty* in Claude Monet's Garden; *physical* at the Stade de France stadium; *cultural* at the Palace of Versailles, had a *blast* in Euro Disney, and even turned *green* on their bicycle tour of the parks and gardens of central Paris.



Growing your own 5 portions a day!

Lauren Smyth will have no bother getting her five portions of fruit and vegetables a day after a bumper harvest on her allotment at the Horticultural Development Centre, Greenmount Campus. Lauren is studying the First Certificate in Horticulture and attends the course one day per week. She has found "coming to Greenmount has been a real breath of fresh air."

Loughry student on the moo-ve!

Foundation Degree Food Manufacture student Luke McGovern has good reason to be smiling. He is halfway through an exciting 15 week placement with Glastry Farm, Kircubbin, manufacturers of the renowned Glastry Farm ice-cream. Already Luke is on the moo-ve promoting the product at local and national exhibitions and has the enviable task of taste-testing ice-creams such as Yellowman Honeycomb, Chocolate Heaven and Rhubarb & Ginger flavours. Yum!



Racing start for equine graduate

Anthony O'Donnell, who recently graduated from Enniskillen Campus with a Foundation Degree in Equine Management, has got his career in the equine industry off to a flying start. Anthony used the valuable experience he gained on the course and in work placement, with well known race horse trainer Paul Nicholls, to help secure employment. Anthony currently works for Horse Racing Ireland, which aims to develop and promote Ireland as a world centre of excellence for horse racing and breeding.



Healthy career choices

The route to becoming a dietician is a difficult one with A-levels being the traditional pathway. However a growing number of students, like Donna McGuire are considering an alternative option. "After GCSE's I wanted to get away from an exam based school environment and study the subjects I'm interested in. I took the option of the National Diploma in Food, Nutrition and Health at Loughry Campus and passing with distinction has really set me on the road to my future career."



Racing ahead

Enniskillen Campus prides itself in giving students the opportunity to develop "hands on" practical skills. Final year Equine Management Degree student Rhonda Armstrong is one of a number of students who, having obtained her jockey's licence, now successfully competes in local point-to-point races. Rhonda pictured here on Hunters Tweed, being cheered home by enthusiastic local support at Necarne, has achieved great success in her racing career to date.



All smiles at Loughry

Starting College or University can be a daunting experience for students as they set out armed only with limited experience of independence and a new jotter! However, there was no such fear for Loughry freshers, Francine Nugent, Eimear Rafferty, Steven Woods and Megan McCormack, who are gearing up for dynamic, lucrative careers in our local food industry.