

Meet Renee - Apples 'n Oats Intern

Hello, Readers! I am absolutely thrilled to be working with **Apples 'n Oats** magazine. This is a great experience and opportunity for me. What more could I ask? Summer is arriving, life is blooming all around me, and I am writing **and** riding my horses! I hope everybody has a remarkable summer, full of enjoyment and memories.

I am now going to talk a bit about myself. This may help you develop some idea of who I am, besides a young woman who stumbled across a tremendous internship. First things first, are of course—horses. I have always had an interest in horses, and it is only increasing as I age. I used to have a paranoia that I would burn out by constantly riding and showing; this fear has been tossed aside. I enjoy every moment with my equine companions. My family owns 6 Quarter horses, and I own a half Arabian named Lyric, my pride and joy. I have an interest in everything about horses, such as health, training techniques, history, genetics, and especially showing. I would not hesitate to say that horses are my life and my passion. At the end of the day, I think we can all agree that it feels nice to have worked your horse(s), making progress. These wondrous animals complete me. My favorite part about horses is being able to show them; the atmosphere of a horse show suits me completely. Showing is an opportunity to show off all the

hard work you have done; we all know all the sweat, tears, and pride that goes with horse riding. There are always up and down moments, but every step of the way is worth it.

As you may pick up on, I have an interest in writing and journalism as well. I love language, I love dissecting it, analyzing it, and putting words onto a page to create intricate and smooth passages. Writing, to me, is such a great stress reliever and an activity that gets your 'creative juices' flowing. I find that when I am at the computer typing, or writing in my journal with a pen (always a pen!) in hand, I am at ease. I like any type of writing. I like to write non-fiction pieces, personal essays, fiction, poetry and articles. With this internship, I can combine my two passions of writing and horses and gain diversity in my writing skills. I thank Carol Eilers for that, as well as the readers of **Apples 'n Oats**. Without this fabulous magazine, I would not be sitting here typing this now.

There is always a future, and futures include plans and goals. I'm not entirely sure where this road is going to take me, but I know that I will be doing something with writing. Whatever it will be, I know that I will appreciate the experiences that have set me up for it. Of course, my love for horses will never die; I will continue to care for, ride, and show horses throughout my life. Horses add intensity, joy and purpose to one's life; I am



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not about to abandon that!

Thank you for reading my biographical piece. As a young college student and an aspiring writer, I am so very excited about this opportunity. I am just one person in a large world, but I know that I have a purpose.

If anyone has any ideas for an article, or has any comments, please contact me at 641-780-9439, or email me at vanroekelr1@central.edu. I would love to hear from you!

Happy Riding!