Sullivan students shine at World Equestrian Games

The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games were held over 16 days at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. The event consisted of world championships for eight equestrian sports and was the first time the event had ever been held in the United States. With this caliber of event and unique opportunity, Kentucky welcomed thousands of people as competitors, horse enthusiasts, tour groups and visitors. The games were held over 16 days at the Kentucky Horse Park. It was educational, fun, and truly a life experience.”

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Drink up! Students in Professor Mary Johnkin’s Introduction to Marketing class did a cola taste test for marketing research.

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Drinking water with a hurricane made out of aluminum cans.

Diana Hartman hangs a whimsical windchime she made from aluminum cans.

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“I was part of the Game’s Parade and Opening Ceremony, riding my horse representing the United States. With this caliber of event and unique opportunity, Kentucky welcomed thousands of people as competitors, horse enthusiasts, tour groups and visitors from around the world. And with any large event, the opportunity for a variety of food was also a treat for those who attended.”

Sullivan student chef ambassadors thru the direction of Instructor Dee Hudson, had terrific experiences working in a variety of venues, many with top chefs who were a part of the famous James Beard Chef Series. With the variety of events, attractions, and vendors, the opportunity for a string of students with skills and talents presented itself for fun, employment, and a display of individual skills. Sullivan University students stepped up to the plate with their participation for this unique experience.

Many Sullivan students participated. Jeremiah Richardson, Event Management & Tourism student, worked at the Lexington Convention & Visitors Bureau station and at two hotels. He assisted visitors getting to the Horse Park, suggested dinner ideas, rescheduled tours, gave maps, and met a lot of people from different countries, even some riders and trainers who were competing in the competition. “This experience gave me a positive outlook on things. Working at the Games was an experience I will never forget,” Jeremiah stated.

Whitney Fields, Marketing major, said, “I am head of Equine Product Development, Trophies and Corporate Awards division at a local store. My claim to fame is that I designed the trophies for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. The games were great. I met Lyle Lovett, Jack Nicholson, Steven Siegel, Matt Lauer, and many competitors. I worked with a film crew from Germany and writers from France and Belgium on a story about the connection between my employer and the Kentucky Horse Park. It was educational, fun, and truly a life experience.”

Paralegal student Jessica Myers worked selling punches, selling ties, rain and mud boots in company-outfit of California, and Tyra Christian, Pharm Tech program, worked as a butler in the Maker’s Mark VIP tent.

Sullivan University students used their talents and skills not only to seek employment opportunities at the games, but also to build their resumes with participation in this unique event. Students had a great opportunity to represent themselves, Sullivan, and the state of Kentucky at a world class event, along with networking with future employers. This was the first event of its kind in central Kentucky and Sullivan University students from various disciplines and programs made their mark on its success.