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Oregon Mutuels Manager Promotes Diverse Knowledge Base, Community Involvement at Hirsch Forum

Encouraging students to “wear more hats” instead of focusing on a single job, Audrey Kauffman spoke to RTIP students in the Joe Hirsch Forum. Kauffman, Manager of Mutuels and Account Wagering for the Oregon Racing Commission, talked Wednesday about the winding path she took to the racing industry. She motivated students to develop well-rounded skills, and to never stop trying to learn and do more beyond the limits of a job description. Prior to her post in Oregon, Kauffman worked for Palm Beach Kennel Club, a top greyhound track in Florida. As mutuel manager there, she brought modern techniques to the track’s security and money handling procedures. Before joining the racing industry, she worked for a major financial institution in Palm Beach, where she learned the skills she uses to build rapport with the ADW operators she now regulates.

Kauffman also stressed the importance of getting involved in the community, and the valuable contacts she made in her own community outreach endeavors.

“Look a little deeper at what’s going on around you,” she said. “Think broader. You won’t get noticed just sitting at your desk.”

Kauffman also gave a course in pari-mutuel hub licensing for the students in the Advanced Racing Law class. She went through the three major steps of the account wagering approval process, giving detailed explanations of each part.

The University of Arizona’s Race Track Industry Program offers both a Bachelors and Masters degree program with an emphasis on the pari-mutuel racing industry and hosts the annual Symposium on Racing & Gaming held every December in Tucson, Arizona.

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