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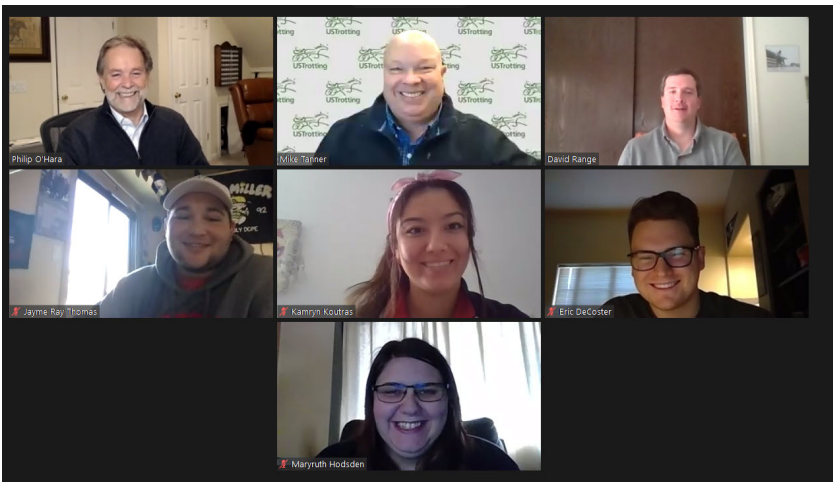
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2021 Hirsch Speaker Series Off to a Great Start with USTA's Mike Tanner



Tucson, AZ — On Wednesday January 27, students in the Race Track Industry Program were treated to a discussion in the Hirsch Speaker Series featuring Mike Tanner, Executive Vice-President and CEO of the USTA.

Meeting over Zoom, Mike gave a comprehensive overview of the United States Trotting Association including its scope of authority, operational functions and government relations.

He also addressed major issues facing USTA and Harness racing today and into the future, including the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act 2020, before he opened the meeting to questions and discussion.

"It was interesting to hear firsthand from Mike about the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act," said MaryRuth Hodsden, a Junior in the RTIP. "He shared his perspective on the public backlash and how the USTA is committed to ensuring the different needs of the Standardbred side of the industry are addressed."

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Race Track Industry Program — The University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program offers a Bachelor's degree with an emphasis on the pari-mutuel racing industry and hosts the annual Global Symposium on Racing held every December in Tucson, Arizona.

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