

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Former Wildcat standout Casey Finnell has been named an assistant coach for the Kansas State equestrian program, co-head coaches Ashley Foster and Casie Williamson announced Wednesday.

Finnell, a two-year letterwinner for the Wildcats over the past two seasons, will assist both Foster and Williamson with coaching duties while also managing the day-to-day administrative aspects of the program.

"I am thrilled to start my career at K-State and could not ask for a better team or set of coaches to work with," Finnell said. "This team continues to improve every year and this year will definitely not be an exception. I am honored to have the opportunity to be part of such an outstanding organization."

Last season as a member of the Wildcat squad, Finnell was 17-16-1 overall in all English head-to-head competitions and helped lead the Wildcat English squad to a third place finish at the 2007 Varsity Equestrian National Championships.

In addition to her accomplishments with the K-State Equestrian team, Finnell has shown nationally in AQHA competitions since 2001. She earned a finalist placing in the AQHYA World Show competition in Equitation Over Fences and Working Hunter in 2002 and 2003. More recently she placed seventh in the Amateur Jumping at the 2006 AQHA World Show.

"We are very pleased to add Casey to our staff," Williamson said. "She was a very successful and dedicated team member and we know she will continue her hard work in her new position. We feel that Casey will bring a lot to the program and her contributions will help the team to be even more successful during the 2007-2008 season."