Dr. Randall Barnett was one of the four living inductees in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment 2015 Hall of Distinguished Alumni in January 2015.

Dr. Randall Barnett was the founder and for many years the director of the Philip Morris Leadership Program, now called the Kentucky Agriculture Leadership Program.

Barnett also served in many capacities during his tenure with the college, starting as an assistant 4-H agent and rising through the ranks to finish his career as associate dean. He was instrumental in creating and promoting the Kentucky Cooperative Extension advisory council system, provided the leadership to better financially position county extension offices and secured funding for several college facilities.

The KALP family would like to thank Dr. Barnett for his dedication to leadership in Kentucky agriculture and we congratulate him on this prestigious honor.


PHOTOS: Matt Barton, UK agricultural communications specialist
The Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program is currently accepting nominations for Class XI. Interviews to select class members will be in mid-August, with the first seminar scheduled for November 4-6.

The nomination form can be found on the last page of the newsletter or online at the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program website, http://www.uky.edu/Ag/KALP/.

All nominees will receive information about the program and procedures for submitting the required application, which will be due July 15.

Nominations are due by June 15. Please submit nomination forms by e-mail or mail.

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Class XI Tentative Seminar Schedule

**Seminar I**
November 4-6, 2015
Developing a Leader/Teamwork
Lexington, KY

**Seminar II**
December 14-16, 2015
Understanding Self/Serving Community
Lexington, KY

**Seminar III**
February 3-5, 2016
State Government
Frankfort, KY

**Seminar IV**
March 15-17, 2016
HR/Business/Financial Management
Owensboro, KY

**Seminar V**
Summer 2016
Ag, Forestry, Energy, Tourism in East KY
Eastern KY/TN

**Seminar VI**
October 26-28, 2016
Media Training/West KY Agriculture
Murray/Hopkinsville, KY

**Seminar VII**
December 12-14, 2016
Policy and Trade Issues
Louisville, KY

**Seminar VIII**
January 2017
Domestic Markets/Leadership
TBD

**Seminar IX**
March 2017
Federal Policy/Agencies
Washington DC

**International Trip**
July 2017
Global Markets/Leadership
TBD

**Seminar X**
September 15-16, 2017
Reflections/Central KY Agriculture/Graduation
Lexington, KY

Congratulations KALP!

Photo: UK Ag Communications
Phyllis Mattox & Dr. Will Snell

KALP was the recipient of the 2015 Kentucky Association of State Extension Professional (KASEP) Outstanding Program Award.

This award is given to an outstanding Extension program developed and implemented by KASEP members for a period exceeding three years.
Class XI Advisory Board

The new advisory board for Class XI met on May 11 in Elizabeth-town to begin planning for the upcoming class selection. We are proud to welcome new members Laura Knoth, Joe Fraley, Bruce Pratt, Pat Henderson, Rod Kuegel, and Brian Lacefield to the board. These individuals joined returning members to begin planning for the upcoming class.

We would like to express our thanks to the outgoing advisory board members for their dedication to the program:

Sam Lawson, Ag Development Board Representative; Dr. Kim Holmes, Kentucky State University; Dr. Tyler Mark, Morehead State University; Dr. Laurie Rincker, Eastern Kentucky University; Alec Russell (Class II), Program Alumni Representative; Michael Chalfant (Class VI), Program Alumni Representative; and Anthony Koch (Class VIII), Program Alumni Representative.

Alumni Meetings

Farm Succession Planning Seminar and Discussion with Dr. David Kohl

The KyFarmStart program of the UK College of Ag, Food, and Environment is hosting two farm succession planning seminars on July 23 and 24 in Owensboro and Lexington. These full day seminars will feature a special event for PM/KALP alumni.

At the close of each day featured presenter Dr. David Kohl will offer a session exclusively for our alumni. This will be an opportunity for an informal discussion between PM/KALP alumni and Dr. Kohl, professor emeritus from Va Tech and noted speaker on ag finance and macroeconomics.

All alumni will receive registration information about the conference soon.

Class Reunions

The Class Reunion
July 24-25

The Class (the first class of the Philip Morris Leadership group) will hold a reunion following the Farm Discussion Planning Seminar in Lexington.

The reunion will begin at the Griffin Gate Marriott with a reception following the seminar on Friday, July 24. That evening there will be a private dinner at 8:00 pm EDT at Tony’s Steakhouse in downtown Lexington. On Saturday morning, July 25, the group will meet for a brunch at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington.

Alumni are responsible for all hotel arrangements. All meals have to be on a single ticket, so attendees are asked to reimburse the reunion coordinator at the reunion for the meals attending. Spouses and special guests are welcome to attend the reunion.

Class X Reunion
August 14-15

The Class X reunion will take place in Bardstown. As the meeting plans are finalized details will be sent out to the Class X Alumni.
Dr. Quentin Tyler is the Assistant Dean and Director for Diversity in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and a Kentucky Agriculture Leadership Program Class IX graduate.

“I had seen all the people that were graduates of the KALP program and thought it would be great to be a part of such an esteemed group,” said Tyler. “I also saw this program as a great opportunity to network with other leaders in agriculture and enhance my leadership skills. I have to say that the KALP experience exceeded all my expectations.”

Since graduating from KALP, Tyler has continued to expand his leadership roles. He was selected as one of 22 faculty/staff across the country to participate in the Diversity Abroad panel and program. He traveled to Baltimore to participate in a select workshop/training that resulted in his participation in the Intercultural Faculty Development Seminar that will be in Madrid, Spain this summer. As a participant in the program, Tyler will discuss intercultural development abroad and learn how to create the best environment for students before traveling abroad and after they return from studying abroad.

Tyler is also the state coordinator for the American Enterprise Program in which he works with the Kentucky Council of Cooperatives and 4-H and Youth Development to lead a program covering topics on Cooperatives and How America is organized to do business that branches out across the state of Kentucky. Quentin recently received a grant from the CHS foundation to work with the revision of the curriculum.

“The networking I experience in KALP was very beneficial and I formed friendships that are needed to be a leader in Kentucky agriculture,” explained Tyler. “There isn’t a program that I attend in this state, where there isn’t an alumni of KALP present.”

Tyler’s leadership in Kentucky agriculture and beyond has led to many honors recently in his career. In March 2015, he was voted National Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences Professional President at the 30th Annual National Minorities in Agriculture. In this position, Tyler will oversee the national office, 26 national student and professional officers and preside over a society that has 75 chapters in over 38 states.

Tyler was also recently recognized as a 2015 Game Changer by Workforce Magazine, and selected as the 2014-2015 Evelyn J Black Award for his work as an outstanding faculty or staff that creates an exceptional environment in the advising of a student organization.

“I contribute a lot of my success to the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program,” said Tyler. “The Co-Leaders, Steve and Will, were great and provided great insight, vision, and perspective. I took away an international experience that added an additional diverse perspective that led to exploring other international opportunities. This program was truly one of the best experiences of my life.”

Alumni Updates

Andy (Class X) & Jenny Alford and Brennan (Class IX) & Serena (Class X) Gilkison are on the American Soybean Association/Dupont Young Leaders.

Andi Branstetter (Class IX) has been selected for Leadership Kentucky 2015.

Brent Burchett (Class X) was appointed to the Calloway County Cooperative Extension Board.

Brent Gatton, Andy Alford, and Jason Strode (Class X) were elected to the Kentucky Soybean Association board.

Suzanne Cecil (Class X) has been appointed to the KCARD Board of Directors.

Carrie Gilbert (Class X) and her husband Randy are expecting their second child in December 2015.

Adam Hinton (Class X) is the first Kentucky graduate of the American Farm Bureau “Partners in Ag Leadership” program.

Willis Jepson (Class IX) has been appointed to the University of Tennessee Agriculture Advancement Board.

Quint Pottinger (Class X) and Andy Alford (Class X) were selected as Kentucky Soybean Ambassadors for 2015-16.
KALP Giving Update

KALP endowment balances are just above the two million dollar mark. We’ve said we need to be closer to the $3 million mark to be sustainable. Current gifts, tuition, in-kind contributions, and endowment earnings support the current model of a 2-year class every three years. Our dream of concurrent 2-year classes depends on funding. Please continue to help us grow our endowments.

Total alumni contributions have reached $142,188 in cash gifts. Alumni have contributed another $10-12,000 in in-kind gifts of food, grain, transportation, and facilities in recent years. Total alumni contributions for the past year are $21,544. Class X is just coming on board and has a stated goal of 100% participation. Classes VIII and IX currently lead the participation rate competition with 85% and 86% rates respectively.

Class VIII is the clear leader in total gifts of $31,405. Class VIII (the smallest in KALP/PM history) is responsible for 22% of total alumni contributions.

In the past we’ve occasionally published a historical list of all KALP/PM contributors by category of cumulative giving. While we will maintain cumulative contribution totals for all donors (and let you know when you’ve moved up a category), in the future we will report gifts on a calendar year basis. We will never report the amount of someone’s gift. We still think $25 gifts are as important as $2,500 gifts (they just don’t go as far). We want to make sure we acknowledge recent donors, and especially those of you who support KALP every year, or every month.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Kentucky Ag Development Board Presentation

In May KALP gave an update to the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board.

Dr. Steve Isaacs and Dr. Will Snell were joined by Quint Pottinger and Serena Gilkison for the presentation.

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