

## The KALP Endowment Continues to Grow!

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**K**ALP funding efforts passed a major milestone this fall, exceeding \$2 million in total contributions, pledges, and in-kind gifts. Recall that the Kentucky Ag Development Board awarded \$1,000,000 to KALP in the fall of 2008. One hundred fifty thousand was designated for Class IX and the remaining eight hundred fifty thousand was to start an endowment to fund future classes. One condition of the award was that we match the \$1,000,000 with other contributions. As of December 1 the total of all contributions, pledges, and in-kind gifts is \$2,067,364. We have met the KyADB match.

Contributions have ranged from \$25 to



KyADB's \$1,000,000. Well over one hundred individuals, businesses, and organizations have contributed. Seventy-five of those are alumni of the program, and their gifts average \$1,000.

A summary of alumni gifts and a class-by-class comparison, along with the complete donor list is included in this newsletter. We make every attempt to acknowledge every gift. All gifts are important regardless of the size. If we've left anyone off the list, PLEASE let us know.

We still have work to do. There are two KALP endowments in the UK

system. The original \$850,000 is in a separate endowment due to some spending restrictions set by the donor. All other gifts go to an endowment titled KALP Professorship. The total balance in the two endowments is about \$1.5 million and varies with fluctuations in investment markets. Our near-term goal is to build the endowments to \$2.5 million. This would generate about eight to ten thousand dollars per month and would fund KALP into the future.

The future of KALP depends on the generosity of our donors. We appreciate every gift and make every attempt to be good stewards of the resources. Our sincere thanks to all our supporters.

### *Planning for Class X*

We plan to start recruiting for Class X in spring 2012. Applications will be due next summer, with interviews late summer and the class beginning in October 2012.

We will communicate with you on specific dates and the nomination/application/interview process sometime early in 2012.

## KALP Alumni Giving

Seventy-five KALP/PM alumni have contributed \$75,315 to fund future classes. This is a participation rate of 30.6%. We're making progress toward our goal of 50% participation. One class (VIII) has exceeded the goal with a 70% participation rate and Class IX has set their own goal at 100%. The average (mean) gift is \$1,004 and the median gift is \$500. Five alums have given or pledged \$5,000 or more.

We have made good progress since we started tracking alumni giving more closely in 2009. In the past two years the number of contributors has doubled from thirty-eight to seventy-five. Total alumni gifts increased from \$43,825 to over \$75 thousand, a 72% increase. THANK YOU!

A class-by-class summary is presented in the accompanying table. Class VIII leads in number of contributors, percentage of participation, and total dollars. Classes II, III, and VII are close behind in total dollars. Classes II, IV, VI, and VIII all doubled (or more than doubled) the number of contributors in the past two years.

All alumni contributors are listed

here. If you've given and are not on the list, please let us know. If you're not on the list, please contribute. While we like big gifts, we're more interested in broad-based support. Smaller gifts are appreciated, and we'd like to add your name to the list.

Giving is easy and is tax deductible! We have a link to on-line giving on our webpage. Go to the Sponsorship tab and select "University of Kentucky Online Giving."

Select Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program from the drop-down gift designation.



[https://giveto.uky.edu/AG\\_p/ag.htm](https://giveto.uky.edu/AG_p/ag.htm)

If you want to mail a gift or a pledge, send it to:

**UK College of Agriculture**

**ES Good Barn**

**1451 University Drive**

**Lexington, KY 40546-0276**

Be sure to indicate KALP in the memo line.

## Alumni Directors

Class I  
Hoppy Henton

Class II  
Alec Russell

Class III  
Alvin Lyons

Class IV  
Mark Roberts

Class V  
Dale Cinnamon

Class VI  
Bud Blair

Class VII  
Adam Andrews

Class VIII  
Brennan Gilkison

Class IX  
Andi Branstetter

Class	Amount	# of Contributors	% of Total	Class Participation
I	\$5,350	Nine	7.1%	30%
II	\$11,875	Eight	15.8%	26.7%
III	\$13,050	Seven	17.3%	23.3%
IV	\$6,740	Six	8.9%	20%
V	\$4,550	Eight	6.0%	26.7%
VI	\$4,250	Eight	5.6%	26.7%
VII	\$12,950	Eight	17.2%	26.7%
VIII	\$14,100	Fourteen	18.7%	70%
IX	\$2,450	Seven	3.3%	31.8%

# Thank You to the KALP Endowment Donors!

## Level VI: \$1,000,000 or more

Ky Agricultural Development Board

## Level V: \$100,000 - \$999,999

Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative

Ky Corn Growers Association

UK College of Agriculture

## Level IV: \$10,000 - \$99,999

Alltech

Altria Group

Burley Stabilization Corporation

Central Ky Ag Credit Association

Farm Credit Services of MidAmerica

Farm Credit System Foundation

Fayette County Farm Bureau

Farmers Feed Mill, Lee Hall

Gilkison, Eddie

KY Farm Bureau Federation

Ky Small Grain Growers Assn

Mulhollem-Cravens Foundation

Philip Morris International

## Level III: \$1,000 - \$9,999

Agri-Pulse

Andrews, Adam

Barnett, Chris

Barton, James

Barton, Robert

Blair, Bud

Blair, Colby

Bryant, Allan

Central Equipment, Paul Huber

Christian County Agribusiness Assn.

Co-Bank

Embassy Suites

Furnish, Lewis

Green, Daniel

Hancock, Sam

Hardaway, Dan

Helm, John

Henton, Hoppy

Hornback, Paul

Isaacs, Steve

Jones, Larry

KY Cattlemen's Foundation

KY Thoroughbred Owners

Langley, Doug

Mahan, John & Jill (Sodworks)

Martin, Lynn

Merrill Lynch

Murray State University

Siemer Milling

Snell, Will

Soil Conservation Districts of Kentucky

Young, Harry

## Level II: \$500 - \$999

Agribusiness Assn of Kentucky

Baird, Kelly

Brammer, Ben

Chalfant, Mike (Monsanto)

Chappell, David

Costigan, Jim

Eldridge, R.W.

Independence Bank

Keeton, Kara

Koch, Anthony

Kuegel, Rod

L&H Farms

McCoun, Philip

McKinney, Danny

Parr, John

Rice, Jeff

Rowlett, David

Smith, Daniel & Alison

Spaulding, Joe

Thomas, Raymond

Todd, Barry

Tucker, Paul

Turner, Mark

## Level I: Up to \$500

Bedford, Robert

Blank, Angela

Branstetter, Andi

Cain, Joe

Cannon, Victoria

Cecilia Farm Supply, Dennis Parrett

Central Insurance Agency

Chastain, Jennifer

Council for Burley Tobacco

Easley, Michael

Farmer's Pride

Foster, Joe

Hillenmeyer, Ellen

Hopkinsville-Christian Co.

Chamber of Commerce

Hornback, Pat

Hunt, Jeff

Commodity Marketing Service

Hyde, Michael

Jackson, Matt

Knoth, Laura

KY Dairy Development Council

KY Poultry Federation

Lawrence, Bob

Lovell, Nathan

Lyons, Alvin

Mattox, Phyllis & Stan

McCain, George

McCants, Jay

McCloskey, Bill

Medley, John

Milsaps, Gordon

Mitchell, Donald

Moore, Kent

O'Reilly, Arnold

Pierce, Mark

Planters Bank

Rhodes, Terry

Roberts, Mark

Settles, Jeff

Sparks, John

Sparrow, Kaycie Len

Tennessee Farm Bureau

Tingle, Alvin

Tyler, Quentin

Young, Greg

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*Stay up on all the KALP news in 2012. Go to Facebook and search "Kentucky Agriculture Leadership Program" and click join, or go to our website and click on the KALP Facebook link on the home page.*

## Alumni President: Adam Andrews

The KALP Alumni Board of Directors met on December 1 to plan an activity for a Spring Meeting. Our goal is to provide continuing education and a social time in a one-day event. Stay tuned; we hope to announce a date, topic, and location for a meeting in the next month or so.

We also discussed an International Trip. During our Spring Alumni Meeting, we hope to present options for the destination for this event and begin to create a list of those interested in participating. The process of planning this event is going to take a bit longer – cur-

rently our timeline for taking this trip is sometime in 2013. A common theme of strong agriculture leadership programs in other states is an active alumni program.

KALP alumni directors are working hard to kick-start ours. We are excited about the prospect of connecting graduates from all classes and all states, and maximizing the great potential that this group of leaders holds. We hope you agree; and we hope you'll join us.



**Adam Andrews**

## Alumni Updates

*Jay Head, Class IX, has been elected to the TN Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Ranchers 2012 State Committee.*

*Brenda Paul, Class IX, is serving on the Comer Transition Team.*

*Jeff Pendleton, Class IV, is serving as Chairman of American Feed Industry Association's Equine Committee.*

*Clint Quarles, Class IX, and his wife welcomed their baby Roger Reza Garrett Quarles to their family on December 8.*

*Rick Raque, Class VIII, and a partner recently purchased Genesis Trade Exchange in Lexington.*



## Save the Dates

**February 20-21, 2012**  
Climate Variability & Small Grains Production Workshop

**February 12-18, 2012**  
A Farm to Table Ag & Culinary Study Tour in California  
Information to come or contact Mark Linder at [mark.p.linder@gmail.com](mailto:mark.p.linder@gmail.com).

Please check the KALP Facebook page & watch email for more on these and other events!

## KALP News Updates

Steve, Will, and Phyllis attended the 2011 International Association of Programs on Agricultural Leadership (IAPAL) in Chicago in October. Kentucky will be hosting the 2014 IAPAL conference and of course we plan to get many of you involved in this super organization.

Randy Asadoor, Class 40 of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, and his family visited Kentucky in October to attend the Breeders Cup and visit Lexington farms. Thanks to several of our alumni --Anthony Koch (Class VIII), Brenda Paul (Class IX), Clint Quarles (Class IX), Hoppy Henton (Class I), and Todd Clark (Class V) for showcasing our equine, beef, and tobacco industries.

Several graduates from Class IX visited the farms of our two Tennessee participants from



*Will Snell, Willis Jepson, Aaron Miller, Brian Lacefield, Jay Head, and Tom Miller at Willis Jepson's home.*

Class IX, Willis Jepson and Jay Head in November. Joining the group were three other Tennessee program alumni, Dan (Class I) and Billie Caren Borthick (Class III) and William Elliott (Class V).



*Phyllis Mattox receiving her Outstanding Clerical Staff Award from UK President Eli Capilouto.*

Previous editions of the newsletter can be accessed online at <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/KALP/news/newsletters.php>