NEWS & VIEWS

Outstanding Staff Awards Program

Student Affairs was well represented at the 5th Annual Outstanding Staff Awards Program. The Office of the President and Staff Senate sponsor the program to recognize the professional accomplishments of staff across the University and the work of their units. Each year, individuals who have been designated as outstanding staff of the year in their respective units are invited to attend this ceremony in their honor.

“The University of Kentucky is full of dedicated, passionate people who help advance our multi-faceted mission of teaching, research, service and health care,” said President Capilouto. “Our campus is about people, and the Outstanding Staff Awards is a special opportunity to congratulate and thank the UK Family.”

Visit the UKNow article and see the full list of staff honored at: [http://bit.ly/1p6ETff](http://bit.ly/1p6ETff)

Student Affairs Staff in attendance from left to right: Susan Wilton, Cindy Lane, Dr. Robert Mock, Rosalyn Robinson, Heather Wagoner and Cortney Decker.

Student Center Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 26th: 7:30am - 5pm
Thursday, November 27th – Sunday, November 30th: Closed

Standard hours will resume on Monday, December 1st. More information online at [http://www.uky.edu/studentcenter/hours](http://www.uky.edu/studentcenter/hours)

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It’s not too late to register for the

Faculty and Staff Green Dot Training
Thursday, December 4th from 9am-11am in Student Center 206.

Please follow the link below to register:
[http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/VIPCenter/pe_greendottraining.php](http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/VIPCenter/pe_greendottraining.php)
The 2014-2015 Common Reading Experience selection A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah states his account of serving as a child soldier in the Sierra Leone Civil War. As part of co-curricular programming, the Office of New Student & Parent Programs sponsored Ishmael Beah’s author lecture on Tuesday, October 28, in the Singletary Center for the Arts bringing together the UK community for a common intellectual experience.

During his lecture, Mr. Beah discussed themes of resilience, the horrors of war and violence, and the cultural differences between the United States and Sierra Leone. Perhaps the most important message Mr. Beah left the audience was his advice to UK students: Understand the privilege associated with the opportunity to pursue an education and take advantage of it.

What made this evening so extraordinary was not only Mr. Beah’s message, but the unity the lecture fostered within the community. First-year students engage with the CRE, but the overarching campus community participates as well. RA’s walked their residents over to the author lecture, K Crew leaders brought their K Teams, UK 101 Instructors and Peer Instructors attended with their classes, and faculty members from varying disciplines were engaged and in attendance. Students, faculty, staff, and community members comprised a record level attendance of almost 2,000 participants.

Ultimately, Ishmael Beah made a lasting impact on students and the campus community and further united the University of Kentucky in a common intellectual and academically enriching experience.
Dr. Mary Chandler Bolin was recently elected to serve on the Governing Board for the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD).

The mission of the AUCCCD is to assist college/university directors in providing effective leadership and management of their centers, in accord with the professional principles and standards with special attention to issues of diversity and multiculturalism. AUCCCD promotes the awareness of student mental health and development issues in higher education through research, advocacy, education, and training provided to members, professional organizations, and the public.

The AUCCCD has a current membership of 677 universities and colleges throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe and Asia. [http://www.aucccd.org/](http://www.aucccd.org/)

At the recent National Conference for the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), Dr. Robert C. Mock, Jr., was elected to the Council of Student Affairs Executive Board.

The Council on Student Affairs (CSA) is comprised of the Senior Student Affairs Officers (SSAOs) at the APLU member institutions. The purpose of the CSA is to provide both formal and informal forums for discussion and dissemination of information on issues related to student affairs operations at member institutions and on issues impacting the college student experience in general.

The Executive Committee (EC) oversees the activities of the CSA. The EC organizes sessions, meetings, and/or activities held during the APLU Annual Meeting and CSA Summer Forum. In addition, EC members assist the APLU CSA Liaison with outreach and engagement efforts for new CSA members.

Founded in 1887, APLU is North America’s oldest higher education association. It is a research policy and advocacy organization representing 237 public research universities, land-grant institutions, state university systems, and affiliated organizations.
Habitat for Humanity Build

It’s that time of year again to help our community in building a house. This year, we would like to continue to have Staff Development Day at the Habitat for Humanity Build. The Habitat for Humanity house is sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and Lexington Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The location this year will be on 809 Burgess Ave. This year we’re building for an amazing refugee family so if you were touched by Ishmael Beah’s story helping this Habitat family is a way to pay it forward. Joseph, Yvonne, their two-year-old son Luke and one-year-old daughter Jeanne are hoping to be in their home by Christmas but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more about the family click here.

Our build day this year will be on Thursday, December 11, 2014. We anticipate being in the final stages of the house and we hope we will be able to work inside. However, if you are planning to help, please dress appropriately for the weather and wear closed toed shoes and work clothes you do not mind getting ruined by spilled paint or other construction.

Lunch provided to everyone attending from 11:30-12:30pm.

Volunteering will be done in shifts this year.
- First Shift will be from 8:30 am-11:30am
- Second Shift will be from 12:30pm-3:30pm

Please select (via the link below) the shift that you can attend. Our goal is to have 6-8 people per shift. There are limits on the number of people we can have onsite so it is first come first serve. http://doodle.com/8qs2t32feku5uufq

At this point, all we are asking is that you mark your calendars and confirm if you can attend. We will have additional updates as we move closer to the build date.

If you cannot physically help build the house you can still help by provide a donation. The goal for this year is to raise $42,500 – so every dollar is much appreciated.

Please visit https://secure.qgiv.com/hobnob/event/94850. THANK YOU for your support!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the United Way during the recent campaign! Your generosity will improve the lives of your neighbors and help create a brighter future for our region.

You also helped Student Affairs exceed our goal. If you have not yet given, it is not too late. Please visit http://www.uky.edu/UW/ for details.

Do you have ideas for next month’s Newsletter? Please send them to csturgeon@uky.edu.