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1. **UK HealthCare Designated a Comprehensive Stroke Center**

UK HealthCare has been designated a Comprehensive Stroke Center by The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. UK HealthCare is one of 63 U.S. institutions and the only one in Lexington to be awarded this designation. Comprehensive Stroke Center Certification recognizes hospitals that have state-of-the-art infrastructure, staff and training to receive and treat patients with the most complex strokes.

2. **Pharmacy, Markey Announce New Center for Nanobiotechnology**

The University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy and Markey Cancer Center announced the creation of the Center for Nanobiotechnology, led by Peixuan Guo, UK’s William S. Farish Fund Endowed Chair in Nanobiotechnology. The newly established center will bring together biomedical experts working in nanobiotechnology in UK’s colleges of Pharmacy and Medicine.

3. **Kentucky Helps Launch Light-Materials Manufacturing Institute**

The University of Kentucky will both benefit from and make important contributions to Detroit's new $148 million light-materials manufacturing institute. The American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation Institute (ALMMII) will receive $70 million in Department of Defense funding with $78 million in matching support from a public-private consortium. UK's participation includes support from the UK College of Engineering over the next five years, including access to specialized high-tech equipment at its Center for Aluminum Technology and faculty participation in various projects.

4. **Frank X Walker Wins NAACP Image Award**

Kentucky Poet Laureate Frank X Walker was awarded the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work in Poetry. Walker, an associate professor of English at the University of Kentucky as well as founder of the Affrilachian Poets, was recognized for his most recent book of poetry, "Turn Me Loose: The Unghosting of Medgar Evers." Published in 2013 on the 50th anniversary of Evers’ killing, the award-winning book addresses the life and murder of the civil rights leader.
5. **Stuart Horodner Named Director of Art Museum at UK**

Stuart Horodner has been selected as the next director of the Art Museum at the University of Kentucky. Horodner most recently was artistic director of the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center. He has held positions as visual arts curator at the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art and director of the Bucknell University Art Gallery, and he was co-owner of the Horodner Romley Gallery. He has taught at Bucknell University, Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland State University and the University of Victoria, in British Columbia.

6. **Strategic Plan Builds Inspiration with "see tomorrow." Speaker Series**

Renowned higher education experts kicked off the "see tomorrow." Speaker Series. John Thelin, professor of educational policy studies at UK, delivered the first speech, titled "Higher Education’s New Deal in the 21st Century," on January 21. David Attis, a practice manager with the Education Advisory Board, discussed research in American higher education at two separate presentations on January 28. Kathi Kern, director of the UK Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching and associate professor in the UK Department of History, delivered her speech, titled “From the Ground Up: Faculty Innovation and the Future of Teaching and Learning at the University of Kentucky,” on February 27. Speakers will discuss different aspects of the strategic plan each month. It's a process that Provost Christine Riordan says she wants to continue even after the adoption of the Strategic Plan in June.

7. **UK College of Education Partners on $30 Million 'Race to the Top' Grant**

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded $30 million in "Race to the Top" funds to 17 Eastern Kentucky school districts to implement a plan involving a strong collaboration with the University of Kentucky College of Education. The funding will support work to tailor education for all students and provide school leaders and teachers with key tools that support them in meeting students' needs. The UK College of Education will work alongside district leaders and teachers to provide support, leadership and professional learning communities on issues that help schools meet the unique needs of 21st century learners.

8. **UK College of Education Partners on Grant to Help Fort Campbell Families**

The University of Kentucky College of Education is part of a $4.5 million grant awarded to two school systems that serve military-connected families from Fort Campbell, Ky. The “Parent Partners for Student Success” grant was awarded by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) to Christian County Schools in Kentucky and Montgomery County Schools in Tennessee. The overall goal of the grant is to develop a sustainable parent engagement model and literacy intervention program for military families. UK College of Education faculty will provide tailored professional development to meet the needs of parents, teachers and volunteers.
9. **DanceBlue Raises $1,436,606.24**

DanceBlue committee members announced a grand fundraising total of $1,436,606.24 for the ninth annual DanceBlue dance marathon. With this year's contributions, DanceBlue has contributed more than $6.5 million dollars to the Golden Matrix Fund and the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic. More than 800 dancers completed DanceBlue. All of the money raised at the annual 24-hour no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon benefits children with cancer and their families and cancer research.

10. **STAR Offers Undergrads Paid Internships in Research Labs**

A grant from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism is funding a University of Kentucky program that will not only advance research of alcohol abuse, but also train tomorrow's problem solvers. The $350,000 Summer Training in Alcohol Research (STAR) grant will enable as many as 55 undergraduate students from UK and other Kentucky colleges and universities to earn a $4,000 stipend during a 10-week summer internship in one of 11 UK research projects focusing on alcohol and its effects. The program will reach out specifically to a diverse population of Kentuckians for this unique educational opportunity.

11. **UK Program Helps Women with High-Risk Pregnancies**

The CenteringPregnancy program at UK HealthCare's Polk Dalton Clinic, a combined support group and prenatal appointment for women with high-risk pregnancies, fulfills the Strong Start grant awarded to UK HealthCare for its Efforts to Maximize Prenatal Outcomes in Women at Risk (EMPOWR) model of care. UK HealthCare was one of 27 organizations in the nation awarded funding from the Center for Medicaid Services for high-risk pregnancy intervention programs in 2013. Through the program, women are grouped by due date and risk factors, meeting a total of 10 times through the course of their pregnancies. The program is designed to help women modify behaviors that lead to adverse prenatal outcomes, such as tobacco use, diabetes, depression and other obstetric risk factors.

12. **Study to Examine Activity, Well-Being in Older Women**

A new study at the University of Kentucky will examine how daily activity related to personal goals affects women's overall sense of well-being as they age. The study, called "Daily Activity and Health in the Lives of Adult Women," will examine how daily goal activity and feelings relate to health. Its purpose is to link daily life, especially the amount and quality of different activities, to aspects of psychological health and biological changes that may be important for physical health. The five-year, $2.5 million study is being funded by the National Institute on Aging, and will be led by Suzanne Segerstrom, professor of psychology at UK, with co-principal investigator Leslie Crofford, professor of rheumatology at Vanderbilt University, formerly of UK.
13. **CAER Begins Work on Local Government Energy Retrofit Program**

The Center for Applied Energy Research recently received a Local Government Energy Retrofit Program grant. The scope is to work with local governments around the state to help them work with Energy Service Contractors to improve the efficiency of their facilities.

14. **State Geologist and Staff Testify Before Legislative Committee in Frankfort**

State Geologist James Cobb and Energy and Minerals Section Head Dave Harris (Kentucky Geological Survey) reported the results of carbon storage research done with 2007 legislative funding. Cobb summarized the research projects for the House of Representative’s Natural Resources and Environment Committee and Harris gave details of the results from the carbon storage and enhanced oil and gas projects completed with the $5 million state funding plus contributions from partners.

15. **UK Alumni Association Announces 2014 Great Teacher Award Recipients**

Six University of Kentucky educators were recently named recipients of the UK Alumni Association 2014 Great Teacher Award. The recipients are: Mark Coyne, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment; Jonathan M. Golding, College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Zaki-Udin Hassan, College of Medicine; Jerzy W. Jaromczyk, College of Engineering; Cyndy Miller, College of Communication and Information; and Dr. Paul Murphy, College of Medicine. Award recipients were honored at the UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award Recognition Dinner on March 4. They were also recognized during the Kentucky vs. Alabama men’s basketball game later that evening.

16. **New Oral History Project Chronicles Kentucky's Civil Rights History**

The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Oral History Project is being made possible by a partnership between UK Libraries’ Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, the UK Office of Community Engagement and the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. The commission established the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame to recognize men and women who are or have been leaders in the struggle for equality and justice in the Commonwealth; to raise public awareness about human rights issues; and to foster an environment for discussion and education regarding Kentucky civil rights history and ongoing challenges.

17. **New UK Center Designed to Help Transfer Students “see success.”**

Housed within Enrollment Management, the Transfer Center works with prospective and current transfer students to facilitate their transition and overall success at UK. Its mission is to guide students through the transfer process and provide sources of advice and campus services to help ensure success at the University of Kentucky. The Transfer Center works closely with Admissions, Financial Aid, Scholarship Office and academic advisors.
18. Leadership Exchange Hosts Second Annual Lead UK Conference

The second annual Lead UK Conference was held February 15 in the University of Kentucky Student Center. This free conference, hosted by UK’s Leadership Exchange program, teaches leadership skills through workshops and speakers. The conference also allows student leaders and faculty from across the state to connect and inspire. The theme of this year’s conference was “Propel Your Leadership.”

19. Undergraduates Head to State Capitol to Present Research

Two dozen undergraduate researchers from the University of Kentucky, along with more than 200 other student representatives from across the state, visited the state capitol in Frankfort on February 27 to showcase their research to the state legislature. Posters-at-the-Capitol is a one-day annual event held to educate the Kentucky state legislators of the importance of undergraduate research and scholarly work. The governor, members of the General Assembly and representatives from students' hometowns are able to engage directly with the scholars on this day.

20. Becka, UK's Longest-Serving Police Dog, Retires

Becka, the University's longest serving police dog, was honored with a retirement ceremony on February 28. The 10-year-old Labrador retriever patrolled the UK campus for more than nine years. A graduate of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives’ 10-week explosive detection training program, Becka is one of three K-9 explosive detection officers in the UK Police Department, and UK's first K-9 officer. Becka and her handler, UK Police Lt. Robert Turner, served the campus, UK Athletics and many national events.

21. UK and Lexington Fire Department Partner to Train Firefighters

The decommissioned Boyd Hall residence hall on the University of Kentucky campus was transformed into a training ground for firefighters January 15 and 16. UK allowed the Lexington Fire Department to use the vacant building for training purposes prior to the building's demolition. UK Fire Marshal Greg Williamson and Assistant Fire Marshal Jason Ellis were present at the simulation to help the fire department understand the building’s layout and infrastructure. Typically firefighters do not get the opportunity to see an area before responding to a call, but this training gave the Lexington Fire Department the advantage of becoming familiar with the campus coverage area.

22. Exhibit Features Prominent African Americans in UK History

University of Kentucky Libraries Special Collections celebrated Black History Month with a display of images featuring prominent African-American figures at the University of Kentucky and various communities, along with Kentucky African-American publications. The free public exhibition will be on display in UK's Margaret I. King Building until the end of February. Photographs on display as part of the Black History Month exhibition include UK Libraries' first
African-American employee, Cecil R. Madison Sr., and "Dean Pierre," one of UK's first African-American employees, along with 27 other photographs.

23. **Tuskegee Airmen Busts by UK Prof/Artist Bobby Scroggins Unveiled**

New artwork by Bobby Scroggins, associate professor of art at University of Kentucky School of Art and Visual Studies, celebrates the contributions of two Tuskegee Airmen with ties to the Commonwealth. A special sculpture unveiling ceremony was held Dec. 7, at the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, honoring two of the most famous Tuskegee Airmen commanding officers before about 100 distinguished guests and museum officials. The bigger-than-life-size bronze portrait busts of General Benjamin O. Davis and Brigadier General Noel F. Parrish were designed and sculpted by Scroggins.

24. **UK HealthCare Recognized for Excellence in Lactation Care**

The International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE) and International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA) have recognized UK HealthCare for excellence in lactation care. The Birthing Center at University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital has received the IBCLC Care Award in recognition for staffing professionals who hold the prestigious International Board Certified Lactation Consultant certification (IBCLC) and providing a lactation program that is available five to seven days a week for breastfeeding families. In addition, the facility demonstrated that it has provided recent breastfeeding training for medical staff that care for new families, and have recently completed activities that help protect, promote and support breastfeeding.

25. **UK's Martin School Hosts Policy Solutions Challenge**

The University of Kentucky's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration hosted the south region Policy Solutions Challenge USA case competition February 21 and 22. The Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas and Florida International University competed against students from the Martin School. At each regional site three teams, comprised of three to five students each, vie for the right to advance to the national finals. The first-place teams from each regional move on to the nationals in Washington, D.C. March 21 and 22.

26. **Indian Diplomat to be in Residence at Patterson School**

The Ministry of External Affairs of India has approved the assignment of a senior diplomat to UK’s Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce for 2014-2016. The Indian official, Dr. Anupam Ray, is currently director (personnel) at the Ministry in New Delhi. Before that he was director of the Development Partnership Administration and deputy coordinator for the 2012 BRICS Summit in New Delhi. From 2008-2011, Dr. Ray served as counselor for India’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. There he was also deputy head of India’s UN Security Council team.
27. Patterson School Students Establish International Affairs Magazine

Patterson School students have established a new independent publication that focuses on international affairs. “Ex-Patt” magazine is completely edited and managed by current Patterson School students and alumni and offers a wide range of research papers, features, and book reviews. It is distributed free of charge in hard copy across the UK campus and can be found at many other Lexington locations. Ex-Patt magazine is also available online at www.expattmagazine.com. The founding editor-in-chief is William Stroupe.

28. Kentucky Kernel Recognized at 2013 KPA Awards

In addition to being recognized for having the best college newspaper website, the Kentucky Kernel staff swept the category for Best Sports Special Section. The Kernel took first place for its “Postseason Preview” published on March 6, 2013; second place for “Big Blue Madness Preview 2012” published on October 12, 2012; and third place for “Basketball Season Preview” published on November 7, 2012.

29. UK Marketing Wins Awards

The University of Kentucky received a total of nine awards for outstanding work in institutional advancement, alumni relations and communications in an annual competition sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District III. UK also won four awards in three categories at the Educational Advertising Awards. Locally, "see blue." was the recipient of three additional awards at the annual Lexington Advertising Club Annual Awards event.

30. Faculty and Staff Achievements

**Ingrid Adams** (Dietetics and Human Nutrition) was awarded the Outstanding Extension Project by the Kentucky Association of State Extension Professionals for her program "Taking Ownership of Your Diabetes."

**Ruth Adams** (Photography) had her work "Organic Studies" featured in a solo exhibition at the Clement Gallery at the University of Toledo and in a two-person exhibition in Louisville as a part of the Louisville Photo Biennial.

**Sandra Bastin** (Dietetics and Human Nutrition), **John Strang** (Horticulture), **Joe O’Leary** (Animal and Food Sciences) and **Debbie Clouthier** (Family and Consumer Sciences) were awarded the Outstanding Extension Program by the Kentucky Association of State Extension Professionals for their Home-Based Processor and Microprocessor Program.

**Meriem Bensalem-Owen** (Neurology, Anatomy and Neurobiology) has been named a fellow of the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society.

**Dibakar Bhattacharyya** (Center of Membrane Sciences, Chemical and Materials Engineering) was elected President of North American Membrane Society beginning June 2015.

**Doug Boyd** (Communication) recently traveled to Tangier, Morocco, to present a paper on media use of university students during the 2011 Egyptian revolution. The research was conducted last year during a study in Cairo, Egypt.

**Anna Brzyski** (Art History) has been appointed the chair of the Academic Advisory Committee for the World Art History Institute at Tsinghua University.
D. Allan Butterfield (Center of Membrane Sciences, Chemistry) will travel to Rome in April to receive The Alkmeon International Prize in recognition of his research linking Vitamin D deficiency to an elevated risk of Alzheimer’s disease.

Carey Cavanaugh (Patterson School of Diplomacy) was selected to serve as one of three international jury members for the University of Louisville’s Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order.

Stacy Clossen (Patterson School of Diplomacy) was awarded a grant from the Atlantic Council to facilitate a Trans-Atlantic effort to enhance student knowledge about the Arctic.

Stacy Clossen and Evan Hillebrand (Patterson School of Diplomacy) had their book manuscript, "Energy, Economics, and Geopolitical Futures" accepted by MIT Press.

Ann L. Coker (Public Health) received the Visionary Voice Award, sponsored by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

Elizabeth Combs (Dietetics and Human Nutrition) was named Outstanding Dietetics Educator by the Bluegrass Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Al Cross (Journalism and Telecommunications) was honored by the Kentucky Psychological Association for outstanding contributions to the health and mental health of Kentuckians through public service, the media and the professional of psychology.

Sriveny Dangoudoubiyam and Martin Nielsen (Veterinary Science) became board certified in veterinary parasitology with American College of Microbiology in December.

Al DeSantis (Communication) was named academic director of the CI Connect LLC. He will also serve as a mentor for the student LLC peer mentor and deliver classes for the program.

Robert Farley’s (Patterson School of Diplomacy) book “Grounded: The Case for Abolishing the United States Air Force“ was published by the University Press of Kentucky.

Carole Gnatuk (Family and Consumer Sciences) was named Outstanding Extension Specialist by the Kentucky Association of State Extension Professionals.

Rae Goodwin (Art Studio Foundations) had a solo exhibition in the Bobick Gallery at the University of West Georgia, juried the Elementals Exhibition at the University of West Georgia, and presented a performance art piece in the Playhouse Theater at the University of Louisville.


Gail Mitchell Hoyt (Economics) recently was honored with the prestigious Kenneth G. Elzinga Distinguished Teaching Award by the Southern Economic Association.

Art Hunt (Plant and Soil Sciences) received a $518,000 three-year grant from the National Science Foundation for his study of alternative polyadenylation and non-stop mRNAs in Arabidopsis.

Jennifer Hunter (Family Sciences) won the Outstanding New Faculty Award from the Kentucky Association of State Extension Professionals.


Hui Chi Lee (Drawing) was invited to have her solo exhibition titled “Domestic Matters” at the Lexington Public Library.

Anthony Limperos (Library and Information Science) was an interview guest on an hour-long radio program, Health Matters on Morehead Public Radio.
Andrew Maske (Asian Art History) published a review of "Elizabeth Lillehoj: Art and Palace Politics in Early Modern Japan, 1580s-1680s" (Brill, 2011) in the Journal of Japanese Studies, and an essay on a contemporary Korean/German ceramic artist in "Universality of the Essential: Ceramics" by Young Jae Lee.

Jonathan McFadden (Printmaking) exhibited in the Pacific Rim International Print Exhibition in Christchurch, New Zealand and Splitgraphic Biennale in Split, Croatia.

Martin Nielsen (Veterinary Science) became the first faculty member at UK to use crowdfunding to obtain funding for a research project.

Lindell Ormsbee (Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute) has been elected a fellow of the Environmental and Water Resource Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Ebony Patterson (Painting) is staging her first U.S. solo museum exhibition at the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas and also will participate in the traveling exhibition “Caribbean Crossroads.” Recent works by Professor Patterson have been added to the collections of the Nerman Museum and 21C Museum Collections.

Buck Ryan (Journalism and Telecommunications) published an article on young voters in the U.S. and Russia.

Arturo Sandoval (Fiber Art) completed a commission for the Owensboro Convention Center, "Confluence River Reflections."

Bennie Sargent and Diana Conlon (UK Equestrian Team) coached the Western and Hunt Seat Teams, which were both named High Point Teams IHSA Zone 6 Region 3. Conlon is also an alumna of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Deanna Sellnow (Library and Information Science) has been appointed UK’s interim director of the Presentation U initiative.

Ray Smith (Plant and Soil Sciences) was elected President of the American Forage & Grassland Council for 2014.

Hunter Stamps (Ceramics) exhibited in the Nassauische Sparkasse 2013 Talent Award for Ceramics, The Figure at the Ceramic Museum Westerwald in Hohr-Grenzhausen, Germany. He also exhibited in "Uncommon Wealth: Legacy of the KYArts Council" at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center in Bowling Green.

William E. Thro (Law) received the William A. Kaplin Award for Excellence in Higher Education from the Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy at Stetson University College of Law.

Darlene Tipton (Human Environmental Sciences) was awarded the Meritorious Support Award from Alpha Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Ann Vail (Family and Consumer Sciences Extension) is the principal investigator of a $2,623,252 grant from the Kentucky Cabinet Health and Family Services for UK Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education.

Monica Blackmun Visonà (African Art and Visual Culture) co-edited "A Companion to Modern African Art," which was awarded a prize by the Arts Council of the African Studies Association.

George Wagner (Plant and Soil Sciences) received a $932,000 grant from British American Tobacco for his study on a knockdown-towards-mutation approach for manipulating the chemistry of tobacco.
David Wischer (Digital Media) was a visiting artist at University of the Arts in Philadelphia, and is showing in an exhibition called “So They Say: Wisdom and Foolishness” at the Carnegie in Covington.

Sherali Zeadally (Library and Information Science) received the IEEE Computer Society’s Golden Core Member Award and its Meritorious Service Award.

Hongyan Zhu (Plant and Soil Sciences) was awarded a $500,000 three-year grant from the USDA-AFRI for a study on host genetic control of strain-specific nitrogen fixation in the legume-rhizobial symbiosis.

31. **Student Achievements**

Martin Battaglia (Plant and Soil Sciences) has been named the 2014 Recipient of The Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate Student Award in Crop Science.

Veronica Bill (Equine Science and Management) was part of the first place team in the 2014 American Forage and Grasslands Council National Forage Bowl.

Allison Board (UK Equestrian Team) won High Point Western Rider IHSA Zone 6 Region 3 and is the Region 3 representative for AQHA Rider at Nationals.

Lucy Hart (UK Equestrian Team) won High Point Hunt Seat Rider IHSA Zone 6 Region 3 and is the Region 3 representative for Cacchione Cup Rider at Nationals.

Jessica Pass (Library and Information Science) was named High School Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Council for Teachers of English/Language Arts. Pass teaches students at Boone County High School and is pursuing her school media certification at UK SLIS to become a school librarian.

Liz Pillar (Chemistry) received the Outstanding Student Paper Award from the American Geophysical Union at its fall 2013 meeting.


Taylor Satterly (Dietetics) was awarded Outstanding Dietetics Student by the Bluegrass Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Daniel Weber (Plant and Soil Sciences) has been selected, along with 17 other graduate students across the U.S., to receive the Future Leaders in Science Award from the American Society of Agronomy.

32. **Alumni Achievements**

Lauren Brinkman (Dietetics and Human Nutrition) was named Outstanding Student in a Dietetic Internship by the Bluegrass Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Jackson Bullock (Art Studio) has been accepted into the M.F.A. Art Studio program at Washington University in St. Louis.

Andrea Clark (Art Studio) conducted a residency at the European Ceramic Work Centre in the Netherlands. The research trip was funded by the prestigious $15,000 Windgate Fellowship she received last summer.

Waler Early (Art Studio) had a two-person exhibition titled "Protesting Time" with Canadian sculptor Peter Hide at the Piper Gallery in London, England.

Ming Hong (Art Studio) is currently enrolled in the M.F.A. program at Washington University, St. Louis on a full scholarship.
Yolanda Jackson (Dietetics and Human Nutrition) was awarded Young Dietitian of the Year by the Bluegrass Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Ivy Johnson (Art Studio) has been accepted into the M.F.A. Art Studio program at Washington University in St. Louis and at Columbia College, Chicago, where she has been offered a full fellowship for three years.

Bill Santen (Art Studio) will be presenting work at Sgorbati Projects, New York.