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1. UK Libraries Acquire Early Henry Clay Letter

Special Collections recently acquired one of the earliest known letters of Henry Clay. Unpublished, it was written in Virginia, over a year before his move to Lexington in November of 1797. Dated July 16, 1796, it is addressed to Peter Tinsley, clerk of the High Court of Chancery of Virginia and was written when Clay would have been only 19 years old. The letter, in which Clay discusses his poor health, is a revealing one. Young Clay states that he has “unwrap his soul” and wishes to make amends for a misunderstanding in his terms of employment with Tinsley.

2. Kentucky Summit on Diversity and Inclusion Attracts Educators and Business Leaders

More than 100 leaders in education, business and government gathered recently for the first Kentucky Summit on Diversity and Inclusion to discuss a new diversity action plan for Kentucky. The three-day conference was conceived and planned by UK Vice President for Institutional Diversity Judy “JJ” Jackson with the help of dozens of volunteers from on and off campus. Attendees of the statewide conference discussed how, first, individuals, then schools, then businesses, then government can create a plan to succeed. While this first summit focused on professionals from the state’s higher education and business worlds, future diversity summits will focus on the worlds of government, health care and the nonprofit arena. Jackson will meet with the governor soon to make a formal appeal that he form a coalition or commission to develop “a 10- or 20-year action plan around an agenda focused on inclusion as Kentucky achieves greatness in education and business.”

3. Markey Awarded \$1.43 Million to Study Cancer in Eastern Kentucky

Susanne Arnold, associate professor of Internal Medicine, and her colleagues at the Markey Cancer Center were awarded a \$1.43 million grant by the Department of Defense to study potential environmental reasons for the high lung cancer rates in Eastern Kentucky.

4. PEIK Receives \$1.5 Million for Education in Industrial Energy Efficiency

The Power and Energy Institute of Kentucky (PEIK) at the University of Kentucky has received \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to train undergraduate and graduate level engineering students in manufacturing efficiency to help them become the nation's next generation of industrial energy efficiency experts. UK is one of 24 universities in 23 states to receive a portion of the \$30 million that was issued. UK will receive the grant over the course of five years.

5. Dentistry Initiatives to Improve Oral Health in Eastern Kentucky

Approximately 25,000 Kentucky children in Appalachia will receive preventive oral health services through a new pilot program called Smiling Schools. UK faculty will help with the pre- and post-clinical examinations and data collection, and will perform analysis of data collected. In a separate program, Morehead State University, the University of Pikeville and the University of Kentucky will partner in the design of the Appalachian Rural Dental Educational Partnership Plan.

6. Gatton Team Gets Grant to Help Appalachian Economic Development

A team of researchers at the University of Kentucky, led by Gatton Endowed Associate Professor of Strategic Management Wally Ferrier, has received a \$485,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the best ways economic development organizations in Appalachian Kentucky can achieve their goals. Evelyn Knight, professor in the College of Public Health, is co-principal investigator on the two-year project which also involves researchers from the colleges of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Education, and Social Work.

7. Preview Nights Taking Place Regionally

On the heels of recruiting the most academically talented and diverse class in UK history, staff members from the Office of Undergraduate Admission and University Registrar are back on the road working on forming next year's freshman class. They have teamed up with staff members from various departments and colleges across campus to host "see blue." Preview Nights in Paducah, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, Elizabethtown, Covington, Maysville, Lexington, London, Bowling Green, Louisville, Pikeville, and Ashland, along with Dayton, Columbus, Naperville, Indianapolis, Atlanta and Nashville. In addition to hosting evening events for students and their families, staff also met with a record number of guidance counselors in each of these communities.

8. Record 25 Graduates Join "Teach for America"

This summer 25 UK graduates accepted positions with Teach For America. The UK group, the largest in school history, is among 5,200 new corps members selected for the national program in which outstanding college graduates commit to teach for two years in disadvantaged urban and rural public schools.

9. UK Libraries' "Nation of Nations" Exhibit Symbol of UK Core

In honor of UK's new general education requirements, known as UK Core, the William T. Young Library is hosting a major 10-panel art work by Kentucky artist Marjorie Guyon. Guyon's "Nation of Nations" is a series of 10 paintings with each panel depicting a 6-foot-8-inch figure with the phrase "Have Mercy on Us" written in a different language.

10. New LGBT Task Force Already Making an Impact

The UK Office for Institutional Diversity has established the LGBT Task Force, a new initiative of the Commission on Excellence, Diversity and Inclusion, to promote an inclusive environment for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members of the campus community. The new task force recently brought the Human Rights Campaign's Equality Tour to campus to inspire and engage the campus in conversations about LGBT equality. The group also produced a workshop to encourage all individuals to become allies to LGBT members of the community. The task force's work includes making ongoing assessments of attitudes and conditions throughout the university regarding LGBT persons and issues and making recommendations for changes on issues such as the universitywide environment and educational and supportive services for LGBT students, staff and faculty.

11. Services Have Improved for Bicyclists On and Near Campus

Several student and administrative groups have worked together in recent years to encourage biking as a more environmentally friendly mode of transportation to and from campus. There are now more bike lanes on city streets, better bike racks on campus, mandatory bike registration to thwart theft, partnerships dedicated to fund campus bike improvements, new campus regulations allowing bikes to share inner-campus sidewalks with pedestrians, and a thriving Wildcat Wheels Bike Repair Shop. In order to better serve UK's cyclists, Wildcat Wheels recently launched a mobile bike repair shop that travels to residence halls and other campus locations to repair and maintain bikes on the spot and to hand out free copies of "Bicycling Street Smarts: Riding Confidently, Legally and Safely," a booklet that details life-saving riding skills.

12. IPMI Gets Grant to Host Visiting Asian Officials

The International Public Policy and Management Institute (IPPMI) housed in the Martin School has received a grant of approximately \$400,000 from Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department from September 30, 2011 to December 13, 2013 to host visiting government officials from Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia, and Taiwan. These visitors will be in the United States on the program for approximately three weeks with their time split between Lexington and Washington, D.C.

13. Choral Conductor Workshop Held

UK's College of Fine Arts, School of Music and Choirs presented their fourth annual Summer Choral Workshop, "The Creative Choral Conductor," June 12-14, at the Singletary Center for the Arts. Founded by UK Director of Choral Activities Jefferson Johnson, the workshop has quickly become one of the most widely attended of its kind in the nation.

14. UK Percussion Makes a Big Bang at Internationals

UK Percussion Ensemble has won its fourth Percussive Arts Society (PAS) International Collegiate Percussion Ensemble Competition. The accomplishment has earned them a rare showcase concert at the PAS International Convention being held Nov. 9-12, in Indianapolis.

15. Library Journal Recognizes UPK Titles

Library Journal has selected University Press of Kentucky's "Cecelia and Fanny: The Remarkable Friendship between an Escaped Slave and her Former Mistress," by Brad Asher, as one of two books to watch for the upcoming season. In addition, several UPK books are on the journal's Fall 2011 University Press Preview.

16. Music Celebrates 25 Years of Orff Schulwerk Training

UK School of Music celebrated 25 years of offering the Orff Schulwerk Teacher Training Program this year with a symposium. "Global Connections in Orff Schulwerk: Reflections from Kentucky Symposium," held June 16-17, explored the impact of Orff Schulwerk on music education internationally, nationally and in Kentucky.

17. UK Librarians Partner with Colleagues in Local High Schools

Artwork from Fayette County's public high schools was presented on campus this summer in "Art in the Hub 2011" In the Hub in the W.T. Young Library. The exhibit was sponsored by UK Libraries and the Kentucky Librarian Partnership, a new collaboration between UK librarians and high school librarians in Fayette County.

18. Bourbon Documentary Airs on KET

The documentary "Quest for the Perfect Bourbon: Voices of Buffalo Trace," created by the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, aired on KET in June. For more than two years, Doug Boyd and the Nunn Center at UK Libraries worked with director and producer Joanna Hay and interviewer Tom Troland to capture the stories of the people of Buffalo Trace Distillery to serve as a virtual time capsule for future generations.

19. Design Hosts Career Discovery Program for High Schoolers

High school students explored careers in design through the Summer Career Discovery Program, an intensive two-week program held at UK College of Design from July 10 - 22. The program, open to rising high school juniors and seniors, introduced students to the depth, breadth and rigor of a design education.

20. B-52s Open Signature Series at Singletary Center

Singletary Center for the Arts opened the 2011-2012 Singletary Signature Series, which showcases renowned musicians, dancers and ensembles from every corner of the globe. Opening this year's series was the popular party band the B-52s on Aug. 12

21. UPK Authors Featured on CSPAN Book TV

Five University Press of Kentucky (UPK) authors, including Doug Boyd, director of the UK's Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, were featured on C-SPAN's Book TV the weekend of Aug. 27-28. UPK authors and books to showcased on Book TV were: Lindsey Apple, author of "The Family Legacy of Henry Clay: In the Shadow of a Kentucky Patriarch"; Boyd, author of "Crawfish Bottom: Recovering a Lost Kentucky Community"; Kent Masterson Brown, author of "One of Morgan's Men: Memoirs of Lieutenant John M. Porter of the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry"; Brad Asher, author of "Cecilia and Fanny: The Remarkable Friendship Between an Escaped Slave and Her Former Mistress"; and Mike Veach, who wrote the foreword to the book "The Social History of Bourbon".

22. Design Completes Base for 9/11 Monument

UK College of Design completed the design and construction of a concrete base for a 9/11 monument. The college worked on the project with St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Northern Kentucky, which received part of a steel I-beam recovered from the World Trade Center towers following the 9/11 tragedy. The St. Elizabeth Healthcare World Trade Center Memorial was unveiled at ceremonies Sept. 11, at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, in Covington.

23. Women Writers Conference Features Francine Prose

The Kentucky Women Writers Conference was presented for the 33rd year Sept. 15-17. The conference featured keynote speaker, novelist and essayist Francine Prose, and workshops and craft talks with poets Lynnell Edwards, Krista Franklin, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, and Susan Stewart, fiction writers Tananarive Due, Francine Prose, and Danzy Senna, and creative nonfiction writer Kim Dana Kupperman.

24. Bands Honor High School Music Educator at Parent's Day Concert

UK Bands honored late Kentucky high school music educator Chuck Campbell at the sixth annual Parent's Day Concert. The concert featuring UK Symphony Band, conducted by George Boulden, and UK Wind Ensemble, conducted by John Cody Birdwell, was presented Sept. 18, at the Singletary Center for the Arts Concert Hall.

25. Latin American Concert Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, UK's School of Music and the Latin American Studies Program presented "Latin America in Music: A concert of Latin American

Music." The free public concert featuring UK faculty and students, as well as international guest artists, was presented Sept. 21, at the Worsham Theater.

26. "Appalachia in the Bluegrass" Series Opens

Niles Center for American Music opened its "Appalachia in the Bluegrass" concert series that celebrates the old time roots of American Folk music by featuring a diverse range of traditional musical expression. To date the series has presented concerts with traditional musicians Phil, Alice and Sarah Jamison; dulcimer virtuoso Don Pedi; and old-time string band Rich and the Po' Folks.

27. Museum Displays Wenneker Gifts and Aspects of the Veil

Art Museum at UK opened an exhibition celebrating local collector, museum donor and Lexington businessman Jim Wenneker. "Lasting Legacy: Gifts of Art from Jim Wenneker" the first in a series of exhibitions highlighting gifts of art to the museum's collection, ran through September 25. "The Veil: Visible and Invisible Spaces," an exhibition that examined the many cultural and political aspects of veils and veiling, was on display at the Art Museum at UK through October 9.

28. Tuska Center Presents "Neighborhood Series"

Tuska Center for Contemporary Art presented the exhibit "The Neighborhood Series" featuring work by local artists and fashion designers created from trash from Lexington businesses. The free public exhibit, which ran Sept. 15-30, was also part of Campus Gallery Hop and Boomslang and partially funded by a \$1,800 grant from the UK Student Sustainability Council for the show's sustainability and "buy local" theme.

29. UK Law Journal Hosts Symposium on Court Funding

UK Law Journal presented a two-day symposium highlighting a nationwide crisis in funding state court systems. The symposium, co-sponsored by the American Bar Association and the National Coalition for State Courts, commemorated the 100th volume of the Kentucky Law Journal, and celebrated the ascendancy of 1971 UK Law alumnus Bill Robinson to the ABA presidency.

30. UK Named Military Friendly School

UK was named a military friendly school by GI Jobs magazine for the third year consecutively.

31. Health Sciences Launches Video on Exercise Research

The UK College of Health Sciences Office of Research launched a video produced by UK Research Communications titled "Exercise Research at the University of Kentucky." The video highlights what the College of Health Sciences is doing with regard to exercise research on all levels, from the test tube to the treadmill. The video brings attention to partners in the Center for Muscle Biology and the Barnstable Brown Kentucky Diabetes and Obesity Center, and to UK faculty who are exploring the connections between muscle weakness, obesity and diabetes.

32.. Orofacial Pain Program One of First To Be Accredited

The Orofacial Pain Clinic at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry has become one of only two orofacial pain programs in the nation to become accredited.

33. Dentistry Class Has 100 Percent Pass Rate

The entire UK College of Dentistry Class of 2013 passed the Part I National Board on their first take.

34. Medical Students Begin Rural Medicine Program in Morehead

Seven third-year medical students from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine are beginning their next medical education step in the Rural Physician Leadership Program in Morehead. These students are the second group of students to begin their clinical training in Morehead.

35. New Mobile Patient Simulator Vans Used to Promote Health Care Careers

The UK Area Health Education Center (AHEC) aims to assist in the education and promotion of health-related fields with three new Mobile Patient Simulator vans equipped with state-of-the-art patient simulator technology. As the only university and AHEC to provide this particular type of program, the vans will be dispersed in different areas of the state in collaboration with other AHECs. The vans not only include the simulator with extensive clinical features, but also interactive video conferencing capabilities that allow students and faculty to interact with physicians in other locations.

36. Students Get Head Start On Health Careers At UK Summer Camp

Over the summer, 49 high school students from across Kentucky spent time on the University of Kentucky campus getting a head start on potential careers in health care. This was the seventh year for the Summer Enrichment Program and Health Researchers Youth Academy hosted by UK's Area Health Education Center. The programs are designed to help students enrich their knowledge of health and health care options, giving them hands on experience in a college setting to help prepare them for a future in health care.

37. UK Spinoff CoPlex Therapeutics To Develop Alzheimer's Treatment

CoPlex Therapeutics has signed a global license agreement with commercial-stage specialty drug company Hawthorn Pharmaceuticals to develop and commercialize hawAD14, a preclinical oral small molecule candidate for the treatment of Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases. UK chemistry professors, Sanders-Brown Center on Aging researchers, and CoPlex founding scientists Mark Lovell and Bert Lynn discovered the compound which has the potential to slow the progression of Alzheimer's.

38. Commercialization Workshop Series Kicks Off with "Protecting your IP"

UK research faculty and staff and community entrepreneurs learned about intellectual property protection at the first of a five-part workshop series on Oct. 13 at Hilary J. Boone Center. The workshop series is designed to help scientists, engineers and other high-tech professionals develop a business from their research. Upcoming workshops, sponsored by UKCED's Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship and its downtown office, the Lexington Lexington Innovation & Commercialization Center, will cover business planning, accounting, seeking funding, and using social media.

39. KSBDC Hosts Technology Events Across State

KSBDC has offered workshops in Lexington, Louisville and Covington during October to help small business owners utilize technology to benefit their business. Attendees of Social, Mobile, Local: Technology Trends, Tools & Strategies for Small Business Success have learned how to use social media to build a brand, design a compelling website, and use technology to increase efficiency and save money.

40. New Intellectual Property Committee Announced

Bruce Webb, UK virology & molecular genetics professor and co-founder of ParaTechs, will chair this year's IP committee. Other members include Brad Anderson, pharmaceutical sciences; Czarena Crofcheck, biosystems & agricultural engineering; Todd Hastings, electrical & computer engineering; Brian Rymond, biology; Peter Spielmann, biochemistry; Daret St. Clair, toxicology; Bert Lynn, chemistry; Gary Van Zant, internal medicine; and Bruce Walcott, electrical & computer engineering.

41. Sustainable Agriculture Education Association Holds Conference

SAEA's biennial conference was held on the UK campus in August. Jointly hosted by the UK College of Agriculture and Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the conference was co-chaired by UK's Mark Williams and Krista Jacobsen, Horticulture. The gathering brought together faculty and students involved in sustainable agriculture from universities around the country, as well as Norway.



42. Kentucky Dietetic Association Holds 10th "Growing Healthy Kids" Conference

Hosted by the Kentucky Dietetic Association, and co-chaired by Janet Mullins, associate extension professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, the conference was held June 30-July 1. The conference featured a series of plenary sessions focused on local food and community policy issues. First Lady Jane Beshear spoke about the Governor's Garden and her passion to help Kentucky children and families access healthy foods.

43. Southeastern Costume Society of America Holds Symposium

Held Aug. 12-14 at Shaker Village, this year's symposium was chaired by Kim Spillman, associate professor and the director of graduate studies for the Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles Department. The bulk of the symposium was filled with presentations about topics that included Civil War era day dress to tomb effigies. Three presenters hailed from UK. Alumni Sarah Piester spoke about her creation of an online reference system to access the 2,500 items in UK's Betty D. Eastin Costume Collection, and Nicole Huffman, presented her study on the use of costumed guides and their effect on visitors to historic sites. Chelsea Blackwell, a second year graduate student, presented her investigation of wedding dress perceptions held by young and old American married couples.

44. UK Extension Offers Military Adventure Camps

The three free camps for military parents and their teenage children held this summer drew a total of 65 families. The camps continue with three more sessions this fall.

45. Big Blue Goes Green Displays Sustainability-related Initiatives

Now in its fifth year, UK's Big Blue Goes Green (BBGG) featured an interactive showcase of sustainability-related initiatives, programs and research. There were more than 40 exhibits ranging from Auxiliary Services' green initiatives in the residence halls to Wildcat Wheels' interactive display of bike rental technology. Big Blue Goes Green is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Facilities Management with support from the Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment, the Student Sustainability Council, UK Dining Services, and the Division of Student Affairs.

46. Faculty/Staff Awards and Achievements

Stephanie Aken, Libraries, has been approved for membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) at the Distinguished Level.

Judi Baffi, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, received an NIH award to advance her research of the role of the vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2 gene in the alymphatic retina.

Jennifer Bartlett, Libraries, has been named the new column editor of "New and Noteworthy," a professional reading column for Library Leadership & Management, the official journal of the national Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA).

Dibakar Bhattacharyya, Center of Membrane Sciences, is one of the three international collaborators on a grant from Singapore's National Research Foundation to the National University of Singapore, dealing with forward osmosis membranes for water reuse.

Dorothy Brockopp, professor in the College of Nursing, will be presented with the Sigma Theta Tau International 2011 Evidence-Based Practice Award at the STTI 41st Biennial Convention in October 2011.

Harold Burton, Plant and Soil Sciences, received the Lifetime Achievement in Tobacco Science Award from the Tobacco Science Research Conference.

D. Allan Butterfield, director of the Center of Membrane Sciences, was appointed as chair of the Neural Oxidative Metabolism and Death Study Section (NOMD) of the NIH Center for Scientific Review. Butterfield's term runs from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012.

Hui Chi, Art, had work exhibited in "From Our Perspective National Women's Exhibition," Oakland Community College, Farmington, Michigan, through October 14. Her work was also selected for the show "Love and Things Like Love" at Lexington Art League, Loudon House Gallery, Lexington.

Al Cross, Journalism, was presented with the Wells Memorial Key, the highest honor granted by the Society of Professional Journalists, at the society's "Excellence in Journalism" conference in September.

Kathy Doyle Grzech, Proposal Development Office, gave an invited presentation on NIH grant-writing strategies in July at the NIH Director's New Innovator Awardee Meeting in Bethesda, Maryland. She was also selected as a panelist for a "Town Hall" session at the same meeting.

Lori Hetzel, Music, was named the 2011 recipient of the Robert K. Baar Award, presented annually by the Kentucky Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

Pradeep Kachroo, Plant Pathology, was awarded a two-year \$200,000 National Science Foundation grant for molecular, genetic and biochemical characterization of oleate-regulated defense gene expression in plants.

Mark Kleinman, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, received an NIH Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award to advance his research of Age-Related Macular Degeneration.

Janet Kurzynske, Nutrition and Food Science, received a \$180,000 grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for a program component of the Children, Youth, and Families Education and Research Network.

Chad Lee, Lloyd Murdock and Jim Herbek, all of Plant and Soil Sciences, were awarded a \$51,000 grant from the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board for Soy MVP: Kentucky Soybean Management Verification Program.

James MacLeod, Veterinary Science, was awarded \$100,000 by the Kentucky Thoroughbred Racing Commission to study articular cartilage stem cells.

Doreen Maloney, Art, participated in an international collaborative performance/installation called "Desk Project" in Istanbul, September 19-28.

Rusty Manseau, Jackie Walters, Elizabeth Buckner, Sarah Brandl, Diana Drury, Rita May, Leslie McCammish, Amanda Harshman, Amy Doersam, all of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Steve Patton and Matt Barton, Agricultural Communications Services, received the Graphic Design USA Magazine Award for 2011 for the Food and Nutrition Calendar.

Andrew Maske, Art History, published his new book "Potters and Patrons in Edo Period Japan" (Ashgate, 2011). This summer he served as guest curator for the show presented as part of the Third Annual ArtsAsia Festival, October 1-15.

Mary Molinaro, Libraries, was selected by the Library of Congress to provide digital preservation instruction at a workshop on September 20-23, 2011.

Michael Montross, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, received \$87,500 from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to work on integrated high solids transporting/storing/processing system for on-farm biomass processing.

Debra Moser, Nursing, was inducted into the STTI Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame in July 2011.

Ebony Patterson, Art, was invited to present at the 2011 TEDxIrie held in April in New Kingston, Jamaica. Patterson also has been named the recipient of the Rex Nettleford Fellowship in Cultural Studies.

Charlotte Peterson, Health Sciences, will be inducted as a Fellow into the Gerontological Society of America during the 64th Annual Scientific Meeting held in Boston this November.

Suzanne Prevost, Nursing, will be inducted as president of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing, at the 41st Biennial Convention in October 2011.

Deborah Reed, Nursing, was inducted into Delta Omega, the National Honor Society for Public Health.

Hunter Stamps, Ceramics, and Lori Larusso, Painting/Drawing, are two of seven recipients of 2011's Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship Awards presented by the Kentucky Arts Council.

Janet Stith, Libraries, has been appointed to the Regional Advisory Council of the Greater Midwest Region, National Network of Libraries of Medicine for a five year term.

Colleen Swartz, Nursing, has been named one of just 21 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Executive Nurse Fellows for 2011.

William Thom, Regulatory Services, was awarded a \$151,000 Food and Drug Administration grant to enhance and build the capability of feed safety in Kentucky.

Ann Vail, School of Human Environmental Sciences, received a \$618,000 grant from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) 2011.

Linda Van Eldik, director of the University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging and the UK Alzheimer's Disease Center, has been elected to the Alzheimer's Disease Center executive committee.

David Van Sanford, Plant and Soil Sciences, was named a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and of the Crop Science Society of America.

Woodford VanMeter, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, has been named one of America's leading ophthalmologists by Becker's ASC Review, the leading source for business and legal news for ambulatory surgical centers.

Diana Weaver, senior nursing advisor for UK HealthCare, will be presented with the Sigma Theta Tau International 2011 Spirit of Renewal Award at the STTI 41st Biennial Convention in October 2011.

David Williams, Plant and Soil Sciences, received a \$68,000 CERES Inc. grant for the evaluation of miscanthus species as feedstock biofuels.

Benjamin C. Withers, Art History, has been appointed chair of the College Art Association's Charles Rufus Morey Book Prize Committee.

47. Student Awards and Achievements

Yuell "Chuck" Chandler, doctoral candidate in Music, was awarded the Vulcan Materials Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award from Shorter.

Tony Liquori Grace, Social Work, received the Social Work Student of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Work, Kentucky Chapter.

Ashlei Hardin, Nursing, was awarded a Eureka (undergraduate research and creativity) grant by the Office of Undergraduate Research.

Christiana Holsapple, Desiree P. Jones, Joshua Koontz and Joshua D. Smith were awarded the National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship this summer.

Kyoung Suk Lee, Nursing, was awarded a Non-service Dissertation Year Fellowship from the UK Graduate School for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Matthew Matsubara and Robin Baker took second- and third-place honors at this year's "University Open," a juried competition between undergraduate art students at Kentucky colleges and universities.

An original organ composition by Adam Sovkoplas, Music, "Passacagliations in D", will be performed at the Christian Fellowship of Art Music Composers Regional Conference at Nyack College in Nyack, New York, in November.

Chuck Truesdell, Martin School, won the Kline Award for Best Master's paper award from SECOPA. The paper was written as his capstone paper, the final paper required of all Martin School masters students.

48. Alumni Awards and Achievements

Helene Steene, Art, was featured in a four-page article in the July/August issue of Kentucky Homes & Gardens [www.kentuckyhomesandgardens.com](http://www.kentuckyhomesandgardens.com). Her work was also featured in a show at the Taubman Museum, Roanoke, Virginia.