

Office of the President
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1. UK Performs Kentucky's First Combined Heart-Lung Transplant in 15 Years

At a news conference on Nov. 20, the University of Kentucky announced that its surgeons had performed the first combined heart-lung transplant in Kentucky in 15 years. Dawn Nelson, 29, of Louisville, Ky., received two lungs and a heart from the same donor in one procedure at UK on July 7. Dr. Charles Hoopes, director of the UK Transplant Center, performed the surgery, only the 7th such procedure to be performed at UK since it began transplantation in 1964. The last time UK performed this surgery was 1996.

2. Research Looks at Suicide Survivors in Military Families

Julie Cerel, associate professor in the UK College of Social Work, is leading research into the incidence of suicide exposure and consequences of suicide bereavement on veterans and military families. The study, the first of its kind funded by the Department of Defense, looks at the "suicide bereaved," those who have lost a loved one, family member, friend or fellow service member/veteran to suicide.

3. Study Examines the Risk of Suicide Among African-American Women

Three University of Kentucky sociologists have co-authored a study that helps to fill a gap in our understanding of suicide risk among African-American women. Appearing in the December issue of *Social Psychology Quarterly*, the study, "Too Much of a Good Thing? Psychosocial Resources, Gendered Racism, and Suicidal Ideation among Low Socioeconomic Status African American Women," examines the relationship between racial and gender discrimination and suicidal ideation, or thinking about and desiring to commit suicide. The co-authors on the study include Assistant Professor Brea L. Perry, Associate Professor Carrie B. Oser, and Ph.D. candidate Erin L. Pullen, all from the UK Department of Sociology.

4. It Takes a Village to Build a University

In an effort to collect information for the Campus Master Plan – Update 2012, UK introduced an innovative, interactive online tool, My Campus Survey, to assess the campus and Lexington communities' opinions. Recognizing that the physical environment has the power to embody and express our purpose and that collaboration is an essential facet of this process, a solution was sought that would reflect the needs, values and aspirations of all members of the university community – its students, faculty, staff, government partners, and residential and retail

neighbors. Among the tools developed was the My Campus Survey. The Master Planning Team presented the survey results to the campus on November 15.

5. Education Launches CASPER Autism Center

The University of Kentucky recently opened the Center for Autism Spectrum Evaluation, Service, and Research (CASPER), as part of the UK College of Education's Department of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology. Created by program faculty in School Psychology and with support from Vice President for Research James Tracy and the College of Education, CASPER will provide psychological services and support for children, youth, and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

6. Engineering Professor to Study Autism Therapies Using 'Virtual Mirror'

UK electrical and computer engineering Professor Sen-Ching (Samson) Cheung received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) totaling nearly \$800,000 for his research in autism therapies using a "virtual mirror." The four-year grant will go toward developing new display and image processing technologies for synthesizing self-model and mirror feedback imageries. The goal is to enhance the delivery of behavior therapy to individuals with autism and related disorders.

7. College of Education's Partnership with Fayette Schools Wins Grant Support

Next Generation Learning Challenges, an initiative dedicated to improving college readiness and completion, has awarded a grant to Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) for its planned STEAM Academy. The district will receive \$150,000 in pre-launch planning grants and is eligible for up to \$300,000 in one-to-one matching funds. Emphasizing science, technology, engineering, arts and math at the secondary and postsecondary levels, this groundbreaking partnership between FCPS and the UK College of Education will dramatically improve college readiness, maximize student learning and close achievement gaps using mastery learning, personalized instruction, internships and dual/college credit opportunities.

8. Education's P20 Innovation Lab Recognized

The UK College of Education is among a group of state education agencies recognized by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. Kentucky was presented the partnership's annual award for Best 21st Century Education Practice during its Institute.21 meeting last month. The award acknowledges the college's Kentucky P20 Innovation Lab and its partnerships with state agencies and institutions, including the Kentucky Department of Education, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and others working in collaboration to promote innovation and transformation in Kentucky.

9. Governor Announces Allylix Expansion at Coldstream

Governor Steve Beshear joined local and company officials in October in Lexington to announce an expansion for Allylix Inc. The renewable chemicals company plans to add 14 full-time jobs,

invest more than \$1.6 million in the Commonwealth and add 3,700 square feet of laboratory space at the University of Kentucky's Coldstream Research Campus. Allylix develops products for the flavor and fragrance, food ingredient, cosmetic chemicals, insect repellent and biofuel markets.

10. Physical Plant Division Receives "Return on Environment" Award

The UK Physical Plant Division recently received the Return on Environment Award from GE Power and Water. Physical Plant worked with the company to make upgrades to cooling tower treatment systems resulting in the saving of more than 83 million gallons of water and \$436,000 in water and sewer fees. GE Power and Water representatives and UK administrators and plant operators gathered at Cooling Plant 1 November 19, for the award presentation and to honor employees who helped implement the upgrades.

11. Campus Collegians Event Hosts Record Number of Attendees

A total of 247 students from 10 different states were recognized for their academic achievement at the annual Kentucky Collegians event, sponsored by the University of Kentucky Office of Undergraduate Admission and University Registrar. President Capilouto acknowledged each student with a Kentucky Collegians certificate in a UK diploma cover, along with an official scholarship award letter.

12. Hurricane Relief Telethon Raises \$500,000

The Big Blue Nation Cares – Rebounding from Sandy telethon hosted by University of Kentucky Men's Basketball Coach John Calipari and WKYT TV raised \$500,000 for Superstorm Sandy Relief. The telethon was held Wednesday night, November 7.

13. UK Student Awarded Prestigious Astronaut Scholarship

UK student Brandon Kulengowski, of Lagrange, Ky., has received one of this year's 28 Astronaut Scholarships worth \$10,000. The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation Scholarship is presented annually to outstanding college students majoring in science, technology, engineering or math, who exhibit motivation, imagination and intellectual daring, as well as exceptional performance, both in and outside the classroom. Kulengowski is pursuing a doctoral degree in pharmacy. The foundation has awarded more than \$3.5 million in scholarships to date, including \$131,000 in scholarships to UK students alone.

14. Recent UK Grads Chosen for Teach for America

This fall 23 recent UK graduates joined Teach for America, a national program in which outstanding college graduates commit to teach for two years in disadvantaged urban and rural public schools. The new corps members are: theatre graduate Michael Baird, music performance and Spanish graduate Lindsay Baranowski, history and English graduate Shannon Bauer, political science graduate Justin Buren, architecture graduate Jennifer Chadwick, architecture graduate Molly Coon, English graduate Kari Cornett, secondary English education graduate Lesley Cornett, psychology graduate Anna Davis, family sciences graduate Megan Day, biology graduate Erin Fehrenbach, kinesiology graduate Jenna Goblirsch, sociology graduate Bruce

Herring, chemistry graduate Lauren Ison, English and history graduate Angel Jackson, journalism graduate Brooke McCloud, history and international studies graduate Allison McVey, economics graduate Eleni Minor, architecture graduate Brian Pierce, social work graduate Josh Ridgeway, a secondary English education graduate Lindsey Smith, kinesiology graduate Clay Stanley, and mathematics graduate Austin Wilson.

15. UK Named 'Military Friendly School' Four Years Running

The University of Kentucky has been named a 2013 Military Friendly School by Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs magazine. This is the fourth consecutive year that UK has earned this recognition. The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

16. UK Student Athletes Set New Graduation Record

UK student-athletes set a school record for graduation rate in the annual report issued by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, continuing UK's trend of having broken or tied the school record for earning diplomas every year since the NCAA began charting graduation. The NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR), a four-year composite statistic for the freshman classes of 2002-03 through 2005-06, was 79 percent. That is a two-point increase from last year's previous high mark.

17. Research Aims to Reduce AIDS, Hepatitis C in Rural Women

Researchers at the University of Kentucky have embarked on a five-year study that aims to lower behavioral risks of HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C among disadvantaged, rural women in Appalachian Kentucky. Armed with a \$2.7 million R01 grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the investigators will examine the effectiveness of a brief intervention in reducing high-risk behaviors, including sexual practices and injection drug use. Michele Staton-Tindall, associate professor in the UK College of Social Work, is the principal investigator. Co-investigators are Jennifer Havens, Carl Leukefeld and Matt Webster, in the Department of Behavioral Science, and Carrie Oser in the Department of Sociology.

18. Women Writers Conference Returns

The Women Writers Conference returned this year September 21-22. The event featured Kim Addonizio, Tara Betts, Sallie Bingham, Karen Joy Fowler, dream hampton, Rebecca Gayle Howell, Debra Gwartney, Julia Johnson, Kelly Link, Stella Parks, Ruth Reichl, Rona Roberts and Naomi Wallace.

19. 'Arts and Healing' Symposium Presented

In recognition of UK HealthCare's important role in promoting the practices of art therapy, the Gaines Center for the Humanities presented the 2012 Bale Boone Symposium on "Arts and Healing" October 22-26.

20. Design Hosts Mayors' Institute

UK College of Design hosted this year's Mayors' Institute on City Design East Conference. The institute, held October 10-13, helps transform communities through design by preparing mayors to be the chief urban designers of their cities.

21. UK HealthCare, KODA Unveil 'Gift of Life' Memorial for Organ Donors

UK HealthCare and Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) held a special ceremony in October at UK Chandler Hospital Pavilion A to unveil a new memorial wall designed to honor organ and tissue donors. The names of 240 individuals who provided the gift of life through organ and tissue donation were read aloud during the official ceremony and unveiled on the Gift of Life wall, located inside Pavilion A adjacent to the Gill Heart Institute, and more than 500 donor family members and guests attended the ceremony to honor their loved ones.

22. Itzhak Perlman Returns to Singletary Center

UK Symphony Orchestra performed with famed violinist Itzhak Perlman at the Singletary Center for the Arts in September in conjunction with the 150th anniversary events surrounding the Battle of Ashland.

23. Theatre Hosts State Conference

UK Department of Theatre hosted the Kentucky Theatre Association annual conference in the Fine Arts Building November 2-5, with more than 500 high school theatre students, teachers and community theatre artists from across the state in attendance.

24. Fine Arts Hosts 'Find Arts' Fest

UK College of Fine Arts presented its inaugural Find Arts Fest, October 6-14, celebrating the world of arts on the university's campus. The arts are abundant at UK and Find Arts Fest sought to bring attention to the myriad of exciting opportunities available to the students and the community

25. Art Museum Presents Faculty Works

The Art Museum at UK is presenting the dispositions of 25 current teaching artists in the UK School of Art and Visual Studies in "Mettle: UK Art Faculty Exhibition." "Mettle," which is free and open to the public, runs through December 23.

26. U.S. Archivist Visits UK Libraries

The Archivist of the United States, David Ferriero, visited UK Libraries to celebrate the conclusion of a major project on government records regarding the Works Progress Administration (WPA). While at UK Ferriero lunched with graduate students from the School of Library and Information Science and from the Department of History. UK Libraries, in

cooperation with the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries and with a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is now a Center of Excellence among southeastern research libraries for WPA records.

27. Libraries to Receive DPLA Funding

UK Libraries has been selected to receive funding from the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) to serve as one of the initial content hubs. Kentucky was selected based on the strengths of our technology and our content. The National Endowment for the Humanities and the Knight Foundation have each committed \$1million to support this initial pilot of the program. UK Libraries will receive nearly \$350,000 for the initial two years of participation. Kentucky is one of four large content hubs to be selected (Georgia, Minnesota, Mountain West Digital Library and Kentucky); there are also four smaller hubs (Oregon, South Carolina, Massachusetts, and Illinois) that will participate.

28. Scott Collection Display Goes to Washington for Cuban Missile Symposium

A representative display drawn from the vast UK Libraries Scott Soviet Military Collection traveled to the Washington D.C. area for a 50th anniversary symposium on the Cuban Missile Crisis last month. Gordon Hogg, curator of the Scott Collection, was invited by Francis Gary Powers, Jr., the founder of the Cold War Museum, to mount a topical interactive exhibit of early-1960s Soviet training and tactical support materials at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. The symposium drew more than 500 conferees.

29. Dentistry Celebrates 50 Years

The UK College of Dentistry celebrated its 50th anniversary at the annual Fall Symposium Weekend October 25-28. Alumni, friends and guests attended several events, including a reception at the home of President Eli and Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto, a celebration at the College featuring an address by founding dean, Dr. Alvin Morris, an anniversary dinner and a brunch at the home of Dean Sharon Turner.

30. iwin Director to Lead Study of Health and Safety in Thoroughbred Industry

The University of Kentucky is launching a study on the health and safety practices associated with the Thoroughbred industry. The five-year Thoroughbred Worker Health and Safety Study is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the UK Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention. The study is led by Jennifer Swanberg, professor of social work and executive director of the Institute for Workplace Innovation (iwin) at UK.

31. Agriculture Celebrates Land-Grant Research

The 2012 Celebration of Land-Grant Research was hosted by the College of Agriculture on November 15. The keynote speaker was Sonny Ramaswamy, director of the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. As part of the USDA's research, education, and extension

missions, he oversees NIFA funds for a wide range of extramural research, education, and extension projects that address the needs of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers.

32. First Amendment Center to Host National Spelling Bee Semifinal

The Scripps Howard First Amendment Center in the School of Journalism and Telecommunications will host the University of Kentucky Spelling Bee, a semifinal round of the Scripps National Spelling Bee for winners from schools in 63 Kentucky counties, February 23, 2013.

33. Fall Program for Student Entrepreneurs Kicks Off

The Innovation Network for Entrepreneurial Thinking (iNET) kicked off the fall program for student entrepreneurs, sponsored in partnership with the Big Blue Starters, the Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship and the Lexington Innovation and Commercialization Center September 26, in the Cats Den. Brian Raney, UK iNET entrepreneur in residence and Awesome Inc. founder, spoke with students about the upcoming UK Venture Challenge business competition on February 16.

34. KGS Seismic Experts Consulted after November 10 Earthquake

Local, state and national news media interviewed KGS staff after the 4.3 magnitude earthquake, which occurred near Blackey in southeastern Kentucky. KGS Director Jim Cobb, geologic hazards section head Zhenming Wang and geophysicist Seth Carpenter spoke to radio and television reporters, the Associated Press in Louisville and a national radio network.

35. RNA Nanotech Shows Promise to Treat Cancer, Viral Infections

A new study by University of Kentucky researchers shows promise for developing ultrastable RNA nanoparticles that may help treat cancer and viral infections by regulating cell function and binding to cancers without harming surrounding tissue. The study, published in Nano Today, was carried out in the laboratory of Peixuan Guo, the William S. Farish Endowed Chair in Nanobiotechnology in the UK College of Pharmacy and the UK Markey Cancer Center, in collaboration with Dr. Mark Evers, director of the UK Markey Cancer Center.

36. Alumni Association's Multicultural Thanksgiving

For the 7th year, the UK Alumni Association sponsored a Thanksgiving Day meal for the university's international and multicultural students and their families. Vice President for Institutional Diversity Judy "J.J." Jackson represented the administration for a traditional Thanksgiving Day feast prepared and served by UK Dining Services. In keeping with the long-held tradition, there wasn't an empty seat in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

37. VIP Rocks the Green Dot

Since students first arrived this fall, staff and volunteers for the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Center have conducted numerous Green Dot training sessions across campus. They paused to celebrate their achievements for the Green Dot initiative with the Center's 4th annual Rock the Dot Variety Show on November 15. UK's Green Dot initiative is built on the premise that a safe campus is everyone's responsibility.

38. Staff Senate Celebrates 10 Years

The UK Staff Senate is celebrating its 10th anniversary now through 2013 with a series of monthly events in recognition of the senate's achievements. Launched in July 2002 as the official representative body of the university's staff, the mission of the Staff Senate is to strive to open lines of communication among all segments of the staff, as well as between staff, faculty and students and to act as a mechanism to disseminate information to the staff, passing information from staff to other members of the university community.

39. Just Don't Call Him Kitty

The statue of a prowling wildcat that graces the area across the Avenue of Champions from Memorial Coliseum known as the Wildcat Alumni Plaza has a name now. After a campus-wide search, the statue is now called Bowman, after John Bowman, the visionary whose determination and perseverance assured the creation and future of the University of Kentucky.

40. Women's Forum Connects the Dots

UK women's basketball Head Coach Matthew Mitchell was the introductory keynote speaker at the UK Women's Forum Sixth Annual Conference, "Connect the Dots," on October 26. As it has in recent years, the conference was filled to capacity at nearly every event.

41. Faculty and Staff Achievements

Demetrius Abshire (Nursing) received one of six 2012 Saha Awards for Cardiovascular Research and Education.

Ruth Adams (Photography) exhibited in the first biennial Fotofocus celebration in Cincinnati.

Joseph Baber (Music) is the recipient of an ASCAP Plus Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Deborah Borrowdale-Cox (Museum) has been named by the Kentucky Art Education Association as the 2012 Kentucky Art and Museum Educator of the Year.

Anna Brzyski (Art History and Visual Studies) will have her paper "Missing in Action: Digital Video Art and the Internet," published in CIHA (Challenge of the Object / Die Herausforderung des Objekts) Congress proceedings.

Allan Butterfield (Chemistry) was elected a fellow of the Society for Free Radical Biology and Medicine (SFRBM) based on his contributions to the fields of free radical chemistry, redox biology and antioxidants. There are only 27 other fellows of SFRBM.

Ann L. Coker (Public Health) is the recipient of the Wade Hampton Frost Lectureship Award.

Alison Davis (Agricultural Economics) and the Community Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky were awarded \$164,000 by the Appalachian Regional Commission for the evaluation of the ARC's health projects.

Valerie Fuchs (UK Core Creativity) has become the artist-in-residence at ART+FM, ARTXFM.COM.

Alex Grigg (Libraries) was named Special Librarian of the Year by the Kentucky Library Association.

Sharon Hart (UK Core Creativity) participated in the Photography Invitational at Bellarmine University in the McGrath Gallery from October 5-November 4.

Donald W. Helme (Communication) received the Graduate Mentor of the Year award at the annual Kentucky Communication Association (KCA) Conference in September.

Robert Jensen (Art and Visual Studies) presented a paper titled "Classic French Modern" at the international symposium "Kunst ohne Geschichte? Aesthetisch motiviertes Sammeln in Europa und in Amerika," in Winterthur, Switzerland.

Darren Johnson (Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine) has been named the 2013 Southeastern Conference Team Physician of the Year.

Douglass Kalika (Chemical and Materials Engineering, Center of Membrane Sciences) was elected a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Dr. Ahmad Kutkut (Dentistry) published an article in Clinical Implant Dental Related Research Journal.

Debra Moser, (Nursing) will serve as a multi-principal investigator with Dr. Greg Jicha of the UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging on their project, "Early Detection and Prevention of Mild Cognitive Impairment Due to Cerebrovascular Disease."

Lee Meyer (Agricultural Economics) and Jennifer Hunter (Human Environmental Sciences) were awarded \$541,000 over three years from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for "KyFarmStart II: A Whole Farm Management Education Program for Beginning Farmers."

Luke A. Moe (Plant and Soil Sciences) is characterizing the impact of bacterial contaminants and bacterial community structure on bioethanol fermentations across the U.S., funded by a \$44,000 grant from the Kentucky Science and Technology Co., Inc.

David Nash (Dentistry) published an article in Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology titled "Envisioning an Oral Healthcare Workforce for the Future."

Carl Nathe (Public Relations) received the Al Temple Award from the Kentucky Broadcasters Association.

Ebony Patterson (Art Studio) is featured in an essay on the artist by Krista Thompson, of Northwestern University, in the book, "Caribbean: Art at the Crossroads of the World."

Arturo Sandoval (Fiber Art) had a solo show at the Arla Ray Tyson Gallery at the College of Visual and Performing Arts, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas, and multiple group exhibitions including the International Quilt Festival-Masters: Art Quilts, Vol. 2, SAQ, in Paducah, Ky.

Deirdre Scaggs (Libraries) has been appointed to the State Historical Records Advisory Board.

Jason Scroggin and Akari Takebayashi (Architecture) were awarded Three A'Design Awards.

Rachel Shane (Arts Administration) served as the guest editor for the premiere Journal of Arts Management, Law and Society for the Fall 2012 edition. Additionally, she wrote an introduction for the edition titled, "Creating a Vision for the Future of Arts and Culture."

David Sogin (Music Education and Music Therapy) is the recipient of the 2013 String Researcher Award presented by the American String Teachers Association.

Hunter Stamps (Ceramic Art) has his ceramic sculptures on exhibit in the Zhejiang Kiln Gallery, 2012 International Ceramic Art Invitation, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, People's Republic of China.

Dima Strakovsky (Intermedia) had a two-person show with Tiffany Carbonneau at the Imaginarium Gallery in Lodz, Poland, which opened in October.

George Szekely (Art Education) served as a visiting artist and lecturer at the University of Illinois, Champaign (April 6-8) at the convention of Illinois art educators, where he was keynote speaker and conducted workshops.

Michael Tick (Fine Arts) was elected to the nominating committee of the board of directors of the International Council of Fine Arts Deans.

Robin Vanderpool (Public Health) has been selected as a scholar in the National Institute of Health-supported Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health program.

David A. Van Sanford (Plant and Soil Sciences) is working with the U.S. Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative, funded by USDA Agricultural Research Service.

Michael Speaks (Dean, College of Design) was a presenter at the Reinventing Higher Education International Conference that met on innovation and reinventing higher education at the IE University in Madrid this October.

Monica Blackmun Visonà (Art History and Visual Studies) had her article "Agent Provocateur; the African Origin and American Life of a Statue from Côte d'Ivoire" published in March in Art Bulletin, the leading American art history journal.

James Wade (UK Core Creativity) is featured in the book "Surveying Landscape," by Brian Thompson & James A Wade Jr.

Timothy Woods (Agricultural Economics) and the MarketReady team won the Farm Credit Services 2012 Innovation Award for the MarketReady extension program, chosen for best practices in education, research, and outreach.

Elaine Wittenberg-Lyles (Communication) received an Interprofessional Education Collaborative Development Award from MedEdPortal and the American Association of Medical Colleges, supported by funding from the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation.

Stephen W. Wyatt (Public Health) has been selected to serve as President of the Council on Education for Public Health for a fourth term.

Juan Yepes, Larry Cunningham and John Lindroth (Dentistry) co-authored, along with Dr. M. Khalaf, an article titled "Chronic focal Langerhans cell histiocytosis of the left mandibular condyle presenting as limited jaw opening: A case report in Ear Nose Throat."

42. Alumni Awards and Achievements

Kristen Kiernicki (Communication) earned Top Graduate Student Paper designation at the annual Kentucky Communication Association (KCA) Conference in September.

Janna McMahan (Journalism) will release her fourth novel, "Anonymity," on January 1.

Scott Veazey was given the College of Design's Alumnus of the Year Award.

Stephen Wyatt (Dentistry) received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

43. Student Achievements

Holly Flack and Reginald Smith Jr. (Opera) have advanced to the regional round of competition for the Metropolitan (Met) Opera National Council Auditions.

Daniel Haun (Art Studio) was selected to be in "On the Sofa: State of Fine Art," a statewide exhibition of visual art by undergraduate students.

Xiaojian Li (Pharmaceutical Sciences) was awarded the S. Elizabeth Helton Travel Award, which allowed him to present his research at two international conferences.

Xiaoyin Li and Brandon Spencer (Architecture) had their proposals featured at the 2012 IdeaFestival pre-conference on water issues in September.

Samantha Meenach (Pharmaceutical Sciences) received the first-place award from the Society of Biomaterials for her presentation at the 2012 Biomaterials Research Day-Regional Meeting.

Rachael Record (Communication) earned Top Graduate Student Paper at the annual Kentucky Communication Association Conference this September.

Fernando Vago Santana and Robert Bosworth (Music, piano) were named state winners on October 20 at a statewide collegiate competition.

Victoria Smith (Business Management) was awarded a DAAD Scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service.