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1. Singletary Scholars Set Record in 2012

This fall, the University of Kentucky will welcome to campus a record class of 51 Singletary Scholars. This number represents a 50 percent increase over last year's class of 34. The Otis A. Singletary Scholarship, named for former UK President Otis A. Singletary, has been awarded since 1985 and is the most prestigious academic scholarship awarded by the university. It covers the full cost of tuition, room and board, and a personal stipend for four years of undergraduate study, plus \$2,000 toward a summer study abroad program and an iPad2. This year's class includes five National Merit finalists, 15 valedictorians, and 26 Governor's Scholars or Governor's School for the Arts alumni.

2. Arts and Sciences Students Head to Shanghai

Eleven students in the College of Arts and Sciences are kicking off summer with a four-week intensive language and culture program in Shanghai, China. The faculty-led program, supported by the Chinese Studies program in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Culture, will advance the students' conversational fluency in Chinese. It will also introduce them to traditional and modern aspects of Chinese culture such as calligraphy, tea houses, Shanghai's history and contemporary society.

3. Residence Hall Named in Honor of Former President Roselle

The University of Kentucky on April 24 formally named a residence building on North Campus in honor of David P. Roselle, who served as UK's ninth president from July 1987 through December 1989. David P. Roselle Hall, formerly North Hall, is a 144-bed residence hall first opened in the fall of 2005. It houses UK's Fine Arts Residential College.

4. Markey Receives \$6.25 Million to Study Deadly Blood and Bone Marrow Disease

The Markey Cancer Center has received more than \$6 million to study a deadly blood and bone marrow disease often caused by chemotherapy or radiation treatments. A \$5 million grant from the Edward P. Evans Foundation, along with a \$1.25 million donor gift, will fund research of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS).

5. China Trip to Foster Potential Joint Clean Coal Technologies

UK President Eli Capilouto visited China in May with six high-level administrators, including Rodney Andrews and Kunlei Liu of the Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER), as part of

an effort to develop new student pipelines and programs. Andrews and Liu focused on visiting programs that support coal and clean coal technology research. They also visited the Shenhua chemical company in Beijing to discuss its coal-to-liquid technology and the U.S.-Chinese Clean Energy Research Center at Tsinghua University, where President Capilouto signed a memorandum of understanding regarding a project on carbon capture.

6. College of Design Presents Research to U.S. Department of Energy

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the Kentucky Research Consortium on Energy and Environment and UK Center for Applied Energy Research, students and faculty in the UK College of Design presented a 150-year plan for the closure, clean up and future use of Kentucky's Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant at the DOE's National Chairs Meeting, held April 18-19, in Paducah. The plan is also featured in "Kentucky River Cities: Paducah, Henderson," which will be included as a "CounterSite" in the 5th International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam, April thru August 2012.

7. Withers Selected as Honors Program Director

Benjamin C. Withers, chair of the University of Kentucky Art Department, was recently selected as the new director of the UK Honors Program. Withers joined the Art Department in 2004, after studying medieval art at the University of Chicago. As department chair, he led tremendous growth in the size of the art faculty, improvements to studio facilities, and he administered multiple revisions to the department's programs. Withers said his ability to lead faculty discussions and his experience with multifaceted programming will aid him greatly in overseeing the Honors Program.

8. Cyberbullying Research Published in European Journal

Research on "cyberbullying" — the use of personal computers and other digital devices to victimize others — led by University of Kentucky faculty member Alexander T. Vazsonyi, examined the effects of low self-control on cyberbullying. Published in the European Journal of Developmental Psychology, the study by Vazsonyi and colleagues in the Czech Republic builds on previous research which has shown that traditional "schoolyard" bullying predicts cyberbullying behavior. Victims of cyberbullying also reported significantly higher levels of depressive symptoms than victims of traditional bullying.

9. Coach Mitchell Honored Among 150 "Teachers Who Made a Difference"

UK women's basketball coach Matthew Mitchell was presented with a "Teachers Who Made A Difference" award at the UK College of Education's annual event on April 28. Mitchell was on hand to take part in the event as the program's 2012 spokesperson, but he had no idea he would be honored as well. Celebrating its 14th year, the UK College of Education's Teachers Who Made a Difference program honored nearly 150 educators from 13 states for the significant influence they have had in the lives of their students. Since its inception, the program has recognized more than 1,700 educators.

10. UK Libraries Presents 150 Weeks of Campus History for Sesquicentennial

In celebration of the University of Kentucky's Sesquicentennial, UK Libraries is providing weekly glimpses into the university's history with a series of brief stories about people, places and programs of UK since its inception. The series began 150 weeks prior to UK's 150 anniversary, which will be February 22, 2015. The stories are presented each week on UK's news website, UKNow, and on the UK Libraries Curiosities and Wonders blog.

11. Agriculture Represented at Flight 93 Memorial Tree Planting

Representatives of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture joined 150 volunteers in opening the soil and laying in thousands of tree seedlings at the site of the Flight 93 National Memorial in the highlands of Southwestern Pennsylvania in late April. United Airlines Flight 93 nosedived into the terrain on September 11, 2001, as its passengers and crew defended the U.S. Capitol from a terrorist attack. Long before then, surface mining had sheared the top off the mountain. Members of the UK contingent included students, faculty and alumni from the UK departments of Forestry, Landscape Architecture and Plant and Soil Sciences.

12. Group Shares Appalachian Culture in China

University of Kentucky students and faculty traveled to Shanghai in May to share Appalachian culture at the American Studies Center at Shanghai University. The group included Professor Ron Pen of the School of Music, poet and Associate Professor Frank X Walker of the Department of English, Associate Professor Mary Anglin in the Department of Anthropology, and Professor Arturo Alonzo Sandoval in the Art Department. The faculty presented at a symposium, which also featured a student summit between 12 Shanghai University students and 12 UK students led by Assistant Professor Michelle Sizemore of the UK English department. In March, three UK faculty members, professors Richard Schein and Patricia Ehrkamp from the Department of Geography and Doug Boyd, director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, traveled to Shanghai to deliver lectures for the Inaugural Symposium, which focused on urbanization in the American South and Appalachia.

13. "Presentation U" Focuses on Communication Skills

"Presentation U" is a new concept for UK's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) to improve the student learning experience with a focus on developing integrated oral, written, visual and multimedia communication skills. The QEP is one of 12 core requirements the university takes on to reaffirm its accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. "Presentation U" will unite and augment existing programs, while also offering a unique service to faculty in developing opportunities in their courses for students to learn these skills.

14. Four Japanese Cherry Blossom Trees Planted at UK

In honor of the friendship between Kentucky and Japan, the Embassy of Japan and the Consul General of Japan in Nashville, Tenn., have awarded the Japan/America Society of Kentucky 20

cherry blossom trees. These trees are descended from the original cherry blossom trees bestowed by Japan 100 years ago in Washington, D.C. Four of these trees were planted at UK in April.

15. UK Journalism Makes Strong Showing in Hearst Awards

The University of Kentucky School of Journalism and Telecommunications finished 10th in the annual William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Journalism Awards Program Intercollegiate Writing Competition for 2011-12. UK's win was due to the work of journalism majors writing in the Kentucky Kernel. Taylor Moak, the Kernel's editor-in-chief for 2011-12, will compete in the writing championship in June in San Francisco. Moak qualified for the championship with a top five performance in spot news and top 20 performances in two other competitions. Becca Clemons, editor-in-chief for the 2012-13 school year, took second place in the spot news competition.

16. College of Education to Host International Symposium

The University of Kentucky College of Education's Department of Educational Leadership Studies and the Office for International Engagement (OIE) hosted the 2012 International Symposium on Educational Reform (ISER) Conference in Lexington June 14-15, as well as in Washington, D.C. June 18-19. Now in its eighth year, the ISER conference provides opportunities for university graduate students, professors, practitioners, and policymakers to examine educational reform from a global perspective.

17. Two UK Experts to Assist Governor's Tax Reform Panel

Two renowned experts from the University of Kentucky are part of a consultant team selected by Gov. Steve Beshear to assist his 23-member tax reform commission in studying how to better align the state's tax code. The contract was awarded to the three-person team of William Hoyt and Michael Childress of UK, and William Fox of the University of Tennessee. Hoyt, a longtime economics professor at UK, is the director of the university's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration. Childress is with the Center for Business and Economic Research in UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics and previously served as executive director of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center.

18. UK Among Top 10 in Social Media Rankings

The University of Kentucky recently achieved two top 10 rankings in social media. The university is seventh on the Top 100 Social Media Colleges list created by StudentAdvisor.com. In addition, UK was ranked fifth in social media use in a list of U.S. colleges ranked by Track Social in April. On a daily basis, StudentAdvisor.com tracks thousands of colleges and universities on more than 100,000 data points in a statistically valid study to determine their respective social media uses. Data tracked include total Facebook fan counts, total number and effectiveness of Twitter followers, taking into account adjustments of school enrollment, among other factors including other social media engagement at each school.

19. Theatre Department Receives NAST Accreditation

Department of Theatre recently was accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST). Founded in 1965, NAST represents 170 accredited schools, conservatories, colleges and universities. The organization establishes national standards for undergraduate and graduate degrees and other credentials.

20. Australian Artist Richard Bell Visits UK

Australian Artist Richard Bell, known for his artwork protesting the inconsiderate treatment of the Australian aboriginal people and the exploitation of their traditional art, visited Lexington in conjunction with an exhibition of his work, "Richard Bell: Uz vs. Them," at the Art Museum at UK. His visit, from April 14-18, included several lectures, receptions, forums and discussions with patrons of the Art Museum at UK; students, faculty and staff at UK Department of Art; the African American Forum; and patrons of LexArts.

21. A&W Restaurants Opens Global Headquarters at Coldstream

A&W Restaurants held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new global headquarters on May 16 at UK's Coldstream Research Campus. This will be the headquarters for A&W Restaurants, Inc., with locations in the United States, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan and Bangladesh. Last year, A&W Restaurants, Inc., was sold by Louisville-based YUM! Brands to A Great American Brand, LLC. The move to Lexington creates 30 jobs and represents an investment of nearly \$1.9 million.

22. Journalism Alumnus Creates Scholarship for Kernel Editors

UK alumnus and former Kentucky Kernel Editor Jack Guthrie (1963) created a fund in the College of Communication and Information to provide full-tuition to future editors-in-chief of the Kernel, the independent student newspaper at UK. Guthrie, founder of Guthrie/Mayes Public Relations in Louisville, says he created the scholarship to make it easier for Kernel editors to dedicate themselves to the newspaper without having to worry about how to make ends meet, and to inspire more students to editorial leadership. Becca Clemons, recently named editor for the 2012-12 academic year, will be the scholarship's first recipient.

23. Electric Cars Make Road Trip to Kentucky-Argonne Battery Center

A group of electric cars were parked at the Spindletop Administration Building on April 12 so that journalists from leading car and business publications who were visiting the Kentucky-Argonne Battery Manufacturing Research and Development Center could inspect and drive them. These cars included an electric smart car (from LG&E), a Tahoe Hybrid (from Hitachi), a plug-in Prius (from Blue Grass Energy), a Nissan Leaf (from Gates Nissan in Richmond), and the Center for Applied Energy Research's hybrid Ford Escape. Battery Center business manager Tony Hancock promoted the developing industry with a presentation on CAER's research and testing goals during the visit, which was arranged by Kentucky's Cabinet for Economic Development.

24. 135 Attend KGS Annual Seminar

The Kentucky Geological Survey's annual seminar drew 135 people, one of the largest crowds in recent memory, to the KGS Well Sample and Core Library on May 18. This year's seminar featured discussions about geologic societies in Kentucky, the newly revised state geologist registration law, and breakout sessions on a variety of research projects conducted by KGS staff.

25. UK Hosts "Meet the Researchers Day" for Local Middle Schools

The first-ever "Meet the Researchers Day" at the University of Kentucky was held to reward the cancer fundraising efforts of two local middle schools. Students from Bourbon County Middle School in Paris, Ky., and Lexington Traditional Magnet School visited the Biomedical/Biological Sciences Research Building on UK's campus and learned more about how the money they raised for Pennies for Patients will help further cancer research.

26. UK College of Nursing Celebrates Anniversaries of DNP and Ph.D. Programs

The University of Kentucky College of Nursing is celebrating two milestone anniversaries this year with the 10th anniversary of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP), which is the first DNP program established in the U.S., and the 25th anniversary of the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing program, also the first Ph.D. in nursing program in Kentucky.

27. KIPRC Designated Affiliate Support Center for Safe Communities America

The National Safety Council has designated UK's Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) as an Affiliate Support Center for Safe Communities America. KIPRC is the first support center designated by the National Safety Council since the Council became an official Certifying Center in 2010. Communities have been seeking the Safe Community designation around the world since 1989.

28. Journalism Student Wins National Reporting Award for WUKY Story

College of Communication and Information journalism senior Cassidy Herrington received a 2011 Mark of Excellence Award from the Society of Professional Journalists. Despite her print-emphasis, Herrington was named the national winner in the Radio In-Depth Reporting competition for her story about Kentucky agriculture's dependence on migrant labor, which aired on WUKY in November. The win highlights that the School of Journalism and Telecommunications produces students that possess the ability to work across storytelling platforms.

29. First-Generation Freshmen Present at Boston Meeting

Four UK freshmen in the First Generation Living Learning Community were invited to give presentations at the Eastern Communication Association convention. They gave a panel discussion reflecting on their experiences as members of the inaugural class of a communication cohort designed especially for first-generation college students. The cohort is led by faculty

from the Division of Instructional Communication in the College of Communication and Information, and emphasizes multimodal communication, including writing, public speaking and digital communication.

30. Undergraduate Advising Conferences Started June 18

The Office of Undergraduate Admission and University Registrar are welcoming the newest Wildcats to campus for summer advising conferences. Incoming students attend the Summer Advising Conferences, which began Monday, June 18, and run through July 13, to register for their first semester of classes. Administrators, faculty, and staff from across UK's colleges and departments take time to prepare students for academic life at UK. The two-day conferences also provide a clearer picture of other unique opportunities available to them as UK students.

31. "Grand Night" Marks 20th Anniversary in June

The 20th anniversary production of UK Opera Theatre's "It's a Grand Night for Singing!" ran June 8 –17 at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

32. Baber Collection Dedicated

UK Special Collections dedicated a living collection of works by UK professor and composer-in-residence Joseph Baber in a ceremony held April 30, at the M.I. King Building. The Joseph Baber Papers are a rich archive of manuscripts, correspondence, writings and personal memorabilia documenting the composer's life amid literature and music. The collection will grow more as Baber continues to donate his new work and related materials. That evening the sounds of the composer's work was showcased at "An Evening of Music by Joseph Baber," presented by UK Libraries and the UK School of Music, at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

33. Public Health Journal Launches

Frontiers in Public Health Services and Systems Research, edited by UK Librarian Robert Shapiro, is a new open access, peer-reviewed journal that aims to shorten the turnaround time between research results and publication in a traditional journal. The journal is produced monthly through a collaboration of the Public Health Practice-Based Research Networks Program Office and the National Coordinating Center for Public Health Services and Systems Research. Frontiers in Public Health is the fourth journal published by UKnowledge, a digital collection of unique scholarship created and managed by UK Libraries.

34. Students Selected for Fulbrights

Two current UK students, law student Kenneth Johnson and anthropology doctoral student Veronica Miranda, and one alumna, Amanda Gatewood (2006, English), have been selected as recipients of Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarships. Gatewood will do research on the association between breastfeeding and early childhood stunting in Kyrgyzstan; Johnson will teach English in Malaysia; and Miranda will pursue research on maternal health practices in Mexico.

35. UK is Largest User of Disklavier Pianos

UK Opera Theatre and the School of Music have become the largest single user of Disklavier performance reproducing pianos in academia anywhere in the world. Disklavier is a special acoustic piano fitted with a sophisticated system of sensors that record every aspect of a performance, including pitch, dynamics, phrasing and pedaling. Performance information can be stored on a hard drive and recalled for a later performance.

36. Author Series Highlights Kentucky Culture and History

Friends of Waveland, University Press of Kentucky and The Morris Book Shop have launched a free public author series highlighting popular Kentucky cultural and historical topics. The Waveland Summer Author Series, which runs from May 17 to Oct. 18, at Waveland State Historic Site, will feature talks by UK alumnus and part-time history instructor James C. Nicholson on "The Kentucky Derby: How the Run for the Roses Became America's Premier Sporting Event"; UK Extension Professor and Wildlife Specialist Thomas G. Barnes on "Rare Wildflowers of Kentucky" and "Wildflowers and Ferns of Kentucky"; Mary Hamilton on "Kentucky Folktales: Revealing Stories, Truths, and Outright Lies"; retiring UK history faculty member Dan Rowland on "Bluegrass Renaissance: The History and Culture of Central Kentucky, 1792-1852"; Mike Veach on "The Social History of Bourbon"; and Macy Wyatt on "Ghosts of the Bluegrass."

37. Art Museum Presents Native Weavings, Jewelry in June

The Art Museum at UK is presenting "Native American Weavings & Jewelry from the Kennedy Museum of Art" through Aug. 26. The exhibition features 40 Navajo weavings and 60 examples of Hopi, Navajo, Pueblo and Zuni necklaces, rings, belt buckles and other jewelry, all ranging in age from the mid-1800s to the 1990s. In conjunction with the exhibition, the museum hosted a workshop and lecture with Navajo weaver, D.Y. Begay, June 16-17.

38. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

Warren Anderson (Kentucky Geological Survey) was invited to speak about his research on pyrite oxidation in black shale soil related to foundation engineering failures at Dublin's Trinity College in April.

Ernie Bailey and Samantha Brooks (Veterinary Science) received a U. S. patent for their method for screening for a tobiano coat color in horses.

Udeni Balasuriya (Veterinary Science) is working to develop a genetically defined live attenuated equine herpesvirus-1 virus, funded by a \$163,752 grant from Elanco Animal Health.

Barry Ball (Veterinary Science) has been honored with the prestigious Theriogenologist of the Year award by the American College of Theriogenology, the study of animal reproduction.

Susan Barron (Psychology) led the fourth "What's New in Science" lecture, an outreach program which builds relationships with area high school science teachers.



Margaret E. Cook-Newell (Nutrition and Food Science) is the recipient of the 2012 Diabetes Educator of the Year award from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Diabetes Care and Education Dietetic Practice Group.

Alison Davis (Agricultural Economics) won two awards for her “Stronger Economies Together” program. The National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals first awarded her its Southern Region Award and, subsequently, the National Award for Outstanding Education Package.

Herman Daniel Farrell III (Theatre) was one of a dozen playwrights selected nationally to be part of the Writers Collaborative working with the American Slavery Project.

Amy Gaffney (Communication) won the Instruction and Developmental Communication Division Dissertation Award at the International Communication Association (ICA) convention.

David Horohov (Veterinary Science) received a \$53,529 grant from the Morris Animal Foundation to determine the role of maternal antibodies in infection and immunity to Lawsonia. He also received a Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation grant for \$54,776 to study whether NSAIDs affect the immune response of horses to vaccination.

Charles Issel (Veterinary Science) is receiving a University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine 2012 Alumni Achievement Award.

Nancy Jones (Theatre) has been invited to attend and participate in the International Directors Lab in Toronto, Canada, May 31-June 4.

Daehyun Kim (Geography) won the J. Warren Nystrom Award, an annual award from the Association of American Geographers.

Derek Lane (Communication) and Buck Ryan (Journalism) both received Faculty Partners Awards at the inaugural Division of Student Affairs Awards Recognition Ceremony.

Carl Lee (Mathematics) won the Kentucky Section of the Mathematical Association of America Award.

Sarah Lyon (Anthropology) won the Society for Economic Anthropology Book Prize.

Nancy O'Malley (Anthropology) and a team of UK archaeologists will survey a Revolutionary War battlefield in Boonesborough in conjunction with the Battlefields Protection Program.

Jeremy Popkin (History) was recently granted a fellowship for the 2012-13 academic year by the National Humanities Center.

Deirdre Scaggs, associate dean for UK Libraries Special Collections, will now also serve as co-director of the Wendell H. Ford Public Policy Research Center.

Ryan A. Stanton (Emergency Medicine) has been named the 2012 Spokesperson of the Year by the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Surendranath Suman (Animal and Food Sciences) accepted the Young Animal Scientist in Research Award from the American Society of Animal Science Southern Section.

Peter J. Timoney (Veterinary Science) received the 2012 Meritorious Science Award from the National Institute for Animal Agriculture.

Kakie Urch (Journalism), Traci Letcher (Communication) and Timothy L. Sellnow (Communication) were recipients of the College of Education's “Teacher Who Makes a Difference” Award.

Yinan Wei (Chemistry) was awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Jamie Wheeler (Arts and Sciences) received the Outstanding Advising Award from the National Academic Advising Association.

39. Student Awards and Achievements

Jessica Bevins (Communication) was accepted into the Sigma Alpha Lambda honor society and the Phi Sigma Theta honor society.

Sarah Gooch (Japanese) has been awarded a National Security Education Program Boren Scholarship to travel to Japan to study this fall.

Josiah Hanna and David Spencer (undergraduates) received honorable mention recognition from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program for 2012.

Dieter Rice (doctoral candidate, saxophonist) was named Best Soloist in the Blues/Pop/Rock category by DownBeat magazine in its 35th annual Student Awards.

Adam Sovkoplas (doctoral candidate, Music Composition) took top honors in the "Magnum Opus: A New Composer's Competition" presented by the Mary B. Martin School of the Arts at East Tennessee State University.

Alexander Schomaker (undergraduate, euphonium) was one of only 10 college musicians and the only euphonium player to win a spot in the 2012 Yamaha Young Performing Artists Program.

Alejandra Zavala and Nicole Schladt (Communication and Information) won the Novice division at the Georgia State and University of Georgia debate tournaments this season. Schladt also won multiple speaker awards.

40. Alumni Awards and Achievements

Terry Birdwhistell (Library Science) received the School of Library and Information Science's 2012 Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Wesley Jackson (Communication and Information) has been named publisher of The Courier-Journal, the state's largest newspaper in circulation.

Col. Josef H. Moore and Lisa Rai Mabry-Price (Health Sciences) were inducted by the UK College of Health Sciences into its Hall of Fame.

Jennifer Robinette (Ph.D., Communication) has been named director of the Concord University Beckley Center in West Virginia.

Renee Robbins (Art) opened a new exhibit with three other artists this month in Chicago.