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1. Campus Community Reaches Out to Tornado Victims

University of Kentucky groups responded with an outpouring to concern and aid to Kentucky tornado victims in March. Several Greek organizations initiated donation drives or used their Spring Break to go to devastated areas and volunteer. Other groups such as the Robinson Scholars, Appalachian Center, Student National Pharmacy Association, UK Staff Senate and College of Agriculture Ambassadors held donation drives. Also, UK Student Services' Alternative Spring Break plans were altered to include disaster relief and the Center for Community Outreach made plans to provide relief as well.

2. UK Surgical Team Implants State's First Total Artificial Heart

UK surgeons Dr. Charles Hoopes and Dr. Mark Plunkett led a surgical team on February 10 in the state's first implantation of the SynCardia Total Artificial Heart as a bridge to transplant. UK is one of 29 medical centers in the country certified to perform this procedure. Zack Poe, 20, of Maysville, became the state's first patient to receive the device, which contains the same components as a real human heart. The surgery took about four hours and was extremely successful, with the patient up and walking within several days.

3. University Enters Master Alliance With Alltech

The University of Kentucky has entered into a "Master Alliance Agreement" with Alltech, one of the world's leading animal health and nutrition enterprises. The agreement contemplates three areas of collaboration: Proposals jointly sponsored and conducted by Alltech and UK scientists that will lead to research grants in a number of health and nutrition areas; collaborative contracts for targeted research and development; and student sponsorships targeted to support research focusing on Alltech products. Alltech officials estimate the agreement will help generate annual funding of research activities of \$2.5 million within the next year, growing to more than \$5 million annually by the end of the third year of the strengthened partnership.

4. DanceBlue Raises \$834,424 for Children with Cancer

The tornadoes on March 2 cut DanceBlue, UK's 24-hour dance marathon, down to a 12-hour event, but the spirit of the dancers and the generosity of the community could not be dampened. Just before 8 p.m., committee members revealed a grand fundraising total of \$834,424.57 to a huge crowd at Memorial Coliseum. All of the money raised at this annual no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon goes to the Golden Matrix Fund benefiting children with cancer and their

families at the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic at Kentucky Children's Hospital and cancer research.

5. Awards Given for Community Service, Research and Graduate Education

The University of Kentucky's Founders Day, February 22, served as a day to recognize outstanding teaching and service at the university. Several awards were presented in a special ceremony at Worsham Theater in the Student Center. Winners of the Sullivan Medallion for community service are: graduating male, Joshua Nadzam; graduating female, Elizabeth Rebmann; and non-student Earl T. Ogata. The Kirwan Prize, awarded to a full-time faculty member for outstanding contributions to original research or (creative) scholarship went to John Anthony of the UK Department of Chemistry. The William B. Sturgill Award, presented to a graduate faculty member for outstanding contributions to graduate education, went to Philip Crowley, in the UK Department of Biology.

6. UK's Provost's Awards Presented at Founders Day Ceremony

The Provost's Awards for teaching and service were presented as part of the university's Founders Day Award Ceremony February 22, 2012. Provost's Public Scholar Award winner was Ellen Hahn, a professor in the colleges of Nursing and Public Health. Provost's Distinguished Service Professorships were presented to: Francie R. Chassen-Lopez, professor in the departments of History and Gender and Women's Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences; Mark Dignan, professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, College of Medicine; Laurie M. Lawrence, professor in the College of Agriculture's Department of Animal and Food Sciences; and Joseph Straley, physics professor in A&S's Department of Physics and Astronomy. Faculty recipients of the Provost's Awards for Outstanding Teaching are: Kimberly W. Anderson, professor in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, College of Engineering; Irene Chico-Wyatt, senior lecturer in the Department of Hispanic Studies, College of Arts and Sciences; James F. Fox, associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering; Sue E. Nokes, chair of the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, College of Agriculture; and William J. Silvia, professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences. Teaching assistant recipients of the outstanding teaching awards are: Mahan Ellison, Department of Hispanic Studies; Joshua T. Guerin, Department of Computer Science, College of Engineering; Pauline Stratman, Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences; and Nesa Wasarhaley, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences.

7. Admission's Facebook App Earns High Praise

UK Office of Undergraduate Admission's Facebook application is gaining attention and praise from social media experts. The folks at Merge Web Excellence recently highlighted the application as one of the best examples in higher education. The application merges UK's "see blue." campaign with fun, light-hearted hand drawn elements and information that a prospective student would need to learn more about UK. The application also has a video player to feature alumni stories.

8. UK Launches Outdoor Recycling Pilot Project

The University of Kentucky has launched an outdoor recycling pilot project, first proposed by Mabruk Quabili, a graduate student in the College of Public Health. Quabili worked with the Student Sustainability Council, UK's Physical Plant Division (PPD) and the University Architect to make this project possible. Nine single-stream recycling bins will be placed along high traffic walkways surrounding Patterson Plaza, The design allows all types of recyclable materials to be placed in the same bin.

9. UK Hospital is Lexington's First to Implement 'Kangaroo Care'

The University of Kentucky is the first hospital in Lexington to implement "Kangaroo Care" practices, a special training program based on the widely held belief that "skin-to-skin" contact between mothers and infants promotes breastfeeding and bonding. Named for its similarity to the manner in which certain marsupials carry their young, the program was initially developed to care for preterm infants in areas where incubators are either unavailable or unreliable.

10. Russell Cave Elementary and CAER: 10 Years Strong

Fayette County Schools recently covered the decade-old relationship between the Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) and Russell Cave Elementary. The story highlights a recent CAER tour, in-classroom demos, and the annual Energy Fair. As part of the CAER tour, fourth-grade students saw demonstrations including metal melting and algae. The next collaboration will be a six-week long experiment in the school's science lab.

11. Tour of UK Power Plant Arranged by Energy Club

The UK Chapter of the Kentucky Energy Club toured one of the university's two coal-fired steam plants to show how the campus is heated. Some 60 participants took the tour, including students and the public. The Kentucky Kernel covered the event.

12. Nursing Videos Show Contributions of Researchers, Ph.D. Students

Recently developed videos for the College of Nursing's Ph.D. program describe examples of how nurse researchers and Ph.D. students contribute to the prevention of health problems and improvement of outcomes of people with existing health issues.

13. Dentistry Provides Free Dental Care to Kids in Need

The annual Give Kids A Smile event on February 18 provided free dental care to 51 underserved children, for a total of \$4,924 in unreimbursed care. A total of 14 faculty members, 3 residents, 54 student dentists, and 13 staff members worked hard to make this event possible. The college participated in the Brush Off! event at Booker T. Washington Academy on February 23. Dean Sharon Turner and Professor Sue Humphrey provided instruction on proper brushing techniques to 350 primary school children.

14. 'What's New in Science Series' Shares Discoveries with High School Teachers

The departments of Physics and Astronomy; Chemistry; Biology; and Psychology are hosting the "What's New in Science Series." This series is designed as an open, round-table forum in which UK professors discuss new scientific discoveries and developments with high school teachers. These events are filmed, and the teachers can then use the video in their classes.

15. A&S, Local Government Partner to Advance Open Data Practices

A&S plans to share resources with Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to open data practices in municipal government. Matt Wilson (Geography) is heading the UK effort to increase transparency in government and to make government data available.

16. Outreach Series Focuses on Topics Concerning African-American Men

The African American and Africana Studies Program is hosting a community outreach series called "Rebuilding the Block," which focuses on African-American men. In this series, different experts at UK will present various lectures corresponding with topics surrounding African-American men. The lectures take place at the Lyric Theater in East Lexington.

17. \$19.7 Million USAID Project Focuses on Higher Ed in Indonesia

UK is part of a team receiving a \$19.7 million contract from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for a five-year project to develop institutional capacity and independence in Indonesian higher education.

18. Opera Takes Home 'Outstanding Production' Award

UK Opera Theatre's Academy for Creative Excellence (ACE) took one of seven Outstanding Production Awards presented at the Junior Theater Festival held January 13-15, in Atlanta. CE student Patrick Garr received one of the festival's seven Outstanding Male Performer Awards. Patrick and ACE students Joshua Dhir, Carson Hardee, Mariah Mowbray and Elise Parker were chosen for final callbacks to perform on a MTI DVD for the Broadway Junior Collection. Emma Becker and Jackson Becker took home Broadway All-Stars honors as the outstanding female and male in the ACE cast performance of "Seussical JR." Callan Hogan was chosen to perform on the main stage for the Broadway JR. Slam program.

19. Special Collections Presents Rives Exhibition

Special Collections presented an exhibition of the Rives Collection, featuring first editions, early reprints, photographs and paintings of Hopkinsville author Hallie Erminie Rives (1876-1956). The free public exhibit was on display through March at Margaret I. King Library Building.

20. Libraries Presents Chinese Postcard Exhibition

UK Libraries is presenting an exhibition of postcards and artifacts from China in celebration of the Chinese New Year. The free public exhibit, which runs through the spring semester, is on display at Lucille C. Little Fine Arts Library and Learning Center, Medical Center Library and William T. Young Library.

21. Energy-Saving Houseboat Prototype Revealed

A ribbon cutting was held for the first or two prototypes from College of Design's Houseboat to Energy Efficient Residences (HBEER) initiative with local, state and federal dignitaries on January 27, in Monticello, Kentucky. A partnership between the college, Center for Applied Energy Research, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation and Kentucky Housing Corporation, the multi-year project has resulted in two low-cost, energy efficient houses constructed by houseboat manufacturer Stardust Cruisers. More than 80 percent of the labor and products originated in Kentucky.

22. Theatre Department's New Dance Minor Presents Inaugural Concert

Department of Theatre presented the inaugural concert of the new dance minor, "3Dimensions: Winter Concert of Dance." The show, which featured the work of choreographers Susie Thiel, Blake Pearson, Lyndy Franklin Smith and Jeromy Smith, was presented January 27-28, Guignol Theatre.

23. Appalachian Poetry and Music Featured at Event

Department of Art presented an evening of poetry and music at "StereoType: Unexpected Appalachian Stories," an event that hoped to combat preconceived notions of the region. The evening's featured Kentucky and regional poets included Theo Edmonds, Paulette Hansel, Hope Johnson, Dale Marie Prenatt, Eric Scott Sutherland and Frank X Walker January 28, at Tuska Center for Contemporary Art.

24. Art Museum Continues Photography Lectures

Art Museum at the UK continued presenting photography lectures as part of the 2011-2012 Robert C. May Lecture Series. The most recent lecture and exhibition featured award-winning photographer Amy Stein, known for depicting close encounters between humans and animals in suburbia.

25. Music Students' Works Selected Presented in Concert

Compositions by music sophomore Ben Norton and doctoral candidate Adam Sovkoplas were selected for workshops and a concert as part of the Lexington Philharmonic's New Music Experiment, a new initiative to foster musical creativity and innovation. Both works were presented in concert February 17, at the Singletary Center.

26. Libraries Launches Online Reference Service Platform

UK Libraries has launched LibAnswers, a new online reference service platform featuring a continuously-updated, fully searchable knowledge base of frequently asked questions covering everything from library policies and hours to tips for searching popular databases and finding library materials.

27. Sesquicentennial Committee Named

The sesquicentennial committee, being chaired by Mike Richey, vice president of development, and Deirdre Scaggs, associate dean of Special Collections at UK Libraries, has been named. Other members of the committee are: Dean Terry Birdwhistell (UK Libraries); Dean Tom Lester (College of Engineering); Tom Harris (University Relations); Stan Key (Alumni Association); Richard Greissman (Office of the Provost); John Herbst (Student Affairs); Kelley Bozeman (Public Relations and Marketing); Nancy Cox (College of Agriculture); Terry Mobley (Board of Trustees); Frank X Walker (College of Arts and Sciences); Holly Clark (Staff Senate); and agricultural biotechnology junior Claci Ayers.

28. Gaines Center Presents 'Vision into Action'

Gaines Center for the Humanities presented the 2012 Lafayette Seminar "Vision into Action," a free public seminar examining what it takes for a city to take a community vision and make it a reality, February 20-27, at Hyatt Regency Lexington. The seminar featured architect and urbanist Dhiru A. Thadani, urban retail planner Robert Gibbs and lawyer and consultant Daniel K. Slone.

29. 'Falstaff' Takes Stage at Lexington Opera House

UK Opera Theatre presented Giuseppe Verdi's "Falstaff" at the Lexington Opera House February 24-26. The production was double-cast with 17 award-winning vocalists from the Alltech Vocal Scholarship Competition and William E. Schmidt Youth Vocal Competition.

30. Art in Bloom Fundraiser Presented for 12th Year

Art Museum at UK presented its premier fundraiser, "Art in Bloom 2012," for its 12th year February 24-26. The three-day event featured floral installations by 50 designers inspired by art from the museum's permanent collection and the special exhibition "RICHARD BELL: Uz Vs. Them." This year's fundraiser was presented in honor of Isabel Yates, former vice mayor of Lexington and longtime supporter of the museum and celebrated the artwork of local painter and UK education alumna Mary Seymour Neely.

31. UK Bands Host Army Field Band, Soldiers' Chorus

UK Bands hosted a concert featuring the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus, currently on national tour. The free public concert was presented February 29, at Singletary Center for the Arts.

32. Theatre Presents 'August: Osage County'

Department of Theatre continued its 2011-2012 season with Pulitzer prize winner "August: Osage County." The production, which featured students, faculty and alumni and was directed by UK alumnus Vic Chaney, ran February 23 to March 4, at Guignol Theatre.

33. Exhibition Challenges Views of Female Body

As part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, University Health Service and Tuska Center for Contemporary Art presented a free public exhibition that challenged views of the female body. "The Century Project," which ran February 27-March 2, featured a chronological series of nude photographic portraits of more than 80 women and girls from the moment of birth to nearly a hundred years of age by noted photographer Frank Cordelle.

34. Design Hosts Preservation Symposium

College of Design hosted its sixth annual historic preservation symposium, "New Voices, Current Needs," March 1 and 2, at Lexington History Museum. The symposium explored how preservation can address needs of underserved communities and help correct modern and historical injustices.

35. Undergraduate Admissions Reaches Out to Magnet Programs

The UK Office of Undergraduate Admission reached out to students at magnet programs across Fayette County by inviting these top high school juniors to experience the quality education they can take advantage of in their own community. Students from Tates Creek International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, Henry Clay Liberal Arts Academy, Lafayette School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Dunbar Math, Science and Technology Center, and Bryan Station Spanish Immersion programs visited campus on five different dates throughout March. They heard from faculty and staff representing some of UK's top programs, took tours of campus, and were treated to lunch.

36. Engineers Day Draws Crowd of 2,000

Approximately 2,000 people attended the 2012 Engineers Day Open House on Saturday, February 25, 2012. Elementary, middle school and high school students, along with their families and friends were treated to exhibits, demonstrations of research and contests by academic departments, student organizations and corporate sponsors. Hosted by the UK College of Engineering, E-Day is the college's largest community outreach event.

37. Undergraduate Researchers Present Work to State Legislature

Fifteen undergraduate researchers from UK presented their research to the state legislature at the 2012 Posters-at-the-Capitol event January 26 at the state Capitol in Frankfort.

38. UK to Participate in 2013 Solar Decathlon

UK will participate in a team that will compete in the U.S. Department of Energy's 2013 Solar Decathlon. Led by the University of Louisville, the team, titled Kentuckiana, will represent a combined Kentucky-Indiana effort with Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., and UK. UK will advise the team in the project logistics, energy analysis, HVAC systems (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) and photovoltaic design systems.

39. UK Part of Multi-State NSF-Funded STEM Initiative

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded the School of Education at Virginia Tech and the UK College of Education \$1.3 million to implement and evaluate an inquiry-based after school program for middle school students in rural Appalachia. The three-year project, titled "Studio STEM: Engaging Middle School Students in Networked Science and Engineering Projects," uses engineering design activities that integrate digital modeling, social media and game development tools to engage youth in investigating concepts and skills to integrate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Christine Schnittka (Education) is serving as principal investigator on the UK portion of the collaborative project.

40. Chinese Acts Highlighted

The Confucius Institute's Spring Gala brought authentic Chinese acts to the Singletary Center on February 26. The UK Confucius Institute was selected as one of the sites for this performance group, selected by the Confucius Institute headquarters in Beijing, to visit.

41. Faculty and Staff Achievements

Kimberly Anderson (Center of Membrane Sciences Faculty Associate; Chemical and Materials Engineering) received the Provost Award for Outstanding Teaching in February; she was awarded NSF renewal of Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) on Engineered Bioactive Interfaces and Devices.

John Anthony (Chemistry) won the Elizabeth H. Kirwan Memorial Prize, awarded to a full-time faculty member for outstanding contributions to original research or (creative) scholarship.

Doug Boyd (UK Libraries) was named Digital Initiatives Editor for the Oral History Review and charged with "taking the lead in transforming the Review into a multimedia journal.

D. Allan Butterfield (Center of Membrane Sciences) has been appointed Director of Free Radical Biology in the Cancer Shared Resource Facility at the Markey Cancer Center.

Jody Clasey (Education) was honored as a 2011 Ambassador of Science Literacy.

Philip Crowley (Biology) won the William B. Sturgill Award, presented to a graduate faculty member for outstanding contributions to graduate education.

Janet Eldred, Michael Kovash and Carl Lee (Arts and Sciences) were named Chellgren Endowed Professors.

Robert Fehr (Engineering) received a grant for \$200,704 from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet for Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Energy Efficiency Awareness and Action program.

Courtney Fisk (Center for Applied Energy Research) was featured in a recent *Minority Engineer* article "Corporate Profiles: Energy, Gas & Utilities," which described her work as project manager for construction of CAER's new laboratory building.

Craig Fowler (Dentistry) joined the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology in the Department of Oral Health Science.

Ellen Hahn (Nursing) received the 2012 Provost's Public Scholar Award.

Bruce Hinds (Engineering) and his team of researchers were featured in the top-tier journal "Nature Nanotechnology" for their discovery of ions that can pump fluids thousands of times faster through carbon nanotubes than through conventional materials.

Kevin Holm-Hudson's (Music) article "The Future is Now... and Then: Sonic Historiography in Post-1960s Rock" appears in the new anthology "Rock Music."

Gerald Janecek, (Russian and Eastern Studies), won the Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award for 2011 from AATSEEL, the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages.

Janice Kuperstein (Physical Therapy) completed her one-year term as the Kentucky State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners President on December 31 and continues to serve on the Board.

Chad Lee (Plant and Soil Sciences) received a \$70,000 United Soybean Board grant to study the agronomic maximization of soybean yield and quality.

Terry Lennie (Nursing) has been appointed as an associate editor for the Journal of Cardiac Failure. The journal is the official publication of the Heart Failure Society of America.

Sarah Lyon (Anthropology) was appointed editor of Journal of the American Anthropological Association.

Terry Malone (Physical Therapy) received the Lifetime Achievement in Education Award from the Sports Section of the American Physical Therapy Association.

David Mohney (Design) was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

Debra Moser (Nursing) received the 2012 Distinguished Researcher Award from the Southern Nursing Research Society.

Donald Mullineaux (Business) is the 2012 recipient of the Kenneth N. Robertson Faculty Leadership Research Award.

Brian Noehren (Physical Therapy) received the Research Award from the Sports Section of the American Physical Therapy Association; he also received a KL2 award associated with the Center for Clinical and Translational Science.

Sue Nokes (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) received the 2012 Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Anthony Ogden, (Education Abroad) was selected for a Fulbright to India.

Jeremy Popkin (History) was awarded a research fellowship from the National Humanities Center in North Carolina.

Ellen Riggie (Gender and Women's Studies and Political Science) published a book, "A Positive View of LGBTQ: Embracing Identity and Cultivating Well-Being."

Joseph Ross (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) is the 2012 recipient of the American society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers' Cyrus Hall McCormick-Jerome Increase Case Gold Medal.

Kevin Schuer (Physician Assistant) will be presenting at the national Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) meeting in Chicago, and at the IMPACT 2012 American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) 40th Annual PA Conference, in Toronto, Canada.

Brad Schwarz (Physician Assistant) has been elected as the Director at Large to the Kentucky Association of Physician Assistants; he also been named as the Commander of the 123rd Air Guard CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package.

Surendranath Suman (Animal and Food Sciences) received a \$421,000 four-year grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture to draw up a proteome profile of economically important muscles in beef hindquarters.

Keiko Tanaka (Asia Center) and Srimati Basu (Gender and Women's Studies) traveled to India as part of a delegation formed by the Institute of International Education (IIE), to foster ties in higher education between India and the U.S.

Mary Beth Thomson (UK Libraries) has been selected as one of 15 top administrators of academic research libraries after international search for participation in 2012 UCLA Senior Fellows Program.

Mark Williams (Horticulture) is incorporating row covers into muskmelon integrated pest management with a farming systems approach through a \$76,000 grant from Iowa State University.

Craig Woods (Agriculture) was awarded \$394,000 from the University of Nebraska for "New Technologies for Agriculture Extension."

Tim Woods (Agricultural Economics) and Gregg Rentfrow (Animal and Food Sciences), along with Woodland Farms and UK Food Systems Innovation Center, received a U.S. Department of Agriculture Value-Added Producer Planning grant for \$137,000 for meat hook butcher shop planning.

Xuguo Zhou (Entomology) is developing a framework for assessing the risks of in planta RNAi on non-target arthropods through a National Institute of Food and Agriculture three-year grant of \$500,000.

42. Student Accomplishments

Michael Baker's (Music) paper of Felix Mendelssohn's songs was accepted to the 17th Biennial International Conference on 19th Century Music in Edinburgh, Scotland, this June, and his essay on signature transformations in Benjamin Britten's "Nocturne" will appear in the journal TEMPO anticipated in April 2013.

Jaime Hardy (Psychology) will present research on fibromyalgia in Athens, Greece, at the annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society.

Jason Hobert's (Music) paper on Elliott Carter has been accepted at the 2012 meeting of Music Theory Society of the Mid-Atlantic to be presented March 30-31, at the University of Delaware.

Rachel Malof (Nursing) presented her poster, "Perceived Barriers to Communication with Health Providers and Influences on Health Outcomes in Appalachian Communities" at Posters at the Capitol in Frankfort.

Matthew Massey, (Earth and Environmental Sciences), won Journal of Structural Geology's Student Author of the Year Award for 2011, an international award.

Viktoria Melnyk (Nursing) was awarded for presenting the Top Student Poster at the 2012 Southern Nursing Research Society conference.

Nicole Schladt (International Studies and Gender and Women's Studies) and Sarah Smith, (History) have been awarded two of six English-Speaking Union (ESU) Scholarships presented by the English-Speaking Union Kentucky Branch.

Adam Sovkoplas' (Music) composition "Sorrow" has been selected for performance at the College Music Society - South Central Chapter Regional Conference held March 1-3, at East Central University in Ada, Okla.

Ainsley Wagoner (Architecture) was chosen by the Gaines Center for the Humanities to present the 18th annual Edward T. Breathitt Undergraduate Lectureship in the Humanities January 26, at William T. Young Library.