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1. Residence Hall Plan Could Support Nearly 2,900 Jobs

An announcement of the economic impact of the University of Kentucky's residence hall revitalization plan was made August 20. Construction of several residence halls on campus over the next few years could support nearly 2,900 jobs and generate nearly \$4 million in state and local taxes. In addition to President Eli Capilouto, Lexington Mayor Jim Gray and EdR President Randy Churchey participated in the announcement.

2. K Week Boasts Nearly 250 Events to Welcome Students Back to Campus

K Week, several days of nearly 250 events and activities to welcome the university's new and returning students, was a rousing success again this year. It officially began with Move-in Friday, Aug. 17. Some of the other well-known events included the New Student Induction Ceremony, We Are UK, Big Blue U, Campus Ruckus, Student Center Spectacular; FUSION, and the Student Involvement Fair.

3. Record Class of Singletary Scholars in Fall 2012

This fall, the University of Kentucky welcomed to campus a record class of 51 Singletary Scholars. This number represents a 50 percent increase over last year's class of 34. This year's class includes five National Merit finalists, 15 valedictorians, and 26 Governor's Scholars or Governor's School for the Arts alumni. 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.

4. Child Development Center Opens on Alumni Drive

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held August 2 to celebrate the opening of the new facility for the Child Development Center (CDC) of the Bluegrass located on the campus of the University of Kentucky off Alumni Drive near The Arboretum. The facility will more than triple the number of children able to be provided services. The center will provide a convenient location for university employees and students who need child care, and it will provide an opportunity for academic collaborations between the CDC and UK.

5. Kentucky Schools Partner With Education to Forge Next Generation Leadership

Several Kentucky school districts have started working with the University of Kentucky College of Education in a unique partnership to innovate and improve schools. The districts are participating in the college's Next Generation Leadership (NxGL) Academy, an output of its Kentucky P20 Innovation Lab. The academy takes school leaders who know the system needs to change and helps them work through implementation of innovative ideas. School leaders from Barren, Paris Independent, Carroll, Clark, Graves, Hardin, Henry, Shacklette Elementary (Jefferson Co.), Knox, Mason, Trigg, Warren, Woodford, and Eminence Independent school districts participated this year.

6. Gifts Fund Alcohol Education and Awareness at UK, UofL

Gifts from two major Kentucky distilleries will fund and strengthen alcohol education and awareness programs at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. The gifts will also help expand alcohol programming across the commonwealth. At a news conference August 7, the universities announced they had received a three-year gift from Beam Inc. and Brown-Forman Corp. totaling more than \$600,000 to fund ongoing efforts at the schools. In all, the two companies have given more than \$1 million to the two institutions since 2008 to fund alcohol education efforts.

7. Agriculture Viewbook Gets National Recognition

Potential students of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture can learn all about the college in a full-color viewbook, which also recently won a national award. The National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association has named the viewbook, titled ImAGine, the winner of the 2012 award for recruitment/solicitation. The award was presented at the NAADA national meeting in July. Jason Headrick, director of student relations for the college, said the idea is for students to be able to imagine themselves at UK.

8. Quarter-Scale Tractor Team Wins Design Competition

Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering's Quarter Scale Tractor Team won the 2012 American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers International Quarter-Scale Tractor Student Design Competition in Peoria, Illinois, May 31-June 3. In addition the team also took first place in craftsmanship, ergonomics, innovation, manufacturability, safety, serviceability, sound level, team presentation, test and development, the 1,000 lbs. Hook 1 Tractor Pulls Class Awards, the 1,000 lbs. Hook 2 Tractor Pulls Class Awards, the tractor pull, and the cook-off competition in the categories of side dish and dessert. They took fifth place in written design report and ninth place in maneuverability.

9. Bioenvironmental Design Team Places Second in National Competition

Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering's Bioenvironmental Senior Design Team won 2nd Place in the 2012 G.B. Gunlogson Student Environmental Design Competition at the International American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers meeting in July, 2012.

10. Seven from A&S Awarded Gilman International Scholarship

Seven UK students in the College of Arts and Sciences were awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad. These students are among 2,300 U.S. undergraduates who will be participating in programs abroad during the summer, fall, or 2012-2013 academic year. The Gilman Scholars are: Hannah Allen, who will study in South Africa; Maria Jennings, who will study in South Africa; Carolyn McKenzie, who will study in Chile; Jonathan Riojas, who will study in Japan; Shayne Strickland, who will study in Japan; Grant Weherley, who will study in New Zealand; and Shelby Williams, who will study in Chile.

11. Book Tells Story of Arab and Jewish Women in Kentucky

University Press of Kentucky has published "Arab and Jewish Women in Kentucky: Stories of Accommodation and Audacity," by UK sociologist Nora Rosie Moosnick. Through in-depth interviews, Moosnick weaves together multiple life stories and follows a group of Arab and Jewish women through a narrative journey exploring their traditions, assimilation, and place in Kentucky's cultural landscape.

12. UK Women's Choir Tours Europe for Third Time

UK Women's Choir toured Europe for their third time this June. The tour of England, Ireland and Wales included performances at Canterbury Cathedral, Ely Cathedral, and St. Patrick's in Dublin. The choir performs under the direction of Lori Hetzel, associate director of choirs and choral music education.

13. Special Collections Presents Exhibition of Craft Bindings and Artists' Books

UK Special Collections presented "Horizon" an exhibition of contemporary craft book bindings and artists' books by American and Canadian book artists and members of the Guild of Book Workers from June 1 to August 31, in the Great Hall of the Margaret I. King Building.

14. Art Students Paint Murals in Downtown Central Bank Building

UK art students under the direction of Assistant Professor of Painting Ebony G. Patterson painted murals on the walls of the stairwells in the downtown branch of Central Bank. The goal of the project was to entice employees in the building to take the stairs and admire the new scenery as opposed to riding in an elevator. Murals had to fit the theme of "Mind, Body and Spirit," an extension of the bank's wellness initiative. The bank murals feature work by Associate Professor of New Media Doreen Maloney; senior Jackson Bullock; graduate student Natasha Giles; sophomore Travis Keene; and senior Emelie Richardson.

15. "Living Exhibition" Enhances Sculpture Garden at Art Museum

Art Museum at UK teamed up with alumnus and celebrated landscape designer Jon Carloftis this summer to add a "living exhibition" of plantings that relate to or enhance the pieces in the sculpture garden outside the facility outside Singletary Center for the Arts.

16. Art, Design Welcome Shanghai Group to Campus

School of Art and Visual Studies and the College of Design welcomed to campus a group from Shanghai University with interests in the fields of art and design for two weeks in June and July. As part of the university's Confucius Institute, the Chinese university sent 26 students and four professors to take part in a ceramics workshop led by Assistant Professor Hunter Stamps, landscape drawing class with alumnus and part-time instructor Derrick Riley, and a digital design and fabrication workshop led by architecture faculty members Kyle Miller and Rives Rash.

17. Brass Quintet Takes First Place at Oak Ridge Festival

UK Brass Quintet took first place in the Calvin Smith Brass Quintet Festival and Competition held July 6-7, in Oak Ridge, Tenn. The quintet is comprised of Josh Dargavell, Eric Millard, Clint McLendon, Megan McMahon and Michael McMahon. The quintet studies under Skip Gray, professor of tuba and euphonium and interim director of UK School of Music, and David Elliott, associate professor of French horn.

18. Design Presents Discovery Programs for High School Upperclass Students

College of Design presented two intensive, two-week Summer Career Discovery Programs for high school juniors and seniors interested in architecture and interior design. The program served to expose and get prospective students involved in the type of learning environment they would experience as design students.

19. Inaugural Clark Medallion Symposium Honors Kentucky Writer James Still

The Thomas D. Clark Foundation and University Press of Kentucky presented the first Thomas D. Clark Medallion Symposium in honor of the life and literary legacy of James Still and a recently published posthumous collection, "The Hills Remember: The Complete Short Stories of James Still." Kentucky writers Gurney Norman, director of the UK Creative Writing Program, and poet Crystal Wilkinson were featured speakers at the event where editor Ted Olson was presented the Thomas D. Clark Medallion Book Award.

20. Fine Arts Dean Forges Alliance With Mongolian Art Institute

Dean Michael Tick from the College of Fine Arts and representatives from the departments travelled to China in May to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Art Institute of the University of Inner Mongolia. While there, Dean Tick met with UK School of Art and Visual Studies students who were in residence at Shanghai University under the mentorship of UK's Hui Chi Lee. In July, Dean Tick participated in the Association for Theatre Education's Leadership Institute, held in Washington, D.C.

21. Observatory Presents Events Surrounding Transit of Venus

The MacAdam Student Observatory collaborated with the Bluegrass Amateur Astronomy Club and The Arboretum to present, "Standing in the Shadow of Venus," two events which allowed the community to understand and observe the transit of Venus in June.

22. Biology Professor Leads Students in NSF 'Research Experiences'

David Westneat (Biology) led a group of students from universities across the country (the first cohort among a total of three over the span of three summers), in a National Science Foundation program called Research Experiences for Undergraduates. The students spent 10 weeks studying suburban ecology and invasive species at or near UK's Ecological Research Facility.

23. Libraries Receives Bequest of 2,000 Volumes of German Language, Literature

UK Libraries received a generous gift of more than 2,000 books focused in the area of German language and literature. The gift was donated in memory of the late Gerhard F. Probst, Ph.D., by his family. Probst was a professor of languages and humanities at Transylvania University and Professor Emeritus at the Technical University of Berlin. The new materials will bolster the number of German-language resources available to students and researchers.

24. Special Collections Initiates Learning Lab

UK Libraries Special Collections has initiated the SC Learning Lab, a center of primary research, experiential learning, and training. Focusing undergraduate students in the humanities, social sciences, and arts, the SC Learning Lab provides training in archival methods by pairing advanced undergraduate students with unprocessed or under-processed archival collections in their research area. The internship promotes undergraduate research, scholarship, and creativity and more fully integrates Special Collections into the teaching and research mission of the university.

25. UK Students Provide Branding Help to South African Charities

Seven integrated strategic communications students designed comprehensive branding campaigns for two child welfare organizations in Cape Town, South Africa during their three-week study abroad experience. The campaigns for Rainbow of Hope, which works with at-risk children, and Eluthandweni, an orphanage for children who have lost one or both parents to HIV and AIDS, are currently being implemented.

26. Journalism Professor Receives Fellowship to Work with Ukrainian University

Beth Barnes, professor and associate dean of undergraduate and international studies in the College of Communication and Information, received a fellowship from Open Society Foundations to strengthen the journalism graduate program at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Kiev, Ukraine. The university's Mohyla School of Journalism is the first journalism school in the Ukraine to focus on media research. Barnes, who also serves as director of the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications, will help develop a media research-

centered curriculum that will better serve both Ukrainian scholars and professionals.

27. NSF's I-Corps Program Teaches UK Researchers to 'Think Like Entrepreneurs'

A team of faculty researchers, a local entrepreneur and a UK student led by Dan O'Hair, dean of the College of Communication and Information, were part of the first National Science Foundation's I-Corps program, designed to teach academic researchers how to think like entrepreneurs to commercialize scientific research. The NSF selected 24 teams from around the country to participate in a rigorous 10-week curriculum designed by Stanford University's Steve Blank, Silicon Valley entrepreneur and author, with the goal of creating a viable business model. Other UK team members included Derek Lane, an associate professor in the College of Communication and Information and the academic director for iNET; local entrepreneur and founder/CEO of software company Punndit, Randall Stevens; and Wes Brooks, an engineering student and a founder of the student entrepreneur group Big Blue Starters. The UK team developed its business model from tailored messaging research that was originally part of a project to investigate the effectiveness of hurricane warning systems.

28. High School Students Become Entrepreneurs at the UK iNET I-Academy

High school students from Paul Laurence Dunbar, Henry Clay, Campbell County, Sayre School and Lexington Christian Academy spent an action-packed week at the inaugural I-Academy summer camp learning what it takes to be entrepreneurs. The I-Academy, sponsored by the Innovation Network for Entrepreneurial Thinking, also known as iNET (hosted by the College of Communication and Information), gave the students the opportunity to create their own innovations and form a company, go on field trips, meet successful local entrepreneurs, and see some of UK's most innovative and cutting-edge programs.

29. CAER Opens Newest Laboratory; Will Be First to Become LEED Gold

The UK Center for Applied Energy Research recently opened its newest laboratory, a \$20.7 million dollar facility that uses less than 50 percent of the energy of facilities of similar size. Funded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the lab allows UK to expand on its research devoted to Kentucky's growing renewable energy industries, including biomass and biofuels, and solar energy technologies. It also houses the Kentucky-Argonne Battery Manufacturing Research & Development laboratories, designed to accommodate capacitor and battery manufacturing research and development. It is in process to become LEED Gold certified.

30. CAER Partners with Minova to Develop Fast-Drying Cement

UK's Center for Applied Energy Research has partnered with Minova North America to develop a new high-strength, fast-drying cement product that can be used by engineers to immediately stabilize damaged structures, achieving structural strength within minutes. Minova has licensed this technology for application in the underground mining, civil and tunneling industries.

31. Education Hosts International Reform Symposium

The UK College of Education hosted the International Symposium on Educational Reform in June, which featured many internationally known speakers in the field, including Lars Björk, one of the symposium directors and chair of the UK Department of Educational Leadership Studies. The conference provided opportunities for graduate students, professors, practitioners, and policymakers from around the world to examine educational reform from a global perspective.

32. UK HealthCare Gives Back to Community Hit By Tornadoes

Stacks of folders, binders, pencils, paper and other school supplies made their way to West Liberty in August, thanks to donations from employees of University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital, Kentucky Children's Hospital, UK Good Samaritan Hospital and several other areas of UK HealthCare. The supplies were delivered nearly five months after deadly tornadoes hit Morgan County, causing homes and businesses to be destroyed and lives to be changed forever.

33. UK Chandler Hospital Ranked No. 1 in Kentucky

University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital has been ranked No. 1 in Kentucky in U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals 2012-13 released on July 17. This is the first time state rankings have been included in the listing giving consumers a way to compare hospitals to other neighboring institutions across the state.

34. UK Chandler Hospital Selected for Initiative to Increase Breastfeeding Rates

The Albert B. Chandler Hospital has been selected to participate in Best Fed Beginnings, a first-of-its-kind national effort to significantly improve breastfeeding rates in states where rates are currently the lowest. The program seeks to reverse these trends by dramatically increasing the number of U.S. hospitals implementing a proven model for maternity services that better supports a new mother's choice to breastfeed. The National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) is leading the effort through a cooperative funding agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and will be working closely with Baby-Friendly USA, Inc.

35. Markey Receives \$6.25 Million to Study Deadly Blood/Bone Marrow Disease

The University of Kentucky 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). The Evans Foundation grant will fund five research labs over five years, including three labs at UK, one at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and one at the University of Arkansas. The \$1.25 million gift, given to UK through the Markey Cancer Foundation by an anonymous donor, will also fund the laboratories.

36. Study Shows New Drug Reduces Alzheimer's Pathology in Animal Model

In a study published in the Journal of Neuroscience, a collaborative team of researchers led by Linda J. Van Eldik, director of the University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, and D. Martin Watterson of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, present results showing that a new central nervous system drug compound can reduce Alzheimer's pathology in a mouse model of the disease.

37. Faculty and Staff Achievements

Debra Aaron (Animal and Food Sciences) was named a fellow in the teaching category of the American Society of Animal Science.

Carol C. Baskin (Plant and Soil Sciences) is one of the recipients of the 2012 Tian Shan Award from the Chairman (Governor) of the Xinjiang Provincial Government (China) for contributions of foreign experts to the economic and social welfare of Xinjiang. This is the highest honor given to foreign experts.

Christopher Crawford (Physics) received the Early Career Research Award from the Department of Energy.

Audra Cryder (Office of International Affairs) was elected president of Education Kentucky. Education Kentucky is a consortium of colleges, universities and community colleges that promotes Kentucky as a study destination for international students.

Rebecca Dekker (Nursing) recently received a 5-year, K23 career development award titled "Cognitive Therapy for Depressive Symptoms in Hospitalized Patients with Heart Failure," from the National Institute of Nursing Research.

Nathan DeWall (Psychology) appeared on the Discovery Channel's original series, "Head Games," which showcases social experiments and brain puzzles.

Jim Drahovzal (KGS, retired) received the John T. Galey Memorial Award, the highest honor bestowed by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Mark Farman (Plant Pathology) received a \$300,000 grant to work in conjunction with Kansas State University in developing novel methods for controlling both rice and wheat blast.

Herman Farrell (Theatre) completed a short commissioned work for the American Slavery Project called "Assento" as part of the Writing Collaborative of Unheard Voices, a theatrical response to the African Burial Ground in lower Manhattan. Excerpts from the work received a staged reading in late May of 2012 at the Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz Cultural Center in New York City.

Robert Fehr (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) received \$113,000 and \$200,000 grants to develop a Cooperative Extension program for Kentucky's energy efficiency education needs and develop energy awareness and action.

Edith Glazer (Chemistry) and team published a new study in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, showing how light and strained ruthenium-based drugs may be more effective at fighting cancer cells and less toxic to healthy cells than a similar and widely used drug.

David Harmon (Animal and Food Sciences) was made a fellow in the research category of the American Society of Animal Science.

Kenneth Haynes (Entomology) has been selected as the Bobby Pass Endowed Research Professor. He also received the C.V. Riley Award from the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America, in recognition of his research contributions to Entomology.

Doug Johnson (Entomology) received the Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension from the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America, in recognition of his contributions to extension entomology.

Nancy Jones (Theatre) was invited to participate in the International Directors Lab in Toronto, Ontario, in late May/early June 2012.

Yukie Kajita (Entomology) was awarded a sustainability post-doctoral fellowship in the amount of \$424,500 from the National Science Foundation for a bio-economic study of an introduced biological control agent, examining ecological, evolutionary, and economic factors in sustainable agricultural systems.

Thomas Kelly (Medicine) was recently appointed as associate dean of research for the College of Nursing.

James Krupa (Biology) received the 2012 Evolution Education Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers.

Stephen McMurry (College of Agriculture Division of Regulatory Services) was elected president of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials in August.

Debra Moser (Nursing) has been selected to serve as a member of the Nursing and Related Clinical Sciences Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, at the Department for Health and Human Services, through June 2016.

Mary John O'Hair (Education) was recently honored by AdvancED at its International Summit in Washington, D.C., with the AdvancED Innovation Award, for her unparalleled leadership in promoting and advancing excellence in global and international education.

Nancy O'Malley (Anthropology) and a team of archaeologists surveyed a Revolutionary War site at Fort Boonesborough.

Jeremy Popkin (History) received a fellowship from the National Humanities Center.

Mark Purschwitz (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) was awarded \$125,500 by the Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention. He also received the 2012 American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers SMV Technologies Ergonomics, Safety and Health Award for his work in promoting the retrofitting of rollover protective structures on older tractors.

Deborah Reed (Nursing) has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH). She is the first UK faculty member to serve on this board.

I. Joseph Ross (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) received the 2012 American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Cyrus Hall McCormick-Jerome Increase Case Gold Medal.

Buck Ryan (Journalism) was named a 2012 Top Journalism Professor by JournalismDegree.org.

Michael Speaks (Design) was recognized by OnlineColleges.com this June as one of the top 10 design professors on Twitter in the article "10 Design Professors That Will Draw You In on Twitter."

Surendranath Suman (Agriculture) has been named one of three recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Meat Science Association.

Thomas Teague (Education Abroad) was recognized at the 64th NAFSA Annual Conference and Expo in Houston, Texas, for the excellence of his poster, "ISP 599: A New Approach to Providing Ongoing Orientation at a Large Public Institution."

Terence Tunberg and Milena Minkova (Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures) conducted an annual and internationally recognized Latin immersion seminar hosted by Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

Yinan Wei (Chemistry) received a \$450,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

Youling Xiong (Animal and Food Sciences) received the 2012 Institute of Food Technologies Food Chemistry Division Lecturer Award.

Steven Yates (Chemistry) received an \$880,000 grant from the Department of Energy as part of the DOE's Nuclear Energy Programs' \$36.2 million initiative to enhance energy research and development projects. The project will focus on fuel cycle research and development.

Thomas Zentall (Psychology) was published in the internationally acclaimed Oxford Handbook of Comparative Cognition.

38. Student Achievements

Marcus Doxey (Business and Economics) was selected to attend the American Accounting Association's Doctoral Consortium by the Von Allmen School of Accountancy.

Sarah Gooch (Japan Studies) received a Boren Scholarship to study in Japan.

Nick Grisanti (Patterson School) has been awarded a Critical Language Scholarship to study Chinese and will spend two months in an intensive Chinese study program in Shanghai, China.

Katelyn McNamara (Neuroscience/Spanish) received the National Active Citizen of the Year award from Alternative Break Connection, Inc. for outstanding community service.

Evan Pulliam (Arts Administration) was one of the leads (Conrad Birdie) in "The Rep" Theatre (Lexington) production of "Bye Bye Birdie"

Clay Thompson (Music) sang the Commendatore in Mozart's "Don Giovanni" with Opera Orvieto in Orvieto, Italy this summer. He is presently performing Colline in 'La Boheme' with the Soo Opera Theater in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Matt Turner (Music) performed the roles of Colline in Puccini's opera 'La Boheme', and Don Basilio in Rossini's 'The Barber of Seville' with Musica Lirica this summer in Novafeltria, Italy.

39. Alumni Achievements

Morgan B. Abney (Engineering), a space systems engineer at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., is among six NASA researchers named by President Barack Obama as recipients of the 2011 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

Taylor Amerman (Accounting) was selected as one of three students from the University of Nottingham to carry the Olympic Torch prior to the Summer Games in London.

Kyoung Suk Lee (Nursing) had a paper published on MedPage Today, "Depression May Drive Cardiac Events in Heart Failure."

Beth Partin (Nursing) was featured in a recent story in the Courier Journal, "Kentucky Medical Care Shortage Prompts Non-Physicians to Seek Greater Independence."

Quintessa Peake (Telecommunications) received the 2012 Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Award at the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Awards ceremony.

Adele Pinto Ryan (Communication) was awarded the 2012 UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.

Sandra Hicks Young (Nursing Practice) has been selected for the Leadership Award from the Center for Nursing Excellence in West Virginia.

Theodore Zorn (Communication) was named Pro Vice-Chancellor of Massey University's College of Business in Albany, New Zealand.