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## 1. Workgroup Studies Student Health and Safety Related to Students' Alcohol Use

A broad-based workgroup to examine and make recommendations on issues regarding student health and safety, including UK's current policy prohibiting alcohol from campus, has been formed. Some neighborhood groups and representatives have asked the university to re-examine the institution's alcohol policy. The workgroup will be co-chaired by Robert Mock, UK's vice president for student affairs, and Eric Monday, the university's executive vice president for finance and administration. Representatives from the city include Lexington Fayette County Councilwoman Diane Lawless and Commissioner of Planning Derek Paulsen, South Hill neighborhood leader Lee Thomas, representatives from Bluegrass Community and Technical College system, as well as UK representatives of the police, SGA, counseling center, faculty and other campus administrators. The workgroup will assess individual and environmental factors contributing to misuse of alcohol by students on and off campus, assess current campus policies designed to promote the responsible use of alcohol and prevent its abuse, review and evaluate new evidence and best practices to prevent alcohol abuse, and provide summary evaluations about alternative strategies designed to prevent alcohol abuse and mechanisms to assess the effectiveness of those strategies.

## 2. The Gatton College Named Among Top 10 Most Popular Business Schools

The University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business and Economics was recently named among the top 10 most popular business schools by U.S. News and World Report. The ranking is based off a school's 'yield' of students – the percentage of accepted students that enroll. In 2012, the Gatton College enrolled more than 74 percent of accepted students, placing it sixth out of 448 schools surveyed and ahead of Ohio State, Pepperdine and the University of Tennessee.

## 3. New Structure Defined for Commercialization and Economic Development

An administrative structure for the units previously operating under the Office of Commercialization and Economic Development has been announced. In streamlining the administrative structure last year, the position of vice president for commercialization and economic development was eliminated. Chaired by Vice President for Research Jim Tracy, a workgroup evaluated the areas of intellectual property, commercialization and economic development with the charge to create an administrative structure and reporting lines to focus these efforts and enhance them. The steps taken include: Coldstream Research Campus reporting to executive vice president for finance and administration, centers for intellectual property incubation and commercialization will report to vice president for research and key initiatives and programs that help foster entrepreneurial efforts and small business development will report to the Gatton College of Business and Economics and to the College of Agriculture.

#### 4. College Hosted Summit with Shanghai University and UK Graduate Students

UK American Studies Program in the College of Arts and Sciences hosted a summit for students from Shanghai University on April 22. Funded by a grant from the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, and pioneered through a joint-venture agreement between SHU and UK, Shanghai University's American Cultural Center began operation in 2011. UK's primary contribution involves providing a perspective of the American South and Appalachia through symposia, lectures and other events, such as April's event. The Shanghai student summit involved 18 graduate students, 10 from SHU and eight from UK.

#### 5. MNRRS Brings Home National Recognition

UK College of Agriculture's chapter of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Resources (MANRRS) recently received many honors at the organization's national conference in Sacramento, Calif., including regional Chapter of the Year and National Advisor of the Year, Quentin Tyler. The UK MANRRS group also brought home several individual awards in different competition categories, including first place impromptu speaking and third place graduate oral research, Erica Flores; first place impromptu speaking, first place written essay and third place public speaking all in the Jr. MANRRS category, Mackenzie Jones; and second place graduate poster research, Jessi Ghezi. UK MANRRS member Marquel Lett will be the new national undergraduate vice president, and Maurisha Ross will be the new national graduate president.

#### 6. HIP Event Marks Establishment of Student Chapter

The Von Allmen School of Accountancy, part of the Gatton College of Business and Economics, sponsored an Honesty, Integrity, and Professionalism (HIP) event in conjunction with the establishment of a student chapter of the Center for the Public Trust at UK on April 25 and 26.

#### 7. Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program Receives Certification

The UK HealthCare Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program has been certified by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). The program was recognized for its commitment to improving the quality of life by enhancing standards of care.

#### 8. Blood and Marrow Transplant Program Receives Accreditation

The Markey Cancer Center's Blood and Marrow Transplant Program was recently granted reaccreditation from the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT). FACT is the only accrediting organization that addresses all quality aspects of cellular therapy treatments: clinical care, donor management, cell collection, cell processing, cell storage and banking, cell transportation, cell administration, cell selection, and cell release. FACT accreditation is also a factor in the ranking of "America's Best Hospitals," published by U.S. News and World Report.

9. First Scholars Program Graduates Its First Student

At May Commencement, Anthony Cadle was the first graduate of the UK First Scholars Program. He graduated in three years with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics with minors in history and business. The Dayton, Ky. native has been active during his time on campus in several activities including the Leadership Development Program and in his role as a football equipment manager for the men's varsity team.

10. New myUK App to Serve as Mobile Portal to University

UK Information Technology accepted first- and second-year student volunteers to help test a new "myUK" app, which will eventually serve as a mobile portal for the university. The app is currently in the beta stage of development. That means that it is ready for testing, but not ready to be officially released. The beta testers will put the app through its paces and give feedback to developers.

11. Dining App Provides Handy Nutrition Information

It took a team effort, but UK students now have access to nutrition information from UK Dining Services, thanks to the work of students from the College of Agriculture and the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering. Mallory Foster, a graduate student in the College of Agriculture's Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, and computer science students Keith Moyer, Rakesh Patel, Matt Seabold and Randy Luecke have developed UK Food, a free nutrition app for menu items offered at major on-campus eateries: Ovid's Cafe, Commons and Blazer.

12. College of Education Honors Teachers Who Made a Difference

The Teachers Who Made a Difference celebrated its 15th anniversary this year by honoring over 150 teachers; 1,900 educators have been recognized since the program's inception.

13. Kentucky Women Writers Conference Features Kiki Petrosino

Tickets are on sale for the 35th annual Kentucky Women Writers Conference, scheduled for September 20–21. The line-up for the literary event will feature Louisville poet Kiki Petrosino and other acclaimed writers from around the nation. The conference will also offer five new postgraduate scholarships to attend the event.

14. Undergraduate Research, Others Host Showcase for Undergraduate Scholars

The Office of Undergraduate Research, the Society for the Promotion of Undergraduate Research and the UK Student Government Association hosted the eighth annual Showcase for Undergraduate Scholars on April 24. Approximately 175 students representing nine colleges across campus contributed their original work to the event, including 173 poster presentations and five oral presentations.

15. 57 Student-Athletes Placed on the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll.

UK led the Southeastern Conference with 57 student-athletes on the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll. UK's honorees included five players from men's basketball, three from women's basketball, eight gymnasts, eight from the rifle team, 19 from men's swimming and 14 women's swimmers.

16. Gill Heart Institute Receives Achievement Award from American Heart Association

UK HealthCare's Gill Heart Institute is the first in Kentucky to receive the Get With The Guidelines-Resuscitation Silver Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association.

17. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

The 2013 Provost's Outstanding Teaching Awards went to three tenured faculty members, two lecturers and six teaching assistants. The award recognizes faculty and graduate teaching assistants who demonstrate special dedication and outstanding performance in the classroom or laboratory. Tenured faculty winners are Chana Akins (Psychology), Judy Goldsmith (Computer Science), and Matthew Zook (Geography). Lecturer winners are Jeffrey Ashley Jr. (Electrical and Computer Engineering) and Kim Woodrum (Chemistry). Teaching Assistant winners are Christopher Grosh (Anthropology), Sema Gunturkun (Mathematics), Mary Clai Jones (English), Grace Martin (Hispanic Studies), Radu Paul Mihail (Computer Science) and Carrie Mott (Geography).

John Cody Birdwell (UK Bands) has been elected into the American Bandmasters Association, a select organization recognizing outstanding achievement by concert band conductors and composers.

Dr. Gregory Bix (Sanders-Brown Center on Aging and the UK departments of Anatomy and Neurobiology and Neurology) has received funding of \$224,416 from the National Institutes of Health, to further study of stroke recovery.

Six UK educators were named 2013 Provost's Distinguished Service Professors in April for a consistently high level of achievement in their contributions to their disciplines and the university. The term of appointment is three years, and each professor received \$10,000 per year, which may be used as a research or professional development fund, or as a salary stipend. Winners are: Daniel Breazeale (Philosophy); Edward T. Jennings (Martin School of Public Policy and Administration); Michael F. Potter (Entomology); Jurgen Rohr (Pharmacy); Sharon Walsh (Center on Drug and Alcohol Research); Heidi L. Weiss (Markey Cancer Center).

Heather Erwin (Kinesiology and Health Promotion) received the Helen M. Heitmann Curriculum and Instruction Young Scholar award from the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.

Edward D. Hall (Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center) has received the Service Member Patriot Award sponsored by the Employer Support of The Guard and Reserve. The award recognizes supervisors and bosses nominated by an employee serving in the National Guard or Reserve for support provided directly to the nominator.

Dr. Reny de Leeuw (Orofacial Pain) at the UK College of Dentistry, graduated from the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program at Drexel University College of Medicine.

Zhenyu Li (Saha Cardiovascular Research Center) received a bridge grant to support critical blood disease research during current period of funding restrictions from the American Society of Hematology.

Charles Marshall (Physical Therapy) has been named the 2013 recipient of the UK College of Health Sciences Kingston Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The UK 2013 Ken Freedman Outstanding Advisors, David P. Moecher (Earth and Environmental Sciences) and George L. Scott, Jr. (Robinson Scholars Program) were recently recognized at the state level as well, through the National Academic Advising Association. Moecher was named the 2013 NACADA Region III Outstanding Faculty Advisor, and Scott was named the NACADA Region III Outstanding Academic Advisor.

Dean H. Dan O'Hair (College of Communication and Information) spoke at the Consortium of Social Science Associations congressional briefing on April 25.

Dean Scott Smith (College of Agriculture) received the William E. Lyons Award for Outstanding Service from UK's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration and the Department of Political Science.

Sidney W. Whiteheart (Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry) was awarded the 2013 Albert D. and Elizabeth H. Kirwan Memorial Prize, given each year to a faculty member in recognition of outstanding contributions to original research or scholarship.

Linda Kraus Worley (Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures) was presented the Sturgill Award, given each year to a graduate faculty member who has provided outstanding contributions to graduate education at UK.

Dr. Juan Yepes (Division of Pediatric Dentistry) has been awarded the Samuel D. Harris Research and Policy Fellowship from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

#### 18. Student Awards and Achievements

Five University of Kentucky students have been awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship by the Institute of International Education to support their study abroad missions. The University of Kentucky students receiving the scholarships for the summer of 2013 are Alexis Amorese, who will use the scholarship to study in Indonesia; Cassandra Burns, who will use the scholarship to study in Costa Rica; Tammala King, who will use the scholarship to study in Ireland; Solomon King-White, who will use the scholarship to study in China; and Evan Willett, who will use the scholarship to study in Germany.

Several students took home honors, including wins in six categories, at the 2013 Mid-South Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition held April 5-6 at Western Kentucky University. UK vocalists competed against singers from schools in Kentucky, Tennessee, Iowa, Georgia, North Carolina, Indiana, Arkansas and other areas. UK students taking honors at the competition were: vocal performance junior Gabrielle Barker placed third in the Upperclass Music Theater Division; music senior Phillip Bullock placed first in the Advanced Singers Division; vocal performance freshman Alyssa-Marie Detterich placed first in the Freshman Women, Classical Division and the Music Theater Underclass Division; doctoral candidate Thomas Gunther placed first in the Post Advanced Singers Division; vocal performance junior Evan Johnson placed first in the Junior Men, Classical Division and the Music Theater Upperclass Division; and vocal performance and arts administration

freshman Mary-Catherine Wright placed second in the Freshman Women, Classical Division and the Music Theater Underclass Division.

UK art studio senior Andrea Clark has been awarded a Windgate Fellowship by University of North Carolina at Asheville's Center for Craft, Creativity & Design, one of the largest awards offered nationally to art students considered the best and brightest emerging makers in the field of craft.

Five students and one recent graduate have been selected to receive government-funded National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships with more than \$100,000 to use toward research-based graduate degrees. UK's newest NSF fellows are: 2011 biology graduate Sean Michael Ehlman; doctoral candidate studying biology Paul Michael Hime; doctoral candidate studying molecular and cellular biochemistry Catherine "Katie" Nicole Kaminski; doctoral candidate studying chemical engineering Anastasia Marie Kruse; doctoral candidate studying mathematics Luis Sordo Vieira; and a graduating senior studying chemical engineering David Stephen Spencer. UK softball's senior infielder Kara Dill has received two honors recognizing her hard work off the field. She was named a member of the 2013 Southeastern Conference Community Service Team and recognized by the College Sports Information Directors of America as a Capitol One Academic All-District honoree.

Anil Erol, Holly Poore and Heidi Vollrath will conduct research that takes them across the globe this summer thanks to an Undergraduate Research Abroad Scholarship, awarded by Education Abroad and the Office of Undergraduate Research. The scholarships are the result of a new collaboration between EA and UGR to support experienced undergraduate researchers as they explore their academic interests abroad, with the support of their UK faculty mentors. Erol is a mechanical engineering student, who will complete his project, "Determination of Permeable & Thermal Dispersion in a Porus Medium," in Turkey with the support of Assistant Professor Haluk Karaca. Holly Poore, a psychology student, will complete her project, "Improving Learning from Text: Cognitive Factors in Knowledge Acquisition Through Reading," in the Netherlands with the support of Professor Richard Milich. Heidi Vollrath is a management and pre-vet student, who will complete her project, "Primates are All Brain and No Brawn: An Investigation into Tissue Trade-offs," in Spain with the support of Assistant Professor Magdalena Muchlinski.

Students from the Gatton College of Business and Economics, the Finance and Quantitative Methods Investment Research Challenge Team, earned first place in the regional competition of the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute Research Challenge. The Gatton team was one of only two squads in the field made up entirely of undergraduates. The students on the UK team are John Evers, a senior mathematics and finance major; Paul Gerwe, a senior finance and economics major; Daniel Nall, a senior math economics and mechanical engineering major; and Thomas Napier, a senior finance and accounting major. Chris Clifford, assistant professor in the Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods, serves as faculty advisor.

Two UK undergraduate students have received prestigious American Physiological Society (APS) Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships to conduct their work this summer. Only 24 undergraduates nationwide were selected to work in laboratories of established APS investigators. Sophomore biology major Kyeong Ran (Rachel) Jang is working with John C. Gensel, UK assistant professor of physiology in the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center; and senior biology major Audra Stacy is working with Robin L. Cooper, UK associate professor of biology, and Zana Majeed, a faculty member at the University of Salahaddin in Iraq. Each student received \$4,000 to conduct their research and \$1,300 to travel to the APS annual Experimental Biology meeting next spring.

Six students won the Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association's (KAPA) Student Paper Award. Group members included Wesley Jetton, Bradley Baumgartner, Pilar Marite Desha, Eddie McCarthy, Zachary Nicholas, and John-Michael Spears.

The National Football Foundation and the College Hall of Fame announced that UK football seniors Craig McIntosh, Morgan Newton and Matt Smith have been named to the 2013 NFF Hampshire Honor Society, which is comprised of college football players from all divisions of play who maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college career.

Four UK students have been selected as recipients of Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarships. They are among 1,900 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2013-2014 academic year through the prestigious program. In addition, one of UK's four winners, medical student Julianna Odetunde, received one of only five prestigious Fulbright-Fogarty awards that promote the expansion of research in public health and clinical research in resource-limited settings. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected based on academic and leadership achievement. The recipients are: Robert Davis, a doctoral candidate in mathematics, who will do research in Finland; Nate Millington, a doctoral candidate in geography, who will do research in Brazil; Juliana Odetunde, a third year medical student, who will do research in Brazil; and Caitlin Wetsch, a graduate student in teaching world languages, who will teach in Germany.

The UK track and field team's Luis Orta and Chelsea Oswald have been named to the Southeastern Conference Community Service Team. Orta and Oswald were selected for men's and women's track and field and cross country.

Two Classics graduate students, Christie Pavey and William Little, who also participate in the Institute for Latin Studies at UK, were recently awarded fellowships to study abroad, in an aim to practice deciphering ancient and medieval scripts.

Stephen Polley, a third-year Pharm.D. student in the College of Pharmacy, has been selected as a 2013 recipient of the American Society of Health-system Pharmacists Student Leadership Award.

Kristina Rabarison, a doctoral candidate at the College of Public Health, has been accepted to the 2013 Class of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Steven M. Teutsch Prevention Effectiveness Fellowship.

Christopher Terry, a second-year pharmacy student, was accepted into the prestigious Mayo School of Health Sciences Summer Pharmacy Internship.

Ashley Scoby, a UK journalism sophomore, was selected as the student recipient of the 2013 David Dick "What a Great Story!" Storytelling Awards.

## 19. Alumni Awards and Achievements

Steve Meilinger, a two-year first-team All-American who excelled at several positions on offense and defense for the Kentucky Wildcats, has been named to the College Football Hall of Fame by the National Football Foundation. Meilinger played at Kentucky from 1951-53 under Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. Meilinger helped the Wildcats to a record of 20-10-3, including an 8-4 mark in 1951 that was capped by a Cotton Bowl win over Texas Christian.

University Press of Kentucky author James C. Nicholson, an alumnus and part-time history instructor at UK, has been named the recipient of the Kentucky Literary Award for his book "The Kentucky Derby: How the Run for the Roses Became America's Premier Sporting Event."