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### 1. First Scholars Program Students Exceed Expectations With Retention Rates

Focusing specifically on first-generation students, UK's First Scholars Program has exceeded all expectations in terms of retention rates and grade point averages of its students. Funded through the Texas-based Suder Foundation, First Scholars students receive scholarships, peer mentoring and individual strategic plans for success. Statistically, first-generation college students, representing one in five incoming UK freshmen, lag behind the general college population in graduation and retention rates. According to a 2012 UK Office of Institutional Research report, the retention rates for general first-generation UK students at the beginning of their junior year were 59.4, 63.5 and 61.4 percent for cohorts that entered UK in the fall of 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Of the current junior class of First Scholar students (fall 2010), 85 percent registered for the 2012 fall semester, and the sophomore class (fall 2011) cohort boasted a 95 percent retention rate. Those rates were more than 10 points greater than that of the non-first-generation population and approximately 20 points greater than the general first-generation population in each case.

# 2. <u>UK Receives Global Award, Computerworld Honors Laureate</u>

UK has been named a 2013 Computerworld Honors Laureate and will be honored at a gala on June 3 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, in Washington, D.C. This honor is awarded to organizations and institutions around the world whose visionary applications of information technology promote positive social, economic and educational change. In selecting this year's recipients, a panel of 22 judges evaluated the humanitarian benefits and measurable results of applying technology to meet a specific social or business need. UK was selected from more than 700 nominations to become one of 269 laureates from 29 countries.

# 3. <u>Digital Public Library of America's Service Hub to be Located Here</u>

Kentucky Digital Library, built and managed by UK Libraries with support from the Kentucky Virtual Library and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, has been selected as one of six "service hubs" of the Digital Public Library of America, the first national effort that seeks to aggregate existing records in state and regional digital libraries so that they are searchable from a single portal and available free of charge to all. The nationwide launch of the DPLA took place April 18-19, in Boston, Mass. Made accessible via DPLA's combined collection will be millions of digitized maps, books, newspapers, photographs, oral histories and manuscripts. The technical platform on which the DPLA is based is open source and will allow developers to build tools, applications and services using the data contributed by the partners; additionally, libraries will be able to integrate DPLA data and services into their own sites.

# 4. Research Leads to Possible New Therapies for Breast Cancer

A groundbreaking new study led by Markey Cancer Center researcher Peter Zhou found that triple-negative breast cancer cells are missing a key enzyme that other cancer cells contain, providing insight into potential therapeutic targets to treat the aggressive cancer. Zhou's study is unique in that his lab is the only one in the country to study specifically the metabolic process of triple-negative breast cancer cells.

### 5. Kohlman, Johnson and Mynear Receive Sullivan Awards

The university recognized three individuals with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan medallion for outstanding community service presented to both a male and a female graduating senior, and to a nonstudent. This year's recipients are <a href="Andrea J. Kohlman">Andrea J. Kohlman</a> (College of Nursing), who is involved in Serve the City, which helps lower-income families in Lexington, as well as Waves of Mercy, a mission that provides a school, a church, a nutrition program and medical services in Haiti; <a href="Patrick B. Johnson">Patrick B. Johnson</a> (Agriculture graduate), who has made it his mission to promote and protect healthy, sustainable environmental systems through student and administrative organizations; and <a href="Jennifer Wagner Mynear">Jennifer Wagner Mynear</a>, a UK alumna who works closely with DanceBlue fundraising for DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic and has carried forward the wishes of her son who died at a young age, to bring joy to children battling cancer.

# 6. <u>UK Named State's First Bicycle Friendly University</u>

UK has been recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a Bicycle Friendly University. UK achieved a bronze-level designation and was one of only nine new universities to be named in the fall 2012 award class. The award gives UK the distinction of being the only Bicycle Friendly University in Kentucky. The Bicycle Friendly University program recognizes institutions of higher education for promoting and providing a more bicycle-friendly campus for students, employees and visitors. Applicants are judged on their initiatives in five categories: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation, and planning.

#### 7. UK Leaders Take a Walk to Understand Campus Accessibility

For University of Kentucky students, employees or visitors with permanent or temporary disabilities, especially those using wheelchairs, negotiating the UK campus can be a challenge at times. In an effort to better understand what they face, a group of UK administrators, student leaders and others participated in an accessibility review of campus Wednesday, March 27. The group included, among others, UK President Eli Capilouto, Vice President for Facilities Management Bob Wiseman, Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Mock, current Student Government President Stephen Bilas, incoming Student Government President Roshan Palli, Staff Senate Chair Mike Adams, and University Senate Council Chair Lee Blonder.

# 8. <u>Students Complete Second Habit for Humanity House</u>

UK students, with the support of the local Habitat for Humanity organization and the UK Division of Student Affairs, have completed their second house. The students presented keys to the house they built on Ash Street to Khalfan Niyonizigiye and Nkeshimana Nadine and their two young children on March 3. Already the UK Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter, a student organization, and the UK Interfraternity Council and the UK Panhellenic Council, representing the university's Greek community, are seeking funding for their next joint venture. They are planning fundraising events that will enable them to amass the \$40,000 required to begin their third Habitat for Humanity house for another worthy Lexington family.

# 9. <u>UK Performs at College Band Directors National Convention</u>

UK Wind Symphony is one of only nine university concert bands from across the nation selected to play at the College Band Directors National Association National Convention. Being chosen by a national panel of esteemed wind conductors to perform at CBDNA National Convention is one of the highest honors a university wind band and its conductor can receive.

### 10. National Conference on Public Health Services Convened in Lexington

The sixth annual Keeneland Conference on Public Health Services and Systems Research was held April 8-11, organized by the National Coordinating Center for PHSSR. This year's agenda included an update on national issues and prominent keynote speakers, including Paul Kuehnert of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; William Roper, dean of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and CEO of UNC Health Care; and Joe Selby, of Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the National Coordinating Center for Public Health Services and Systems Research and the Public Health Practice-Based Research Networks National Coordinating Center, both housed at UK, collaborate to explore the impact of public health strategies on the quality and performance of the national public health system.

### 11. "see blue." Campaign Wins Regional CASE Awards

UK's "see blue." integrated marketing campaign won prestigious awards at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District III regional conference. The university received the Grand Award for a post card series to prospective students, which was the top award presented in the publications print and/or digital categories, placing UK among the top 5 percent of the approximately 3,500 award entrees from institutions throughout the South. UK also received a Special Merit Award in the graphic design category for its new acceptance package, the "Enter Here, See Your Future Unfold" piece.

# 12. UK Summer Camp Will Teach Teachers to Teach Communications

A unique summer camp will bring teachers and students together at UK for an intensive handson, immersion experience in communication teaching and learning. College Readiness and Communication: A Summer Program for Teachers and Students will take place June 23-28. Organized by the College of Communication and Information, this first-of-its-kind camp is open to both teachers and students in grades 6-12 from Kentucky and surrounding states. The summer camp aims to give teachers and students alike a crash course in multimodal communication, exploring one of the "four C's": Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creativity and Communication.

#### 13. UK Takes Part in Statewide Tornado Drill

UK participated in the 2013 Statewide Tornado Safety Drill in cooperation with the National Weather Service, Kentucky Emergency Management, Kentucky Weather Preparedness Committee and Kentucky Broadcast Association on March 5. UK Police Department's Division of Crisis Management & Preparedness encouraged the UK community to take the opportunity to familiarize themselves with designated shelter areas in the buildings they frequent.

# 14. Confucius Institute and College of Education Present Chinese Exhibit

The College of Education Office for International Engagement and the UK Confucius Institute hosted a Chinese Exhibit in March. Kiosks provided information about China, letting attendees learn about Chinese culture, experience calligraphy, participate in Tai Chi and sample Chinese food. The College of Education places many student teachers in China, by working with the Gaoxin school system.

## 15. Transfer Madness Helped Students Interested in Transferring to Four-year Universities

Created by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, the first entirely online Transfer Madness helps Kentucky college students who are interested in transferring credits or associate degrees to four-year universities. The event allowed students to chat online with transfer advisers, search for scholarships, download materials and get questions answered from representatives from Kentucky colleges and universities. The program aims to address and alleviate students' concerns regarding transferring, as well as to provide a convenient avenue for students to ask questions related to transferring.

#### 16. Intellectual Property Pitch Contest Attracts High School Students

Five Kentucky Project Lead the Way (PLTW) high schools sent 12 teams to UK in March to compete in an Intellectual Property Pitch Contest, sponsored by the UK Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship and the Foundation for Kentucky Industry. The UK College of Engineering is the PLTW Affiliate University for the Commonwealth responsible for the three-pronged mission of Education, Credit and Quality of the Pathway to Engineering and Biomedical Sciences programs implemented statewide. The contest is a pilot program of the PLTW Kentucky initiative, which supports biomedical sciences and engineering pathways in high schools across the state. Currently there are 130 programs across the state reaching approximately 10,000 students.

# 17. <u>Two Vocal Groups Win À Cappella</u>

Members of two School of Music student vocal groups, acoUstiKats and Paws and Listen, were recognized for their excellence at the third annual à cappella competition, Voices in Harmony, hosted by Lexington Catholic High School. The UK ensembles competed against 17 à cappella groups from Kentucky and Ohio universities and regional high schools March 1-2. Voices in Harmony is a pop à cappella event that features a series of concert competitions and workshops.

### 18. Honors Students Present Research at Conferences

Students in the UK Honors Program demonstrated their dexterity recently at the bi-annual Kentucky Honors Roundtable, hosted at UK. A conference held each spring, KHR rotates among public universities in the Commonwealth and allows undergraduate students to present their research projects, serve on academic panels and interact with academically excelling students from other Kentucky institutions. The conference serves as practice for UK students preparing for more large-scale conferences, such as National Conference on Undergraduate Research, which UK will host in April 2014.

### 19. Speaker Series Dedicated to Books About Kentucky

The University Press of Kentucky partnered with McConnell Springs to launch a new speaker series featuring authors of books related to the history and culture of the Commonwealth. The first two programs in the series were presented March 19 and April 23 at McConnell Springs. March's featured book was "Kentucky's Frontier Highway: Historical Landscapes along the Maysville Road" by authors Karl Raitz, Provost's Distinguished Service Professor of the UK Department of Anthropology and the Department of Geography, and Nancy O'Malley, assistant director of the William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology at UK. April's book was "Never Say Die: A Kentucky Colt, the Epsom Derby, and the Rise of the Modern Thoroughbred Industry" with author James C. Nicholson, UK alumnus and part-time history instructor at the university.

### 20. Students Can Access Latest Information in Job Searches

Through the James W. Stuckert Career Center, all full-time UK students now have free, unlimited access to the resources available through Career Insider, Vault.com's career intelligence portal for universities. Vault.com, a career intelligence website, provides many jobrelated resources to its more than 1.3 million members including industry blogs, company overviews, job listings and salary reports.

#### 21. Two New Faculty Added to African American and Africana Studies

The African American and Africana Studies program emerged in Fall 2011, uniting African American Studies & Research Program with Africana Studies, to create greater community presence, to provide international study opportunities in the focus area and to work toward creating an undergraduate major. In the fall 2013, the area will expand even further, as two new distinguished faculty join the program. DaMaris B. Hill, currently a visiting professor of African-

American literature from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, and Chamara Jewel Kwakye, from University of Illinois, will begin teaching in the fall.

### 22. <u>Alumni Association Helps Students Dine, Discover and Decide</u>

The UK Alumni Association hosted the new "Dine. Discover. Decide." on April 9, allowing students to dine with alumni volunteers in a career field of their interest and discover potential career path options to help them decide their future goals.

## 23. Young Library Develops New Learning Space

Students now have access to a new, state-of-the-art, collaborative learning space in the William T. Young Library thanks to a \$22,000 gift from Kentucky American Water that will transform the room into a new active learning space. The design incorporates tablet arm chairs ideal for students using laptops or other electronic devices, movable whiteboards and a flat screen display that can be used to project the images from laptop screens. When Young Library first opened, the room was designed to serve as a traditional meeting room.

# 24. <u>UK Specialists Speak at Bike Summit</u>

UK cyclists attended the Kentucky Rails to Trails Council's Walk Bike Summit, held April 11-12 in Frankfort. UK was an official planning partner of the summit, and two university representatives made presentations. Shane Tedder, UK sustainability coordinator, and Stuart Kearns, UK Parking and Transportation Services associate director for transportation services, discussed bike and pedestrian friendly town/gown infrastructure projects on Rose, Maxwell and Limestone streets on UK's campus. The summit featured topics such as bicycle/pedestrian advocacy and bicycle/pedestrian education.

### 25. Climate Change: Values, National Security and Free Enterprise

The College of Agriculture hosted a free public forum, Climate Change: Values, National Security and Free Enterprise, on April 4. The forum included climate change experts Katherine Hayhoe, author of "A Climate for Change: Global Warming Facts for Faith-Based Decisions;" retired Brig. Gen. Steve M. Anderson, and Bob Inglis, former U.S. representative from South Carolina and president of the Energy and Enterprise Initiative at George Mason University.

### 26. Experts in Coal Ash Convene at UK

More than 500 people, including experts in the ash industry from around the world, convened April 22-25 in Lexington to participate in World of Coal Ash 2013. Every two years, World of Coal Ash is hosted by the UK Center for Applied Energy Research and the American Coal Ash Association. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from exemplary plenary speakers, attend a selection of more than 40 sessions and 140 presentations, visit an exhibition area with over 60 exhibit booths and network during a variety of conference events.

# 27. New Orofacial Pain Clinic Opened

UK HealthCare held a grand opening on April 5 for a new Orofacial Pain Clinic, a diagnostic and treatment center established to provide care for patients suffering with temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pains. The clinic is home to one of the first orofacial pain programs in the United States and has grown to national and international prominence since it was founded in 1977. The opening of the new clinic will coincide with the 25th annual Orofacial Pain Alumni Continuing Education course for orofacial pain specialists led by Dr. Jeffrey P. Okeson, professor and chair of the Department of Oral Health Science and director of UK HealthCare's Orofacial Pain Program.

# 28. <u>Campus Works Together to Celebrate Month of Earth Day Events</u>

Although there is only one Earth Day observed every year in April, the University of Kentucky actually celebrates its sustainability initiatives throughout the month and remembers its commitments to the university and the community every day of the year. Advancements in ensuring a better world for future generations have been made in virtually every area of the campus community, from improved management of its facilities, to the advancements in its research labs, and to sharing these goals in the classrooms. Nearly every day in April featured a speaker, a forum, a film, a workshop, or a summit that focused on a sustainable future for the university, the state, the nation and the world, including the popular annual Earth Day Fair on April 22.

# 29. UK Summer Camp to Gives Hands-on STEM Learning

The See Blue STEM camp, open to Kentucky students currently in 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades, enables students to participate in hands-on projects in the subjects of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The camp will host current 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students June 3-7 and current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students June 10-14.

#### 30. WUKY Receives Five KAP Awards

WUKY, UK's NPR station, captured five awards in the 2013 Kentucky Associated Press statewide news competition among its radio and television members. For the second year in a row WUKY News Director Alan Lytle received the award for Best Radio Anchor, against commercial and noncommercial stations in that category. Reporter Brenna Angel took home two first place and two second place awards in various categories.

#### 31. Fazoli's Awarded Second Dr. Todd's Bridging the Gap Award

The University of Kentucky Institute for Workplace Innovation (iwin) has announced Fazoli's is the honoree of the second annual Dr. Lee T. Todd, Jr. Bridging the Gap Between Workplace Research and Practice Award. The award recognizes former UK President Lee T. Todd's vision in creating an institute committed to Kentucky's workforce challenges through engaging organizations in academic research, learning opportunities and sharing best practices to

implement in the 21st century workplace. As the award honoree, Fazoli's will receive a one-year partnership to join iwin's Innovative Employer Roundtable and participate in exclusive events.

## 32. <u>Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program Receives Certification</u>

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.

## 33. Employers and Graduate Programs Entice UK Grads

UK students and alumni participated in the Spring 2013 Virtual Career Fair for the university held online April 17-23. Employers participating in the virtual career fair offered full-time jobs and internships, representing such fields as engineering, business, accounting, marketing, science, social work and more. Additionally several graduate programs participated in order to recruit potential students. Some of the employers included AFLAC, Lockheed Martin, PrimeSource Healthcare Systems Inc., Sherwin-Williams Company, Total Quality Logistics (TQL), and Woodmen of the World.

# 34. <u>Professors Help Students Journey in Search of Our Hearth</u>

The African American and Africana Studies Program and the Department of Modern & Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures have combined forces to organize a special event, In Search of Our Hearth: Reinventing the Odyssey, which took place April 19-20 at various campus locations. Speakers included Jacqueline Couti, assistant professor of French and Italian studies; Ebony Patterson, assistant professor of fine arts/painting; Jackie Murray, assistant professor of classics (Skidmore College); and Mark Lawrence Kornbluh, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

### 35. Markey Center Celebrates Advances in Cancer Research

The Markey Cancer Center held its annual Markey Cancer Center Research Day on April 15, celebrating the advances of cancer research on the UK campus and giving students and postdoctoral fellows an opportunity to present their research. This year's event featured a record 142 posters; three oral presentations from a graduate student, a postdoctoral fellow and a senior researcher; and two faculty oral presentations.

## 36. Students Impress Judges in District Advertising Competition

A student team from the Integrated Strategic Communication program in the School of Journalism and Telecommunications won first place in district competition in the American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competition held April 13 in Dayton, Ohio. The judges remarked on the UK campaign's focus on multicultural audiences, and the campaign's strong integration of multiple forms of persuasive communication.

# 37. <u>UK Police and Student Affairs Offered Public Safety Forum</u>

On March 20th, approximately 75 students, faculty and staff attended a forum sponsored by UK Police and the UK Division of Student Affairs on how to react to an active shooter situation. Specialized instructors of the UK Police Department prepared participants on how to have a "survival mindset," informed the audience about how law enforcement will respond to an active shooter situation, and discussed pre-incident behaviors of concern and how to report those anonymously. UK Police will make the presentation to individual groups upon request.

### 38. Teachers Who Make a Difference Program Celebrates 15 Years

Celebrating its 15th year, the University of Kentucky College of Education's Teachers Who Made a Difference program honored its newest group of educators April 27. More than 150 educators were recognized for the significant influence they have had in the lives of their students. Educators and their nominators were invited to a breakfast reception and program at the UK Student Center Great Hall and Center Theater.

# 39. Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame Gets Five more Inductees

Five new members were inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame April 23 during a School of Journalism and Telecommunications Alumni Association sponsored event. The honorees were Ralph W. Gabbard, general manager at WKYT-TV Lexington and founder of WYMT-TV Hazard (posthumous induction); Bill Goodman, managing editor of KET's "Kentucky Tonight" and host of other public-affairs programs on KET; Dan Modlin, retired news director at WKU Public Radio in Bowling Green; John Nelson, executive editor, Schurz Communications in Danville and Winchester; and Marla Ridenour, sports columnist, Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal.

## 40. <u>Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements</u>

Brenna Angel (WUKY) received two first-place awards and two second-place awards in the 2013 Kentucky Associated Press statewide news competition among its radio and television members.

<u>Kristin Ashford</u> (Nursing) received a four-year Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns grant from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation, titled *EMPOWR: Efforts to Maximize Perinatal Outcomes in Women at Risk.* 

<u>Kimberly Ward Anderson</u> (Chemical and Materials Engineering) is the UK winner of the 2013 Southeastern Conference Faculty Achievement Award for a meritorious record in teaching and scholarship and for serving as a role model for other faculty and students.

<u>George Blandford</u> (Civil Engineering) and <u>Gary Gaffield</u> (International Center) have been invited to lead workshops for the Iraq University Administration Support Program's University Management Training Course in Erbil, Iraq.

<u>Doug Boyd</u> (UK Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History) has been selected to participate in the 2013 Archives Leadership Institute.

<u>James Campbell</u> (Percussion Studies) is one of only three musicians inducted into the 2013 Music for All's Bands of America Hall of Fame.

<u>Yang-Tse Cheng</u> (Chemical and Materials Engineering) has been named a Fellow of the Materials Research Society.

<u>Scottie Day</u> (College of Medicine) has been appointed to a national Expert Work Group charged with developing pediatric quality metrics for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).

Mary Hamilton (University Press of Kentucky author) is the recipient of the Anne Izard Storytellers' Choice Award and a 2013 Storytelling World Resource Award for her book *Kentucky Folktales: Revealing Stories, Truths, and Outright Lies.* 

<u>Ardis Hoven</u> (Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease) president-elect of the American Medical Association (AMA) has been selected one of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare.

<u>Lynne Jensen</u> (Center for the Advancement of Women's Health) is the 2013 Sarah Bennett Holmes award winner for faculty.

A group of faculty, staff and administrators recently traveled to Islamabad, Pakistan, to sign new partnerships and conduct an intensive three-day workshop with a consortium of five business schools from Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. The group included Nancy Johnson (Gatton College of Business and Economics); Kathryn Cunningham (Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching); Jeanette Coufal (educational consultant); and Gary Gaffield (assistant provost for international partnerships).

<u>Natasha Kyprianou</u> (College of Medicine) has been elected to the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars.

<u>Catherine Linnen</u> (Biology) was recently published in the prestigious journal *Science* for her work with deer mice, which provided key insight into understanding how underlying molecular and evolutionary mechanisms function as an organism adapts to new environments.

<u>Alan Lytle</u> (WUKY) received the award for Best Radio Anchor in the 2013 Kentucky Associated Press statewide news competition among its radio and television members.

<u>Sandee McAninch</u> (Federal Depository Unit at UK Libraries) received the inaugural Paul A. Willis Outstanding Faculty Award, recognizing outstanding library service.

<u>Thomas P. McKenna</u> (University Press of Kentucky author) has been named the recipient of the 2013 William E. Colby Award for his book *Kontum: The Battle of South Vietnam*.

<u>David P. Moecher</u> (Earth and Environmental Sciences) and <u>George L. Scott Jr.</u> (Robinson Scholars Program) were honored as the recipients of the 19th annual Ken Freedman Outstanding Advisor Awards, in recognition of their outstanding service in academic advising.

<u>Lien-Hang T. Nguyen</u> (History) received the Stuart L. Bernath Book Prize, an honor awarded annually by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations.

<u>H. Dan O'Hair</u> (Office of Student Success and College of Communication and Information) was named the recipient of the 2013 Broadcast Education Association (BEA) Lifetime Achievement in Scholarship Award.

<u>Lisa Ruble</u> (Educational, School and Counseling Psychology), has co-authored a new study and book on a consultation model called "COMPASS," empowering students with autism, as well as their parents, teachers and caregivers.

<u>Sibu Saha</u> and <u>Thomas Whayne</u> (UK HealthCare Gill Heart Institute) recently visited the Sultan Qaboos University Hospital in Oman to participate in discussions with university physicians on global health care, lung cancer and heart disease.

<u>Kathy Sheppard-Jones</u> (Human Development Institute) is the 2013 Sarah Bennett Holmes award winner for staff.

John Thelin (Higher Education and Public Policy) has authored a new book on the economics of higher education and increasing tuition costs, *The Rising Costs of Higher Education: A Reference Handbook*.

Education Abroad awarded grants to five faculty members to develop innovative programs abroad. Awet T. Weldemichael (History) with a program in Uganda that will take students to the upstream countries of the Nile; Christopher Barton (Natural Resources and Environmental Science) will establish a field-oriented course in various locations in Costa Rica, with an experiential education emphasis; Hyungsoo Kim (Human Environmental Sciences) will travel to Seoul, South Korea, to design a program in family sciences from diverse cultural perspectives; Wuyang Hu (Agricultural Economics) will design and lead a program in Beijing with emphasis on international business practices; Brian D. Lee (Landscape Architecture) will establish an innovative education abroad program in a city that has initiated the goal of becoming the greenest city in the world by 2020; and Kayla M. Johnson (Higher Education, Education Policy and Evaluation) will conduct an impact study on how education abroad experiences impact graduate school admissions decisions.

# 41. Student Awards and Achievements

Gabrielle Barker (Vocal Performance) is the 2013 VSA Kentucky Young Soloist Award recipient for the state. Each year VSA Kentucky recognizes outstanding young musicians, ages 14-25, with disabilities and supports and encourages them in their pursuit of a career in music.

<u>Sam Beavin</u> (Chemistry) has been awarded a Udall Scholarship of up to \$5,000 for his senior year. Beavin is one of 50 students selected to receive the scholarship from a pool of more than 450 applicants.

<u>Daniel Eck</u> (Physical Therapy) has been selected to present his research findings on shoulder strength among high school baseball pitchers at the American Physical Therapy Association's 2013 conference in Salt Lake City, June 26-29.

<u>Kastine Evans</u> (Women's Basketball) was named to the Southeastern Conference Community Service Team.

<u>Josiah Hanna</u> (Computer Sciences and Math) has been awarded the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship worth up to \$7,500 per year. Hanna is one of 271 students nationwide awarded the Goldwater Scholarship this year from a field of 1,107 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated.

Meredith King (Communication) and Lydia Shanklin Roll (Anthropology,) have received Critical Language Scholarships, which will fund language studies in China and Turkey, respectively.

Megan Moir (Golf Team) has been named the 2012-13 Brad Davis Southeastern Conference Female Community Service Leader of the Year.

<u>Chelsea Oswald</u> (Track and Field) has been named 2012-13 Southeastern Conference H. Boyd McWhorter Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

The Gaines Center for the Humanities has chosen 12 outstanding undergraduates as new scholars for the university's Gaines Fellowship Program for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 academic years. They are Noora Aljabi, Katie Cross, Sarah Daley, Mary Kate Elliot, Emily Furnish, Rekha Gupta, Stefanie Muller, Autumn Murphy, Benjamin Neal, Sanjana Pampati, Kendra Sanders, and Ryan Winstead.

A team of students from Gatton College of Business and Economics brought home a share of the Team Sportsmanship Award at the inaugural SEC MBA Case Competition recently hosted by the University of Missouri. Four UK students, all part of Gatton's accelerated one-year MBA program are <a href="Eric Bodge">Eric Bodge</a>, <a href="Toni Cannon">Toni Cannon</a>, <a href="Sam Palmer">Sam Palmer</a>, and <a href="Kelsey Underwood</a>. Mississippi State University's four-person team tied UK's squad in the voting for the sportsmanship award.

All four UK student entrepreneur teams recently placed in the top two in their respective categories and won a total \$35,000 in prize money at Idea State U. Matt Dieruf won the Governor's Innovation Award and second place in the undergraduate business plan category. Dieruf's venture is Latta Fasteners, which will produce a new type of screw specifically for industries that require both routine maintenance and coatings to protect. Grant Weherley, an economics major who graduated in December, won first place in undergraduate business concept for Control My ADHD, a subscription-based online resource including video lessons. The EARlyTAG team including MBA students Kaitlyn Foree, Jeffrey Billion, Nathan Miles, William Templeton and agricultural economics junior Alex Hart, were second in graduate business concept to dramatically reduce costs related to livestock illness with new symptom-detection technology. MBA students Jordan Denny, Jarrod Willis, Lee Goatley and Jordan Laycock placed second for their graduate business plan for TerraCast Technologies. TCT proposes to reclaim mountaintop sites by growing switchgrass for biofuel production. UK Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering researchers Sue Nokes and Mike Montross worked with the students on the technology. UK tied with the University of Louisville for the best team advisors award.

Students from the Gatton College of Business and Economics 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.

The UK broadcast journalism program had an outstanding showing at the 2013 Kentucky Associated Press Broadcasters Awards ceremony. In the college awards, UK placed in every category it entered. Students won an impressive three first places and a total of 10 awards overall proving the growing strength of the program. In the radio category UK broadcast journalism students <a href="Isabel Rosales">Isabel Rosales</a>, <a href="Garrett Wymer">Garrett Wymer</a> and <a href="Lindsey Austin">Lindsey Austin</a> won first place for Best Radio Public Affairs. In the college television competition, <a href="Island Devore">Island Devore</a> won first place for Best TV Feature, and <a href="Alexadria Sardam">Alexadria Sardam</a> won second place in that category. <a href="Morgan Rose">Morgan Rose</a> won first place for Best TV Public Affairs reporting; senior <a href="Garrett Wymer">Garrett Wymer</a> won second place. Senior <a href="Kristin Martin">Kristin Martin</a> won second place for Best TV News Story, and <a href="Garrett Wymer">Garrett Wymer</a> received an honorable mention. For Best TV Newscast, producer <a href="Morgan Rose">Morgan Rose</a> and the UK Student News Network (UKSNN) staff won second place, and producer <a href="Candice Cruz">Candice Cruz</a> and the UKSNN staff won honorable mention. UK 2012 graduate <a href="Matt Young">Matt Young</a> received an honorable mention for Best TV Sports Coverage.

#### 42. Alumni Awards and Achievements

Shevawn Akers, who has a master of social work degree from the UK College of Social Work, has been elected to serve a two-year term on the Lexington Fayette Urban County Council.

The Gatton College of Business and Economics celebrated the success and achievements of three of its graduates today as it inducted three individuals into its Alumni Hall of Fame. The inductees are Kerry Back (1979 and 1982), Helen Cornell (1980) and Frank Ramsey Jr. (1954).

The College of Engineering recently inducted six new members into its Hall of Distinction. Honorees included R. Owen Cropper (Bachelor of Science, computer science, 1982), Ruth Dyer (Doctor of Philosophy, mechanical engineering, 1980), Stephen E. Macadam (Bachelor of Science, mechanical engineering, 1982), Dexter Patton Jr. (Bachelor of Science, mining engineering, 1966), James T. Pauley (Bachelor of Science, electrical engineering, 1986) and William A. Sears (Bachelor of Science, civil engineering, 1956).

Writer and alumnus <u>John W. Egerton</u> received the 2013 UK Libraries Award for Intellectual Achievement in recognition of his knowledge of and contributions to the coverage of the South in the literary world.

The College of Health Sciences inducted two exceptional alumni – <u>Colonel David Greathouse</u> and <u>Holly Johnson</u> – into its Hall of Fame. Greathouse is currently the director of clinical electrophysiology resident of Harlan, Ky. Johnson has more than 25 years of experience as a physical therapist and clinic director and has been a managing shareholder of PT Pros for more than 20 years.