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1. UK Hosts Record-Setting National Conference on Undergraduate Research

The Division of Undergraduate Education hosted the 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) April 3-5 on the UK campus. Nearly 4,200 students and mentors from across the country came to UK to present their research projects and creative endeavors, marking the largest NCUR in the conference's 28-year history. Preparation for an event of this size began over two years ago, and was made possible by the collaboration of many colleges and departments across campus, and by the help of hundreds of student, faculty and staff volunteers.

2. Capilouto Leads \$2.5 Million Project for Minority Participation in STEM

President Eli Capilouto is principal investigator of a five-year, \$2.5 million National Science Foundation (NSF) grant establishing the Kentucky-West Virginia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) in the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Coordinated by the UK Office for Institutional Diversity and UK's co-PI and engineering associate professor Johné Parker, the collaboration includes nine Kentucky and West Virginia institutions of higher learning. The grant will fund programs and initiatives at the alliance members' institutions to increase diversity in the STEM fields.

3. Owensboro Health, UK College of Pharmacy Partner on Pharmacy Residency

Owensboro Health Regional Hospital and the UK College of Pharmacy have announced a new and unique partnership to create a new pharmacy residency program based in Owensboro. Owensboro Health and the UK College of Pharmacy will be working together to offer the post-graduate year one residency program. The program represents the first such off-campus affiliation with the college.

4. Strategic Plan 'see tomorrow.' Speaker Series Continues

The Office of the Provost and the University Senate continued the "see tomorrow." Speaker Series. Janet A. Weiss, vice provost for academic affairs, graduate studies, and dean of the Rackham Graduate School at the University of Michigan, spoke on April 8. Previous speakers were Kathi Kern, associate professor in the Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences and director of the UK Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching, who spoke on February 27; David Attis, practice manager with the Education Advisory Board, who spoke on January 28; and John Thelin, professor of Educational Policy Studies at UK, who spoke on January 21.

5. UK Grant Supports Pedestrian Safety in Lexington, Louisville and Madison County

Kentucky was one of four states recently awarded a grant from the Safe States Alliance to implement a multidisciplinary model for improving pedestrian safety in these three communities. The grant was acquired by the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC), a unified state and academic agency housed at the UK and dedicated to injury prevention. In addition to funding travel and training for a six-member team of officials representing the state, the grant provides \$40,000 for resources and seed funding for community-tailored pedestrian safety initiatives.

6. Kentucky Conference on Health Communication Held

The 13th biennial Kentucky Conference on Health Communication was held April 11-12 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Lexington. KCHC is an internationally recognized venue for researchers, practitioners, and graduate students from health communication and a variety of related disciplines with interest in health promotion and disease prevention to share their work.

7. School of Journalism and Telecommunications Host Hall of Fame Luncheon

Seven new members were inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame Tuesday, April 29, at The Grand Reserve. The seven were inducted at a luncheon ceremony sponsored by the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications Alumni Association. They join 189 other journalists inducted into the Hall of Fame since its 1981 inception.

8. Ellen Goodman Talk Kicks Off Inequality Conference

A March 27 appearance by Ellen Goodman, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, author, speaker and commentator, kicked off the two-day Conference on Political and Economic Inequality, hosted by the UK Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences. Goodman spoke on "Inequality: Working Moms, Designated Daughters, and the Risks of Caregiving" at Memorial Hall.

9. Dentistry Brings Morgan Freeman to Campus

The UK College of Dentistry sponsored an appearance by Academy Award-winning actor, director and producer Morgan Freeman. The interview-style presentation, "A Conversation with Morgan Freeman," was held April 14 at the Singletary Center for the Arts. Proceeds from the event benefit the Drs. Nero and Biggerstaff Diversity Scholarship Endowment at the UK College of Dentistry.

10. Agriculture Continues Study Using Horses to Teach Emotional Intelligence

UK researchers in April launched a second study of the effectiveness of Equine Guided Leadership Education, a process of using horses to teach emotional intelligence and leadership competencies to nurse leaders. The encouraging results of a similar pilot study completed in November 2012 by the UK Center for Leadership Development in the College of Agriculture,

Food and Environment and UK HealthCare helped to make this next larger research phase possible. The new study's objective is to explore innovative ways to develop emotional intelligence skills in the areas of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and relationship management, which create effective professional relationships and are critical to running safe, efficient and high performance hospital units.

11. UK Law Professor Files Amicus Brief With U.S. Supreme Court

UK College of Law Associate Professor Scott Bauries, along with two co-authors, has written an amicus brief that was filed with the U.S. Supreme Court in *Lane v. Franks*, an appeal for which the court heard oral argument on April 28. Bauries and his co-authors, Paul Secunda of Marquette University Law School and Sheldon Nahmod of Chicago-Kent College of Law, submitted the brief in support of the petitioner, a community college administrator who was allegedly fired for truthfully testifying in a criminal prosecution. The brief argues that the Supreme Court should reverse the 11th Circuit's decision denying First Amendment protection to the petitioner's testimonial speech.

12. UK Student's Composition Selected for Philharmonic Program

A composition by UK freshman and UK Percussion Ensemble member Connor Shafran was selected for the Lexington Philharmonic's "New Music Experiment" on April 12. The program provides composers high school age and older the opportunity to work with members of the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra, LexPhil musicians and Maestro Scott Terrell in a workshop featuring the composers' own work. Shafran's work "Der Letzte Traum von Passchendaele," or "The Last Dream of Passchendaele," and other selected young composers' work were played by the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra with LexPhil musicians serving as section leaders in the workshop under the direction of Terrell.

13. Program Improves Education Access for Kentuckians With Disabilities

The U.S. Department of Education has approved Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) as the second postsecondary institution in Kentucky to offer a Comprehensive Transition Program for students with intellectual disabilities. UK's Human Development Institute, through its Supported Higher Education Project (SHEP), works with BCTC to support students with intellectual disabilities as they enroll in courses. Additionally, SHEP provides professional development and technical assistance for faculty and staff.

14. WUKY Takes Home Top Radio Awards From KY Associated Press

WUKY's Josh James took home two first place awards: Best Radio Reporter and Best Short Serious News Feature for "Tax Cases Could Have Far Reaching Implications For State Libraries," a story detailing the legal cases challenging the authority of state libraries to raise tax levels. He was also named "Best of Show" in the radio category. Former WUKY reporter Brenna Angel received two honorable mentions: Best Short Light News Features for "So Long, Film: Movie Theaters Struggle to Keep Up with Digital Conversion" and Best Special Series Documentary for "Appalachian Colleges Struggling to Keep Students."

15. UK Radio and TV Broadcast Students Take AP Awards

Student News Network (SNN) and WRFL reporters won awards in the College Contest of the Kentucky Associated Press Broadcast Awards. Garrett Wymer won first place in the Best College Television Reporter category for "Tuition Hike." Elizabeth Suh won first place in the Best Public Affairs - TV category for "Free Speech." Other winners from SNN are Stuart Hammer and Garrett Gabehart. Winners from WRFL are Shelby Steele, second place in Best Sports Coverage - Radio for "Best High School Football Coach," and Hadley Stein and Candace Cruz, third place in Best Public Affairs - Radio for "Campus Voices - Social Media."

16. UPK Book on Breathitt County Wins Weatherford Award

University Press of Kentucky (UPK) author T.R.C. Hutton has been named the recipient of the 2013 Weatherford Award for nonfiction for his book "Bloody Breathitt: Politics and Violence in the Appalachian South." The Weatherford Award is presented by Berea College and the Appalachian Studies Association annually to honor books in fiction, nonfiction, and poetry that highlight different characteristics of the Appalachian South.

17. Dr. Jackie Noonan Named 'Gifted Educator' for 2014

Dr. Jacqueline (Jackie) Noonan, longtime faculty member at the UK College of Medicine and former chair of the Department of Pediatrics, has been named the "Gifted Educator" for 2014 by the American College of Cardiology. The award recognizes someone who has demonstrated innovative, outstanding teaching characteristics that contribute significantly to the field of cardiovascular medicine.

18. Hardin Memorial Hospital Joins Markey Affiliate Network

Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown is the latest medical center to join the UK Markey Cancer Center Affiliate Network. The affiliation means more cancer patients across Kentucky will be able to receive the advanced specialty and subspecialty care of the UK Markey Cancer Center, recently named the 68th National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center in the country, and the only one in Kentucky. Other benefits include access to clinical trials and advanced technology while allowing patients to stay closer to home for most treatment.

19. UK Law Professor Publishes New Casebook

Josh Douglas, assistant professor at the UK College of Law, along with two co-authors, has published a casebook, "Election Law and Litigation: The Judicial Regulation of Politics." The 846-page book offers a student-friendly, practical approach with carefully designed pedagogical features. Its streamlined approach tracks the chronological order of an election, with significant focus on election administration.

20. UK's Sarah Dorpinghaus Selected for Archives Leadership Institute

In a competitive application process consisting of nearly 75 candidates, Sarah Dorpinghaus, digital projects manager at UK Libraries, has been selected to participate in the 2014 Archives Leadership Institute (ALI). ALI is a program funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration, and hosted by Luther College for 2014-15. The institute will provide advanced training for 25 innovative leaders, giving them the knowledge and tools to transform the archival profession in practice, theory and attitude.

21. UK Libraries Acquires Rare 16th, 17th Century Books on Music

UK Libraries' Cortot Collection added two rare books on music, the 17th century "Traité de la Viole" and the 16th century "Rerum musicorum opusculum rarum ac insigne." The volumes have been acquired and added to the collections rich theoretical inventory.

22. KGS Geologists Visit National Corvette Museum Sinkhole Collapse

Kentucky Geological Survey staff visited the National Corvette Museum in February to inspect the sinkhole that collapsed a portion of the museum floor. The collapse of the museum's concrete floor early on the morning of February 12 caused significant damage to the building and eight vintage Corvettes on exhibit at the Bowling Green attraction. Museum officials were alerted to the incident when their security company's motion detectors sounded that morning. The factors that caused or contributed to the formation of the sinkhole are presently under investigation.

23. Meteorite Collection Donated to KGS by Goshen Couple

A large collection of dozens of meteorite specimens found in Kentucky and around the world was recently donated to the Kentucky Geological Survey by collector William G. Russell of Goshen, Kentucky. Among the more important Kentucky specimens is a sample of a meteorite that fell through the roof of a house near Burnwell, in Pike County, on September 4, 1990. The largest piece of this stony meteorite is a 3.3-pound portion that went on display in the Smithsonian in 1997.

24. Trumpet Studio Students Place in National Competition

Students from the UK Trumpet Studio won several honors at the 2014 National Trumpet Competition, held March 20-23, in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The UK Trumpet Quintet took second prize in the highly competitive ensemble division. Music performance senior Jared Wallis, in addition to his honor with the quintet, advanced to the semifinal division of the solo competition performing "Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra" by Charles Chaynes. The graduate solo division also saw UK alumnus Eric Millard awarded third prize.

25. 'Soup and Substance' Panel Addresses World Health Concerns

The Department of Communication's Advising and Student Success Committee partnered with the MLK Center to co-sponsor the World Health: Soup and Substance Night on April 17 in the MLK Center. Elisia Cohen was one of the panelists discussing health concerns in minority populations. The event was supported by a grant from the College of Communication and Information's Diversity Fund.

26. UK Dance Ensemble Turns 75 This Year

The UK Dance Ensemble, began by alumna Mary King Montgomery Kouns in 1939, celebrated its 75th birthday at its spring concert performances April 26 and 27 at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

27. UK Grabs MANRRS Chapter of the Year Award Again

The UK chapter of MANRRS — Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences —was named National Chapter of the Year for the second consecutive year at the recent National MANRRS conference. This is the first time a school has received back-to-back chapter of the year recognitions. The UK chapter also won the Region 3 Chapter of the Year for the third consecutive year. Quentin Tyler, UK assistant dean and director of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Office of Diversity, was elected as the National MANRRS president-elect. Several UK students also won awards at the conference.

28. Faculty and Staff Achievements

Carmen Agouridis (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) received the 2014 American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers' A.W. Farrall Young Educator Award.

Dr. Jayakrishna Ambati (Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences) is a recipient of a 2014 SEC Faculty Achievement Award.

Les Anderson (Animal and Food Sciences) received the 2014 American Society of Animal Science Southern Section Extension Award.

Kerri Lynn Ashurst (Family and Consumer Sciences Extension) received a \$485,790 grant through Purdue University for 2014 Military Teen Adventure Camps. She also received a \$40,000 Department of Defense Deployment Support Camp grant from Kansas State University.

Doug Boyd (Communication) is the recipient of the 2014 Distinguished Education Service Award, awarded by the Broadcast Education Association "to an individual who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the American system of electronic media education."

Buzz Burnam (Admissions) was recognized as the 2014 Louisville Education and Employment Partnership Community Partner Award winner.

D. Allan Butterfield (Center of Membrane Sciences) was awarded the 2014 Alkmeon International Prize in Rome, for his outstanding contribution in the progress of science of Alzheimer's disease.

Donald Case (Library and Information Science) has been invited as keynote speaker at the Libraries in the Digital Age conference, to be held in Zadar, Croatia, June 17-22. He has also been invited to give a keynote presentation at ISIC 2014, the Information Seeking in Context series of conferences that has been taking place since 1986.

Orlando Chambers (Kentucky Tobacco Research and Development Center) was awarded a Cooperative Agreement with the Federal Drug Administration, which includes a grant for more than \$5 million in the first year for tobacco product research and regulation.

Namjoo Choi (Library and Information Science) has been invited to The Supporting Cultural Heritage Open Source Software Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia on April 24-25.

Elisia Cohen (Communication) was awarded the 2014 Sarah Bennett Holmes Faculty Award, sponsored by the UK Women's Forum.

Jeremy Colbert (Ceramics and Sculpture) is participating in a juried show titled "Repurposed and Recycled, Works by Kentucky Artists," at The Kentucky Artisan Center, Berea.

Czarena Crofcheck (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) received \$50,000 from Sinopec Petroleum Engineering Corporation to further her research on screening and evaluating oilfield sewage-proof microalgae. She also was co-program chair of the 2014 Annual Conference of the Institute for Biological Engineering.

Jim Currens (Kentucky Geological Survey) was recognized with the Bill Barfield Award for Outstanding Water Resource Research from the Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute for his extensive data collection, mapping and analysis of karst systems in Kentucky.

Burtron H. Davis (Center for Applied Energy Research) was honored by a special issue of Topics in Catalysis dedicated to him, including a collection of papers authored by speakers who attended an awards symposium honoring Davis at the American Chemical Society meeting last April.

Ani Katchova (Agricultural Economics) received the Bruce Gardner Outstanding Visiting Economist Award by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economists Group.

Hyungsoo Kim (Family Sciences) received the American Council on Consumer Interests Mid-Career Award.

Meg Marquis (Honors Program) was awarded the 2014 Sarah Bennett Holmes Staff Award, sponsored by the UK Women's Forum.

Jonathan McFadden (Printmaking) has a solo exhibition at the MacRostie Art Center in Minnesota and upcoming solo exhibition at 621 Gallery in Florida residency/solo exhibition at 55LTD in Berlin.

Samuel G. McNeill (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) through a subcontract with Oklahoma State University for USAID's Global Hunger and Food Security Research Strategy: Climate Resilience, Nutrition and Policy, has received \$68,700 to further work that focuses on reducing postharvest loss in Ghana.

Amber Meeks (Family and Consumer Sciences) received the Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences New Achiever Award.

Beverly K. Miller (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) received an Award of Distinction for presenting a competitive poster at the 2014 Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Forum.

Lindell Ormsbee (Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute) was elected a 2014 fellow of the Environmental and Water Resource Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers for the College of Engineering. He also was elected a member in the 2014 Class of Civil Environmental Engineering Academy of Distinguished Alumni at Virginia Tech.

Frederick Payne (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) and graduate research assistant Timothy Mains both presented at the IFPAC 28th International Forum and Exhibition in Arlington, Va.

Tony Pescatore (Animal and Food Sciences) received the 2014 M.D. Whiteker Excellence in Extension Award from the Kentucky Association of State Extension Professionals.

Mark Purschwitz (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering), through a subcontract with Penn State University, has received \$50,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop a proof-of-concept immersive 3D virtual learning environment focused on farm safety for youth. He also was recognized by the Journal of Agromedicine as 2014's Peer Reviewer of the Year.

Karl Raitz (Geography) received the 2014 UK Libraries Award for Intellectual Achievement.

Michael Reed (Agricultural Economics) received an Honorary Ph.D. in Business Administration from Maejo University in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Gregg Rentfrow (Animal and Food Sciences) is the 2014 recipient of the Mid-West Section of the American Society of Animal Science's Young Animal Scientist Extension Award.

Arturo Sandoval (Fiber Arts) was featured in the catalogue Radical Elements, published by the Studio Art Quilt Associates, Storrs, Conn.

Drew Schiavone and Tom Bridges (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) had their papers selected as 2014 American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Superior Paper award winners.

Frederick Schmitt (Neurology) has received the 2014 Mary Carter Award from Down Syndrome of Louisville.

Tammy Stephenson (Dietetics and Human Nutrition) was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for her development of Kentucky Proud recipes for consumers and producers with a one-dish health meal research component.

Timothy Stombaugh and Joseph Dvorak (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) received funding from Case New Holland LLC for the second phase of his research on control and monitoring of sprayer output. The two-phase grant totals \$285,000.

Susie Thiel (Dance) choreographed a duet, performed by Theatre majors Les Gibbs and Megan Jellison, chosen as the first alternate to go to the American College Dance Program nationals in Washington, D.C., this summer.

Shari Veil (Communication) has received an Education Abroad Program Site Visit Grant to visit Brussels to set up a new education abroad site.

James Wade (Sculpture) has a solo exhibition currently on display (April 2014) at Arts Place, here in Lexington.

Richard Warner and Carmen Agouridis (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) received \$75,900 from the U.S. Geological Survey to support their research to ensure restoration success and management effectiveness for the imperiled Blackside Dace at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.

29. Student Achievements

Gabrielle Barker (Vocal Performance) has been named the VSA Kentucky Young Soloist Award winner for the state for the second year in a row.

Phillip Barnett (Communication) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

Kevin Bloomfield (Architecture) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

Jonathan Elliott (Economics and Mathematics) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

Alex Gorrell (Integrated Strategic Communication) won a silver award for photography at the Lexington Ad Club's ADDYs Awards.

Ingang Han (Music Performance) won the UK Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition and was featured in a concert by the Orchestra on March 28.

Artashes Ter Isahakayan (Fine Arts) has been named Outstanding Senior in Materials Science and Engineering.

Kyeong Ran Jang (Biology) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

Jordan Keeton (Economics and Finance) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

Jacob Lee (Art) is participating in the International Print Exchange Programme in India that includes a juried selection of 18 international artists.

Jacob Mattingly (Chemistry and Philosophy) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

Trevor McNary (Economics and International Studies) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

Shannon Newberry (Architecture) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

Stephen Parsons (Computer Science and International Studies) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

Shelby Rose (Dietetics) received the Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Outstanding Student Award.

Jonathan Sarfin (Psychology and English) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

Connor Shafran (Music) had an original work chosen for the New Music Experiment by the Lexington Philharmonic, performed April 12. Connor also designed a new instrument, the Zungefon, and his research for this new percussion instrument was presented at NCUR at UK this April.

Rhea Starns (Integrated Strategic Communication) won two gold awards, for photography and design, at the Lexington Ad Club's ADDYs Awards.

Nick Tatoian and Rhea Starns (Integrated Strategic Communication) won a bronze award for ad club poster designs at the Lexington Ad Club's ADDYs Awards.

Sarah Wagner (Architecture and English) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow

Kalin Wilson (Biology) was named a 2014 Gaines Fellow.

30. Alumni Achievements

Kim Baker (Arts Administration) was named president for the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts.

Rasheedah El-Amin (Arts Administration) was named executive director of the Lyric Theatre.

Brian Luck (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) has a new appointment as assistant professor and extension specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Kelly and Lyle Phelps (Fine Arts) were conference demonstrators during the 2014 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts annual conference in Milwaukee in March.

Morgan Shipps (Fine Arts) has been accepted into the MFA program at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and at the Otis Art Institute, Los Angeles.