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1. UK Celebrates Opening of Confucius Institute

With a special ceremony and concert November 6, the University of Kentucky officially honored its place as one of fewer than 400 organizations worldwide to host a Confucius Institute. The distinction, initially granted to UK by the Office of Chinese Language Council International (colloquially known as the Hanban) in March, will provide central Kentuckians, as well as UK students, faculty, and staff the opportunity for a greater understanding of China through community classes, teacher preparation courses, and events and services for the public.

2. Equine Surgery Center Opens With Help From Small Business Development Center

Lexington Equine Surgery and Sports Medicine, a client of the Bluegrass Business Development Partnership, has opened at the corner of Iron Works Pike and Georgetown Road. The Bluegrass Business Development Partnership is composed of the University of Kentucky, the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, and Commerce Lexington. The veterinary referral practice focuses on outpatient medicine and elective surgery and includes a 10-stall barn and office, two surgery suites, radiology and exam areas, and recovery stalls. The Bluegrass Business Development Partnership, part of the UK Office for Commercialization and Economic Development, provided client services including financial projections and business plan and financing development.

3. Several Doctoral and Research Programs Rise Dramatically in National Rankings

The National Research Council (NRC) released its rankings in late September, and several of UK's doctoral and research programs rose dramatically in national prominence. Specifically, UK houses three doctoral programs ranked in the top quarter, compared to only one program in the top quarter in 1993. UK had 12 other programs in the top half in the survey results as well. In 1993, UK had a total of only 6 programs in the top half.

4. UK Breaks Ground on \$19.8 Million Renewable Energy Lab

In October, the Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) broke ground on what will become the university's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified laboratory. The \$19.8 million renewable energy laboratory will allow CAER to greatly expand its research capabilities devoted to Kentucky's growing renewable energy industries, including biomass and biofuels, electrochemical power sources (such as capacitors and batteries), and distributed solar energy technologies. The facility is funded by a competitive grant CAER won

last year from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act's (ARRA) NIST Construction Grant Program.

5. Chronicle of Higher Education Recognizes UK as a Top Producer of Fulbright Scholars

UK was recognized by the Chronicle of Higher Education in October as a top producer of U.S. Fulbright Scholars for the 2010-11 academic year, with four recipients as of September 9, 2010. UK is in the top 20 of public institutions for its number of Fulbright Scholars, according to the Chronicle's listing. UK's 2010-11 Fulbright Scholars include Susan E., Carvalho, associate provost for international programs; Eugene R. Gaetke, Edward T. Breathitt Professor of Law in UK's College of Law; Jason David Hans, associate professor in the Department of Family Studies, School of Human Environmental Sciences; and Raymond Earl Hill, assistant professor in the UK College of Public Health and director of the Kentucky Institute of Public Health Practice Enhancement.

6. Department of Theatre Celebrates 100 Years With "Gorey Stories"

The UK Department of Theatre continued its 2010-2011 season and celebrated 100 years of theatre on campus with "Gorey Stories," an assortment of tales, songs, and limericks from the gothic writer-illustrator Edward Gorey, which was adapted for the stage by UK alumnus Stephen Currens. The production, first staged at UK, went on to appear on Broadway at the Booth Theatre in 1978. UK's production of "Gorey Stories" was directed by Russell Henderson, associate professor of acting and voice, and Ryan Shirar, musical director. The production ran October 7-17 at Guignol Theatre and was part of several anniversary festivities presented October 16.

7. College of Medicine Celebrates 50th Anniversary Through Academic Convocation

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine celebrated its 50th anniversary through an Academic Convocation on September 23. The convocation featured speaker Lois Nora, M.D., J.D., MBA, president emeritus of Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy and former associate dean at the UK College of Medicine.

8. College of Nursing Celebrates 50th Year

The UK College of Nursing is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. In honor of this significant milestone, the college honored outstanding alumni for their countless accomplishments and contributions within the Commonwealth and across the nation during UK's Homecoming Weekend. Since the establishment of the college in 1960, the mission of the UK College of Nursing has been to create innovative educational programs and become one of the top nursing programs in the nation. The solid foundation that was laid in the early years grew under the leadership provided by Deans Marcia Dake, Marion McKenna, Carolyn Williams, and Jane Kirschling.

9. Record Number of Students Attend Preview Nights

A record number of prospective students experienced Preview Nights, which wrapped up in mid-October. During 2010, UK staff met with 3,971 students during Preview Nights in 12 Kentucky cities, as well as five key out-of-state markets. These numbers are up more than 1,200 students over the previous record. In addition, UK broke attendance records in every city visited, including 582 in Lexington and 571 in Louisville. The momentum continues in December when Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program and Governor's School for the Arts participants visit campus for a special day of recruitment activities.

10. College of Social Work Adoption Program Receives National Award

University of Kentucky College of Social Work's Adoption Support for Kentucky (ASK), formed in 2002, was recently awarded a 2010 Adoption Excellence Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for its "extraordinary contributions in providing adoption and other permanency outcomes for children in foster care." ASK and its Director Carrie Saunders have already been recognized for their exceptional achievements in supporting families with state and national awards this year with the 2010 "Parent Group of the Year" award by the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC).

11. Grammy Winner Branford Marsalis Performs at UK

Grammy-winning jazz musician Branford Marsalis performed at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts in November. The musician, dedicated to jazz education, also conducted a woodwind clinic, a jazz workshop, and a question and answer session for students. The event also featured performances by the UK Jazz Ensemble, UK Mega-Sax, UK Saxophone Quartet, UK Jazz Combo, and a student performance of Darius Milhaud's "Scaramouche."

12. Jazz Alumni Perform on Campus

More than 50 UK jazz alumni returned to campus for the UK Alumni Jazz Band Spectacular in October at Singletary Center for the Arts. The free public concert featured the UK Alumni "Blue" Big Band, directed by Miles Osland; the UK Alumni "White" Little Big Band, directed by Raleigh Dailey; the UK Alumni "Blue & White" Big Band, directed by guest conductor Vince DiMartino; as well as the UK Jazz Ensemble, directed by Osland, and the Osland/Dailey Jazztet. The concert kicked off UK Jazz Ensemble's fundraising efforts as they prepare for a European tour in July 2011. The ensemble, accompanied by the Osland/Dailey Jazztet, will tour France, Switzerland, and the Netherlands performing at the world's most prestigious jazz festivals. The Osland/Dailey Jazztet is comprised of UK talent. The group is made up of UK faculty members Miles Osland playing the saxophone and flute, Raleigh Dailey on piano, Danny Cecil on bass, and Paul Deatherage on the drums.

13. University Press of Kentucky Authors Win Awards

Several University Press of Kentucky books have received recent acclaim. The book "Warren Oates: A Wild Life," by Susan Compo, is listed among the "Best books of the year: 2010" as published by The Guardian. University Press of Kentucky author Thomas Kiffmeyer was named the recipient of the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board (KSHRAB) 2010 Kentucky Archives Month Certificate of Merit for Writing or Other Production for his book "Reformers to Radicals: The Appalachian Volunteers and the War on Poverty." The University Press of Kentucky book "Law and Society in the South: A History of North Carolina Court Cases," by John Wertheimer, was named the 2010 recipient of the Willie Parker Peace Book Award at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Society of Historians (NCSH) on Oct. 23. And the University Press of Kentucky book "Nothing Like An Ocean: Stories" by Jim Tomlinson received a special mention for the 2011 Pushcart Prize for the short story "Angel, His Rabbit, and Kyle McKell." The Pushcart Prize honors and celebrates pieces of poetry, short fiction, and essays that are published by small presses.

14. UK Honors Veterans

The university honored its student, faculty, and staff veterans on Veterans Day with ceremonies outside the Main Building, which included recognition of veterans with lapel pins and prize drawings. The Department of Theatre also restaged its documentary drama "Bringing It Home: Voices of Student Veterans," based on the stories of UK student veterans, at Eastern Kentucky University and UK's Buell Armory. The piece was made possible through a unique collaboration between UK's Department of Theatre, Veterans Resource Center, and Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History.

15. Nielsen Delivers Bowling Lecture

Williard "Bill" Nielsen, retired corporate vice president of Johnson & Johnson, delivered the 11th annual James C. Bowling Executive-in-Residence lecture in November. His presentation was titled, "Too Big To Fail: The Essential Role of Public Relations." The retired executive spoke about the importance of the field to students in the School of Journalism and Telecommunications, outlining how the field has developed and the opportunities that exist for graduates.

16. Back to School Workshop Helps Adults Go to College

UK's office of Adult Student Services held its twice-annual Back to School Workshop in October to help adults go to college for the first time or return to college. The workshop provided adults with information on financial aid, admissions, academic advising, adult student services, and the Bluegrass Community and Technical College. Participation in the workshops has significantly increased since its inception in 2005.

17. Work Begins on \$129 Million Eastern State Hospital at Coldstream

Construction on the new Eastern State Hospital, including a 239-bed hospital and three personal care homes, is expected to be complete by fall 2012. The new hospital will provide inpatient psychiatric treatment, specialized services for acquired brain injuries and psychiatric disabilities requiring nursing-facility care, and forensic mental health services. The project involves a unique agreement between UK, the Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC), the state, and the city of Lexington that allows the organizations to trade property. BCTC will move from the UK campus to the current Eastern State location, and UK will take over the current BCTC location on Cooper Drive.

18. Bluegrass Business Development Partnership Wins Innovation Award

The U.S. Economic Development Administration recognized the partnership between UK, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, and Commerce Lexington with a 2010 innovation award for commercialization. The UK Office for Commercialization and Economic Development, including the Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship, the Lexington Innovation and Commercialization Center, and the Bluegrass Small Business Development Center, work under the umbrella of the Bluegrass Business Development Partnership as a one-stop, super-service provider offering a full range of business development services.

19. Faculty Commercialization Awards Part of Annual Bench2Business Event

More than 100 business and community leaders and faculty were on hand at the annual Bench2Business networking event recently, as UK President Lee T. Todd, Jr. recognized the faculty who received patents and SBIR–STTR grants, licensed technology, and created start-up companies in the last year. Successful alumni entrepreneurs John A. Williams, Sr. '62 (Gatton College of Business and Economics), who founded Computer Services Inc., and Kim Knopf '82 (College of Arts and Sciences), who founded Sleep Outfitters, were the keynote speakers. Williams and Knopf also met with the UK Entrepreneurs and Wildcat Investment student groups.

20. UK Graduate Peyton Fouts Launches New Web Portal

Peyton Fouts, a 2006 UK graduate, recently launched a new, free Web tool, OuiBox. Pronounced “WeBox,” it brings together Web applications such as e-mail, photos, and music with social networks such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and a social network of its own. Fouts, 25, graduated from UK at age 19 with a double major in English and Communications in just three years. OuiBox.com is one of the first investments for the new \$3 million Bluegrass Angels Venture Fund II. UK is an investor in both BGA venture funds through Kentucky Technology Inc., the university’s for-profit corporation

21. ParaTechs 'Graduates' from UK's ASTeCC Business Incubator

The biotechnology company ParaTechs, founded in 2004 and based on the research of UK entomologist and co-founder Bruce Webb, has “graduated” from ASTeCC to its own

building on Oak Hill Drive in Lexington. ParaTechs uses genes derived from insect viruses to make proteins more efficiently for pharmaceuticals. The company has recently licensed technology to an international company in London and has a product on the market to humanely implant embryos into mice. ParaTechs has five full-time and two part-time employees, and has received \$2.7 million in Phase I and Phase II SBIR and STTR awards from the USDA, NIH, and the Kentucky Matching Funds program.

22. Allylix Releases its First Product Developed from UK Technology

A long-lasting citrus flavor and fragrance called Nooktatone is the first product for Allylix, an industrial biotech company founded in 2002 that has its research and development lab at Coldstream. Allylix uses technology developed by the UK College of Agriculture and the Salk Institute for Biological Sciences to produce a group of natural products called terpenes in greater quantities, of higher quality, and at significantly lower cost than traditional sources. The company has plans for seven more products in the next two years. The Bluegrass Angels were one of the original investors in Allylix and participated in the recent Series C venture capital round. UK is an investor in Allylix through Kentucky Technology Inc., the university's for-profit corporation.

23. Second Phase of CO₂ Injection Project Completed

The second and final phase of carbon dioxide and brine injection was completed by the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) and its private partners in the deep geologic storage research well in Hancock County. The well was sealed and abandoned, and the site was reclaimed by the end of October. The KGS and its partners drilled the 8,126-foot deep well in 2009 to test the capacity of a rock formation called the Knox Group, found under much of the U.S. Midwest, to permanently store CO₂. In the second phase, conducted this summer, 357 additional tons of CO₂ was successfully injected into rocks ranging from 4,824 to 5,038 feet deep. KGS held a public meeting October 28 in Hawesville to inform local officials and the general public about the results of the research. Summaries of the research have appeared in several publications and further research continues at KGS in partnership with several Midwest states and the U.S. Department of Energy.

24. KGS Working with CDC on National Drinking Water Project

The Kentucky Geological Survey is representing the state in a national partnership with 15 states, other agencies, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on a project to develop a national repository of water quality data to promote public health research. The goal is gathering data which would help health care professionals investigate connections between unregulated drinking water sources and illnesses. KGS received a CDC grant for the first phase of the work in Kentucky, which involves looking for groundwater quality data sources among state agencies that have never been digitized and to estimate how much the digitization would cost so they can be added to a database.

25. First PEIK Course Proves Successful

The Power and Energy Institute of Kentucky (PEIK) offered its first short course in October, titled “Introduction to Renewable Energy.” It was taught by Paul Dolloff of the East Kentucky Power Cooperative and adjunct faculty member in the UK electrical and computer engineering department. The course provided an overview of renewable energy technology and outlined the basic principles of solar electricity, wind power electric generation, micro-hydro electric generation, and their application in Kentucky. PEIK brings together faculty from traditional engineering departments as well as from the Center for Applied Energy (CAER) and Center for Sustainable Manufacturing to create new labs, courses, and update existing courses to help meet the need of power engineers in the utilities and manufacturing sectors.

26. UK Talent Takes Center Stage at WEG

Several UK groups were among the cast of approximately 1,500 that performed in the opening ceremonies of the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games on Sept. 25. The UK Symphony Orchestra under John Nardolillo provided the music for the ceremonies. Everett McCorvey, director of UK Opera Theatre, was the executive producer of the ceremonies, which were broadcast live to a worldwide audience. Performing with the orchestra were Kentuckian Wynonna Judd, opera stars Denyce Graves and Ronan Tynan, UK Endowed Chair of Music Cynthia Lawrence, UK Artist in Residence and alumnus Gregory Turay, Sara Lee Guthrie, Cherryholmes, and Jazz at Lincoln Center, among other notables. Also representing the School of Music were the UK Chorale, UK Choristers, UK Men's Chorus, UK Women's Choir, UK Trumpet Ensemble, UK Percussion Ensemble, and UK Opera Theatre.

27. Symphony Orchestra Performs with Boston Pops, Hamlisch, Perlman and Guthrie

The UK Symphony Orchestra has performed with top composers and performers recently. In celebration of Keeneland’s 75th anniversary, the UK Symphony Orchestra will perform alongside the Boston Pops in a major concert to be held at Rupp Arena. Proceeds from the historic performance will support the UK Symphony Orchestra Outreach Endowment. The UK Symphony Orchestra also performed October 2 with award-winning composer and pops conductor Marvin Hamlisch. The orchestra performed November 27 for the second time with folk legend Arlo Guthrie. The orchestra will perform with legendary violinist Itzhak Perlman on March 5.

28. National Symphony Orchestra in Residence at UK

The National Symphony Orchestra will be in residence in Kentucky in February, performing concerts and masterclasses across the state, including UK where they will work with the UK Symphony Orchestra. The residency is funded largely by the Kennedy Center and the U.S. Department of Education.

29. College of Medicine Hosts Medical Diversity Conference

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine hosted the annual regional medical educational conference for Region X of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) on Nov. 12-14. The conference focused on ending racial disparities in health care management and patient care. The 73 attendees included medical professional students from UK, Meharry Medical School, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Vanderbilt University and the University of Louisville.

30. WUKY Represents Lexington in National Day of Listening

University of Kentucky's public radio station WUKY represented Lexington in the third annual National Day of Listening Friday, November 26. The holiday was started by the acclaimed oral history nonprofit organization StoryCorps in 2008. The National Day of Listening is an effort to encourage all Americans to honor a friend, a loved one, or a member of their community by interviewing them about their lives.

31. College of Communications and Information Studies Hosts Technology Week

The UK College of Communications and Information Studies presented local and national experts in technology at a week-long series of talks highlighting the role technology plays in communications in October. Fark.com CEO Drew Curtis headlined the event by talking about how his Versailles-based business has become one of the world's most successful news aggregation sites. Talks on open-access to information and development of mobile applications rounded out the week.

32. Grants Provide Entrepreneurial Coaching for Middle School Teachers, Tobacco Areas

Ronald Hustedde, Community and Leadership Development, received a \$275,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission for the Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute, the purpose of which is to provide entrepreneurship curricula and training for 50 middle school teachers and to provide seed money for middle school students to launch approximately 500 new businesses in the region. Hustedde is also the principal investigator on a \$140,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for training and nurturing 120 entrepreneurial coaches in Kentucky's tobacco dependent communities.

33. College of Agriculture Receives \$2.3 Million Grant to Educate Food Stamp Recipients

Ann Vail and Laura Stephenson, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension, are principal investigator and co-principal investigator, respectively, on a \$2,351,659 grant from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services to provide nutrition education to food stamp recipients and/or applicants in various regions within the state.

34. UK Patterson School Partners with U.S. Army War College

The U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania has partnered with the University of Kentucky Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce to conduct an annual strategic-level negotiation exercise in Lexington. This will expose UK students to state-of-the-art leadership training developed by some of the nation's best 'gamers' and strategists. The Patterson School joins only Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs and Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy in having such partnerships with the Army War College's Center for Strategic Leadership. The first exercise took place in November and will occur again in fall 2011.

35. UK Patterson School Director Engaged in "Track Two" Peace Initiative

Retired Ambassador Carey Cavanaugh, director of the University of Kentucky Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, has been tapped to be part of a European Union backed project to establish an "informal" Georgian-Russian dialogue following the August 2008 war between the two states. The goal is to create an expert-level mechanism in which Georgian and Russian representatives can generate ideas for addressing security, economic, humanitarian, and political issues related to the unresolved conflicts in Georgia. Before coming to UK, Cavanaugh had served as a peace mediator for Eurasian conflicts at the U.S. Department of State.

36. Parking and Transportation Services Offers Holiday Transportation Alternatives

UK Parking and Transportation Services is offering transportation alternatives during the holiday and basketball seasons. PTS is offering the new Ride Home Express, which offers a coach bus ride to certain cities in Kentucky and surrounding states for a moderate fare. More than 60 students and employees took advantage of this service for the Thanksgiving break and it will be offered again for the semester break. Students who fly home for the breaks also can get a ride to Lexington's Blue Grass airport on the PTS shuttle for \$1. For the basketball games, PTS and UK Athletics are providing transportation for students, employees, and guests between campus and Rupp Arena for all regular season men's home basketball games while classes are in session. The round-trip cost for all patrons is \$3 per person, per game. PTS has offered this service for more than 33 years.

37. Student Awards and Achievements

Seunghee Lee, Ph.D. candidate in Piano Performance, performed in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall.

Adam Sovkoplas, Ph.D. candidate in Music Theory, had his Sonata for Saxophone and Piano included on the program for the SCI Region V Conference at Augustana College in October.

Yawen Ludden, Ph.D. candidate in Musicology, presented a paper at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Society for Ethnomusicology in Los Angeles in November.

Voice and orchestra students from UK will perform in the World Premiere of Thomas Pasatieri's "God Bless Us All" with Di Capo Opera in New York December 12-18, 2010.

"Go! The Music of Bob Mintzer," with performances of the UK Wind Ensemble, was nominated for a Grammy Award in October.

Sixteen UK voice students won prizes in the state National Association of Teachers of Singing 2010 fall competition in Kentucky.

The Alpha Xi chapter of Rho Chi, College of Pharmacy, has again received the national Project Proposal Award for their project titled "Pharmacy Residency Evaluation Preparation (PREP)." This program will help prepare fourth-year pharmacy students for residency interviews by simulating the interview environment.

LaToya Bo'nee Lee, College of Nursing, received the 2010 Lyman T. Johnson Torch Bearer Award. The award goes to an African-American alumni, faculty or staff person and a student in honor of Johnson, whose legal challenge opened UK to African-American students in 1949.

38. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

Frank Davis, Medical Center Library, has been approved for membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) at the Distinguished Member level. AHIP promotes lifelong learning and exemplary professional performance by recognizing achievements in continuing education, teaching, publishing, research, and other contributions to the profession.

Doug Boyd, director, UK Libraries' Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, addressed the Library of Congress Folklife Center board and staff about technologies developed by UK Libraries to deliver oral history online.

Ken Troske, chair, Department of Economics, for the second consecutive year participated in the Federal Reserve Bank's 'Economic Teamwork' event held in Louisville in early November. Two hundred economic leaders from around the region attended the session, which focused on the impacts of financial regulatory reform.

Diana Hallman, School of Music, published an article in Music, Theater, and Cultural Transfer: Paris 1830-1914 that received the American Musicological Society Ruth A. Solie Award for "a collection of musicological essays of exceptional merit published during the previous year in any language and in any country."

Wendy F. Hansen, College of Medicine, was recently appointed chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Hansen also serves as division director of the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine.

Joseph B. Zwischenberger, UK HealthCare, the Johnston-Wright Professor of Surgery and chairman of the department of surgery, was appointed the first surgeon-in-chief. As the senior surgical leader, Zwischenberger will ensure that the surgical departments deliver high quality, safe, and efficient care and meet the expectations of patients and their families. Zwischenberger will also chair the new Surgical Chairs Executive Committee and serve on the UK HealthCare Executive Committee and the OR Executive Committee.

Carlos Marin, College of Medicine, was appointed the college's first Assistant Dean for Community and Cultural Engagement. Marin will oversee UK's Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program, which includes the Health Careers Pipeline Program, and provide guidance and support to regional AHEC directors.

Jim Norton, College of Medicine, was appointed associate dean for Educational Engagement. Norton will be responsible for the management of the College of Medicine's educational activities beyond the Lexington campus and will serve as director of UK HealthCare CE Central, the administrative unit responsible for managing continuing education for physicians and pharmacists within and outside of UK.

Peter A. Crooks, College of Pharmacy, was selected as the recipient of the 2010 Research Achievement Award in Drug Design and Discovery. This award is among the highest conferred by the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists.

Patrick P. DeLuca, College of Pharmacy, received the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Community Service Award. He has been instrumental in the founding and running of Faith Pharmacy of Lexington, an organization that helps people who don't have prescription drug coverage.

Chang-Guo Zhan, College of Pharmacy, was named an American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Fellow. He has developed unique computational drug design approaches that have been proven reliable and efficient in the rational design of therapeutic candidates. His research team has successfully designed and discovered highly efficient cocaine hydrolases that are recognized as novel, promising therapeutic candidates for treatment of cocaine overdose.

Kimberly Nixon, College of Pharmacy, was named one of 85 researchers as recipients of the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers. Nixon will travel to Washington, D.C. to receive this award at a White House ceremony hosted by President Obama.

Holly Divine, College of Pharmacy, has been named a Fellow of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Joseph L. Fink III, College of Pharmacy, has been selected to serve as vice chair of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Food and Drug Policy Forum of the Food and Drug Law Institute.

Kelly Walsh, College of Pharmacy, was named Resident of the Year by the Kentucky Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The award recognizes an individual pharmacy resident for their contribution to the practice of pharmacy through contributions and improvements at their institution/practice site and throughout the state.

Craig Martin, College of Pharmacy, was named Pharmacist of the Year by the Kentucky Society of Health-System Pharmacists. This award recognizes an individual pharmacist for his or her leadership, vision, and continuous contribution to the practice of pharmacy.

Anna Brzyski, Art History, presented "Kunstwissenschaft, World Art History, and Global Art Historic Discourse," at the conference Art History on the Disciplinary Map in East-Central Europe in November in Brno, Czech Republic.

Rae Goodwin, Art Studio, gave an artist lecture at Florida State University and had a solo exhibition at the Alexander Brest Museum in Jacksonville, Florida.

Arturo Alonzo Sandoval, Art Studio, has had numerous exhibitions around the state and country this fall, including the juried Horsemania exhibit of his horse, Casablanca. His artwork

and accomplishments are featured in "Makers: A History of American Studio Craft," a new anthology published by the University of North Carolina Press.

Robert Shay, Department of Art, is participating in an Artist Residency in Red Lodge, Montana.

Hunter Stamps, Department of Art, was accepted into the Visions in Clay national juried exhibition at the L.H. Horton Jr. Gallery in Stockton, California. One of the accepted sculptures received the second place award. He was also invited into several other juried exhibitions.

Dmitry Strakovsky, Department of Art, exhibited as part of Mediations Biennial 2010, "HUB or SCHub – an exhibition which will not happen," in Poznan, Poland.

Monica Visonà, Department of Art, was invited to serve on the Scientific-Advisory Committee of the 2011 exhibition, "African Arts – Italian Collections," sponsored by the Palazzo Ducale Fondazione per la Cultura in Genoa, Italy. Her monograph, "Constructing African Art Histories for the Lagoons of Côte d'Ivoire," has been published by Ashgate.

Jim Wade, Department of Art, exhibited at Interpretations of Kentucky in the Main Cross Gallery in Lexington; Sculpture Trails Group Show at The Gallery in Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Evolving Traditions at the Gloria Singletary Gallery, Living Arts & Science Center in Lexington.

Benjamin C. Withers, Art History and chair of the Department of Art, had entries in "The Old English Hexateuch" and "Junius 11," which will appear in The Grove Encyclopedia of Medieval Art. He wrote a commissioned review of "The Old English Heptateuch" and Ælfric's Libellus de Veteri Testamento et Novo. Vol. 1: Introduction and Text. Ed. Richard Marsden Early English Text Society 330 which will appear in "Church History and Religious Culture;" and "Manuscripts, Illuminations and Charters" with Elaine Treharne (Florida State University), which appears in "The Year's Work in Old English Studies, 2007, Old English Newsletter."

Craig Carter, College of Agriculture, will assume the role of president of the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians.

Stephanie Derifield, College of Agriculture, received the National Award for Communications—Educational Publications, presented by the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences.

Diana Doggett, College of Agriculture, was named the National Winner of the Florence Hall award and the National Winner of the Community Partnership award by the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences.

Sara Jenkins, College of Agriculture, was the National Winner of the Greenwood Fellowship and the National Winner in Environmental Education, presented by the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences.

Janet Kurzynske, College of Agriculture, is principal investigator on a \$218,000 grant from Cooperative State Research Education and Extension for the Children, Youth, and Families Education and Research Network program component, which will provide Web access to research-based, high quality resources, information, and professional development and training opportunities for CYFAR state and community programs for at-risk populations.

Rebecca McCulley, College of Agriculture, is principal investigator on a National Science Foundation three-year \$285,000 grant to study whether expected evolutionary trade-offs in enzyme activities manifest at the level of microbial community function.

Gina C. Noe, College of Agriculture, was named the National Winner in Extension Housing Outreach by the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences.

Peggy Powell, College of Agriculture, was awarded the National Extension Educator of the Year award presented by the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences.

Laura Stephenson and Janet Tietyen Mullins, College of Agriculture, received a \$100,000 grant from the Altarum Institute for the LEAP2 curriculum, which is designed to send key intervention messages and to encourage interaction between children and their caregivers to increase at-home offering and consumption of fruits and vegetables.

Ling Yuan, College of Agriculture, received a two-year \$80,000 grant from the Kentucky Science and Technology Company for the development of hyperactive DNA transposases by directed evolution.

Evan Hillebrand, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, was selected by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to participate in a geopolitical gaming exercise in Washington, D.C. in November. With other participants from the U.S. government and academia, he explored the potential response of governments, international institutions, and NGOs to the breakout of a global pandemic.

Thomas Zentall, Department of Psychology, released a study on the gambling habits of pigeons titled, "Maladaptive choice behaviour by pigeons: an animal analogue and possible mechanism for gambling (sub-optimal human decision-making behaviour)" in the "Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences" in October.

Paolo Visonà, adjunct associate professor of art history, was recently awarded a Margo Tytus Visiting Fellowship by the University of Cincinnati Department of Classics for his scholarly research on the coinage of ancient Carthage.

39. Alumni Awards and Achievements

Julian Kaplan, School of Music, was appointed Second Trumpet of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and was runner up for the Associate Principal Trumpet position with the Atlanta Symphony (2010).

Susan Matthews, College of Nursing, represented nurse practitioners at the White House with First Lady Michelle Obama to discuss the Affordable Care Act with more than 5,000 nurse practitioners by conference call.