

Office of the President
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1. Ground Broken for New Student Health Building Near Kentucky Clinic

University of Kentucky President Lee T. Todd, Jr. and other officials broke ground November 15 for the new University Health Service (UHS) building, the preventive and primary health care facility for students. With more than 72,000 square feet, the new building will have more than five times the amount of space available in the current UHS location and will allow 120,000 patient visits annually. The facility is expected to open in March 2008. The projected \$24 million facility will be located adjacent to Kentucky Clinic and the Charles T. Wethington Jr. Building. The 2005 budget passed by the Kentucky General Assembly authorized the university to sell bonds to pay for the facility. Those bonds are backed by student fees. The new facility will feature primary care, gynecology, mental health, and prevention clinics and other services. Currently, UHS is located in a 13,000 square foot space in Kentucky Clinic and conducts about 72,000 patient visits per year.

2. President Bush's Cancer Panel Gathers Tobacco-control Information in Lexington

The President's Cancer Panel, including six-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, visited Lexington in late October to gather information on tobacco control from invited experts and public participants. Among the presenters were Kiyoung Lee, assistant professor of environmental health, UK College of Public Health, and Richard Clayton, professor and associate dean for research, UK College of Public Health. The invited experts agreed that tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the nation and that something must be done to solve the nation's problem with tobacco use. Speakers called for more money for tobacco prevention and control programs, as well as more comprehensive smoking bans across the country. The meeting was one of four across the nation that focused on healthy lifestyles that can reduce cancer risk. The Lexington meeting specifically focused on how policies about tobacco and indoor smoking can positively affect cancer rates.

3. UK Faculty, Start-up Company Display Advances at IdeaFestival in Louisville

UK continued its leadership as a presenting sponsor of the international IdeaFestival (IF) held October 11-14, in Louisville. UK continued its partnership with the event through the leadership of David Mohny, 2006 IdeaFestival speaker and planning committee member and dean of UK's College of Design, a lead sponsor of IF. UK was also home to two other presenters, Buck Ryan and John Stempel, leaders in the fields of journalism and international diplomacy from the School of Journalism and Telecommunications and the Patterson School, respectively.

4. UK Research Now Featured on the ResearchChannel

UK research is now reaching more than 22 million U.S. households on the ResearchChannel, a nonprofit media and technology organization that connects UK investigators with a global audience through cable TV and satellite distribution, and live Web streaming at www.researchchannel.org. Several scientists in UK's Center for Visualization and Virtual Environments have been featured recently, including Ruigang Yang, Computer Science, and Samson Cheung, Electrical and Computer Engineering. The College of Medicine Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series, sponsored by UK's new Center for Clinical and Translational Science, will be featured in coming months.

5. Kentucky Kernel Wins College Journalism's 'Pulitzer Prize'

The Kentucky Kernel, UK's independent daily student newspaper, won the Pacemaker, often called the Pulitzer Prize of college journalism. The Kernel was the only college newspaper in Kentucky to win the prize. The Kernel's winning issues included stories about a UK medical student traveling to Africa to fight the spread of AIDS, a former UK professor suffering from Pick's disease, a student group that traveled to the Gulf Coast to help Hurricane Katrina victims repair their homes, and a special section commemorating the four seniors on the men's basketball team. In addition, the UK yearbook was a finalist for the Pacemaker for the first time.

6. NIH Designates UK Hospital as Hub for Neurological Emergencies Treatment

UK has been selected by the National Institutes of Health as one of 11 academic medical centers designated as Neurological Emergencies Treatment Trials' Network Clinical Hub Sites, thanks to the efforts of the departments of Emergency Medicine, Neurology, and Neurosurgery. The program sets up academic medical centers as "hubs" with affiliated community hospitals as "spokes" that conduct trials focused on improving treatment for neurologic emergencies. UK's spokes include St. Claire Medical Center, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Ephram McDowell Medical Center, Rockcastle Hospital, Kentucky River Medical Center, and Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. UK was selected from 30 applications to be awarded funding for this five-year program.

7. College of Nursing Expands Enrollment to Address Coming Nurse Shortage

To help alleviate an increasingly growing nursing shortage in Kentucky and across the nation, the UK College of Nursing will double admissions into its traditional four-year program beginning in fall 2007. The college currently admits 80 Bachelor of Science in Nursing students per academic year – 40 for the fall semester and 40 for the spring. Next year, 160 students will enter the program. UK officials say the caliber of the nursing students will remain high. For each of the past three admission cycles at least 120 qualified applicants were turned away. The college will add eight full-time faculty over the next three years and a number of part-time clinical instructors in order to retain quality instruction for its undergraduates. The supply of nurses in the state is expected to fall short of demand beginning in 2012, and by 2020 Kentucky alone will need an

additional 6,800 nurses. There will be a national shortage of more than 1 million nurses by the year 2020, the National Center for Health Workforce Analysis reports.

8. Astronaut Crippen Presents UK Student with Scholarship During Campus Visit

Astronaut Bob Crippen visited campus in mid-October to present a free public lecture and present a scholarship in an event coordinated by the UK Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence and the UK Office of External Scholarships. Crippen was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Columbia's maiden voyage in 1981 and commanded three other shuttle missions over the next three and a half years. In the early 1990s, he served as director of NASA's Kennedy Space Center. Crippen currently serves as vice chairman of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF). Each year, the ASF presents 18 scholarships to students nationwide who exhibit motivation, imagination, and exceptional performance in the science or engineering field of their major. Crippen presented UK Astronaut Scholar Ryan Fischer, a native of Hebron, Kentucky, with one of the 18 scholarship checks. Fischer is a UK senior majoring in biology and agricultural biotechnology and is one of only nine students have received a scholarship from an astronaut visiting his or her home campus.

9. National EPSCoR Conference Discusses Latest Science and Technology Research

Kentucky hosted the 19th annual National Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) National Conference, which addressed recent science and technology research and explored ideas to bring new competitive innovation to EPSCoR jurisdictions. The 250 national and international participants included faculty, researchers, legislators, students, and economic development officers from all 27 EPSCoR-eligible U.S. states and territories. John Connolly, UK's director of the Center for Computational Sciences, is the NSF EPSCoR director for Kentucky.

10. Patterson School Fall Conference Brings Key Policymakers to Lexington

Former U.S. Special Envoy Robert Gallucci (now dean of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University) and diplomat Brady Kiesling were among more than a dozen key policymakers and academics who visited Lexington in October as part of a Patterson School of Diplomacy conference on "9/11 – Five Years Later: Changing Realities." Kiesling, who gained notoriety as the first federal official to resign over the Iraq war, made a public presentation on America's current threat environment and discussed ethics, responsibility, and integrity with Patterson School students. Gallucci provided a sobering account of the nuclear proliferation threats now being posed by North Korea and Iran. Other participants included top officials from the National Intelligence Office, experts from Canada and the Central African Republic, and former Iran hostage U.S. Charge Bruce Laingen. The fall conference is one of the Patterson School's signature events.

11. Two UK Performers Advance in Metropolitan Opera's District Auditions

The Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions district auditions were presented by the Lexington Opera Society (LOS) in cooperation with UK Opera Theatre. Three UK students were among the four award winners recognized at this year's district auditions. UK Opera Theatre students Christopher Conley and Brandy Lynn Hawkins took two of the three winning positions. Conley and Hawkins each received an \$800 cash award and will advance to the regional round of Met Auditions scheduled for January 20 in Indianapolis, Indiana. UK Opera Theatre student Amanda Balltrip also received the Encouragement Award at this year's competition. Balltrip received a \$200 cash award.

12. West Virginia's Marshall University Joins UK's Math, Science Education Program

UK's Appalachian Math and Science Partnership gained a new partner in mid-November when Marshall University joined the program. Wimberly Royster, the father of the program that won a \$22 million National Science Foundation grant in 2002, spoke at the event, along with Marshall President Steven Kopp. Marshall's program, which will offer enhanced training to K-12 teachers in five West Virginia counties, expanded the UK federal grant to \$24.5 million. Also attending the news conference was John Yopp, UK's associate provost for educational partnerships.

13. College of Medicine Notes 55 Percent Increase in Number of Applicants

The number of applicants seeking admission to the UK College of Medicine during the 2006-07 cycle increased by 55 percent over the previous year. When the final submission deadline passed November 1, the college had received 2,129 applications for the 2007 entering class, more than double the 1,002 applications received two years ago.

14. First Amendment Center Renamed for Scripps Howard Foundation

The UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications has renamed its First Amendment Center in recognition of the support it receives from the Scripps Howard Foundation. Since the center was founded in 1987, the foundation has contributed nearly \$250,000 to First Amendment-related programming at the school, and recently pledged another \$250,000 over the next five years to support the center. A portion of the new gift designates Mike Farrell, director of the newly christened Scripps Howard First Amendment Center, as a Scripps Howard Fellow. Farrell is a former managing editor of *The Kentucky Post*, a Scripps Howard newspaper. At the event, Farrell presented the first James Madison Awards to recognize Kentuckians for Service to the First Amendment. Awards went to UK graduate Judy Clabes ('67), CEO of the Scripps Howard Foundation, and to Louisville media law attorney Jon Fleischaker.

15. UK Art Department Holds Its 14th Annual Iron Pour Event

UK Department of Art hosted its 14th annual Iron Pour on November 4. The iron pour was one event during a week that celebrated the metal arts program at the university and introduced the art form to the community. UK highlighted its metal arts program with workshops, exhibits, the iron pour, and events with visiting artist and alumnus Charles E. Hook.

16. College of Social Work to Develop University-community Partnership on Aging

The UK College of Social work is developing a university-community partnership designed to provide master of social work students (MSW) with rich field experiences in the area of aging. These experiences will cross a range of care methods. The partnership is funded through a three-year \$75,000 grant from the Social Work Leadership Institute at the New York Academy of Medicine and a \$75,000 match from the university. The program will be directed by Janet Ford, director of graduate studies and principal investigator for Project AGE, and Beth Mills, director of field education and project coordinator for the grant. Robynn Pease, adjunct faculty member and coordinator of Aging Services for the Lexington-Fayette County Urban Government, will assist Ford and Mills with curriculum development and teach a special field seminar for Project AGE students.

17. Student Awards and Achievements

Jonica Burke, Martin School of Public Administration and Public Policy doctoral candidate, received second place from the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management for the Curro Student Paper Award.

Mario Garcia and Mark Huseth, Music doctoral students, have been selected as members of this year's prestigious 29-member Soldiers' Chorus of the U.S. Army Field Band. Also selected was Music alumna Staff Sergeant Charis Strange.

Sandi Winter, Martin School of Public Administration and Public Policy doctoral candidate, won first place in the graduate category for her poster "Improving the Quality of Health Care Delivery in a Corrections Setting" at the American Correctional Association 136th Congress of Correction in Charlotte, North Carolina.

18. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

Carmen Agouridis and Richard Warner, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, and Christopher Barton, Forestry, received \$1,070,000 from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources for stream restoration of Guy Cove as part of the overall reforestation efforts being conducted by UK in Robinson Forest. The work conducted through this competitive award is an example of UK protecting and restoring the environment as part of its Commonwealth Collaboratives research initiative.

Glen Aiken, USDA-ARS Forage Animal Production Research Unit, was named a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy. His recognition was for outstanding service to the society, including his research that focuses on the plant-animal interface.

Mary C. Bolin-Reece, UK Counseling and Testing Center, was promoted to senior site visitor by the International Association of Counseling Services, for which she also serves as an elected member of the Board of Accreditation. This fall, she also was named a master trainer for the Question-Persuade-Refer Institute, which provides gatekeeper instructor certifications nationally for suicide prevention on college campuses and in the community.

Yvonne Cappe, Journalism and Telecommunications, attended the Scripps Howard Academic Leadership Academy in June in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her book "Broadcast Basics" was published by Marion Street Press in September.

Donald Case, Library and Information Science, was named in an article in the July 2006 ASIST as one of the top 25 LIS faculty members by number of citations.

Carey Cavanaugh, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, was invited by the Armenian Foreign Ministry to detail U.S. interests in the Caucasus at a November Wilton Park Conference in Yerevan, Armenia. In October, Cavanaugh participated in a Ditchley Park Foundation Conference on the South Caucasus in Oxford, England. In September, Cavanaugh presented a paper on developing a global multilateral naval strategy at the International Institute for Strategic Studies' Global Security Review in Geneva, Switzerland.

Julie Cerel, Social Work, will serve as a grant evaluation director for the state's three-year \$400,000 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant for suicide prevention.

Al Cross, Journalism and Telecommunications, has been chosen by the Kentucky Council of Teachers of English/Language Arts as the 2006 National Council of Teachers of English/Support for the Learning and Teaching of English (NCTE/SLATE) Affiliate Intellectual Freedom Award winner. The NCTE/SLATE Intellectual Freedom Awards recognize individuals, groups, or institutions that have advanced the cause of intellectual freedom.

Lance DeLong, Physics and Astronomy, has been elected to Fellowship in the American Physical Society for his contributions to the understanding of magnetic properties and interactions in superconducting and strongly correlated metallic crystals and films. Election to Fellowship in the APS is limited to no more than one-half of one percent of the membership.

Dennis Egli, Plant and Soil Sciences, earned the Crop Science Research Award from the Crop Science Society of America. Criteria used to determine recipients of the award include originality of basic and applied research, creative reasoning, and impact of contributions.

Robert Farley, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, participated in a major war game simulation at the U.S. Navy War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Robert Fehr, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, received \$207,389 from the Kentucky Office of Energy Policy for deployment of enhanced energy efficiency technologies for buildings. This is the first phase of a total grant worth \$485,731. As part of this effort, UK plans to work with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to provide information and training to Kentuckians that emphasizes the importance of making homes and businesses more energy efficient.

Rich Fording, Political Science and Martin School of Public Administration and Public Policy, received the Policy Studies Best Paper Award at the American Political Science Association's annual meeting in Philadelphia for his paper, "The Color of Devolution: The Politics of Local Punishment in the New World of Welfare."

Jack Groppo and Tom Robl, Center for Applied Energy Research, each received a Special Recognition Award in Innovation from the Environmental Protection Agency for investigations of advanced coal by-product processing at the Ghent, Kentucky, power plant. Their work was supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Don Gross, Political Science, was interviewed by news sources including Fox News cable channel, *The New York Times*, the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, and others during the 2006 election cycle.

Lenn Harrison, Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center, received \$478,000 from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for diagnostic laboratory services for farmers and agribusinesses.

John Hartman, Plant Pathology, was elected a fellow of the American Phytopathological Society. This prestigious honor recognizes distinguished contributions to plant pathology and the society.

Don Hershman, Plant Pathology, was among a national team of scientists recently honored by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for work on Asian soybean rust. The multi-agency team was recognized with a prestigious Secretary's Honor Award for planning, rapid response, and recovery of a potential disaster that was averted by using science-based strategies for mitigating risk associated with the disease.

Evan Hillebrand, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, was selected to be part of the National Intelligence Council's Global Expertise Reserve Program. In September, Hillebrand spoke at a conference in Washington, D.C., on the geopolitics of oil, along with participants from the World Economic Forum, Chatham House, and the Rand Corporation.

Kay Hoffman, dean of the College of Social Work, attended the 33rd World Congress of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), held this fall in Santiago, Chile. Hoffman is a member of the governing board of IASSW and serves as the U.S. representative on the governing board as president of the Council on Social Work Education. At the event, she moderated a panel in Spanish on graduate education in Latin America.

Jim Hower, Center for Applied Energy Research, received the 2006 Gilbert H. Cady Award, presented by the Coal Geology Division of the Geological Society of America. This is the top award in the field of coal geology.

Everett McCorvey, UK Opera Theatre, recently was elected to serve on the board of directors for the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies by its membership. He will serve a three-year term on the board.

Robert Miller, Plant and Soil Sciences, received \$2 million from Philip Morris Inc. for support of the burley tobacco breeding and genetics research program to develop disease-resistant varieties. This is a continuation of grant funding that began in 2002. Total funding to date exceeds \$4 million. Miller directs the joint Kentucky-Tennessee Tobacco Improvement Initiative and has a joint appointment with UK and the University of Tennessee.

Karen Mingst, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, received the Best Book Written on International Organizations Award from the Academic Council on the United Nations System for her book *International Organizations: the Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Mingst also participated in the 12th Annual Conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres in Santiago, Chile.

Krish Muralidhar, Management, recently received a 2006 Distinguished Doctoral Alumni Award from Texas A&M University's Mays Business School.

Daniel Potter, Entomology, earned the Distinguished Achievement in Horticultural Entomology award from the Entomological Society of America.

Daniel Richardson, Physiology professor emeritus, has been named the 2006 Arthur C. Guyton Teacher of the Year by the American Physiological Society.

Jeff Rogers, German, received a grant from the Improving Educator Quality Program funded by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and administered by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. Jeff's proposed project, Developing and Assessing World Language Competence in Kentucky Schools, has been funded at \$115,000. The project will send up to 25 French, German, and Spanish teachers abroad to improve language skills and develop culturally authentic units of study.

Buck Ryan, Journalism and Telecommunications, was notified by Blackwell Publishing that his book, *The Editor's Toolbox: A Reference Guide for Beginners and Professionals*, with co-author Mike O'Donnell, has been translated for distribution in India.

Bill Schweri, Federal Relations, received the 2006 Society of Research Administrators (SRA) Excellence Award for his various presentations, his publication record, leadership, and years of training and mentoring activities in the SRA, an international organization with 4,000 members. Schweri has been in research administration at UK for 28 years.

William Turner, vice president for University Engagement and associate provost for Multicultural Affairs, has been appointed to serve on the Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission. His membership term continues through February 2010. In addition, Turner addressed the annual convention of the Statewide Chapters of the (Kentucky) NAACP in September at Fort Knox.

Chan Yun Yoo, Journalism and Telecommunications, presented a research paper, titled "Incidental Exposure to Web Advertising" in the 2006 American Academy of Advertising Conference, and presented two other research papers in the International Communication Association Conference. He received a Summer Faculty Research Award. He is currently working on a project investigating the effects of FTC advertising regulation on market value of firms.