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1. UK Alumnus Announces Historic Gift to College of Law

On November 8, UK College of Law alumnus J. David Rosenberg and his wife Dianne announced a historic \$20 million gift to the College of Law. This is the third largest single donation in University history. David Rosenberg credits his legal education at the University of Kentucky for his success and leadership roles in law, finance, and his community. The gift will further strengthen the academic excellence of the College of Law by supporting scholarships for outstanding students and efforts to recruit and retain world-class faculty.

2. UK Raises More than \$200M for Second Year in a Row; Surpasses Halfway Point for \$2.1B Campaign

For the second year in a row, UK has raised more than \$200 million, bringing it closer to its \$2.1 billion campaign goal. Last year, the University announced *Kentucky Can: The 21st Century Campaign*, a multi-year comprehensive philanthropy campaign focused on increasing opportunities for student success, funding innovative research, improving health care, strengthening the alumni network, and supporting athletic programs. During the 2018-19 Fiscal Year, UK received \$212.1 million in gifts and commitments from 45,145 donors, all of which counted toward the *Kentucky Can Campaign*.

3. UK Partners With Gen.G to Build Community Through Games

As part of strategic efforts to leverage technology to maximize student success and build community, UK announced a partnership with the global esports company Gen.G to build a first-of-its-kind global gaming and esports program. The collaboration is being jointly led by two UK offices: Student and Academic Life and Information Technology Services.

4. UK, Signet Real Estate Group Celebrate \$34M Mixed-Use Parking, Innovation Center Construction Project

UK and Signet Real Estate Group began work in August on a mixed-use parking facility in Lexington that will include over 900 new parking spaces and over 23,000 square feet of innovation and retail space that will revitalize one of the main corridors into the UK campus, located at the corner of South Limestone Avenue and Winslow Street. On

November 13, UK and Signet celebrated the project with the announcement of a food hall concept for the building and a public vote to name the facility.

5. UK's KIPRC Awarded \$23 Million to Help Fight Opioid Epidemic

UK's Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) has been awarded a three-year, \$23 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to implement the Overdose Data to Action strategy, which integrates surveillance and prevention strategies to reduce the burden of substance use disorders and drug overdoses in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Federal funding for this Award was supported by many members of Kentucky's delegation, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Congressmen Hal Rogers, Congressman Andy Barr, and Congressman Brett Guthrie.

6. UK Awarded \$8.8 Million to Support Opioid Treatment for Women in Criminal Justice Settings

The University recently received an \$8.8 million grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the National Institutes of Health, to establish a Clinical Research Center as part of the Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network to support research on quality addiction treatment for opioid use disorder in criminal justice settings nationwide. The awards, totaling an estimated \$155 million, will support the multi-year innovation network, including 10 research institutions and two centers that will provide supportive infrastructure.

7. New \$5.7 Million Grant Aims to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening, Follow-Up Care in Appalachia

Cancer-control researchers at the UK Markey Cancer Center and The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute aim to increase colorectal cancer screening and follow-up care among underserved individuals in Appalachia through a \$5.7 million grant from the National Cancer Institute.

8. Groundbreaking Grant Will Transform Kentucky's Health Care Startup Ecosystem

UK, the University of Louisville, the Commonwealth Commercialization Center, and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development have received a \$4 million, four-year Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hub grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that will help fund a public-private consortium, the Kentucky Network for Innovation and Commercialization. The new organization will use NIH funding to advance the most promising biomedical research innovations from the state's eight public universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

9. \$2.8 Million Grant Will Fund Preclinical Study of New Dementia Treatment

The UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging has received a five-year, \$2.8 million grant to underwrite preclinical efficacy studies of a potential new treatment for dementia. The drug candidate, called MW150, targets dysregulated brain inflammation driven by a stress-activated protein called p38aMAPK. The research is novel in that it is exploring efficacy in treating more than one form of dementia at the same time.

10. New Grant Will Advance UK CAER's Innovative Carbon Dioxide Capture Research

The UK Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) has received a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) grant to advance its renowned carbon dioxide capture system. This is the second phase of a competitive, three-phase program DOE has launched to support large-scale, fossil fuel research and development. This \$2.7 million project includes DOE funding and industry and university cost-share.

11. UK College of Social Work Awarded \$2.6 Million to Support Families Battling Substance Use

The College of Social Work has been awarded \$2.6 million to support Kentucky families struggling with substance use. More specifically, the College of Social Work will oversee the Kentucky Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team. The program, which provides child welfare-based intervention, aims to help parents achieve lasting recovery and provide a stable home.

12. Shared UK, UofL Grant Addresses Special Education Faculty Shortage

The UK College of Education and the University of Louisville College of Education and Human Development have received a \$2.3 million grant to help ease the growing shortage of special education faculty at institutions of higher education. The project, funded by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs, will provide funding for the preparation of 10 doctoral level scholars in special education, five at UK and five at UofL.

13. UK Receives Grant to Help in the Development of Kentucky's Research Computing CI

The National Science Foundation has awarded the University nearly \$1.4 million over three years to aid in the development of Kentucky's research computing cyberinfrastructure (CI). The project will create a new Kentucky Research Computing team, which is being led by Brian Nichols from UK Information Technology Services, James Griffioen with the UK Center for Computational Sciences, and Doyle Friskney with the UK Department of Communication and Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

14. UK College of Social Work Awarded \$1.1 Million to Study Suicide Exposure in Military Populations

Julie Cerel, a professor and licensed psychologist in the UK College of Social Work has been awarded a \$1.1 million grant, over the next two years, to research the impact of exposure to suicide. The study, funded by the Military Suicide Research Consortium, will include surveys and interviews of personnel in the Kentucky Army National Guard. The study also will focus on people military-wide who are more likely to have occupational exposure, such as social workers, casualty assistance officers, and chaplains.

15. UK Social Work Awarded \$1 Million in Federal Dollars to Combat Opioid Crisis

In its latest round of funding, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded nearly \$400 million to establish and expand access to substance use disorder and mental health services. The College of Social Work will receive \$1.3 million from the Opioid Workforce Expansion Program. The three-year grant will support a project titled, "Building Substance Use Disorder Workforce Capacity in the Appalachia Region."

16. UK Dining Annual Report Reflects Record Levels of Commitment to Kentucky Farms, Businesses

The University — with its dining partner, Aramark — purchased more than \$2.6 million in locally raised and manufactured foods in 2018-19 — a record level of commitment to the state's farm and food economy and businesses, according to UK's annual Dining Sourcing Report. The farm and business impact numbers reflect a 5% increase over last year, or 146% of the required minimum in UK's groundbreaking contract with Aramark — the third straight year of continued growth in purchases from Kentucky farms or businesses.

17. UK Plans to Bring WildCard to iPhone and Apple Watch

University students, faculty, and staff will be able to add their WildCard Student ID to Apple Wallet during the 2020-21 academic year, making it easier for the UK community to get around campus, access buildings, purchase meals, and more with just an iPhone and Apple Watch. WildCard in Apple Wallet is not only convenient, it also provides an extra level of security as students will no longer have to worry about misplacing their physical cards. School credentials also are protected by two-factor authentication. UK officials will implement new card readers on buildings and retrofit old readers, with pilots beginning in the coming academic year.

18. UK Named Among Great Colleges to Work For by Chronicle of Higher Education

For the second consecutive year, the University has been recognized as a "Great College to Work For." UK was the only school in Kentucky to receive this recognition and one of three schools to be recognized in the Southeastern Conference.

19. UK Recognized as 'Top College for Diversity' and 'Diversity Champion' by INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine

For the third consecutive year, the University has received INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine's highest honor — Diversity Champion. The publication describes schools attaining the Diversity Champion recognition as exemplifying an unyielding commitment to diversity and inclusion throughout their campus communities, across academic programs, and at the highest administrative levels. Diversity Champion schools are chosen from institutions that also receive INSIGHT's Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award, which UK also received for the third straight year.

20. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Marks Official Opening of UK College of Medicine-Northern Kentucky Campus

The UK College of Medicine joined partners St. Elizabeth Healthcare and Northern Kentucky University for a ribbon cutting ceremony that officially marked the opening of its new Northern Kentucky Campus September 5. The new site welcomed an inaugural class of 35 medical students during a white coat ceremony in August. This will be the UK College of Medicine's second, four-year regional campus. The first, in Bowling Green, opened in 2018.

21. UK's New Faculty Hires Taking African-American, Africana Studies to the Next Level

In an effort to build institutional excellence, an inclusive curriculum, and faculty diversity, the University is welcoming six new educators to the College of Arts and Sciences and its African-American and Africana Studies Department. The new hires include Nikki Brown, Kamahra Ewing, Regina Hamilton, Frances Henderson, Bertin M. Louis Jr., and Derrick White. Furthering the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion, students can now major in African-American and Africana Studies.

22. UK Recognized for Economic Impact of Land Swap with Lexington

The historic land swap between UK and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government last year has earned UK the honor of being named a finalist in the 2019 University Economic Development Association Awards of Excellence. UK is one of 20 finalists from the nominated group of highly impactful and creative programs and initiatives.

23. Faculty and Staff Achievements

Carl Bradley (College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment) was recently named the Educator of the Year by the Mid America CropLife Association.

David A. Brennen (College of Law) has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Southeast Association of Law Schools and formally installed as a general member of the Council of the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar.

James Campbell (College of Fine Arts) has been named one of Percussive Art Society's three 2019 Lifetime Achievement in Education Award winners.

Craig Carter (College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment) is the recipient of the inaugural Allen W. Hahn Lifetime Achievement Award in Veterinary Informatics.

Cooperative Extension Service agents received national recognition for innovative programming and career accomplishments during the annual meeting of the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Angela T. Dearing (College of Medicine) has been appointed by Gov. Matt Bevin as Kentucky's Public Health Commissioner.

Robert S. DiPaola (College of Medicine) was honored during the 2019 MediStar Awards as the Dean Dorton Physician of the Year.

Joshua A. Douglas (College of Law) is the recipient of the 2019 Duncan Teaching Award.

Sylvie Garneau-Tsodikova (College of Pharmacy) has been selected as one of the 125 American Association for the Advancement of Science IF/THEN® Ambassadors.

Rosalind Harris (College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment) has won the 2019 Outstanding Community Development Educator Award.

Margaret Mohr-Schroder (College of Education) has been named the 2019 Outstanding Senator by the UK University Senate.

Will Snell (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment) and Steve Isaacs (College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment) recently were recognized as outstanding leadership program directors by the International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership.

Jamie L. Studts (College of Medicine) was honored during the 2019 MediStar Awards with the Centerstone Healthcare Advocacy Award.

Marian Swope (College of Medicine) was recognized at the College's first Faculty of Color Network Gala as a pioneering physician of color.

Alexander T. Vazsonyi (College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment) is the recipient of the Fulbright-Palacky University Distinguished Chair.

Paul Vincelli (College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment) has received the Jefferson Science Fellowship.

Guoqiang Yu (College of Engineering), Thomas A. Pittman (UK HealthCare), Chong Huang (College of Engineering) and Nick McGregor (College of Engineering) have been selected to be part of THE BRAIN RACE.

24. Student Achievements

Maggie Davis (College of Communication and Information of Lexington, Kentucky) and Jonathan Thomas (Gatton College of Business and Economics of Hopkinsville, Kentucky) were crowned the University of Kentucky Homecoming queen and king.

Madison Dymont (College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment of Burgessville, Ontario) won first overall individual in the 2019 World Dairy Expo's Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest.

Breanne Everett (College of Communication and Information of Danville, Kentucky), Claire Monkman (College of Communication and Information of Wauconda, Illinois), Kaylee Hoelscher (College of Communication and Information of Centralia, Illinois) and Leah Behling (College of Communication and Information of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) took honors in the 2019 Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication logo competition.

The Kentucky Kernel has been awarded the 2019 Pacemaker Award.

Carlos Lewis (College of Communication and Information of Mason, Ohio) and Ryan Page (College of Communication and Information of Nashville, Tennessee) have been named 2019 Forbes Under 30 Scholars.

Amani Shalash (College of Education of Lexington, Kentucky) and Rachel Wright (College of Arts and Sciences of Crestwood, Kentucky) were awarded the Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant.

Landon Young (College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment of Lexington, Kentucky) has been selected to the 2019 Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team.

25. Alumni Achievements

Tina Harris (College of Communication and Information) has been named the Douglas L. Manship Sr.-Dori J. Maynard Endowed chair in race, media, and cultural literacy at Louisiana State University's Manship School of Mass Communication.

Amy Hehre (College of Health Sciences) has received the Muhammad Ali Humanitarian Award.

Joy Priest (College of Communication and Information) has been awarded the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Donald Hall Prize for Poetry for her first collection of poems.

Marilyn West (College of Engineering and Gatton College of Business and Economics) named 2019-220 Walt Disney Ambassador.