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1. Markey Earns Renewal of Prestigious 5-Year National Cancer Institute Designation

On August 10, The University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center announced The National Cancer Institute (NCI) renewed its national cancer center designation for the next five years. Markey remains one of only 70 NCI-designated centers in the country and the only one in Kentucky. The renewal as an NCI-designated cancer center includes a five-year grant projected at \$10.8 million to support research, recruitment of faculty, education, and clinical trials. The previous five-year grant helped Markey recruit dozens of new researchers and clinicians, pilot new research projects targeted at Kentucky issues, and launch precision medicine initiatives poised to change the standard of cancer care in the state. Markey will have the opportunity to renew its status and simultaneously apply for Comprehensive Cancer Center designation, the highest level of NCI designation, in 2022.

2. College of Nursing Faculty Receive \$1.7 Million to Improve Health in Rural Counties

The Health Resources and Services Administration awarded Sharon Lock and Dianna Inman, both of the University of Kentucky College of Nursing, a \$1.7 million award titled, "Enhancing the Role of the Primary Care Registered Nurse in Rural Kentucky." Beginning in July of 2018 and extending through July 2022, this four-year award will attempt to recruit and train undergraduate nursing students and current registered nurses to practice to the full extent of their license in community based primary care teams.

3. Kentucky Cancer Registry Awarded Multimillion-dollar Contract

On June 22, the Kentucky Cancer Registry (KCR) received a \$2.6 million contract from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to continue its participation in the NCI's Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) program. If the NCI exercises all contract options, the contract could be worth up to \$31 million over 10 years. Housed within the Markey Cancer Control Program, KCR serves the entire state, including investigators at other state institutions and across the country. The NCI's SEER program is an authoritative source of information on cancer incidence and survival in the United States. SEER currently collects and publishes cancer incidence and survival data from population-based cancer registries covering approximately 34 percent of the U.S. population. The data is used by thousands of researchers, clinicians, public health officials, legislators, policymakers, community groups, and the public.

4. UK College of Medicine, Bowling Green Campus Welcomes Inaugural Class

The first class of medical students at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine-Bowling Green Campus took their first steps in their medical education by participating in the campus' inaugural White Coat Ceremony. Thirty students participated in the event held Friday, August 3 at Van Meter Hall on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. In addition, earlier in the day, 136 students received white coats in a ceremony at the UK College of Medicine's Lexington campus at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts. Facing a shortage of physicians across the state, particularly in rural areas of Kentucky, the Bowling Green satellite campus was designed to both grow the medical school class size and increase the number of physicians in the Commonwealth.

5. UK Named Great College to Work For

The Chronicle of Higher Education has named UK among its list of Great Colleges to Work For in 2018. The University of Kentucky received national recognition for its outstanding work environment for faculty and staff. UK is one of only three schools in the Southeastern Conference and the only school in Kentucky to receive the award, which is based primarily on employee feedback. This year, 253 institutions participated in the survey. It was administered for The Chronicle by ModernThink LLC, a Delaware-based human resources consulting firm. It is based on a workplace survey that has been used in 55 "Best Places to Work" programs and more than 4,000 organizations.

6. UK Celebrates Inaugural Wellness Week

The University of Kentucky celebrated its inaugural Wellness Week July 16-20. Each day, university faculty and staff had opportunities to participate in free events related to nutrition, physical activity, and personal health and well-being. Among activities offered were daily yoga classes, healthy snacking, chances to relax and release stress with adoptable dogs from the Lexington Humane Society, and a university-wide step challenge, which included 2,806 participants who took 147.5 million steps.

7. College of Social Work Launches Self-Care Lab

On June 1, the College of Social Work launched the Self-Care Lab (SCL). The SCL will generate empirical knowledge associated with broad ranging self-care research and education among social workers, educators, nurses, law enforcement, and other helping professionals. In doing so, the lab seeks to address potentially toxic employment conditions. SCL is the first known entity to be explicitly dedicated to examining self-care among helping professionals. It entails a unique, collaborative partnership comprising of researchers across the nation. Additionally, the SCL has already established formal partnerships with academic institutions in Slovakia, Poland, and the Czech Republic, among others. The ultimate goal is to help those who are in the helping profession understand self-care does not and should not have to be sacrificed.

8. Pediatric Sedation Unit Recognized for Excellence in Pediatric Care

Kentucky Children's Hospital has been recognized by the Society of Pediatric Sedation (SPS) as a Center of Excellence in Pediatric Sedation. SPS is a resource for hospitals to promote safe, high-quality care, to advance the practice of pediatric sedation through published guidelines, and establish an environment for the delivery of safe, effective, efficient, timely, and equitable patient-centered pediatric procedural sedation. KCH is one of six children's hospitals in the country that meets or exceeds the standards of care outlined by the SPS. In addition, SPS has honored Dr. Cheri Landers with the Joseph P. Cravero MD Leadership Award from SPS for her work in pediatric sedation.

9. UK's OTC, US WorldMeds Partner on Drug Research Project

On May 15, the Office of Technology Commercialization announced an important collaborative research project with US WorldMeds, one of the Commonwealth's fastest growing pharma companies, based in Louisville. In 2017, the pair signed a letter of intent for a strategic collaboration pertaining to the research and development of US WorldMeds' investigational product, lofexidine. If approved, lofexidine will be the first and only non-opioid medication indicated for the mitigation of symptoms associated with opioid withdrawal, one of the most powerful factors driving opioid dependence and addictive behaviors. The collaboration brings together the range of expertise of both parties and leverages UK OTC's deep knowledge of intellectual property management and commercialization services.

10. UK's OTC, Announces Launch of the Southeast Executives-on-Roster

The University of Kentucky Office of Technology Commercialization announced in August the launch of the Southeast Executives-on-Roster (XOR) and the Midwest Executives-on-Roster (XOR) platforms, both intended to assist with startup businesses. The Southeast XOR is a collaboration between 14 Southeastern Conference (SEC) universities, and the Midwest XOR is a collaboration between 11 other Midwest universities. These universities have jointly created online platforms to broaden access to experienced entrepreneurial talent and to match that talent to university-affiliated startups in need of executive management.

11. CLOUD-MAP Team Conducts Ground-Breaking Drone Research in Colorado

The CLOUD-MAP team, made up of student's faculty, and staff in the College of Engineering, along with Oklahoma State University (OSU), University of Oklahoma (OU), and University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), converged in Alamosa, Colorado, July 15-July 24, for an exciting opportunity known as ISARRA Flight Week, where they joined researchers from other U.S. universities in research focused on improving weather forecasting. Overall, dozens of research drones, fitted with sensing equipment and weather instruments, zipped, hovered, and soared over the San Luis Valley, collecting data on how and where storms start and rain falls, with the goal of learning more about local weather patterns important to farmers and residents. The CLOUD-MAP team will continue to combine data and results gathered from Flight Week over the next 12-18 months.

12. UK Libraries Special Collections Research Center Awarded NEH Grant

A project from University of Kentucky Libraries Special Collections Research Center was one of 41 selected to receive a 2018 Humanities Collections and Reference Resources Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant allows institutions to preserve and provide access to collections essential to scholarship, education, and public programming in the humanities. The grant will fund a two-year project archivist position and will result in over 2,000 finding aids and 80,000 digitized documents.

13. UK Receives Leadership in Greener Purchasing Award

The University of Kentucky received a Leadership in Greener Purchasing Award for the Higher Education (Public) Sector from Office Depot. The honor is based on UK's high levels of "green spend" with Office Depot when compared to other institutions in the higher education industry. Office Depot calculates "green spend" by comparing a customer's expenditure on products with eco-attributes such as recycled content, energy efficiency and nontoxicity.

14. College of Engineering Honored with Excellence for Veterans Award

On June 24, the College of Engineering was recognized with an Engineering Excellence for Veterans Award from the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE). In the spring of 2018, 84 undergraduate and 3 graduate students, who self-identified as veterans, were enrolled in engineering disciplines. They represented approximately 22 percent and 4 percent, respectively, of the total enrollment of students who self-identified as veterans at the university. The award, founded in 2015 by the ASEE Military and Veterans Division, recognizes academic institutions that are leaders in helping veterans bridge the gap between military and civilian worlds.

15. Fulbright Program Recognizes 5 UK Students

University of Kentucky Office of Nationally Competitive Awards announced four recent UK graduates and one doctoral student have been offered Fulbright U.S. Student Program Scholarships. The recipients are among approximately 1,900 U.S. students who will travel abroad for the 2018-19 academic year. The students awarded Fulbright grants are: Ben Childress, a 2018 economics graduate, who will teach in Taiwan; Anahid Matossian, an anthropology doctoral student, who will do research in Armenia; David Andrew Mullins, a 2018 physics graduate, who will do research in Switzerland; Tyler Russell, a 2018 mathematical economics graduate, who will teach in Azerbaijan; and Sarah Wood, a 2018 integrated strategic communication and modern and classical languages/Russian studies graduate, who will teach in the Ukraine. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected based on academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The program operates in more than 160 countries.

16. More Than 6,000 Students Made Spring 2018 Deans List

The University of Kentucky released its Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. A total of 6,611 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance. To make a Dean's List in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the Dean's List.

17. Campus Donates Hundreds of Meals for Students

Students who moved out of residence halls donated a total of 18,449 pounds of food, household and clothing items last May with the Give and Go donation program, representing a 17 percent increase from the year before. The items were donated to nonprofits. UK Recycling partnered with UK Housing, Auxiliary Services, Trucking, Office of Sustainability, fraternities and sororities, Residence Life, Transportation Services, UK Physical Plant and Goodwill of the Bluegrass to offer donation opportunities to students as they moved out.

18. Spin Your Wheels With New Bike Share Program

A new partnership with Spin, a personal mobility company, is providing a new bike share program on UK's campus and throughout the city of Lexington. Using this new service is easy and affordable. By using an app, UK Students and employees can ride for \$0.50 per half hour, \$14 for unlimited monthly rides, or \$49 for unlimited annual rides.

19. Faculty and Staff Achievements

Carey Cavanaugh (Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce) has been appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees of International Alert, a major London-based independent international peacebuilding charity.

Rajeev Darolia (Martin School of Public Policy) received the National Academy of Education's Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship.

Dr. Keisa Fallin-Bennett (UK HealthCare) received the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Advocate Award.

Rachel Farr (College of Arts and Sciences) has been named the 2018 recipient of the William T. Grant Scholars Award.

Joseph L. Fink III (College of Pharmacy) has received the award for sustained contributions to scholarship in the field of social and administrative pharmacy from the Social and Administrative Sciences (SAS) Section of the American Association of College of Pharmacy.

Laura Fischer (College of Communication and Information) has been named the 2018 recipient of the ACE Outstanding Dissertation Award.

Michael Goodin (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment) was selected as the 2018 ASM Honorary Diversity Lecturer by the board of governors of the American Academy of Microbiology.

Jazmin Brown-Iannuzzi (College of Arts and Sciences) is one of five young scholars selected for the inaugural Course Hero Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching.

Yuha Jung (College of Fine Arts) has been elected to the board of directors of the Association of Arts Administration Educators.

Miriam Kienle (School of Art and Visual Studies) is the guest curator behind the new Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution exhibition documenting the international mail art movement.

Carl Nathe (Public Relations and Marketing) has been inducted into the 2018 Inaugural Class of the Kentucky Broadcasters Association Ambassadors.

DeWayne Peevy (UK Athletics) is a 2018 NEXT UP presented by a Adidas honoree.

Martina Vasil (School of Music) has been appointed to the board of the Association of Popular Music Education.

20. Student Achievements

Kirby Davis (Fine Arts of Greenville, Kentucky) conducted undergraduate research that was published in the August 2018 issue of DownBeat Magazine.

Amanda Lopez (Library and Information Science, of Berwyn, Illinois) has been awarded the 2018-2019 Spectrum Scholarship by the American Library Association.

Anna Wagner (Political Science, of Georgetown, Kentucky) has been awarded the Critical Language Scholarship to study Russian.

Calah Ford (Psychology, of Georgetown, Kentucky), Lydia Hager (Neuroscience, of West Virginia), and Aaron Mueller (Linguistics and Computer Science, of Louisville, Kentucky) have been selected to receive government-funded National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.

Jenna Hazelbaker (Business and Economic, of Cincinnati, Ohio), Kristen McLaughlin (Business and Economics, of Reisterstown, Maryland), Megan Van Son (Business and Economics, of Maryville, Tennessee), and Taylor Wurth (Business and Economics, of Franklin, Tennessee) were named top 10 finalists at the Global Social Innovation Challenge at the University of San Diego for their startup business idea called Bridge.

The Wildcat Pulling Team placed third at the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers International Quarter-Scale Tractor Student Design Competition.

21. Alumni Achievements

Simidele Adeagbo (Journalism and Media Education) has been selected for the inaugural Obama Foundation Leaders: Africa Program.

Kyle Longley (History Education) has been named director of the LBJ Presidential Library by the archivist of the United States.

Bridget Nicholas (Modern and Classical Languages Education) has been selected for a fellowship from the Princeton in Asia program.

Tyler "Chip" McDaniel (Accounting Education) and Cooper Musselman (Communication Education) competed in the Barbasol PGA Championship held July 16-22, at Champions at Keene Trace in Nicholasville, Kentucky.