

The Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence

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letter from the Chair



Chellgren Endowed Chair,
Professor Philipp Kraemer

The celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Chellgren Center gave us an opportunity to recognize the legacy of achievements of current and past Chellgren Fellows, and to honor the generosity of Mr. Paul Chellgren, who initiated the Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence. In terms of what Fellows accomplished as UK students and what they are accomplishing in their careers, it is clear that the Chellgren Center has worked with a set of talented, creative, and successful young men and women.

With the advent of this newsletter, we seek to share news and information about current and past Fellows. As the Fellows program is itself a shared experience, so it is fitting that sharing of the success of individual Fellows becomes an extension of that experience. Along the way, we hope to celebrate the deep commitment of Fellows to excellence, in the many realms of their endeavors – career, family and community, and to afford all Fellows and other stakeholders, an opportunity to remain connected to each other, the Chellgren Center, and the University of Kentucky.

As the years roll by, each of us becomes ever more engaged in reflecting on the past in ways that honor the present and inspire the future. We offer this newsletter, in part, as platform with each of you can reflect on the people, the places, the opportunities, and the experiences that have helped you construct a meaningful life, while also sharing your accomplishments as your lives unfold. And of course, when contemplating your Chellgren experience, we wish for you to always recognize the profound impact that Mr. Paul Chellgren's vision and generosity has had on shaping and cultivating your success.

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Dr. Krishna Vyas, M.D., Ph.D., M.H.S. is a past graduate of the Chellgren Fellows Program. Dr. Vyas graduated summa cum laude and with honors with a bachelor's of science (B.S.) in biology from the University of Kentucky in 2009. He then went on to receive a master's of health sciences (M.H.S.) degree in microbiology and immunology and international health from the Johns Hopkins University in 2010. Vyas completed his M.D. and Ph.D. with honors at the University Of Kentucky College of Medicine in 2016. He is currently in the plastic surgery residency program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Vyas plans to pursue an academic career focusing on research, education and patient care. He aspires to be a leader in plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgery and has a passion for advancing the specialty. He currently serves on several national professional society committees and boards and is also the wellness chair for Mayo Clinic residents and fellows.

Dr. Vyas has published over 100 manuscripts and book chapters and has presented his research at several national and international conferences. He served as associate editor of a multi-volume stem cell reference series and continues to serve on the editorial board for several journals including Annals of Plastic Surgery, Journal of Translational Medicine, MedONE and WOUNDS. His research interests include translational medicine, stem cell biology, tissue engineering, fat grafting, breast reconstruction, regenerative medicine and patient-centered outcomes.

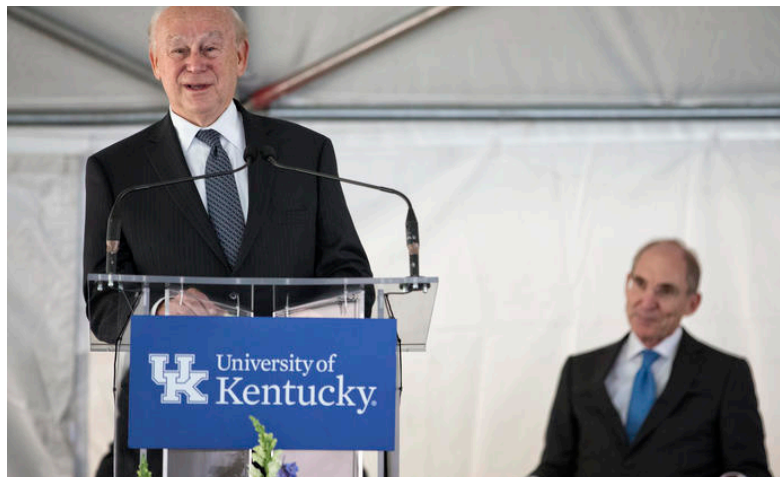
Residence Hall Renamed to Chellgren Hall

On October 19, 2017 University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto announced a more than \$12 million gift from UK graduate and philanthropist Paul Chellgren and his wife, Deborah Cole Chellgren, to support the Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence

As a result of the gift, Woodland Glen I residence hall in the heart of the UK campus is being renamed Chellgren Hall. *(cover photo)*

“I am honored to have the opportunity to give back to the University of Kentucky — an institution that has meant so much to me and my family,” Chellgren said. “Giving back is about those we impact, educate and serve, and the future we want them to create. In the past decade, almost 400 Chellgren Center students have come to UK in search of an education that challenges them to compete and succeed in a complex and diverse 21st century economy.”

“This gift is about the next several generations of those students who will come to this place seeking an education that will allow them to succeed in the quest to lead lives of meaning and purpose in a world that needs such leadership.”



Paul Chellgren, speaking at the announcement of a \$12 million gift.

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The University of Kentucky is celebrating the announcement that political science and Arabic and Islamic studies senior Hadeel Abdallah, of Lexington, has been named a 2019 recipient of the highly prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. Abdallah is one of 32 American women and men selected as Rhodes Scholars representing the United States.

She is the first female from the university and the 10th UK student named a Rhodes Scholar, the last being selected in 1955. UK remains home to the largest number of Rhodes Scholars from institutions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Rhodes Trust is a British charity established to provide full financial support for Rhodes Scholars to pursue a degree or degrees at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. Rhodes Scholars are chosen not only for their outstanding scholarly achievements, but for their character, commitment to others and to the common good, and for their leadership potential in whatever domains their careers may lead. Hadeel plans to complete master's degrees in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies as well as Global Governance and Diplomacy.

“Hadeel’s passion for public service and resolve to make a positive impact on the world are an inspiration to the UK family,” UK President Eli Capilouto said. “Her story embodies the values and ideals that our campus holds dear: dogged determination and unwavering good will. We are so proud of her accomplishments and wish her the best in her journey as a Rhodes Scholar.”



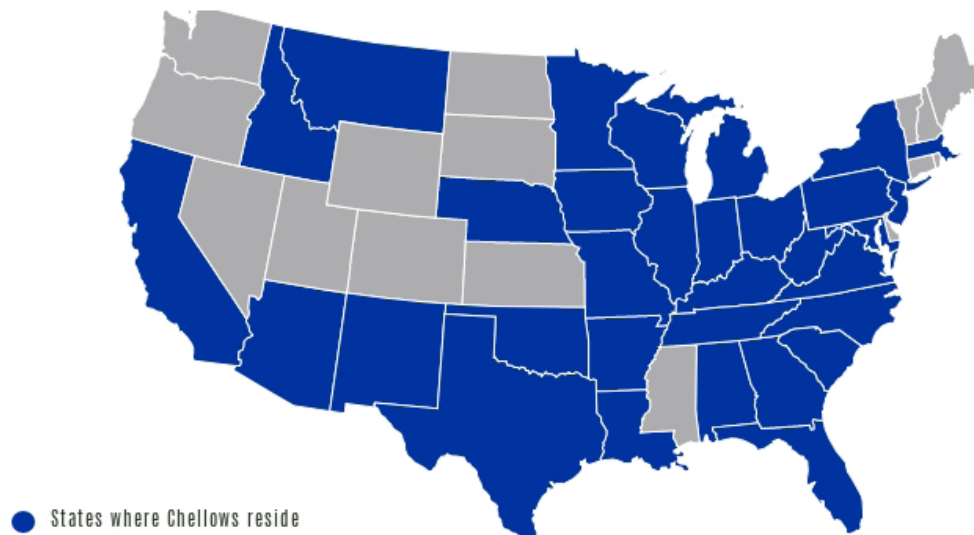
Chellows at Keeneland!

Mark your calendars for a reception and day at the races with current and former Chellgren Fellows.

When: Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 11 a.m.
Where: Keene Place, Keeneland Racetrack

Reserve your spot for you and one guest by emailing
chellgrencenter@uky.edu

CHELLOWS ON THE MAP



OVER THE PAST 11 YEARS,

107

CHELLOWS HAVE
PRESENTED AT
NCUR

OVER THE PAST 11 YEARS,

112

CHELLOWS HAVE
WON NATIONAL
AWARDS

CHELLOWS HAVE GONE ON
TO GRADUATE FROM
INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS:

Cambridge University
Columbia University
Emory Law School
Harvard Law School
London School of Economics
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Stanford University
Vanderbilt University
Yale Medical School

Alumni Survey

We would love to hear from our former Chellows.

What have you been up to? Where in the world are you? How did the program set you up for success in your career? Let us know through this short survey!

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