



ROBINSON REPORT

HIGH SCHOOL LIFE • SPRING 2014

Cody Pryor fights local hunger with garden project



Cody Pryor, a Class 14 Robinson Scholar from McCreary County, has been raising crops and animals for most of his life. Seeing that there are many who would otherwise do without in his community, Cody takes the initiative to plant extra vegetables in his garden and takes them to local shelters and people in need.

"I just plant more than I would ever need and donate the excess," he said.

Drawing his inspiration from Plant a Row for the Hungry, Cody would like to see his small project grow into a huge garden where local shelters could count on his project for a majority of their vegetable supply.

His project has received support from others, including the Mantis company, which donated a tiller to help him expand his garden. His father's greenhouse donated plants, and Plant a Row for the Hungry donated seeds.

One challenge is a lack of funds and supplies to expand the project. The donations he has received have helped immensely, but he would like to see support continue to grow.

"I'd like to expand the garden and provide the majority of the vegetables needed at local shelters," Pryor said.

Notables

Blake Spencer (Senior, Floyd Co.) has been named a preferred walk-on for the UK Football team. Spencer is the first Robinson Scholar to become a Division I athlete.

Wesley Barnett (Junior, Lawrence Co.) and **Brooke Spillman** (Senior, Lawrence Co.) competed at the Kentucky Quiz Bowl Tournament. Barnett advanced to the national tournament in Atlanta, Ga.

Shelby Fairchild (Senior, Johnson Co.) and **Jessie Fraley** (Senior, Elliott Co.) were named salutatorians for their graduating classes.

Amber Genoe (Senior, McCreary Co.) has been accepted into the Honors Program at Eastern Kentucky University.

Robinson Leaders In Their Schools And Communities



UK Women & Philanthropy helps RSP expand

Robinson Scholars receives grant from Women & Philanthropy

The UK Women & Philanthropy Network has provided a grant to the Robinson Scholars Program that will provide \$5,000 scholarships in a new award category called Robinson Excellence Awards.

Students receiving these awards demonstrated academic merit as participants in the Robinson high school program and indicated UK as their first college choice. The Women & Philanthropy grant coupled with funds from continued donor support will enable an additional 11 students from eastern Kentucky to attend UK in the Fall of 2014.

Robinson Excellence Scholars will receive the full support of the Robinson Scholars Program and participate in the same Living Learning Community as students receiving the full Robinson scholarship.

"The support RSP receives from foundations, corporations, and individuals is critical for our success and the success of our young people from eastern Kentucky," said Jeff Spradling, Robinson director. "Traditionally, we have named 29 Robinson Scholars each year. This generous award from Women & Philanthropy enables us to expand our impact."

For more information about this award and how you can support the dreams of eastern Kentucky youth, contact Spradling at 859-257-5230 or via email at jspra2@uky.edu.



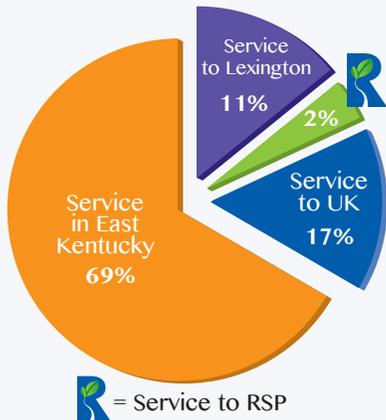
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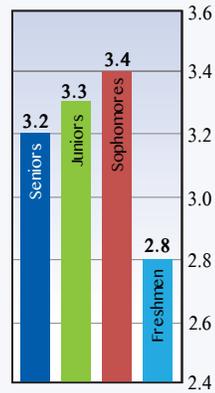


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CAMPUS LIFE • SPRING 2014



Community Service



Spring 2014 Cumulative GPAs

Robinson sophomore named program's second Gaines Fellow

Phillip Barnett, Class 12 Robinson Scholar from Lawrence County, has been named a UK's Gaines Humanities Fellow. He is only the second Robinson Scholar to receive this honor. Erik Tuttle, Class 1 Scholar from Knox County, was also a Gaines Fellow.



This prestigious Gaines program selects 12 students per year to participate in an undergraduate enrichment program that focuses heavily on humanities, research, and cultural development.

All Gaines Fellows are required to take humanities seminars during the junior year and complete a juried project. Fellows are encouraged to complete a community improvement project, as well. In the senior year, each Fellow must complete a major independent study project and defend a thesis paper before Gaines faculty.

"I am very blessed and thankful to have been given this amazing opportunity. I know it wouldn't have been possible without the Robinson Scholars Program," said Barnett, who is also a media intern with the Robinson Scholars Program.

Notables

Felisa Bowman (Class 10, Owsley Co.) was accepted into the UK College of Law and graduated from UK summa cum laude.

Amanda Barnett (Class 11, Breathitt Co.) received first place for Best Undergraduate Essay from the UK English Department.

Kenny Craft (Class 10, Knott Co.) graduated with a degree in Integrated Strategic Communications.

Emily Holland (Class 10, Wolfe Co.) graduated with a degree in Nursing.

Miranda Lindsey (Class 10, Harlan Co.), graduate cum laude with a degree in Elementary Education.

Candace McQueen (Class 11, Owsley Co.) became a nationally certified pharmacy technician.

Zach Neace (Class 10, Elliott Co.) graduated cum laude with a degree in Biology.

Laken Parsons (Class 13, Floyd Co.) was named *AppalArts Magazine's* Artist of the Month.

Megan Roach (Class 10, Lee Co.) graduated with a degree in Management.

Danna Spears (Class 12, Martin Co.) is a Chellgren Fellow working on economic research in Appalachia.

Danielle Stephens (Class 13, Magoffin Co.) was selected to be a Chellgren Fellow.

Tanner Stevens (Class 10, Lawrence Co.), graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Music Education.



Robinson Scholars participated in the Appalachian Studies Conference March 28-30 at Marshall University. Scholars presented at three concurrent sessions during the conference in Huntington, W.Va. Pictured from left are Alyssa Elswick (Class 11, Carter Co.), Candace McQueen (Class 11, Owsley Co.), Jeff Spradling (director), Devin McCarty (Class 12, Magoffin Co.), Danna Spears (Class 12, Martin Co.), and Phillip Barnett (Class 12, Lawrence Co.). McCarty, McQueen, and Spradling led a session about Robinson community service and out-migration of college graduates in eastern Kentucky. Elswick collaborated with Robin Dalton from Morehead State University on a program about youth involvement in preventing Medicare and Medicaid fraud. Barnett and Spears gave a presentation about *AppalArts Magazine*, an online arts magazine they recently launched.