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1. UK's 2017 DanceBlue Raises Nearly \$1.8 Million for Pediatric Cancer Patients

DanceBlue celebrated its 12th annual 24-hour no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon February 25 and 26, raising \$1,785,286.96 "For the Kids." Since the organization's launch in 2006, DanceBlue has raised more than \$11.6 million for the Golden Matrix Fund, providing financial and emotional support for children with cancer and their families and cancer research. Nearly 1,000 dancers completed DanceBlue this year. Earlier in the year, a new \$1.6 million DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital (KCH) Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic opened thanks to the support of the DanceBlue organziation. It is designed to enhance resources, privacy, and care for pediatric patients and families battling cancer.

2. <u>UK to Develop Medical School Regional Campus in Partnership With NKU and St.</u> <u>Elizabeth Healthcare</u>

The UK College of Medicine announced on February 27 plans to develop a regional medical school campus in Northern Kentucky for four-year medical education. The program is the third regional medical school campus announced by UK designed to increase the overall number of physicians in the Commonwealth. Four-year regional campuses have been proposed in Bowling Green and Morehead; the campus at Bowling Green is projected to begin enrolling students in 2018, and Morehead sometime thereafter. The newest UK College of Medicine initiative will be in partnership with Northern Kentucky University and St. Elizabeth Healthcare.

3. <u>Memorial Hall Mural Visible Once Again</u>

On March 24, the University removed the shroud covering Ann Rice O'Hanlon's mural in Memorial Hall and provided accompanying signage that tells about the artwork's creation in 1934, the artist's intent, and the community's response over time. The University also communicated next steps on implementing recommendations made by a steering committee last year.

4. <u>UK Celebrates its 2017 Great Teacher Award Winners</u>

Six UK educators were named recipients of the UK Alumni Association 2017 Great Teacher Award in March. The recipients are: Richard Andreatta, College of Health Sciences; Gitanjali Pinto-Sinai, College of Dentistry; Jeff Reese, College of Education; Michelle Sizemore, College of Arts and Sciences; Nathan Vanderford, College of Medicine; and Sherali Zeadally, College of Communication and Information. Award recipients were honored at the UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award Recognition Dinner and recognized during the Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky men's basketball game. The Great Teacher Award, started in 1961, is the longest-running UK award recognizing teaching. In order to receive the award, educators must first be nominated by a student. The UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award Committee, in cooperation with the student organization Omicron Delta Kappa, then makes the final selections.

5. <u>Chief Justice of the United States Visits UK</u>

UK College of Law students as well as judges, lawyers, and clerks from across Kentucky were provided an extraordinary opportunity as the Hon. John G. Roberts Jr., Chief Justice of the United States, visited the UK campus February 1. Chief Justice Roberts was here as the first speaker for the newly established John G. Heyburn II Initiative for Excellence in the Federal Judiciary. The chief justice and James C. Duff, director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, spoke to a large audience in the Kincaid Auditorium located in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Their conversation followed a Judicial Courage Panel, featuring University of Michigan Professor Pamela Brandwein, Federal Judicial Center Director Jeremy Fogel, and Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Carl E. Stewart. Preceding the event, the chief justice also met with a small group of UK law students.

6. <u>UK Opens Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Room</u>

Members of the UK Board of Trustees and the campus community came together in February to celebrate the dedication of the new interfaith prayer and meditation room in McVey Hall. The space is the fruition of an idea that emerged from conversations between Board of Trustees members and UK students in October 2016. The room is available to students, faculty, and staff from all backgrounds, perspectives, and religions. It is more than five times larger than the previous location in Bradley Hall and more centrally located on campus. The space is the temporary home of the meditation and prayer room until permanent space can be located in the new UK Student Center next year.

7. <u>UK Opens Student Financial Wellness Center</u>

The UK Student Financial Wellness Center opened Monday, January 30, in Patterson Hall to help guide students in their financial journey. The center is home to the UK Financial Wellness team and the MoneyCATS program, powered by PNC Bank, and will provide students with the tools and support they need to build a strong foundation for their financial future. The University has also partnered with iGrad to provide students with access to an award-winning financial literacy platform. On the iGrad platform students can explore articles, videos, calculators, games, modules, and more focused on budgeting, saving, scholarships, and financial aid.

8. <u>UK Cheerleaders Win 22nd National Championship</u>

The UK cheerleaders won their 22nd national championship at the Universal Cheerleaders Association competition in January in Orlando, Florida. Competing among Division IA Coed squads, the Wildcats claimed the crown with an amazing score, 97.8 out of a possible 100 points.

9. <u>UK Launches Third CATS Survey, Continues to Address Campus Safety Issues</u>

In March, UK launched its third Campus Attitudes Toward Safety (CATS) survey, which is part of a five-year commitment addressing students' well-being and safety. CATS consists of several

sections that ask questions about students' beliefs, opinions, and knowledge of various topics. The development of these sections occurred through partnerships with UK's Office of the President, UK Police, University Health Services, Student and Academic Life, Legal Counsel, and the Violence Intervention and Prevention Center. UK President Eli Capilouto and endowed faculty of the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women initiated the first CATS survey in 2015, which was completed by more than 25,000 students. UK officials believe the University was among the first in the country to undertake a mandatory campus-wide survey regarding sexual assault and campus climate.

10. <u>DanceBlue Community Cuts Ribbon to Open New Pediatric Cancer Clinic at Kentucky</u> <u>Children's Hospital</u>

A new \$1.6 million DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital (KCH) Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic, supported by funds raised through the UK DanceBlue organization and dance marathon, is designed to enhance resources, privacy, and care for pediatric patients and families battling cancer. DanceBlue raised more than \$1.3 million to upgrade the clinic, with additional support from donors inspired by the DanceBlue movement. On February 6, UK President Eli Capilouto, joined by DanceBlue student-volunteers, KCH staff, and UK patients and their families, celebrated the grand opening of the clinic during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

11. NCI Director Meets with Markey Researchers, Faculty during Special Visit

Interim director of the National Cancer Institute Dr. Doug Lowy recently visited the UK Markey Cancer Center, continuing a dialogue on Kentucky cancer disparities following Lowy's visit to Hazard, Kentucky, last fall. Much of Lowy's visit focused on research. During the morning session, nine UK faculty members gave presentations on major research initiatives and programs at Markey, ranging from efforts in cancer prevention and control to drug development and discovery. Major topics of discussion centered around the cancer types that affect Kentuckians the most: lung cancer, colon cancer, cervical cancer/HPV, and the hepatitis C virus, which is linked to liver cancer.

12. <u>Record Number of Students on UK Dean's List</u>

A record number of students made the UK Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester. The 7,408 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance. That is an increase of more than 200 over the previous record reached in fall 2015 when the number of students on the UK Dean's List surpassed 7,000 for the first time. Last semester's Dean's List includes over 700 more students than the spring 2016 semester's list. 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.

13. Free Career Closet Opens for UK Students

UK Student Government Association and the James W. Stuckert Career Center have teamed up to provide students a better chance at a promising career with the new Wildcat Wardrobe career closet. Wildcat Wardrobe aims to alleviate the financial burden placed on students to purchase

professional clothing for job interviews, internships, or even full-time job opportunities after graduation. The career closet is located in Blazer Dining Room 249 and opened in March. Faculty, staff, students, and members of the community are welcome to donate clean, gently worn, professional clothing to the closet.

14. <u>Miraculous Recovery of Infant Instills Hope in UK Pediatric Providers</u>

After a dramatic delivery, Connor Stacy endured a marathon of medical treatment in the Kentucky Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Although medical statistics were against Connor's recovery, a multidisciplinary medical team believed in his recovery and pushed the boundaries of medicine to keep Connor alive. Connor suffered from an underlying condition called necrotizing enterocolitis, an infection that starts in the intestine and is common in premature babies. More than half of premature babies diagnosed with severe-grade necrotizing enterocolitis succumb to the disease. Pediatric surgeon Dr. Ana Ruzic and an interdisciplinary medical team launched an aggressive treatment program to keep Connor alive. Since leaving the hospital, Connor is growing, laughing, and babbling his first words and attempting his first wobbly steps.

15. <u>UK Teamwork Returns Heart Patient to His First Love: Restoring Vintage Cars</u>

Advances in the treatment of congenital heart defects have greatly increased survivorship, which requires a new subspecialty dedicated to the treatment of congenital heart defect patients who reach adulthood. Drs. Andrew Leventhal and Hassan Reda of the Gill Heart and Vascular Institute's Kentucky Adult Congenital Heart Program led a multidisciplinary team that saved patient and UK employee Jason Conn's life and returned him to his job, his family, and his garage, where he restores vintage cars.

16. <u>Gill Heart and Vascular Institute Claim Top Spot as Preferred Provider</u>

According to the Kentucky Hospital Association's first quarter 2017 inpatient data, UK HealthCare's Gill Heart and Vascular Institute has claimed the top spot as Lexington's preferred provider of cardiovascular care. The Gill's market share has increased every fiscal year since 2010, and with a share of 35.9 percent in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, surpassed that of all other Lexington hospitals.

17. <u>UK Welcomes Top Potential Wildcats during Merit Weekends</u>

Top students from across the Commonwealth and the region made their way to Lexington for UK's Merit weekends March 17-18, March 24-25, and March 31-April 1. These two-day events, hosted by UK Enrollment Management, allowed top potential students early registration for classes and one last look at campus before they make their final decision about where to attend college.

18. Norton, UK Partner on Clinical Trial for First-Ever Treatment of Radiation Necrosis

A joint clinical trial at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville and UK could lead to an approved cure of radiation necrosis. The trial, led by Dr. Shervin Dashti and Dr. Tom Yao, both from the Norton Neuroscience Institute, and Dr. Justin Fraser at UK is the first in the world to intra-arterially deliver a single, small dose of bevacizumab, a cancer drug known by the name of

Avastin, directly to the area of the brain affected by radiation necrosis. Moments before this, the blood-brain barrier is temporarily disrupted so that the drug can reach the lesion. This targeted method allows a much larger amount of the drug to directly reach the affected brain than would otherwise be possible using traditional intravenous delivery, thus amplifying its effect and reducing serious side effects. Five patients will be enrolled at Norton and five at UK.

19. <u>UK Partners with Weisenberger Mill to Install New Hydro Technology</u>

The UK Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) has partnered with Weisenberger Mill and Shaker Landing Hydro Associates on a pioneering initiative — installing a variable speed generator at Weisenberger Mill. This technology was developed by the wind industry, but it has never been tried by the hydro industry. CAER helped secure a Department of Energy grant for the small demonstration scale project, and CAER's Jim Neathery analyzed data to verify if the new generator was beneficial. Results show the mill is getting 96 percent more power out of the new generator, significantly more than the team expected.

20. <u>UK Report Expects 'Robust' Economic Growth in Kentucky</u>

Forecasting "robust" economic growth this year and identifying education as the most important factor affecting Kentucky's economic future, the UK Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) released its 45th Kentucky Annual Economic Report on February 7. CBER is the applied economic research branch of UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics. Increases in both hourly earnings, as well as average weekly earnings, suggest a strengthening labor market, which potentially bodes well for Kentucky workers during the coming year.

21. <u>UK's New Institute for Biomedical Informatics Advances Data-Enabled Discovery</u>

In the modern era of electronic medical records and increasingly sophisticated care, one of the greatest opportunities for health innovation and medical discoveries lies not in a lab or a clinic, but in data. The progressively routine acquisition of many types of data in health care has created numerous opportunities, as well as challenges, in the analysis and interpretation of this data. At UK, the new Institute for Biomedical Informatics (IBI) is leading the effort to translate big data into actionable information and leverage the latest technologies to advance biomedical sciences. A campus-wide center for data-intensive, interdisciplinary research, IBI promotes translational team science, leads informatics and data science training programs, shares research and data infrastructure, and enables technology innovation.

22. <u>UK Researchers Find Bacterium from Kentucky Coal Mine Fire Could Aid Drug Targeting</u>

Researchers looking in Appalachia for exotic microorganisms that could yield blockbuster drugs have reported a unique find from the smoldering remains of a coal mine fire that's burned for nearly a decade in southeastern Kentucky. In new findings in the journal Nature Chemical Biology, a research team from UK, Rice University, and the University of Oklahoma made new — and in some cases more effective — versions of the antibiotic daptomycin using an enzyme from a soil bacterium found in smoke vents of the Ruth Mullins coal fire. The study's authors said the prenylating enzyme, which is called PriB, could prove useful to drug companies.

23. <u>UK Researchers Report Connection between Intimate Partner Violence and Barriers to</u> <u>Cancer Recovery</u>

Researchers collaborated on a recent study indicating victims of intimate partner violence experience poorer quality of life during a cancer diagnosis. Ann Coker, a professor in the UK College of Medicine; Diane Follingstad, director of the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women; and Heather Bush, a UK College of Public Health associate professor of biostatistics, recently published findings from a cross-sectional study of female cancer survivors. Participants were asked to indicate whether they experienced current or past physical, sexual, or psychological violence by an intimate partner. The investigators found a correlation between reports of intimate partner violence and poorer cancer-related quality of life, including instances of depression, anxiety, and physical health functioning. Their findings were published in the winter 2017 issue of Cancer Causes and Control.

24. <u>UK Researchers Observe Reduction in Sexual Violence among High School Students after</u> Implementing Bystander Intervention Program

UK researchers have observed a significant reduction in sexual violence perpetration and victimization among Kentucky high school students, according to a recently published study on the "Green Dot" bystander intervention program. Led by Ann Coker and Heather Bush in UK's Center for Research on Violence Against Women, the study is the largest and longest randomized controlled trial of bystander intervention programs focusing on sexual violence prevention in high schools. Published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, the study reveals the implementation of Green Dot in Kentucky high schools decreased not only sexual violence perpetration, but also related forms of violence including sexual harassment, stalking, and dating violence.

25. <u>UK Student Develops Program to Allay Police Fears in Autism Community</u>

A UK student has teamed up with local police to provide education about interacting with individuals with autism spectrum disorder. Abbey Love is an educational psychology doctoral student in the UK College of Education. After she noticed parents sharing fears online about what could happen to loved ones if police misinterpreted the behavior of someone with autism, she developed an education-based plan. Since then, Love and members of the Autism Society of the Bluegrass have been delivering professional development to Lexington Police officers, as well as organizing events designed for police and individuals with autism to interact.

26. <u>Study Examines Safety of Flag and Tackle Football</u>

A study led by Dr. Kyle Smoot, associate professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, and a colleague at the University of Iowa produced unexpected results about youth football. The results, published in the Orthopaedic Journal of Sports Medicine, found injury is more likely to occur in youth flag football than in youth tackle football. The study questions what many parents may assume — that flag football is safer.

27. <u>UK Dental Students Serve Community in Mission Clinic</u>

At the Mission Lexington Clinic, UK College of Dentistry's Hispanic Student Dental Association students and three College of Dentistry faculty members provide cleanings, extractions, and a variety of dental services to patients who are typically uninsured and who speak only Spanish. The Spanish-speaking students and faculty volunteering each month reduce misunderstandings and miscommunication when it comes to concerns and care instructions.

28. Three UK Students Compete in March Madness Battle of the Brains on ESPN

UK Biosystems engineering seniors Ryan Morales and Christina Zhang and biology senior Evelyn Mechas appeared on a new ESPN quiz show "Bracket Genius" during March Madness. "Bracket Genius" aimed to spotlight the academic genius of students at schools participating in March Madness. The show matched Sweet 16 schools against one another in a bracket-style competition for the chance to have their team crowned the inaugural Bracket Genius Champion and share the prize of \$100,000 in scholarship money.

29. Parking and Transportation Services Offers Option to Pay Citations with Donations

UK Parking and Transportation Services brought back its successful Donations for Citations program this year, allowing students, faculty, and staff to waive one regular citation of \$25 by donating 10 nonperishable food items or five personal care items. Last year, throughout the two-week donation period, 2,441 pounds of food and 381 pounds of personal care items were donated to Big Blue Pantry — an on-campus resource that serves UK students who are experiencing food insecurity or hunger.

30. <u>Students from across the Globe Compete in International Mining Competition at UK</u>

Mining students from across the world and 17 universities visited Lexington as the UK Muckin' Wildcats Mining Team hosted the International Intercollegiate Mining Competition from March 22-26. Students came from Australia, Brazil, Ontario, the United Kingdom, and from states across the U.S. such as Arizona, Montana, and Colorado. The goal of the competition is to keep old mining techniques alive, as well as to strengthen the camaraderie of mining students today. Students competed in jackleg drilling, hand steel drilling, gold panning, swede sawing, hand mucking, track stand, and land surveying.

31. UK Hosts American Bandmasters Association's 83rd Convention

The UK School of Music hosted the 83rd annual American Bandmasters Association (ABA) convention March 7-12, in Lexington. As part of the ABA convention, approximately 500 members of the association, guest artists, ensemble musicians, and family guests representing 42 states and four Canadian provinces were in town for organizational meetings and five free public concerts featuring nationally recognized bands, including the U.S. Marine Band.

32. Feast on Equality Raises More Than \$37,000 for LGBTQ* Resources

The UK Office of LGBTQ* Resources raised more than \$37,000 through its inaugural Feast on Equality dinner. Feast On Equality is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that's sole purpose is to raise funds for at-risk LGBT youth by hosting signature fundraising events to engage the community and create awareness surrounding the issues that LGBT youth face. The funds raised through the event will be used to fund up to eight student scholarships; create and support a paid student internship program with academic credit; launch a partnership with the Graduate School to provide two graduate and professional student grants up to \$1,500; and enhance regular programming including Pride Week.

33. Appalachian Center at UK Turns 40

In March, the Appalachian Center celebrated its 40th year on campus, recognizing the university's partnership with the Appalachian region and honoring those who have contributed to the center's development and success. The Appalachian Center is considered a leader in research, teaching, and community engagement in the Appalachian region.

34. <u>UK Libraries Partners with Umbra Search on Newly Launched Search Tool for African-</u> <u>American History</u>

UK Libraries has partnered with Umbra Search African American History at the University of Minnesota — a program that makes African-American culture and history more broadly available through a freely available search tool, strategic digitization, and public events and workshops. Digitized rare and unique materials from the UK Libraries that document African-American cultural history have been made available for aggregation, and are now discoverable in Umbra Search, alongside over 400,000 materials from libraries and archives across the country.

35. Faculty and Staff Achievements

<u>Fazleena Badurdeen</u> (College of Engineering) was selected for a national expert educator team aligning higher education curricula with manufacturing workforce needs, formed by Lightweight Innovations for Tomorrow, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences.

<u>Christia Spears Brown</u> (College of Arts and Sciences) was the 2017 faculty recipient of the Sarah Bennett Holmes Award, granted by UK Women's Forum to women at UK who promote the growth and well-being of other women at UK and across the Commonwealth.

Lorraine "Lori" Garkovich (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment) is the faculty recipient of the Ken Freedman Outstanding Advisor Award.

<u>Michael Jacobs</u> (College of Design) has been elevated to the American Institute of Architects prestigious College of Fellows.

<u>Karen Lawrence</u> (College of Social Work) co-authored the first national study of civic service among U.S. military veterans, published in the February 2017 print issue of Psychiatry Research.

David J. Moliterno (College of Medicine, Gill Heart and Vascular Institute) was named new editor-in-chief of JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions by the American College of Cardiology. <u>Phyllis Nally</u> (College of Arts and Sciences) was named the winner of the 2017 Excellence in Advising-New Advisor Award in Region 3.

<u>Carmen Martínez Novo</u> has been awarded an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship for the year 2017-2018.

<u>Anissa Radford (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment) is the staff recipient of the Ken Freedman Outstanding Advisor Award.</u>

Jim Ridolfo (College of Arts and Sciences) has won the 2017 Conference on College Composition and Communication Research Impact Award for his book, "Digital Samaritans: Rhetorical Delivery and Engagement in the Digital Humanities."

<u>Kimberly B. Sayre</u> (College of Engineering) was the 2017 staff recipient of the Sarah Bennett Holmes Award, granted by UK Women's Forum to women at UK who promote the growth and well-being of other women at UK and across the Commonwealth.

<u>Dusan P. Sekulic</u> (College of Engineering) is leading an estimated \$1.2 million international research project to study liquid metal in space with funding by NASA, the European Space Agency and the Roscosmos State Corporation for Space Activities in Russia.

<u>Ginny Sprang</u> (College of Medicine) has been appointed as a member of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network steering committee for the next two years.

<u>Quentin Tyler</u> (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment) was accepted for the 2016-2018 Food Systems Leadership Institute, an executive leadership development program for academia, industry, and government.

<u>Ernest Yanarella</u> (College of Arts and Sciences) is one of 10 scholars worldwide who have received a Shanghai Elite Collaborative Research Grant.

Jordan Hines, <u>Mike McKay</u>, Jerzy Rozenberg, Jason Scroggin, <u>Martin Summers</u> and <u>Liz</u> <u>Swanson</u> (College of Design) were featured in the Lexington Art League's Exhibit "Expanding Fields" at the Loudoun House.

The <u>UK Center for Applied Energy Research</u>'s Biofuels and Environmental Catalysis Group received a \$1.2 million U.S. Department of Energy grant for their novel work in utilizing carbon dioxide from coal-fired power plants to develop bioplastics.

<u>UK College of Design faculty</u> recently took home several accolades in the first round of the American Advertising Federation 2017 ADDY Awards.

<u>UK School of Music faculty</u>, the Wildcat Marching Band, and WUKY took home awards at the third annual Lexington Music Awards

The <u>Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History</u> at UK Libraries presented a documentary as part of the Celebration of Kentucky event held by the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

The <u>Women's Executive Leadership Development</u> (WELD) program announced the faculty and staff members accepted for participation during 2017. They and their colleges/units are: <u>Chana Akins</u> (Arts and Sciences); <u>Kimberly Anderson</u> (Engineering); <u>Elizabeth Arnold</u> (Fine Arts); <u>Chelsea Brislin</u> (Gatton - Business and Economics); <u>Gail Carbol</u> (Human Resources and Benefits); <u>Maria Gabriela Castro</u> (Medicine); <u>Regina Fragneto</u> (Medicine); <u>Richard Grondin</u> (Medicine); <u>Alison Gustafson</u> (Agriculture, Food and Environment); <u>Jennifer Hatcher</u> (Nursing); <u>Elizabeth Head</u> (Medicine); <u>Grace Hestor</u> (Office of Student Organizations and Activities); <u>Melinda Ickes</u> (Education); <u>Sarah Kercsmar</u> (Communication and Information); <u>Rhonda</u> Killingsworth (UK HealthCare); <u>Liang Luo</u> (Arts and Sciences); <u>Emily Lyden</u> (UK Swim and Dive Team, Women's Sports); <u>Meg Marquis</u> (Lewis Honors College); <u>Jenny Minier</u> (Gatton - Business and Economics); <u>Shana Moore</u> (Social Work); <u>Julie Oestreich</u> (Pharmacy); <u>Jennifer</u> Osterhage (Arts and Sciences); <u>Arundathal Reddy</u> (Medicine); <u>M. Sara Rosenthal</u> (Medicine);

<u>Marion Rust</u> (Arts and Sciences); and <u>Mary Kathryn Starkey</u> (Analytics and Technologies). The eight-month program is designed to develop the next generation of UK leaders through retreats, monthly meetings, conversations with upper level administrators, and a group project.

36. <u>Student Achievements</u>

<u>Carleigh Fedorka</u> (Veterinary Sciences, of Meadville, Pennsylvania) represented UK in the Southern Council of Graduate Schools Regional Three Minute Thesis Competition held in Annapolis, Maryland.

<u>Derek Gaiser</u> (Secondary Social Studies Education and History, of Ludlow, Kentucky) was awarded a scholarship by the English-Speaking Union Kentucky Branch to fund Gaiser's summer study at Oxford University.

<u>Genghis Goodman</u> (Economics and Computer Science, from Lexington) and <u>William</u> <u>Miller</u> (Computer Engineering, of Granger, Indiana) won first place in JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s Code for Good hackathon in Columbus, Ohio.

Lesley Nash (Law and Diplomacy and International Commerce, of Paducah, Kentucky) was selected for an internship with UNOHCHR-EARO, the UN Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights, East African Regional Office, located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Mary Elizabeth Schmid (Anthropology) won the Eric R. Wolf Prize from the Society for the Anthropology of Work.

The <u>UK Speech and Debate Team</u> won the first Tri-State Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament held at Gateway Community and Technical College, placed second at the Kentucky Forensic Association State Championship Speech and Debate Tournament, and placed second at the inaugural Hatfield and McCoy speech and debate swing tournament.

Fourteen UK undergraduate students were recently awarded with Oswald Research and Creativity Program awards. Awardees are: <u>Grant Boggess</u> (Materials Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, of Lexington); <u>Marie Noel</u> (Animal Science and Equine Science, of Rineyville, Kentucky); <u>William Greene</u> (Landscape Architecture, of Frankfort, Kentucky); <u>Emily Preece</u> (Interior Design, of Ashland, Kentucky); <u>Amy Hoagland</u> (Fine Arts, of Louisville, Kentucky); Jenny Winstead (English, of Louisville, Kentucky); <u>Adekunle Tiwaladeoluwa</u> (International Studies and English, of Ghana); <u>Yvonne Johnson</u> (English and Computer Science, of Pendleton, Kentucky); <u>Abby Schroering</u> (Theatre and English, of Louisville, Kentucky); <u>Rachel Strange</u> (Communication, of Louisville, Kentucky); <u>Tahnee Qualls</u> (Biosystems Engineering, of Madisonville, Kentucky); <u>Areej Saeed</u> (Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, of Lexington); <u>Martha Tillson</u> (Social Work and Psychology, of Lexington); and Jessica Emly (Elementary Education, of Louisville, Kentucky).