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Alumnus Thomas Lewis reimagines  
honors education at UK



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This is an opportunity to participate in the university's governance through the election of a graduate to serve as an Alumni Trustee on the university's Board of Trustees. Of the 21 seats on the UK Board of Trustees, three are elected by UK graduates. They are currently Kelly Sullivan Holland of Lexington (through June 30, 2018), Cammie Deshields Grant of Winchester (through June 30, 2020) and Dr. Michael A. Christian of Ashland (through June 30, 2022).

Please vote in the Alumni Trustee election when you receive your online ballot. The names of three graduates receiving the highest number of votes will be submitted to the governor of Kentucky, who will appoint one of the three to fill the six-year term to begin July 1, 2018.

## Forge our future

More than six years ago, we committed to a bold vision for UK. We asked ourselves what the promise of *this place* meant at *that moment*. We committed to think anew about how we rebuild this campus, increase support for students, reward and retain our top talent and foster an inclusive campus community. We set those priorities in an economy still reeling from a global recession — we committed to doing what was right, even if it presented incredibly difficult challenges.

We found a way. Today, we find ourselves surrounded by a multibillion-dollar infrastructure renewal, top students supported by double the amount of institutionally funded financial aid, faculty and staff who are pushing new frontiers in teaching and research, higher and more complex patient volumes, and a more diverse and inclusive campus community.

At the end of October, we gathered with our board of trustees to review progress on the Strategic Plan for the University of Kentucky. During our meeting, we took a deep dive on the first-year student experience, but we are making progress across all five strategic objectives to improve: undergraduate education; graduate education; diversity and inclusivity; research and discovery; and service and engagement.

Over the last academic year, our total enrollment surpassed 30,760 students. UK set ambitious 2020 targets for first-year retention and six-year graduation rates, and we reached record levels for both. During the last academic year, we conferred more than 6,900 degrees to UK graduates who left our campus prepared for lives of meaning and purpose.

Emphasizing the provost's four pillars of student success — academic success, financial stability, belonging/engagement and wellness — we are taking steps that aid further progress on our four- and six-year graduation rates. Our intentional approach integrates these values into all of our priorities across the academic enterprise, further empowering our faculty and student support staff to impact the lives and the success of our students.

To that end, unmet financial need is one of the biggest — if not *the* biggest — obstacles to graduation and to being debt free. Our research indicates that with as much as \$5,000 in unmet financial need, retention rates drop by 8 percent. Over the next few years, UK LEADS (Leveraging Economic Affordability for Developing Success) will shift more of our institutionally funded aid to address unmet need. We know that moving graduation and retention rates is essential for Kentucky's economy. Once again, we are finding a way to make good on our promise to Kentucky families.

At the same time, immersive and experiential learning positions students to succeed beyond college. The realignment and creation of the associate provost for Student and Academic Life further aligns the student experience inside and outside of the classroom. Our goal is to leverage classroom learning with student volunteerism, immersion programs, experiential career opportunities and community engagement.

This effort includes the expanded and enhanced opportunities available through the new Lewis Honors College. Over the last several years, we've seen exponential growth in students interested in and positioned to succeed in a robust honors experience. With the support of Tom Lewis (who is on this edition's cover) and his wife Jan, and the leadership of our inaugural dean, Christian Brady, the Lewis Honors College is poised to be a national leader in honors education.

In October, the university received a transformational \$12 million gift from UK graduate and philanthropist Paul Chellgren and his wife Deborah Chellgren to support the Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence. Like the Lewis Honors College, the Chellgren Center provides students with the opportunity for immersive learning through the Chellgren Fellows program and undergraduate research.

Our work is representative of the resolve UK has maintained throughout its history — a shared commitment to rise above challenges, to do what is right for the people we serve. As a university, with distinctive depth and breadth, we bring invaluable assets to our students, community and state.

Going forward, we must, in an important sense, renew the compact we have — with our state and those we serve — to secure the future we want for Kentucky and the world in which our students must succeed when they leave this special place.

Sincerely,

Eli Capilouto  
President







### Letter from UK Alumni Association president

It is a privilege to serve as your UK Alumni Association president in 2017-2018. The fall semester has been an exciting one, and I've thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many alumni and friends. UK Alumni Association events and activities take place almost daily, spanning a number of geographic areas and engaging a variety of targeted groups.

Two highlights of the semester for me include the annual scholarship dinner, as well as Homecoming 2017, the 102nd celebration in University of Kentucky history. The Scholarship Recognition Dinner symbolizes the culmination of hard work and generosity by UK alumni, as well as the academic achievement of current students. At this year's event, we celebrated awarding 176 scholarships totaling over \$180,000 in awards, as well as the generous donations by UK Alumni Clubs and alumni donors. That evening, the "pay it forward" results were realized as I shook the hand of each scholarship recipient. Students, parents and alumni volunteers and donors were all invited to take part. The students who were present represented a myriad of majors and hometowns, and alumni and students both left inspired. For alumni, the event infuses a sense of pride for the array of academic talent present at their alma mater today. And for the students, they were introduced to successful alumni, a room full of examples for them to follow.

Homecoming 2017 was held during the first weekend in October and was themed this year as "Not All Superheroes Wear Capes." I had the honor of attending several events throughout the weekend and meeting some true alumni superheroes. One of the highlights included honoring the Golden Wildcats, the Class of 1967. We celebrated their milestone with an induction breakfast at Kroger Field and also enjoyed a welcome reception, campus tour and outing to Keeneland. It was fun to hear stories from 50 years ago — Golden Wildcats reminiscing about some of their fondest days.

As has been evident so many times, I was reminded of the everlasting bond we have as alumni, one that ties us to our alma mater. I could not help but think about the scholarship recipients in the future — what will their stories be 50 years from now? Thanks to alumni like many of our Golden Wildcats, students are enjoying an education. As alumni of the University of Kentucky, I can think of no finer compliment than to ensure that future Wildcats get an opportunity to attend this fine institution.

On another note, the UK Alumni Association has entered into a new era. We are happy to welcome Tim Wahl to the Big Blue Nation to serve as the associate vice president for alumni engagement and executive director of the UK Alumni Association. I hope you'll take some time to read about our new leader on Page 20. I'd like to thank Stan Kay for his 27 total years of service to the UK Alumni Association and wish him the best in retirement. I'll close with an excerpt from our fight song, "Every Wildcat star will shine." I encourage all of you to shine for the University of Kentucky wherever you may live.

Go Big Blue!

*Susan V. Mustian*  
Susan



UK Alumni Association Golden Wildcat Reunion October 6, 2017

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## UK Law 'raising the bar' with \$56 million building project



UK President Eli Capilouto and UK Law Dean David A. Brennen were joined by students, faculty, staff, donors and alumni in unveiling details of the \$56 million building renovation and expansion project. Pictured from left to right: Professor Mary J. Davis; Anna M. Bacon-Tinsley '91 LAW; John T. McGarvey '70 AS; '73 LAW; former Gov. Steven L. Beshear '66 AS, '68 LAW; Capilouto; Brennen; Secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Vickie Yates Brown Glisson; and third-year law student Katelyn Brown.

The UK College of Law held a ceremonial groundbreaking on Mandrell Hall's front lawn, across the street from the Law Building, now undergoing construction. UK President Eli Capilouto and UK Law Dean David A. Brennen were joined by students, faculty, staff, donors and alumni in unveiling details of the \$56 million building renovation and expansion project.

The college revealed the architectural plans, as well as launched its new building campaign, "Raising the Bar, Together."

"This project goes beyond a building," Brennen said. "This project is about coming together and investing in UK Law's future, the success of its students, its impact on public understanding of legal issues, and its engagement in law reform. It will certainly help us provide a 21st century legal education."

The project will significantly update and enhance a building originally constructed in 1965. Plans call for an increase in educational space, as well as high-tech enhancements to classrooms and study spaces for law students. The footprint of the college will expand by 26 percent to 122,513 square feet. A new main entrance with a porch facing Memorial Hall will be constructed, improving the gateway to the university.

Some highlights of the new law building include a modernized 185-seat moot courtroom designed for oral argument training, live appellate court proceedings, large lectures and conferences, 11 new classrooms; more than 20 collaborative study or breakout rooms; and a new third floor with three classrooms convertible into one large multipurpose room, able to accommodate from 150 - 400 people. The space will also open onto a roof terrace offering spectacular views of Memorial Hall and campus.

The architects are Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates of New York and Sherman Carter Barnhart of Lexington. The construction manager is Congleton-Hacker Co. of Lexington. Construction on the law building began in mid-July. The timetable calls for completion of the project by fall 2019.

To stay informed about the latest news or to watch the first building video update, visit [www.law.uky.edu/raisingthebar](http://www.law.uky.edu/raisingthebar).

## Gift will boost UK Food Science for years to come

A recent gift of more than \$3.1 million will bolster scholarships for budding food scientists at the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

In memory of her late husband and food science pioneer Ezra "Demp" Alford, Donna Alford's gift will fund scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students each year for the foreseeable future. This fall, she chose to fund three undergraduate students.

"It was his dream to set up a scholarship fund in food science," she said. "He talked about this for years, and he left me in a situation where I could do it. I hope these students end up making a difference in the world."

Demp Alford spent many years working for Brown and Williamson Tobacco, where he contributed to several patents. After taking early retirement at age 54, he worked for a few smaller companies before deciding to set up a laboratory in his basement, where he worked full time in food science consulting until his death in 2015.

Donna Alford said she gave with the hope the money would help the college recruit and retain the brightest food science



Photo: Anne D. Nelson

students. The first three scholarship recipients were chosen in July. They are Nakoma Ehrtart of Louisville, and McKenzie Miller and Britany Adkins, both of Lexington. ■

## Engineering opens \$3.5 million Center for Student Success

UK students in the College of Engineering have a new student resource, the James and Gay Hardyman Center for Student Success. The 9,600-square-foot renovation occupies the entire third floor of historic F. Paul Anderson Tower and centralizes essential student resources in one convenient location. Alumnus James F. Hardyman '56 '58 EN, who has given to numerous initiatives within the College of Engineering and the university, donated the \$3.5 million necessary for the renovations, as well as additional funding toward an endowment for the college's undergraduate research and education abroad programs.

"We are changing the way students learn," said President Eli Capilouto at the opening. "Together — inside and outside the classroom — that is what is captured in this space. We are not just transforming this place, we're transforming the way we interact with students and the way we are impacting the Commonwealth."

The center features academic tutoring from the Tau Beta Pi honor society, as well as presentation guidance in the Elbert C. Ray eStudio, which had formerly been on the first floor of the

Ralph G. Anderson Building. Academic advising, student records and career development services are also located in the center.

Hardyman was inducted into the College of Engineering Hall of Distinction in 1995 and the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2000. He received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from UK in 2000. ■



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## UK College of Design expands into Louisville



Photo: Marie Commins/UK PR

immerses UK School of Architecture students in a targeted yet underdeveloped community.

"At the University of Kentucky, we know that working in partnership is the best way to transform communities and fulfill our commitment to the Commonwealth," said UK President Eli Capilouto. "This studio leverages the talent of our faculty and students with the infrastructure to engage in this discipline and with the Portland community. It is a demonstration of the 'power of we,' that will continue to propel this institution to be among the very best in the country and world."

Having this in situ perspective allows students to physically work in the environment while engaging with the residents, community organizations and other key groups to address the needs of the area.

Currently titled Studio Louisville, this is just the first iteration of this pop-up studio approach, which will be led by Associate Professor David Biagi. Future plans are to migrate to new cities with a need for community transformation and to incorporate the college's other programs in the efforts. ■

In partnership with the city of Louisville and Portland Investment Initiative, the UK College of Design will host its first satellite studio on the west side of Louisville beginning this fall.

After meeting with Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and Pi founder Gill Holland in spring 2016, Dean Mitzi Vernon set the wheels in motion for the inaugural "studio away" experience that

## UK recognized as a Diversity Champion by Insight Into Diversity

Insight Into Diversity magazine has recognized UK as one of 15 Diversity Champion colleges and universities in the nation. Diversity Champions exemplify an unyielding commitment to diversity and inclusion throughout their campus communities, across academic programs and at the highest administrative levels.

"UK is a visionary leader among campus communities striving for diversity and inclusion," said Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of Insight Into Diversity. "As a Diversity Champion school, UK exceeds everyday expectations, often eclipsing even its own

goals, and develops successful strategies that serve as models of excellence for other higher education institutions."

Fifteen colleges and universities across the nation have received the Diversity Champion designation. Selected institutions ranked in the top tier of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award recipients. The HEED Award is presented annually by Insight Into Diversity to recognize colleges and universities that are dedicated to creating a diverse and inclusive campus environment. ■



## Car sharing now available on campus



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UK faculty, staff and students who opt out of bringing a motor vehicle to campus now have a transportation alternative available 24 hours a day — car sharing. The partnership between UK Transportation Services and Zipcar provides a convenient option

for members of the campus community who do not have their own car or only need one on campus intermittently.

Two vehicles are available, a Ford Escape and a Ford Focus. The Zipcars have designated parking spots located in the Woodland Avenue Lot and on Martin Luther King Boulevard for convenient pick-up and return.

UK members can join for \$15, with rates starting as low as \$7.50 per hour and \$69 per day. After the first year, members will pay an annual membership fee of \$25. Gas, maintenance, insurance and up to 180 miles of driving per day are included in Zipcar rates. Students can join online and make reservations either on the website or through Zipcar's mobile app.

"The Zipcars offer an option for anyone who only needs a vehicle occasionally, whether that is for trips to the grocery store, to off-campus meetings or to explore Lexington," said Lance Broeking, director of Transportation Services. "The cars are positioned near campus bus stops, making the vehicles easily accessible." ■

## SOPHIA wins prize for excellence, innovation

The Society of Philosophers in America (SOPHIA), a national nonprofit organization headed by Eric Thomas Weber of the UK Philosophy Department, has been awarded the 2017 Prize for Excellence and Innovation in Philosophy Programs.

The American Philosophical Association and the Philosophy Documentation Center (PDC) jointly sponsor the award. This prize for excellence recognizes philosophy departments, research centers, institutes, societies, publishers and other organizations that risk undertaking new initiatives in philosophy, and do so with excellence and success.

UK's SOPHIA is an educational nonprofit membership and chapter organization dedicated to building communities of philosophical conversation. SOPHIA is made up of people from academia and beyond, people who are interested in deep, meaningful dialogue, and who aim to enrich public discourse and civility. To support SOPHIA and benefit UK, the PDC will provide

campus-wide electronic access to a bundle of philosophy resources for a full year, bringing a tangible benefit to both UK faculty and students. The intention is to strengthen the larger community's interest in and support for SOPHIA. The prize carries a total value of over \$3,000.

SOPHIA produces a WRFL radio show and podcast called "Philosophy Bakes Bread,"—"food for thought about life and leadership." One of the recently released episodes in the podcast, "Quality Philosophy for Everyone" with Cole Nasrallah, a philosophy teacher at the College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas, is available at [www.philosophersinamerica.com](http://www.philosophersinamerica.com).

"It means a lot for the American Philosophical Association to recognize and celebrate all that SOPHIA members and leaders are doing," Weber said. "It shows that leaders in the profession care about lively, public philosophical engagement, which is absolutely vital to the future of professional philosophy." ■

## Social Work creates podcast for higher-ed learning

Blake Jones, a lecturer at the UK College of Social Work, wanted to engage his students by presenting the material in a variety of ways to make social work come to life.

Jones pitched the idea of podcasts as a medium for higher-ed learning to Jason Johnston and Jordan Johnson in the college, to create more content for classes and put the spotlight on the work students and graduates are doing in the field of social work. With Jones' experience in the field of social work coupled with Johnston's expertise in audio/media production and Johnson's expertise in programming/web development, "Social Work Conversations" began in late summer. Jones is the host.

The podcasts explore the intersection of social work research, practice and education by showcasing the people associ-

ated with the College of Social Work and give listeners practical tools they can use to change the world.

Each month, Jones will have a conversation with a social work practitioner, researcher, educator or speaker to learn more about their life and work. The podcasts are intended to be instructive and helpful as they explore social issues and challenges faced by the modern day social worker. Anyone can subscribe to the podcasts on iTunes, Stitcher or search for "social work conversations" in the Apple or Android app store.

Episode Two, "On Death Row Saving Lives," is a conversation with social work doctoral candidate Athena Kheiban, who talks about the reward and struggle of conducting forensic interviews with death row inmates and suicide prevention. ■

## \$3.3 million grant to study brain health

A team of researchers led by Professor Suzanne Segerstrom of the UK Department of Psychology has received a \$3.3 million grant from the National Institute on Aging to continue its study of healthy aging. The "Thought, Stress, and Immunity" study has been investigating the interactions between psychological and immunological health among older adults since 2001. Over the next five years, the study will expand to include brain health.

"Infections and products of the immune system are being recognized as important drivers of brain aging," Segerstrom

said. "We hope to demonstrate that as the mind and the immune system 'talk' to each other, there are consequences for the brain. If that's true, improving psychological and immunological health could improve brain health and reduce the risk for neurological diseases as people get older."

Collaborators associated with the study include faculty from the UK College of Medicine, UK College of Arts and Sciences, UK College of Health Sciences, UK College of Public Health and the Pennsylvania State University Department of Psychology. ■

## \$6 million award for rare earth element recovery pilot plant

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has selected a pilot-scale project led by UK Professor of Mining Engineering Rick Honaker to move to a second phase of research in an effort to recover rare earth elements (REE) from coal and coal byproducts. DOE will invest \$6 million in Honaker's project and project partners will contribute an additional \$1.5 million over 2 1/2 years for a total of \$7.5 million.

REEs are a series of 17 chemical elements found in the Earth's crust. Due to their unique chemical properties, REEs are essential components of technologies spanning a range of applications, including electronics, computer and communication systems, transportation, health care and national defense. The demand for REEs has grown significantly in recent years, stimulating an interest in economically-feasible approaches for domestic REE recovery.

The first phase of Honaker's project involved conducting laboratory testing and preparing their technical design for a pilot plant to produce salable REEs. Their design included recovery and sale of dry, fine, high-quality coal out of by-products

from two Kentucky coal preparation (coal washing) plants as an additional source of revenue.

This second phase will use two sources of coal washing by-products as feedstock for recovery of REEs. The team will also recover dry, fine coal from the feedstock material. The first location for installation and testing of the pilot plant will be at a coal preparation plant in Perry County that processes Central Appalachian bituminous coal. The second location for testing of the pilot plant will be at a coal preparation plant that processes Illinois Basin bituminous coal near Nebo.

Professor Jack Groppo and Assistant Professor Josh Werner, both from the Department of Mining Engineering, are co-PIs on the project. In addition, the Kentucky Geological Survey is providing an important service to the project. External to UK, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University will supply expertise in advanced separation systems, and coal producers Alliance Coal and Blackhawk Mining will provide the facilities and support required to operate the pilot-scale REE recovery plant. ■

## Pharmacy and partners receive \$5 million for malaria research collaboration

Approximately \$5 million in additional funding from the Global Health Innovative Technology Fund (GHIT) has been awarded to the lab of Dean Kip Guy at the UK College of Pharmacy, in partnership with Eisai Pharmaceuticals and Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV), for ongoing malaria research. This award from GHIT funds research over two years with Dean Guy as the project's principal investigator.

Through their collaboration, UK, Eisai and MMV are developing an innovative drug known as SJ733 to address malaria. The drug, in combination with one other antimalarial or more, would potentially cure patients and could provide substantial protection after treatment.

"Despite being an entirely preventable and treatable disease, malaria still places 3.2 billion people at risk, and it is still the cause of almost half a million deaths each year. We want to see those numbers fall," said Guy.

The Phase IIa studies, undertaken in malaria patients, will set the stage for additional testing to determine appropriate combinations of malaria treatments which will ultimately help those hit hardest by this disease, including children and pregnant women. ■



Compiled from news reports about research at UK.

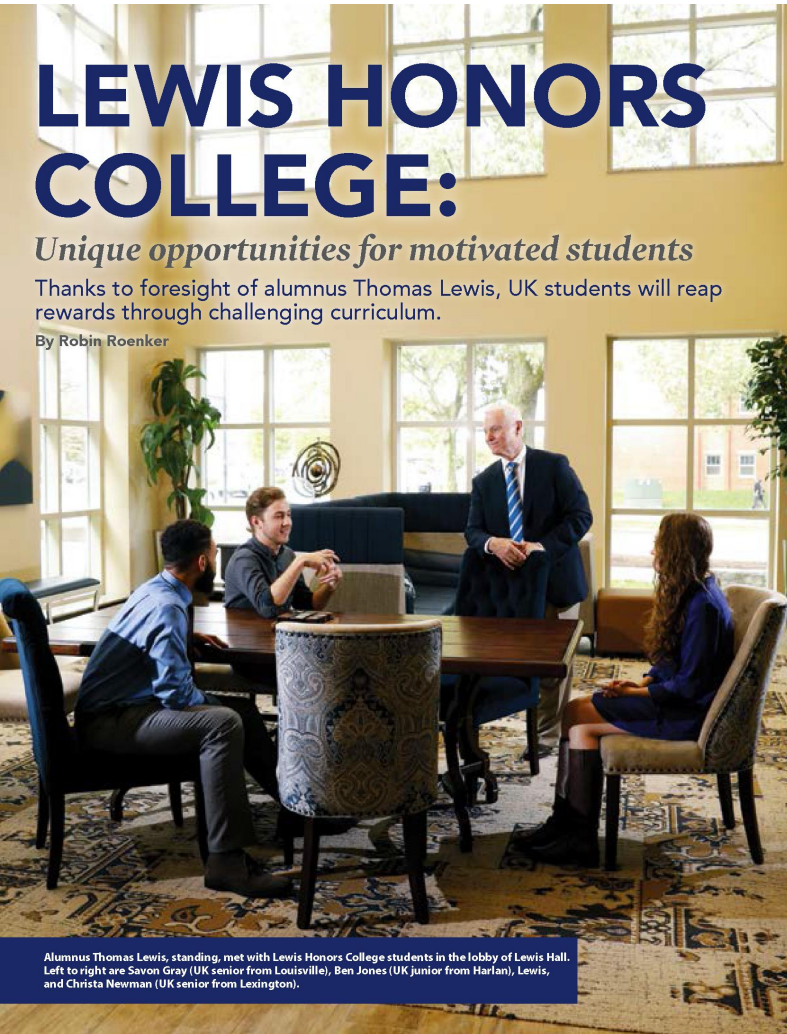
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# LEWIS HONORS COLLEGE:

*Unique opportunities for motivated students*

Thanks to foresight of alumnus Thomas Lewis, UK students will reap rewards through challenging curriculum.

By Robin Roenker



Alumnus Thomas Lewis, standing, met with Lewis Honors College students in the lobby of Lewis Hall. Left to right are Savon Gray (UK senior from Louisville), Ben Jones (UK Junior from Harlan), Lewis, and Christa Newman (UK senior from Lexington).

This fall marked the official launch of the new Lewis Honors College at the University of Kentucky. Supported by a \$23 million gift from Kentucky native and UK alumnus Thomas W. Lewis '71 EN and his wife Jan — the single largest gift in UK's history — the Lewis Honors College has its sights set on becoming one of the nation's premier honors colleges.

While generations of alumni have fond memories of their participation in UK's former Honors Program, which was established in 1958, the new Lewis Honors College is something altogether different. The upgrade from program to college is intentional and significant.

"Having the university create a new honors college with dedicated faculty and staff and a dedicated dean was critical," says Lewis, whose gift partially supported the construction of the new Lewis Hall, which houses the Honors College, and will enable UK to more than double its Honors College staff by fall 2018, including the hiring of its first dean, five new career counselors, five academic advisors, and 12 full-time Lewis lecturers. "There are very few honors colleges in the country that have dedicated faculty, but we will, and they will be able to spend time with students and get to know them personally," Lewis says.

The college's new dean, Christian Brady, left a 10-year post as dean of the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State to help build and shape the UK Lewis Honors College from scratch.

"I've been in honors education for 13 years, first at Tulane and then at Penn State, and I know of no other honors program or college that has something like what we're going to be developing here at UK," says Brady.

## A NEW ERA

Lewis Honors College students are bright, motivated learners who pursue the UK major and degree path of their choice while supplementing their course schedules with additional honors coursework. To complete the Honors College curriculum, students must finish at least 30 hours of designated honors courses, as well as a senior thesis or research project. Honors students at UK get priority

registration and have access to smaller, honors-designated classes, which focus on developing critical thinking skills and boast unique opportunities for liberal arts inquiry.

Honors class topics run the gamut from an intensive seminar on World War II to an analysis of the intersection of math and science in art, says Gracie Proffitt, an elementary education junior from Louisville, who cited

those examples as her favorite honors classes so far.

Sometimes narrowing which honors courses to take can be a challenge. "They all sound so interesting that it's hard to choose when it's time to register," Prof-

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Dean Christian Brady, left, and Tom Lewis stand near the entrance to Lewis Honors College.



Connor VanMeter

fit says. "They're definitely not like normal classes that I have to take for my major."

"Being in honors is a little more work than a minor, but it's like getting a minor in something that

you might not be able to experience otherwise," says senior Connor VanMeter of Lexington, who will graduate in May with dual degrees in computer science and agricultural biotechnology.

"Through honors, I took a class taught by Kay Woods that looked at how plays incorporate science and history. It introduced me to an instructor who ended up being one of my favorites at UK and exposed me to something I wouldn't have learned in computer science or biotechnology."

What sets the UK Lewis Honors College apart from others across the nation, Brady says, is its intention to focus on developing the whole student, both inside and outside of the classroom. That includes establishment of a new Center for Personal Development within the Honors College, which will assist students in traditional career counseling services, such as resume writing and job and internship searches, but will also work with students on a more personal level to help them identify their unique skill sets and life goals.

"Career advising tends to be job-focused. Part of Mr. Lewis' vision that I certainly resonate with, and which is an integral part of our college, is that for our students, their educational journey needs to begin with first having a greater understanding of themselves, of who they are and in broad terms what they would like to do in life," Brady says. Case in point: this fall, incoming Lewis Honors College freshmen will be asked to complete an online personal assessment to help them identify their interests and skills before beginning day one of their UK coursework.

Rather than having a certain career path drive students' academic choices, the Lewis Honors College wants its students to think about their futures from a different, more personalized perspective. "We plan to work with our students to help them develop a personal mission statement, to help them develop a broader vi-



sion of the potential for their impact in their community and the world around them. And then their choice of majors and jobs will follow from that,” Brady says.

Sally Foster, former director of career services at the UK Gatton College of Business and Economics, is directing the Lewis Honors College center for personal development, overseeing a staff of what is soon to be a total of four dedicated career counselors. The college will also house five dedicated academic advisors, providing UK honors students with unprecedented access to support and guidance for any issue, whether academic or otherwise, that they may face during their time on campus.

Foster says she feels that the opportunity to help students address not only their career goals, but their personal and professional growth, is a privilege. “I look forward to seeing what our students will continue to accomplish as they make their mark on the world,” she says.

While having a dozen new dedicated honors lecturers is a plus, Brady’s model for the Honors College also includes having many courses taught by faculty across an array of campus disciplines. In fact, he anticipates that hundreds of faculty will have an opportunity to lead classes designated as honors courses. These will be open to both honors students and nonhonors students.

“Honors at Kentucky will soon be one of the best in the nation because we have this tremendous faculty here,” Brady says. “We’re going to be building engagement and partnerships with all the departments across campus. We want the Honors College to be a benefit for the broader university. If there are seats available in an honors classroom and a nonhonors student wants to step up and register, that’s fantastic. We want them to challenge themselves to meet that goal.”

#### SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITY – LARGE POTENTIAL IMPACT

All of the Lewis Honors College faculty and staff offices are on the first floor of the new, beautifully-appointed \$37 million

Lewis Hall — the dedicated hub of the Lewis Honors College — which sits at the corner of University Drive and Hallsop Avenue, just across from the William T. Young Library.

In addition to first-floor offices, study areas, and classrooms space, the new residence hall features four floors of living space, including room for 346 residents in two-bedroom suites outfitted with ample closets, dual-sinks, mini kitchens and Tempur-Pedic mattresses.

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— Abby Gannon

It’s expected that next year an Honors Quad will be formed to include Lewis, Donovan, Johnson and Haggin halls. While not all students living in the quad will be honors students, the majority will be. Having access to a living/learning community of like-minded students is, many students say, one of the best parts of the honors college experience.

“It was so beneficial to be able to live and work and study around students that were in my classes and who valued education as much as I did,” says Abby Gannon, an Honors College sophomore from Pike

Lewis Hall provides students with various support areas for their work, including this light-filled classroom that overlooks a patio and courtyard.



Abby Gannon

County majoring in community and leadership development. Last year, Gannon lived in Johnson Hall, which was UK’s designated honors residence hall before the completion of Lewis Hall.

#### PHILANTHROPIC COMMITMENT

Lewis Hall sits on what was the former fraternity row, just a block or so from the location of the Sigma Chi house, where Lewis lived for three of his four undergraduate years at UK. Talking by phone from his home in Arizona, where his home building company T.W. Lewis Co. is headquartered, Lewis spoke fondly of his time on campus and was hopeful about the impact the Lewis Honors College could have, not just on the future of the university, but the state as a whole.

“For me, the gift was partly a means of honoring my family, which goes back seven generations in Kentucky,” says Lewis, who grew up in Lexington. “I have such affection for the state of Kentucky and the people of Kentucky. And secondly, I’ve long been an advocate of helping people — especially young people — become the best they can be. I saw this as an intersection of those two goals.”

Lewis and his wife had been longtime, active donors to scholarship programs at UK, Arizona State University (ASU), and the University of North Carolina, where Lewis received his MBA, but the transformational effect of the Honors College at ASU convinced Lewis that a new honors college at UK could be equally impactful. “ASU used to have an average academic reputation. But with the addition of its Barrett Honors College, suddenly it had earned a great academic reputation, and all the best students in Arizona quit leaving the state and

started going there,” Lewis says. “I thought, ‘Wow, this is a model that could be perfect for the University of Kentucky.’”

Lewis worked with UK President Eli Capilouto, Vice President for UK Philanthropy Mike Richey, and members of an Honors College Advisory Board for more than two years to outline goals and mission for the new college.

When announcing Lewis’s gift and plans for the new college in 2015, Capilouto said that it would “help us open the doors of UK even wider — not simply to students with outstanding academic achievement, but also those with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and financial means, who will benefit enormously from the focused and excellent educational experience offered by an Honors College that will be among the finest in the country.”

Seeing his vision for the Honors College come to fruition has been deeply rewarding, Lewis says. “The whole purpose of this Honors College is to better prepare our students for the challenges and opportunities of life. And I think all universities, including UK, can do a better job of that,” he says. “It’s a changing world. It’s a crazy world. Students have changed a lot over the last 20 years. We need new models to help better prepare them for their journeys.”

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM

In addition to its focus on personal development, the Lewis Honors College will also emphasize the importance of community engagement and volunteerism, offering ample opportunities for honors students to impact both the campus and the larger Lexington community for the better.

In fact, more than a particular GPA or standardized test score, says Brady, it’s students’ interest in looking outside themselves for a way to serve that makes

them an ideal honors candidate. “I know it’s cheesy, but it’s also true, when we say that we’re not only looking for the smarts but the heart,” he says. “When we’re looking at applicants, we want to see evidence of leadership and social engagement.”

“We do want students to engage in their community as part of honors,” agrees Hannah LeGris, director of recruitment for the Lewis Honors College. Students can even earn honors course credits for volunteering in service learning programs while at UK, she says. This year, for example, Gannon is receiving honors credits

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for her work as a service mentor with AMAGHI, a Lexington-based nonprofit that supports children whose parents are incarcerated.

“We believe that the more we can help our students develop, the more they can contribute to the university, the Kentucky community and the world at large,” Brady says.

Ultimately, Brady would like to see the Honors College grow, he says, to include roughly 10 percent of the undergraduate student body, or roughly 2,200 students. It currently has 2,038 students, and Brady hopes to make applying for the college as a sophomore or junior a new, attractive option for students who either didn’t get in initially.

But the real mark of the Honors College’s success won’t come in enrollment figures or even in rankings of graduate school or professional school placements, Brady says. “The true assessment of the value of the Lewis Honors College for our students and the community will be the long term. It’s about where our students are and what they’re doing for their communities five and 10 and 20 years from now.” ■



DEAN CHRISTIAN BRADY

The first dean of the Lewis Honors College, Christian Brady, comes to UK from one of the most highly regarded honors programs in the country. Brady spent the last 10 years serving as dean of the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University. Previously, he directed the honors program at Tulane University.

At Penn State, Schreyer — under Brady’s leadership — raised more than \$80 million to enhance honors education, developed a renowned leadership academy and tripled applications to the college while also increasing selectivity.

Brady is a scholar of ancient Hebrew and Jewish literature. He has written two books and has a third one in progress. Brady also is the author of numerous scholarly articles and papers.

“It is a great honor and responsibility to be the founding dean of the Lewis Honors College. Honors education is not an exercise in elitism; rather it is providing UK honors students with an enhanced educational experience that will also benefit the entire university. Our goals are nothing less than building the best honors program in the nation and developing women and men who will transform this world in a positive way,” he said.



## Seeing blue and making a difference

A Philanthropy Leadership Council comes together to plan a historic comprehensive fundraising campaign for the university

"On August 11, 2017, we called together some of the university's closest alumni and friends who have agreed to serve as members of a Philanthropy Leadership Council," says Mike Richey '73 '79 AFE, UK vice president for Philanthropy. "We are forming this key group of individuals in anticipation of launching a comprehensive fundraising campaign for the university."

"We are grateful for each council member as they begin providing leadership, wisdom and advice from their diverse backgrounds and perspectives."

Richey continues, "Thirty-one alumni and friends came to campus to hear our hopes and dreams, and help cast the vision for the future. It was an extraordinary gathering of like-minded individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of students, and in the life, health and welfare of the Commonwealth."

"These volunteers will play a critical role in this inspiring new venture for the university and the state."

### A day for dreaming

Philanthropy Leadership Council members came to campus for a full day of presentations, demonstrations, campus tours and interaction with the university's president, administrative offices, deans, philanthropy staff, faculty and students.

They were updated on significant progress the university has made in the last five years and were briefed on the institution's strategic plan for the future. They were given a glimpse of the university's greatest needs and were also exposed to some of the extraordinary work being done by UK faculty.

As President Eli Capiluto welcomed the volunteers to campus, he said, "This is a historic day for the University of Kentucky when a group of selfless, successful and generous people — united by their affection for this institution — assemble as a philanthropic council to plan the largest capital campaign in the university's history. Through your commitment, we will write the next great chapter in our institution's unfolding saga."

He continued, "Over the last several years, we have confronted new challenges, risen to meet promising opportunities and redefined what it means to be the University of Kentucky."

"Now we stand at a critical juncture in the life of this wonderful institution. The university has reached new heights, and the future of our success is increasingly determined by our ability to earn our way forward in partnership with those equally committed to our responsibilities, our mission and our vision. This new comprehensive fundraising campaign will define the future for the University of Kentucky."

### The past as prologue

Philanthropy Leadership Council members were updated on how the UK campus has been transformed through public/private partnerships and philanthropy over the past five years.

Fourteen new state-of-the-art residence halls have been constructed to house more than 6,800 students. These buildings also contain high-tech classrooms and nearly 200 living and learning spaces that support student success. This massive construction effort has been the largest revitalization of campus housing taking place in all of higher education.

The Gatton College of Business and Economics Building was redesigned and expanded with its \$65 million cost totally funded through private gifts from alumni and friends. This new facility has enabled the college to increase its enrollment from 2,800 to 4,000 students.

The construction of the new Don and Cathy Jacobs Science Building also benefited from major private philanthropy and is changing the way science is taught at the university. Dining options and facilities have been upgraded and expanded across campus, and student support staffing has been reorganized to better ensure student success.

The new Lewis Honors College opened this fall as a result of the largest single gift the university has ever received. There were 3,000 applicants for the 500 student spaces available.

The UK Chandler Hospital has been expanded with major new construction, enabling UK Healthcare to better meet the needs of Kentuckians.

"We've come a long way since 2011 when the UK Board of Trustees directed us to rebuild the core of our aging campus," said President Capiluto. "I am very grateful for this significant progress, but we have more work to do."

"There is no other institution better equipped to address Kentucky's needs and provide transformational education, leadership and service. I believe the most important days for UK are before us, and I believe there's no limit to what we can achieve."

The UK Chancellor Hospital has been expanded with major new construction, enabling UK Healthcare to better meet the needs of Kentuckians.

### A plan for the future

Provost Tim Tracy summarized the university's strategic plan for Philanthropy Leadership Council members: "Two years ago, our trustees approved an ambitious strategic plan that positions us to be an even greater university," he said.

The comprehensive campaign will be guided by the five components of this plan, which Tracy described.

**Undergraduate education** — We seek to be the university of choice for aspiring undergraduate students — within the Commonwealth and beyond — who are seeking a transformational education that promotes self-discovery, experiential learning and lifelong achievement.

**Graduate education** — Funding for federal grants and graduate fellowships is declining. Philanthropy is needed to support doctoral education to help our students become great faculty members, great researchers and great scholars.

**Research** — At the heart of our land-grant institution is our research enterprise and our desire to make cutting-edge discoveries to improve people's lives. Our goal is to expand our significant research efforts so that we can make an even greater impact.

**Diversity and inclusion** — We must have diversity of experiences, backgrounds, opinions, races, ethnicities, perspectives and religions to make the university what it should be — a wonderful, rich learning environment that prepares our students to participate in the global economy.

**Outreach and engagement** — As Kentucky's land-grant, flagship university, we are called to serve communities across the state in new and innovative ways. That's why we have Extension offices in all 120 counties.

### Scholarships and student success

Tracy also detailed one of the university's major priorities for funding in a campaign — unmet student financial need. This is defined as the financial need remaining for a student after all scholarships, all subsidized loans and the student's family contribution have been applied toward the cost of the student's education.

UK President Eli Capiluto, far right, and his administrative officers addressed the Philanthropy Leadership Council. From left to right are Mike Richey '73 '79 AFE, Eric Monday and Tim Tracy.







### Philanthropy Leadership Council Co-Chairs

At the inaugural meeting of the UK Philanthropy Leadership Council held on campus on August 11, 2017, President Eli Capilouto announced that Mira Snider Ball '56 ED, '16 Honorary doctorate, and Paul W. Chelgren '64 BE, '14 Honorary doctorate will serve as co-chairs of the council and of the comprehensive fundraising campaign for the university.

Ball is co-founder of Ball Homes Inc. and the first woman to serve as chair of the UK Board of Trustees. Chelgren is an operating partner of Snow Phipps Group LLC, former CEO of Ashland Oil, and former member of the UK Board of Trustees.



Ball commented, "The University of Kentucky has been built by the hard work of many who preceded us. We therefore bear a responsibility as stewards of this wonderful inheritance to enhance and strengthen it for those who come after us."

Chelgren added, "Now is our time. We stand at a pivotal moment in the history of the University of Kentucky. What we achieve in the days and months ahead can have a profound impact upon countless future generations and change the Commonwealth forever."

"We currently have a first to second year student retention rate of approximately 83 percent at the university," Tracy explained. "However, we have found that for students with \$5,000 of unmet financial need, the retention rate from the first to second year is 8 percentage points lower. Further, for students with \$10,000 of unmet financial need, the retention rate from the first to second year is 18 percentage points lower than the university average."

"Twenty-eight percent of the students enrolled at the University of Kentucky right now have more than \$5,000 in unmet financial need each year. That's more than 6,000 students. Therefore, a major focus of the campaign is going to be on scholarships, and in particular, the UK LEADS scholarship program."

LEADS is an acronym for "leveraging economic affordability for developing success." Over the next several years, under the UK LEADS initiative, the university will begin awarding more of its institutional aid based on financial need, although significant merit aid will still be offered. This is part of a holistic effort to focus intentionally and comprehensively on student success at all levels.

"Unmet financial need is one of the biggest obstacles — if not the biggest obstacle — to graduation," President Capilouto emphasized to the Philanthropy Leadership Council members. "Nearly a quarter of our students come from families that have incomes on average of \$19,000. If they face a financial emergency — one as small as \$1,000 — they have

to drop out. We know if we can add just a little at the margin, they're going to succeed."

By placing more emphasis on need-based aid, UK is breaking from a trend among many public flagship institutions, because the realignment better serves the needs of students throughout the Commonwealth and underscores the university's land-grant mission. A recent article in Inside Higher Ed describes UK's approach as one that will likely be watched around the country.

Tracy concluded his comments to the Philanthropy Leadership Council by saying, "We know our students can succeed. They have the capabilities. They have the preparation. But in many cases, they need assistance with one of the four pillars of student success — financial stability."

"We can make a difference in the number of students who walk across the stage in Papp Arena and earn a degree, and we can do it through scholarships."

### Endowments and future generations

The Philanthropy Leadership Council learned that another major priority for the campaign is the need to grow the university's endowment. Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Eric Monday provided details.

"The value of the university's endowment is directly related to the gifts of those who have believed in this institution for decades. In particular, the endowment has grown consistently and significantly in the past 20 years as a result of the uni-

versity's last campaign which enabled us to create 94 new endowed academic chairs and 215 new endowed professorships."

Monday continued, "Let's dream for a moment. If we are able to increase the endowment by \$600 million in a new campaign, what could that do? What could the \$24 million that the \$600 million would generate annually enable us to do from a spending distribution standpoint at the university?"

"It could cover a large portion of the unmet student financial need in the UK LEAD Scholarship program. It could improve our retention rate — the success rate — of our students. It could fill the new research building we are constructing with researchers who would generate, we estimate, up to \$120 million more in annual research productivity for the university and the Commonwealth."

Monday also informed the Philanthropy Leadership Council that support from the state provides about 7 percent of the university's annual budget.

Richey added, "Endowed funds are critical to UK. They strengthen the institution and help us accomplish our historic mission of education, research, healthcare and service. They empower the university to be a greater force for hope and transformation in the Commonwealth, and they help secure the future of the university for generations to come."

### A vision for the Commonwealth

In his presentation to the Philanthropy Leadership Council, Richey emphasized why a comprehensive campaign is important, not only to the university but to the state.

"We had the opportunity to spend 48 consecutive years on this campus," he shared. "I've also traveled in all 120 of our state's counties. I know our people and how important this university is to them."

"They look to the University of Kentucky with respect and as a sign of hope. They see the research we do, the service we provide, the outstanding academic programs we offer, and they are proud of this institution."

"I also believe they look to this university to help them economically, culturally, socially and educationally. The University of Kentucky has a big responsibility, and it's exciting to be a part of it."

Richey also named specific areas of the university that could be enriched through a comprehensive campaign.

"We need additional endowed academic chairs and professorships as investments in our faculty. It's possible that we will have academic departments and college endowed and named."

"We also want to continue building support for the UK Healthcare enterprise and move from our NCI cancer center designation to the higher comprehensive cancer center designation. We desire to expand our athletic base and facilities in the campaign. We want to bolster the work done with rural health initiatives, small businesses and our Extension program. But most of all, we want to continue making a difference in the lives of people."

Richey concluded, "This is our university. This is our state. This is our time to accomplish great things." ■

### Philanthropy Leadership Council

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Council members saw demonstrations of the extraordinary work being done at UK, including research in musculoskeletal sports and military injury prevention, left; the virtual unwrapping tool that can produce readable text from damaged ancient scrolls, middle; and the learning kitchen that is helping local communities grow our Kentucky food system, right.



# Timothy L. Walsh

## becomes fifth, full-time leader of the UK Alumni Association

**A**nationally recognized leader who has successfully run two alumni associations in the Southeastern Conference is the new associate vice president for alumni engagement and executive director of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association. Timothy L. Walsh began his duties

in late August upon confirmation by the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors and approval by the UK Board of Trustees.

Walsh succeeds Stan Key, who announced his retirement earlier this year after nearly 30 years with the association.

For the last two-and-a-half years, Walsh was assistant vice president for advancement and executive director of the University of Florida Alumni Association (UFAA). Previously, he served 23 years in alumni affairs at the University of Mississippi in a variety of leadership positions, including executive director.

Walsh is originally from Memphis, Tennessee.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the staff and alumni volunteers of the UK Alumni Association as we seek to be a leader in the field of alumni engagement," Walsh said. "We are building on a strong foundation laid by Stan Key. In support of UK President Eli Capilouto and Mike Richey, UK vice president for Philanthropy, I look forward to working with an outstanding team at UK that is committed to leading the University for Kentucky to new heights. I'm excited to join the Big Blue Nation."

Walsh is not a complete stranger to Central Kentucky. "My oldest sister and her family lived here for seven years. Her first two children were born here, so I visited Lexington many times during those years. Also, I had attended conferences and several sporting events on the campus over the years," he said. "I definitely had a favorable impression of Kentucky and had a chance to enjoy part of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail and Keeneland."

Most recently, at the University of Florida, Walsh led the Gator100 program, which recognizes the top 100 fastest

growing Gator-owned or run businesses, and the reorganization of the Florida Gator Magazine. He also forged a number of partnerships and alliances with university colleges and units, and membership in the UFAA recently topped 600,000. Among many other initiatives, he helped launch a new office in Coral Gables to better serve the South Florida region.

"Tim is a proven leader and the right person to build on the success of the last several years under Stan Key," said Richey. "Alumni associations are the ties that bind our graduates and supporters to the institution. They are more important than ever in solidifying support, building strong alliances and ensuring that the next generation of alumni feels a close connection to their university."

Walsh said he expects one of the challenges he'll enjoy during the first few months is learning the landscape and simply meeting UK alumni and key volunteers throughout Kentucky and the country while also introducing himself to key partners on campus.

"We will intentionally broaden the reach of the UK Alumni Association, continuing what has already been started," he said. "This will take the presence of the association to all parts of the country to engage with our 280,000 UK alumni."

Walsh is looking ahead to goals he can set for the short term of the next two years. "We will look at and probably revise our bylaws and examine the many programs we offer to determine areas that need to be changed or enhanced, as well as investigating possible new programs and services," he said. "We also want to continue developing our close working relationships with colleges on campus to help them better engage their alumni and friends. In addition, the asso-

ciation will be working as a supportive partner helping President Capilouto and his team with the university's upcoming capital campaign."

Walsh holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Mississippi. For a short time after graduation, he worked with a family business in Memphis before beginning his career in alumni relations working with club programs. He became executive director of the Ole Miss Alumni Association in 2008.

He was selected for the position at UK after a several-month search process. A broad-based search committee — composed of representatives of the alumni association board of directors, student body, faculty and staff at UK — selected finalists for consideration by Richey, Capilouto and the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors.

We welcome you to the UK Alumni Association, Tim! ■

*"I look forward to working with an outstanding team at UK that is committed to leading the University for Kentucky to new heights. I'm excited to join the Big Blue Nation."*

— Tim Walsh



Photo: Tim Walsh

### TIM WALSH QUICK FACTS

#### PETS? HOBBIES?

No pets, but goes to the gym every day, loves to cook, enjoys fine wines/cocktails and traveling.

#### NO. 1 RULE TO LIVE BY

Be honest.

#### FAVORITE WEBSITE

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#### GUILTY PLEASURE

Friday lunch at Galatoire's Restaurant (French-Creole) in New Orleans.

#### BUSINESS TOOL CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

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# Patterson Hall: First women's residence hall

Even though women were admitted to the University of Kentucky in 1880, it took eight years until the first woman earned a degree, Belle Clement Gunn in 1888. It took even longer for women to have a place to live on the campus.

In 1904, Patterson Hall was opened as the first women's dormitory and the only one built entirely at the state's expense. It was built specifically as a women's dormitory, and it became the first building constructed off of the main campus. It was originally built for around 125 women, which each room to be used by two girls. At the time, the cost of the ground, building and equipment was approximately \$60,000.

Female students lived under the supervision of a resident matron in the furnished and heated building. The June 11, 1903, Lexington Leader reported that Mrs. Carrie Wallis was elected as first matron from nearly 100 applicants. She was a sister of Major J. Embury Allen and was described as "a woman of culture and education."



James Patterson  
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It was named for first President James K. Patterson and in honor of his brother Walter Patterson, who sought funding for the building and took one year off of teaching to oversee its construction.

At one time, then President Henry Stites Earler and his wife, who was the dean of women, and the house director

all lived in Patterson Hall — imagine living in a dorm with the president! He lived there from 1910 to 1917. At that time, James K. Patterson was still occupying the presidential residence (this was before Maxwell Place). The dorm became co-ed in the 1990s and is one of the oldest buildings on UK's campus.

Patterson Hall looks the same as it did when it was first built. Only the surroundings — the trees, shrubbery and the circular drive — are noticeably different and the circular drive has been eliminated.

Patterson Hall was the first UK building on the north side of Winslow Street (Euclid Avenue). The May 1, 1901, Lexington Morning Democrat reported that specifications for the building were drawn by Professor F. Paul Anderson and John T. Faig. Walter Patterson was superintendent of construction.

In fall of 1903, Patterson Hall opened to male students for the first time,



Walter Patterson

except for a brief period during World War II when it housed soldiers.

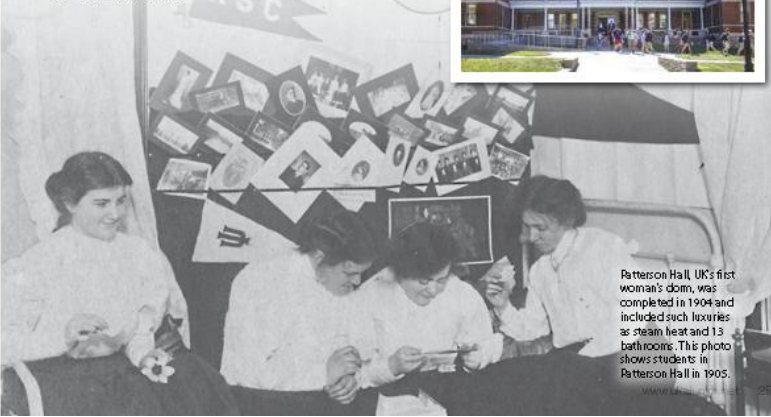
There is a bit of legend surrounding Patterson Hall. According to an article in the Kentucky Kernel, the hall is located on an historic site where the first couple in Kentucky was married. John Maxwell and his bride were married in an old block house near the property and then lived in a cabin on the grounds of Patterson Hall.

On either side of the entrance to Patterson Hall was a ginkgo tree. In China, the ginkgo tree is planted in front of temple gates to keep out evil spirits. The two trees were known as "mama" and "papa" on campus. According to another Kentucky Kernel article, in the beginning of the 19th century six ginkgo trees were given to Henry Clay by an unknown Asian man. Clay reportedly kept one tree for himself and gave the rest away, including the two in front of Patterson Hall.

Over time, it became apparent that the only female tree among the original six was "mama." The trees mate through their roots. The demand for baby ginkgos was tremendous because of the style set by Henry Clay so all of the early Kentucky ginkgos were descendants of Patterson Hall's "mama" tree. Small ginkgo trees would periodically appear in front of Patterson Hall. However, the original two trees are no longer there.

Additionally, "papa" had a sloped trunk which angled toward the ground and this made him the perfect spot for a goodnight kiss. Different legends concerned the development of "papa's" angle. One was that the weight of so many years of goodnight kisses caused "papa" to gradually bend.

Aside courtesy of Debbie Stagg, Interim Dean of Libraries, and the UK Libraries website



Patterson Hall, UK's first women's dorm, was completed in 1904 and included such luxuries as steam heat and 13 bathrooms. This photo shows students in Patterson Hall in 1905.

## Ginkgo Quick Facts

Ginkgo trees are native to China and some planted trees at temples are believed to be over 1,500 years old. They are large trees, normally reaching a height of 66-115 feet. The trees turn a bright yellow color in the fall. A combination of resistance to disease, insect resistant wood and the ability to form aerial roots and sprouts makes ginkgos long-lived. Typically, most intentionally planted ginkgos are male cultivars grafted onto plants propagated from seed because the male trees will not produce the strong-smelling seeds.



Photo: Joe Schaefer, Louisville, Kentucky

## Patterson Hall Renovation

Patterson Hall is now being used for classrooms, study areas and gathering spaces as part of the Living-Learning Program. Recent renovations included some office space for functions supporting UK students. Major building systems were upgraded, along with exterior repairs (new windows, cornice repairs, brick restoration, and reconstruction of the front porch and balcony) to enhance the historical integrity and ensure the longevity of the building. Two stair towers were added to the east side of the building and a new elevator was installed. The repositioned building now includes nine classrooms, seven study rooms, and 11 offices. It has a party warming kitchen, three apartments for visiting scholars and a great room for multipurpose functions.





Photo: Dr. Michael Zhang



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— Jomo Thompson

## JOMO THOMPSON AND DAWN WALTERS: Alums leading Cats to great heights

By Hal Morris

Jomo Thompson '00 AS, '02 EE and Dawn Walters '89 CI are both proud of their accomplishments as head coaches.

But to do it at their alma mater means everything to the pair.

Thompson won three national titles as a UK cheerleader, three as assistant coach, and has coached the cheerleading team to 10 of its 22 Universal Cheerleaders Association titles. Walters, who was a member of UK's first cheerleading title squad in 1986 (and won in 1987), has led the UK dance team to unprecedented heights and it is now on the verge of its 11th national championship.

“It is awesome. I've been here the whole time, and I think the initial thing that was so cool is when I walked to my office for the first time — I am right around the corner from the old Sports Information office where I worked when I was a senior in college,” says Walters, a Lexington native. “So getting to come into Memorial that's when it hit me. Coming back as dance coach, it felt surreal!”

Thompson, who cheered for two years at Florida before transferring to UK, is proud but also welcomes the challenge that comes with leading a program that is the best in the history of the sport. But his coaching tenure did not start out well. UK had won eight straight titles, but failed to win again his first year as coach.

“The pressure the next year was even greater. I felt like I let everybody down, but we were able to win it back the next year and win it the next three years,” says Thompson, who earned his MBA in 2002. “I thought I would end up going into some kind of business, but the opportunity came along, and I took it. I wish I did. I really enjoy seeing the athletes come in as freshmen and mature and find more

confidence in themselves and be able stand on their own feet.”

Walters came in with the task of building a program that would measure up to the cheer squad. She had her work cut out for her.

“Since I had cheered before (before the 3-point line her director hid her about), when I came in (athletic officials) told me what direction they wanted to go,” Walters says. “They said we want the dance team to be super energetic, athletic, very upbeat for performances. At Rupp, there's over 24,000 fans, so they want to keep everything going. They wanted us doing more pom-based hip-hop, a more upbeat style.”

The dance team had its best season last year, finishing runner-up in the Universal Dance Association Hip-Hop category and fourth in Pom. With success comes better exposure.

“What has been wonderful over the years is the amount of recognition and publicity we've gotten,” Walters says. “A lot of it is social media, but so many people have watched us grow, especially in competition. They've seen us become a national contender. People really honed in on that, they've watched us the last six or seven years really move up. Now kids want to come to this program and have seen what we've done. Fans see that, too.”

Thompson, a UK assistant before taking over in 2002, says he is just trying to carry on the tradition that longtime advisors T. Lynn Williams on '68 AS, '74 LAW built.

“He established the right mindset, the right ideals. And those things, I have basically just piggybacked off of and continued to spread those messages,” he says. “Our program talks about absolute responsibility in everything that you do. We talk about being persistent, we talk attitude, and then winning, those are four key

principles our program is based around and have been since T. Lynn started doing this.”

Thompson, who knows his squad serves as “ambassadors to the university,” so those are the kind of students he recruits.

“A lot of people focus on competition, and that's what we're known for. But our primary focus is cheering at the games,” Thompson says. “That's what a lot of the kids enjoy. It's fun to have great seats for football, basketball, volleyball and gymnastics.”

“We do community service appearances. We read to kids, do things like God's Party visit schools, anything to help in the community and anything to help UK out, as well. If there is a College of Engineering event and they want the Wildcat or cheerleaders to make it festive, we do that kind of stuff. We're not an NCAA sport, per se. We're more than a sport.”

While the two don't think about it in the moment, they are also trailblazers as the first African-American coaches in their sports at UK.

“You don't consciously think about it, but you might be paving that way,” Walters says. “Yeah, African-American cheer and dance coach, that's what I want to go into. Any of my dances coming through, they can go, ‘Yeah I can do it, too.’”

Thompson says UK had a black assistant coach when he was a student, so being a pioneer never occurred to him.

“I hadn't really thought about it that way. I'm just happy to be here and I want to make sure Kentucky cheer continues to excel. So that's my primary focus,” he says. “But if it inspires some other African-American to get into that field or if they want to talk to me, I'd be happy to do that as well.” ■



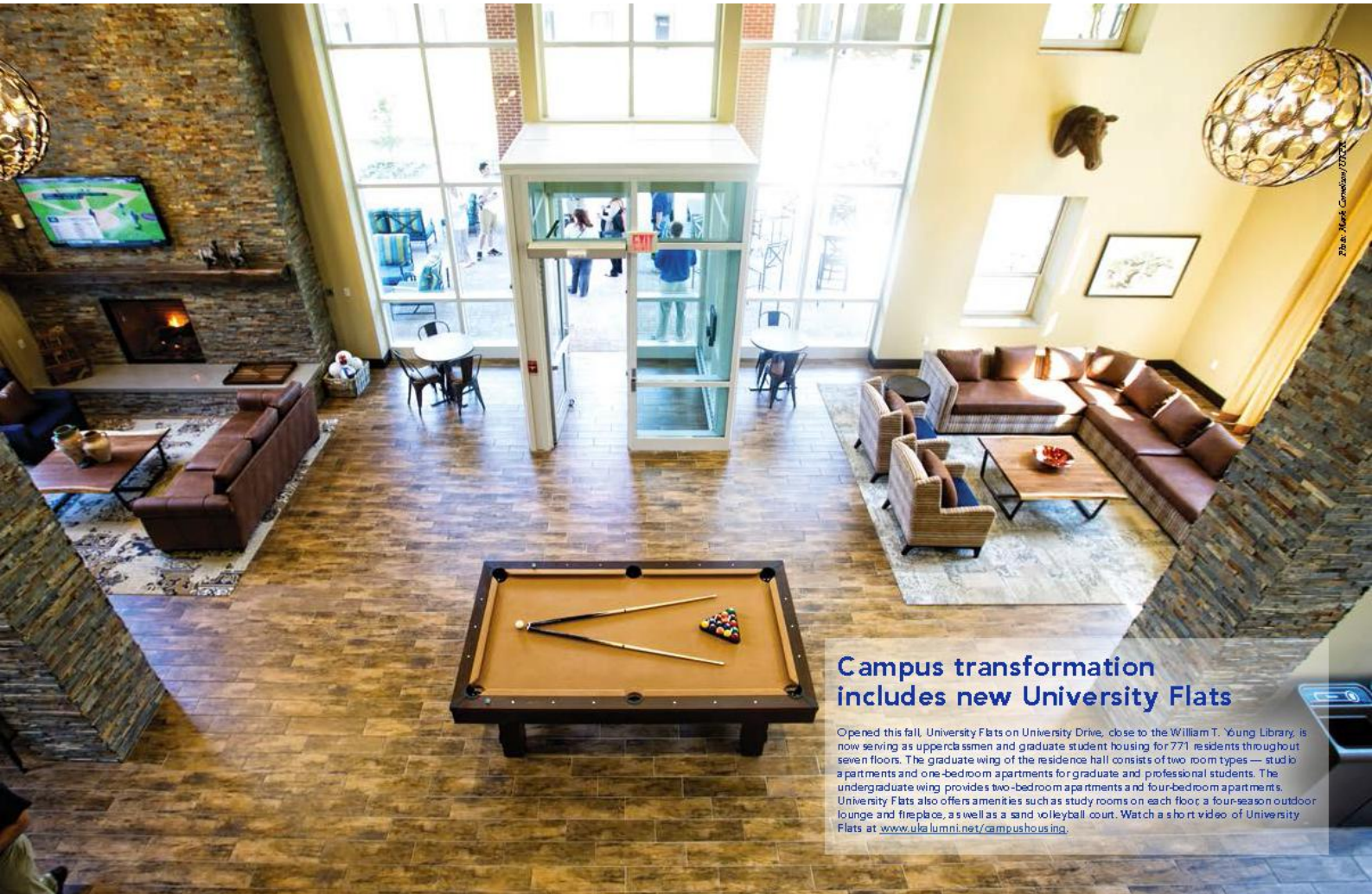


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## Campus transformation includes new University Flats

Opened this fall, University Flats on University Drive, close to the William T. Young Library, is now serving as upperclassmen and graduate student housing for 771 residents throughout seven floors. The graduate wing of the residence hall consists of two room types — studio apartments and one-bedroom apartments for graduate and professional students. The undergraduate wing provides two-bedroom apartments and four-bedroom apartments. University Flats also offers amenities such as study rooms on each floor, a four-season outdoor lounge and fireplace, as well as a sand volleyball court. Watch a short video of University Flats at [www.ulaumni.net/campushousing](http://www.ulaumni.net/campushousing).





2017-2018 scholarship recipients with Susan Mustian, center

## SCHOLARSHIPS for our deserving UK students!

The UK Alumni Association and its clubs presented UK President Eli Capilouto with a check for the total amount of contributions made during the 2016-17 fiscal year. This includes \$164,486 from alumni clubs, \$189,924 from the UK Alumni Association and \$18,115 from individuals, for a grand total of \$372,525!

The presentation took place during the 2017 Scholarship Celebration at the Hyatt Regency Lexington. Tim Walsh, associate vice president for alumni engagement and executive director of the UK Alumni Association, and Susan Mustian, president

of the UK Alumni Association, are pictured on Page 31 with representatives from those clubs that made contributions to either their endowment or spending accounts in the last fiscal year of \$3,000 or more. Representatives from the New York City UK Alumni Club were not able to attend the event but generously gave \$6,300.



Left to right: Tounge Phillips, Dr. Eli Capilouto, Susan Mustian, Dr. Mary Lynn Capilouto and Fritz Skeen

Photos: Tim BPA



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Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club: \$63,515



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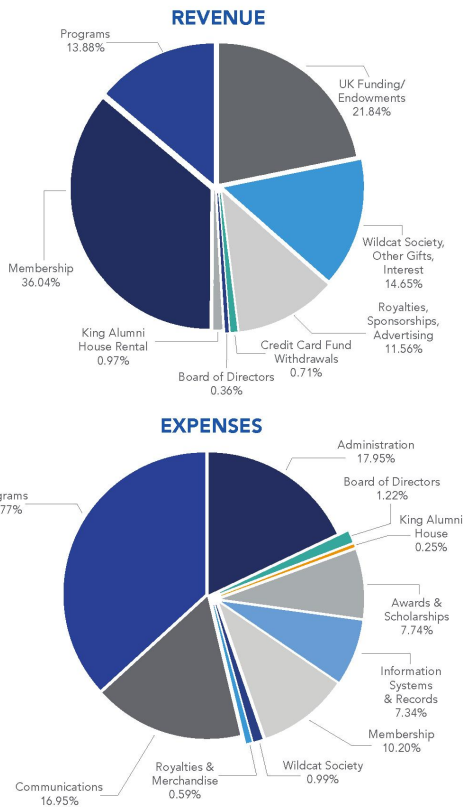


## 2016-2017

### UK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

The University of Kentucky Alumni Association continued reaching out to its Wildcat family and friends in 2016-2017, enhancing connections to our beloved alma mater and fellow UK graduates. We are proud of the effort our alumni members and volunteers made to help make this association one of which we can all be proud. The association closed out the year with 64 clubs and 34,941 loyal members. Of those, 17,776 were Life Members. We served 123,462 alumni and friends through our programs, events and activities. Also, the association calculated 1,402,677 overall engagements via its communications, as well as 1,033,511 website page views.

We thank each and every one of our alumni members and friends for a wonderful year!



## 2016-2017

### UK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 873,903	\$ 1,090,805
Accounts receivable	16,914	3,721
Accrued interest receivable	81,363	79,772
Prepaid expenses	33,296	30,167
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>1,005,496</u>	<u>1,204,465</u>
Long-term investments	20,563,400	18,758,736
Equipment, furniture, and vehicles		
Less accumulated depreciation of \$408,635 and \$418,585 for 2017 and 2016, respectively	8,529	19,526
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 21,577,425</u>	<u>\$ 19,982,727</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Athletic ticket and other deposits	\$ 17,630	\$ 41,489
Accounts payable	6,674	4,377
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>24,304</u>	<u>45,866</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	226,197	260,644
Designated	21,296,924	19,646,217
<b>Total unrestricted net assets</b>	<u>21,523,121</u>	<u>19,906,861</u>
Permanently restricted	30,000	30,000
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>21,553,121</u>	<u>19,936,861</u>
<b>Total current liabilities and net assets</b>	<u>\$ 21,577,425</u>	<u>\$ 19,982,727</u>



Alumni Engagement

UK Alumni Association clubs around the country held **Student Send-offs** this past summer, with many UK alumni and friends in attendance. Here's a sample of some of the events held to welcome new and returning students into the UK family.



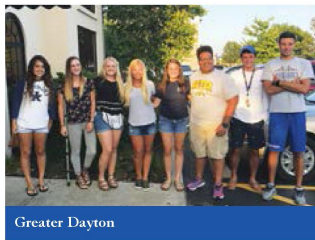
Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati



Members of the **Jacksonville UK Alumni Club** didn't wait for Cats for a Cause week to start before helping to clean up after hurricane Irma at a local ball field.



Daviess County



Greater Dayton



Members of the **Fayette County UK Alumni Club** greeted attendees outside the Woodford Reserve Club at Kroger Field prior to the club's Sept. 2 Football Game Watch Party. Pictured are, left to right, Tonya Parsons, Megan Herde Crane and Agnes Donohue.



Members of the **Hopkins County UK Alumni Club** held a dinner in September featuring Frank Ramsey and Cliff Hagan. In the photo are, left to right, Brad Myers, Hannah Myers, Bill Corum, Frank Ramsey, Cliff Hagan, Dr. Terry Brown, Jamie Brown, Fee Corum.



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### College View



Photo: UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

Left to right: Marsha Herndon Purcell, Cherie Lynn Mings and Retia Scott Walker

Cherie Lynn Mings '76 AFE, Marsha Herndon Purcell '75 AFE and Retia Scott Walker are the newest members to be inducted into the **UK School of Human Environmental Sciences Hall of Fame** in the **UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment**. Mings began her 37-year teaching career in Hardin County and earned numerous awards for her innovative teaching techniques.

Purcell's career began at UK Extension, continuing to the Kentucky Farm Bureau and later the American Farm Bureau Federation for 34 years.

Walker is known for her career as a higher education administrator, starting at Texas Women's University and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. She was dean of the UK College of Human Environmental Sciences and later UK's vice president for academic outreach and public service.



Photo: UK College of Design

Donny Weber '73 DES, president of Weber Group Inc., spoke to students in the **UK College of Design** on their first day of fall semester classes at the Singletary Center for the Arts.



Photo: UK College of Education

Left to right: Ben Riley, Wilma Howard Klein and Kenneth Royal.

Three **UK College of Education** alumni were honored recently.

Ben Riley received the Outstanding New Graduate Award and is known for using his interest in music and technology to make lessons fun and exciting for his kindergartners. Riley teaches at Eminence Elementary.

Wilma Howard Klein received the Alumni Excellence Award, which honors those reaching the pinnacle of achievement in their professions. Klein conducted the first instructional television program in the Commonwealth in 1957 and was an educator for 30 years, retiring as principal of Beechwood Elementary in Fort Mitchell.

Kenneth Royal received the Alumni Leadership and Service Award. Royal has been an editor or reviewer for more than 20 academic journals in the fields of psychometrics, assessment, evaluation, medical education and medicine. He is an assistant professor of educational assessment and outcomes at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine.



Photo: UK College of Pharmacy

In August, the **UK College of Pharmacy Class of 2007** held its 10-year class reunion at Malone's restaurant.

Earlier in the day, the class reunited for its annual golf scramble, which brings together members of the class, their families, and several faculty, friends and partners who pay tribute to four individuals who were unable to graduate with their class. To date, over \$90,000 has been donated.



## Fresh batch of Cats taking the court for Calipari

By Hal Morris

Seeing a fresh batch of Wildcats on the court for John Calipari is no thing new. However, the Kentucky coach will have his youngest group yet when UK tips off the 2017-2018 season.

Just two players, Wenyen Gabriel and Sacha Killeya-Jones, who saw a total of 772 minutes and scored 214 points, are back. But the usual crop of blue-chip prospects — seven total — will take the court in search of UK's ninth national title.

"This is what we do here. This is what it is. Wake of his comes in. They have no idea, I have no idea. We all grow together, figure this out," Calipari said during UK's Media Day in October. "We make decisions for them based on the program or a system, what's right for them, then we roll with that. You know what? We love on them, they love on each other. The stuff usually works out."

Freshman Hamidou Diallo, who redshirted last year after enrolling in the spring semester, is expected to contribute heavily this year. He showed his potential by averaging 10.9 points and 3.9 rebounds in 18.4 minutes a game for a U.S. team coached by Calipari in the 2017 FIBA U19 World Cup.

Quade Green has the job of being next in UK's long list of great point guards. The 6-footer from Philadelphia was the 2016

and 2017 Pennsylvania Class 3A Player of the Year, played in the McDonald's All-American Game, the Jordan Brand Classic, and was the MVP of the Hoop Hall Classic.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, a 6-6 guard from Hamilton, Ontario, will join Green in the backcourt. He averaged 18.4 points, 4.4 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game last year and was a member of the 2016 Canadian Men's U18 National Team that captured the silver medal at the 2016 FIBA Americas U18 Championship. Also in the backcourt is Jemal Baker from Mendocino, California. The consensus four-star prospect hit 94 3-pointers and averaged 17.1 points, 4.1 assists and 3.5 rebounds per game and led Roosevelt High School to its first state title.

Up front, Calipari will count on four newcomers. Kevin Knox, a 6-9 forward from Tampa, Florida, and Mr. Florida winner averaged 28.5 points and 11.3 rebounds a game for Tampa Catholic, where he finished his career with 2,760 points and helped his team to a state runner-up finish.

Nick Richards, a 6-11 forward from Kingston, Jamaica, was New Jersey's Mr. Basketball, leading The Patrick School to the New Jersey Tournament of Champions title. Richards played in the McDonald's All-American Game, the Jordan Brand Classic, Nike Hoop Summit and the Elite 24.

FJ Washington, a 6-7 forward from Dallas, was named to the All-USA Boys Basketball Second Team in March and played in the 2017 McDonald's All-American Game and the Jordan Brand Classic. He also won most valuable player honors at the inaugural Allen Iverson Roundball Classic.

Not all the news was good for UK starting the season. The Cats' depth took a hit as 6-9 freshman forward Jarre'd Vanderbilt is expected to miss significant time after suffering a foot injury in the preseason. Calipari is not sure when the freshman will be ready to go.

"It would be an unbelievable blessing for him or us if he were able to start coming back to play," Calipari said. "But you know you let the doctors and the experts deal with that. They wanted to look at it a little bit more before they made a decision and let him feel it, see what he felt like."

That could open the door for red-dominant 6-10 redshirt sophomore Tim Wyland to see more court time. But he was also out in the preseason with anxiety. Calipari said he is still not sure what kind of team the Wildcats will be just yet.

"Our forte is not going to be, 'That's a shooting team.' But how many of my teams have been that? My teams have always been downhill runners, fast in the break, unselfish moving the ball, lane touchers. That's what I would expect this team to be," Calipari said. "Then shooting, some of it is going to be guys committed to really working at practice and spending extra time shooting the ball. There may be lineups we put in that will shoot better than others."

"That's not been you know our deal. I mean, there are some teams that play they get a bunch of shooters, they run back-cuts, curl cuts, hand-offs, shoot 3-pointers. It's not how we play."



Kentucky sophomore Wenyen Gabriel is one of the few Wildcats who saw action last season.

## Veteran guards will lead Kentucky women

By Hal Morris

Having to replace one of the best players in school history can be a tough task for any coach.

But UK women's coach Mathe Mitchell feels his team has the experience and athleticism to do just that this year.

"We have more depth this year, and I think we have a chance to be a really athletic team," Mitchell said during UK's Media Day in October. "So as long as we keep our attitude and our effort right, we will have a chance to have a great season. And that's what we are planning on and working toward every day. I believe the identity will be hustle, quickness, speed, athleticism and try to force the other team to be uncomfortable and make some mistakes."

Mitchell will lean heavily on a veteran backcourt to help replace Mahayla Eggs and Evelyn Akhator, and will need a crop of athletic freshmen to contribute quickly up front.

Junior guards Maci Morris and Taylor Murray return along with senior forward Alyssa Rice to give UK three returning starters.

Murray is the team's top returning scorer, averaging 12.2 points and 4.9 rebounds per game and a team-high tying 118 assists to go along with 20 steals. Mitchell said Murray, a point guard, should help UK play at the pace he wants this year.

"I just think that we have one of the great up-tempo in the country — but she is clearly elite-level speed, and what a weapon we have there," Mitchell said.

Morris hit for 11.8 points per game, making a team-best 53 3-pointers, grabbing 2.8 boards per game and getting 52 assists and 20 steals.

"She really developed her game, not just pure ball handling, but using those to score, blow by people in the open court, just make some real athletic plays," Mitchell said of Morris. "She's stronger, more developed going into her junior year. She has made a huge jump from freshman to junior year, and that's a great sign."

Senior guards Mahenzie Cannon and Jessica Hardin along with sophomore Jaida Roper provide backcourt depth, and Mitchell is looking for junior college transfer Amanda Paschal, sophomore Paige Foffenberger and freshman Cameron Roach to play as well.

Cannon hit 42 3-pointers and averaged 5.8 points per game, and Roper averaged 2.6 points per game. Roach was a four-year letter winner and two-year starter for Lower Richmond High School.



The UK women will be leaning heavily on guards, from left, Taylor Murray, Mahenzie Cannon and Maci Morris, this season.

UK is thinnest up front, where only Rice and her 4.2 points and 4.5 rebounds is the only player to see significant time. Rice is also the team's representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and will represent the team at the league office's Basketball Student-Athlete Leadership Council.

Lashae Halse, a 6-foot junior forward from Bowling Green, and Ogechi Anyagallo, a 6-1 junior transfer from Stony Brook, are joined by three freshmen and a transfer to bolster the Wildcats' front line.

Dorie Harrison, a 6-3 center from Nashville, Tennessee, averaged 14.0 points, 9.3 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game as a senior. She was a four-year starter at Hillsboro High School, leading her team to a district championship last season, and was rated a top-20 post player in the country by ESPN and Prospect.com.

Kele Mc Kinney, a 6-1 forward from Knoxville, Tennessee, earned all-state honors after averaging 16 points and 11 rebounds per game, earning spots on the 2016-2017 PrepXtra Girls Basketball Team and the Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State team.

Tatiana Wyatt, a 6-2 forward from Columbus, Georgia, helped her team to a state title as a senior, averaging 22.2 points, 6.7 rebounds, 2 steals and 1.6 blocks per game. She was named the Region 1-4 A Player of the Year and all state by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Mitchell likes his team's talent, but he sees there is a lot of work to do.

"We're not going to just walk in and out-benefit people," Mitchell said. "But if we walk in having prepared to the very best possible level, then we're going to be a handful."

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## Gregory Parks '01 '04 AS: Civil rights scholar and author

By Linda Perry

Having authored or edited more than 10 scholarly books and many articles, Gregory S. Parks '01 '04 AS often focuses on issues dealing with diversity on university campuses in the United States.

Parks is the associate dean for research, public engagement and faculty development and professor of law at Wake Forest University School of Law in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He earned a master's degree and a doctorate in clinical psychology from UK. Parks also holds a bachelor's degree from Howard University (1996) and earned a law degree from Cornell University (2008).

Some of his books include "The Obamas and a (Post) Racial America?" (Oxford University Press) and "Twelve Angry Men: True Stories of Being a Black Man in America," (The New Press) which was turned into an off-Broadway production in 2016. He is co-authoring a book with Matthew Hughey for 2018 with New York University Press on the history of African-American fraternities and sororities' racial uplift. Its working title is "Uplifting the Race: African American Fraternities and Sororities and the Quest for Black Social Equality."

"The book looks at the history of African-American fraternities and sororities — eight of the nine major ones between 1906 and about the early 1970s in the areas of community service, philanthropy, social activism, civic activism and efforts to shape public policy," he says. "We found it to be true that after the passage of the major civil rights laws of the early to mid-1960s, these organizations basically became largely community service and philanthropic organizations and shed a lot of the civic and social activism and public policy work ... When they tend to think they have achieved their

goal, they either die out or they repurpose. That actually speaks to the final portion of the book where we ask the question, "What would it take to reinvigorate these organizations generally, across the board, in the areas of racial uplift, but more specifically, in the areas of civic activism, social action and shaping public policy?"

Parks grew up in East Hampton, New York, coming to UK in 1999.

"I had never been to Kentucky before. Richard Smith was the director of graduate studies for the Department of Psychology the year I was being recruited. He was persistent and polite," Parks says. "Denese Jones was the associate assistant dean of the Graduate School and she played a major role, as well. I came to call her my mother away from home ... They were also hiring a new African-American faculty member of the psych department, Tamara Brown. We had some research interests in common and actually, she ultimately became the co-editor on the first book that I published with the University Press of Kentucky. There were just a confluence of factors that gave rise to my interest in UK."

He tries to get back to campus and stay in touch. "I was at the psych department's 100th year anniversary this summer. Periodically, I reach out to Chester Grundy, but some of the people I knew there (UK) have moved on," he says.

Today, in addition to his typical duties as a law professor, he is responsible for outreach — connecting law faculty with the community and their peers. This means coordinating guest speakers for the law school but also includes more unconventional approaches such as blogging or tweeting an op-ed.

"My goal is to look at hard numbers and, hopefully, make our faculty more productive scholars, widen their scholarly reach and deepen their engagement in our local community and broader profession," he says.

Parks' research focuses on the intersections of race and law, as well as social science and law. One of his current projects is an empirical study of jury selection in North Carolina state-level felony trials — Wake Forest Law Jury Sunshine Project. He also focuses on what implicit (automatic/unconscious) attitudes and biases mean for the law. He examines black fraternal networks and their relation to the law, such as biographies of prominent African-American lawyers and judges who were or are lifelong members of these organizations, the role of these organizations in African-Americans' quest for social justice and civil rights, and the legal issues around violent hazing within these organizations.

Parks previously did trial and appellate litigation in the Washington office of McDermott Will & Emery LLP. He was a visiting Fellow at Cornell Law School and a law clerk on both the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

He maintains his daily focus and stamina largely through the martial arts. "I've been into martial arts since I was 15 or 16 ... I train pretty much every day from three to five hours a day — a morning session and evening session," Parks says. "I really like it, it's fun, a way to stay in shape and work out any daily frustrations. I do several different styles ... karate, Muay Thai, Brazilian jujitsu and Taekwondo." ■

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### 1960s

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**Robert M. Bach '68 AFE** is the owner of B&E/Slate Creek Farms in Owningville. He was named the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year. Bach retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel.

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### 1970s



**George A. Smith '70 AS, '73 LAW** is a partner at Weinberg, Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial in Atlanta. He was named a Best Lawyer 2018 Lawyer of the Year for construction law.



**Winn F. Williams '71 AS** was appointed a Municipal Court judge for the City of Greer, South Carolina, for an eight-year term. His jurisdiction includes Greenville and Spartan counties.

**Jerry L. Hatfield '72 AFE** is laboratory director and supervisory plan physiologist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service in Ames, Iowa. He was part of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) process that received the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize and currently serves on the IPCC special committee to evaluate the impact of extreme events on ecosystems.

**Robert M. Savage '72 AS** is an anesthesiologist for the McLeod Healthcare System in Florence, South Carolina. He received an award for outstanding achievement in the field of echocardiography by the American Society of Echocardiography. Savage earned his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine.

**George C. Wright '72 '74 AS** stepped down as president of Prairie View A&M in Cypress, Texas, after leading the school for 14 years. Wright, who was inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2010, remains at the school as a special assistant to the president.

**Edward B. Lee '73 ED** is a business development manager at Spancrete in the company's Newnan, Georgia, plant.

**Marguerite H. Prueitt '73 ED** is senior vice president and executive director of the Center for Growing Talent by Produce Marketing Association in Newark, Delaware.

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### 1980s

**Howard E. Davis '80 BE** is executive vice president, chief administrative officer and chief information officer of Transocean Ltd., which is headquartered in Houston.

**Karen Jennings Douglas '80 AFE, '93 ED** retired as the Mason County Extension Office 4-H Youth Development director in Maysville after a 29-year career.

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**Deborah A. Thomas '80 AS, '86 MED** is senior vice president, regulatory affairs, quality assurance and nonclinical development at Sunesis Pharmaceuticals in South San Francisco, California. She previously

was vice president, regulatory affairs for BiPar Sciences Inc.

**Kimberly Warker Ayres '81 AS** is leadership and planning consultant for Cumberland County College in Bridgeton, New Jersey. She was named to the board of trustees of the M25 Initiative, the lead facilitator and funding agent for the Cumberland County Code Blue Coalition and the Cumberland County Housing First Collaborative.

**John W. Eaves '81 AS** is chief executive officer and member of the board of directors of Arch Coal Inc., which is headquartered in St. Louis. He was named to the CF Industries Holdings Board of Directors.

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**Karin M. Brennan '83 '84 BE** is a retired senior marketing manager at IBM. She participated in the "Welcome Home to Berlin Tour," an Honor Flight to Berlin, Germany, where Brennan served as a linguist in the U.S. Army from 1975-1978.

**Gregory A. Burton '83 BE** is the executive chairman of BnckStreet Mutual Insurance Co. and Motorists Mutual Insurance Co. in Charleston, West Virginia. He was named to the Radford University Board of Visitors by Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe.

**Victoria Spooner Jordan '83 AS** is corporate director of quality at Emory Healthcare in Atlanta. She also is director of performance improvement and analytics for the James Cox Kennedy Initiative for Patient-Centered Care.

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**Kenneth C. Cundy '84 PHA** is chief scientific officer of CohBar Inc., a biotechnology company focused on the research and development of mitochondria-based therapeutics and located in Menlo Park, California. He was previously chief scientific officer at Xenoport Inc.

**Vicki Denton Gough '84 ED** retired as principal at Ballard County Elementary School in LaCenter after a 32-year career as a teacher and administrator. She served in administration 28 years in the Ballard County School System as elementary school counselor, assistant principal and her last four years as principal.

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**1990s**

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## CAREER CORNER

### How to survive a layoff



Caroline Francis

Receiving a pink slip no longer has the negative social stigma that it once had. Successful job seekers cast their net wide. They are open to new job titles, industries and ways to use their skills. Tips and strategies for a smoother transition to a new role are:

- **Take stock and assess your transferable skills.** Write down five career accomplishments that you were proud of and share these examples with friends. Have them list strengths and skills that they found in the stories. What problems did you help solve?
- **Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.** Add transferable skills and accomplishments using metrics (#, \$, %).
- **Share your status with your network.** The more people that know you are seeking a new opportunity, the better. Sound leads come from a wide variety of sources. Be focused and confident always having your "30 second commercial" ready to go.
- **Network. Find a Job Club or start one.** Over 80 percent of jobs are found through networking and direct contact. Attend professional meetings and volunteer in your community. Join a social group involving a favorite hobby.
- **Obtain additional credentials or skills.** According to Bob Callen '04 AS, '08 CI at the Lexington Public Library, "You can use many free online resources to build your skills. Explore a massive open online course (MOOC) at EdX.org, coursea.org or alison.com. Learn a new language with DuoLingo. Check your local public library for databases like Lynda.com (free with a Lexington Public Library card) or free computer classes."
- **Exercise, clean your closets, do home improvements.** Job seekers should spend about 20 hours a week on their search, then use the additional found time for projects and getting into better shape.
- **Stay positive to put your best foot forward.** In hindsight, many job seekers see being out of work as a blessing in disguise. New careers and friendships have emerged, chances to learn are presented and better work-life balance is often the end result.

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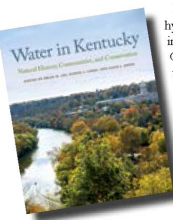
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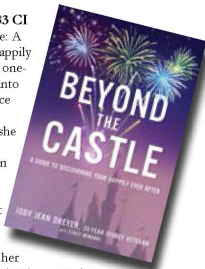
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Kappa Alpha fraternity members take part in the Homecoming Parade as they ride through campus on a hearse.



**48** years ago...

The first University of Kentucky Board of Trustees meeting held in the Patterson Office Tower took place in December 1969.



**62** years ago...

Martha Griffin (center) poured soda into a cup as Mary Adams (left) and Ann Fitzgerald (right) watch and wait at the concession in Keeneland Hall. Keeneland Hall was named and dedicated in October 1955 after the Keeneland Foundation, which donated \$200,000.

**71** years ago...

Tom Cobb and Sylvia Smith were crowned king and queen of the two-day Ag College Fall Festival, sponsored by Block and Bridle, in November 1946. Carl Bell and George Freas were named knights and Sue Warren and Marjorie Bradford were attendants. The festival had many events, including corn husking, horse harnessing, stock exhibits and a "husband calling" contest by wives of students and faculty members.



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