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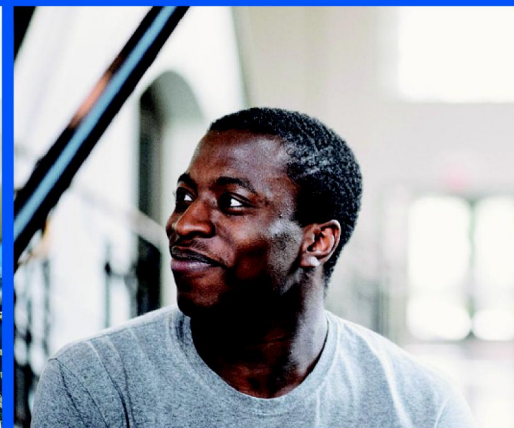
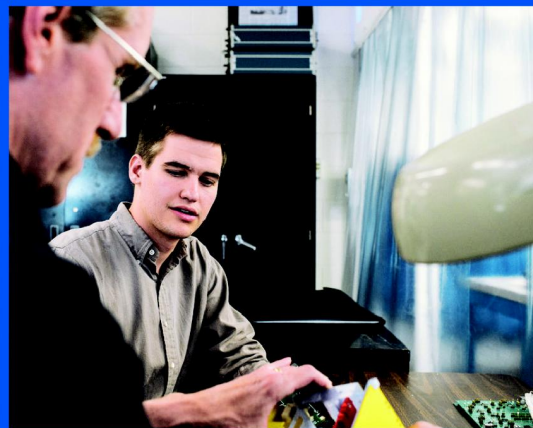
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DanceBlue changes lives in many ways

It's with great pride that we bring you the 2014 winter issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine.

When I think about dancing, my mind typically goes to that basketball tournament in March or the incredibly

awkward moves I make to music when no one is around. However, now I will forever have another thought when I think about dancing: DanceBlue. I'll bet you will, too, after reading our cover story.

DanceBlue, UK's student-run philanthropic project that raises money for pediatric cancer patients and research at the Markey Cancer Center is turning 10. DanceBlue is something we can all be proud of as Wildcats — 10 years, thousands of students and \$6.85 million dollars later. The 24-hour, no sleeping, nonstop dance marathon not only benefits such a worthwhile cause, it has also redefined the undergraduate student experience at UK. And, it has changed so many lives along the way.

Read about Jarrett Mynear, the inspiration for the project, and how his life had a profound impact on not only the patients, but the students, as well. The dancers form bonds with patients and their families that change them forever.

DanceBlue also lays the foundation for lifelong philanthropy for students while still on campus. I think the future is in good hands. Keep dancing.

The cover story is just the beginning of the goodness in this issue. If you watched the Miss America competition in September, you had to be proud of Ramsey Carpenter, Miss Kentucky 2014. She finished in the top 12, but as you read her story, you will soon realize that this 2014 grad was a winner before hitting the stage in Atlantic City.

We also introduce you to Kim Knopf, a true entrepreneur. Through hard work and perseverance, she became a huge success in the mattress specialty industry. Get to know Butler Ramey "Quint" Pottinger, a young farmer who is now helping to "grow" farmers. He is working to inspire a new generation to infuse life into a fading tradition — the family farm. This is something that is certainly near and dear to this farm girl's heart.

We recognize clubs that raised over \$3,000 for their scholarship funds. A really large check was presented to UK President Eli Capilouto for \$245,200, representing the total amount of scholarship funds contributed by the association,

individuals and our alumni clubs. This would not be possible without the dedication of our wonderful volunteers. I always enjoy the annual scholarship dinner, particularly meeting the recipients and their families. An added bonus this year was making a new friend — Scratch. I took this "selfie" with the UK mascot. It's not nearly as adorable as the photo of Scratch from our Legacy Pumpkin Festival (Pages 28 and 29), but it's still pretty cute.

Finally, I hope you enjoy this issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine as much as I enjoy sharing it with you. As always, your feedback is appreciated.

With Pride in Blue,

Kelli Elam '11
Editor



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Planting seeds for the future

August, for me, was a time of deep reflection. I celebrated my 65th birthday and 36th wedding anniversary. It also coincided with announcements that illustrated our work of education, research, service and health care.

To celebrate, my family and I traveled to Normandy, France, where we somberly walked the beaches and fields of battle. In the American cemetery, 9,386 brave souls rest in peace and the names of another 1,557 missing are inscribed in stone. White crosses and Stars of David are arrayed in solemn order, overlooking windswept beaches. Each one tells a story.

Fate drew us to one. The name on the marker is Howard Henry, Ranger and Kentuckian. He died August 19, 1942, two years before the invasion. He was part of a reconnaissance mission and was one of the first two American soldiers to die in the effort to liberate Europe. Henry, from Harlan, wanted to be an electrical engineer. A dream unrealized, deferred by the darkness of war.

This fall, thousands of miles away, Mary Lynne and I welcomed the largest, most academically prepared and most diverse class in UK's history. We often ask where they are from and what they want to study. Frequently I heard, "I want to be an engineer." Indeed, this year's freshman class has 800 students majoring in engineering.

Later the same week, we hosted a dinner for several engineering graduates who have been generous to UK. We listened to dazzling stories of successes from construction to commerce. We talked about the joys of living — children, grandchildren, friends, sunrises and sunsets.

My thoughts, though, kept returning to Howard Henry and what blessings our state would have known from his full life. I think, too, about the lives that he and others saved.

It all reminds me of the passage from the Hebrew Talmud that "whoever saves one life, saves the world entire." Like the greatest generation, we are being called to educate and serve, to save lives and to build communities.

On another powerful August day, I traveled to Hazard with Dr. Mark Evers, director of our Markey Cancer Center. We joined Congressman Hal Rogers and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director, Dr. Tom Frieden, both of whom spent three days in the district as part of the Shaping Our Appalachian Region initiative.

Dr. Frieden showed data comparing the 5th district to a more healthy community in the United States. There are hundreds of preventable deaths in the 5th district for the top five killers — cancer, heart disease, chronic lower respiratory diseases, stroke and unintentional injuries.

All too frequently, we are filling a cemetery the size of the one I witnessed in Normandy. And although the challenges of these dreadful diseases are perhaps most acute in the hills of Appalachia, they exist in rates much too high across Kentucky.

Many people are ready to give up on places like Appalachia. You are often left with the impression that it is a place without

hope. But I believe these places define hope. And you would too if you were with me and other UK faculty and staff.

We all know, in person or through loved ones, that medical misfortunes do not care who they touch or crush. Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, ALS or juvenile diabetes will find us wherever we live and rob us and our families of life's richness. The result is dreams deferred or lost, lives — like Ranger Henry — unfulfilled. Promise and potential, through circumstance or choice, are unmet.

UK is engaged in partnerships with and for communities to improve education, extend and enhance life, and search for discoveries that can rebuild and renew communities. These partnerships are working, but more must be done. It is time to make death a beggar in Kentucky. Health disparities, whether by circumstance, region, income or race, can be overcome. UK scientists can make breakthroughs from the cellular to community level to save lives.

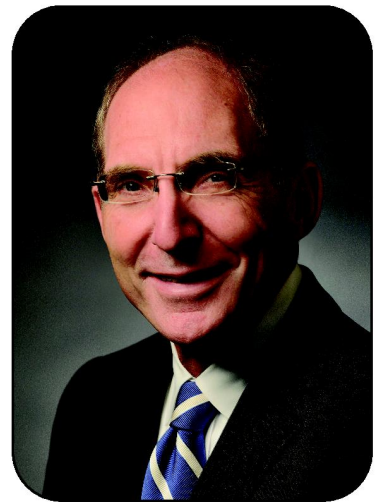
However, we cannot do it without talent and infrastructure. Leading scientists and researchers want to join us. Yet, today, we cannot accommodate them because we are out of quality research space. Without more space, we are saying no to some of the finest talent. We will not conquer these maladies overnight. But solutions are on the horizon if we are willing, as individuals and a Commonwealth, to invest — now. What choice will we make?

It reminds me of the story told by President John F. Kennedy about the great Marshal of France, Hubert Lyautey, who asked his gardener to plant a tree. The gardener objected that the tree would not reach maturity for 100 years. The marshal replied, "In that case, there is no time to lose, plant it this afternoon."

Mary Lynne and I have decided to plant a tree. We recently announced our gift of \$250,000 to UK to fight health disparities and save lives in the Commonwealth. Specifically, we are taking a stand today toward building a multidisciplinary research building.

Such a facility, dedicated with fervor and focus on the seemingly intractable scourges confronting Kentucky, can change our state for the next 100 years. Our gift alone is not enough. We need other gardeners to join us. We need our state to listen when we again ask for bucks for buildings and brains. We must plant now to grow the future we want. Let us plant today for that brighter tomorrow within our grasp.

Eli Tapscott



UK announces largest gift in its history



A \$20 million commitment and lead gift by UK graduate and Trustee Carol Martin (Bill) Gatton toward the construction of the university's new 330,000-square-foot Student Center is the largest gift in UK's history.

The new Student Center — a \$175 million, self-financed renovation and expansion scheduled to open in 2017 — was authorized by the Kentucky legislature during its 2014 session. It is part of more than \$1 billion in campus

transformation projects being self-financed by the university.

The Student Center was originally constructed in 1938 and expanded in 1963 and 1982.

The new Student Center will include state-of-the-art student activity and study spaces, dining and retail operations; parking; a bookstore; a health, fitness and recreation center; and other amenities that support student success. It will also serve as the new home for

the UK Visitor Center upon its completion. Groundbreaking is scheduled for June 2015, with completion anticipated in 2017.

Gatton's total philanthropy to UK is now more than \$45 million, and his total gift impact upon the university is nearly \$57 million, with some of his gifts having been matched by the state's Bucks for Brains program. He is the single largest donor in UK's history. ■

UK students take top honors at national furniture competition

Three UK students took home top honors at the "Design Emphasis" Student Furniture Design Competition. The event is a prestigious annual furniture design competition featuring furniture pieces designed and built by students from colleges and universities throughout the United States, presented in conjunction with the International Woodworking Fair. The winners were among six UK College of Design finalists selected for the juried exhibition held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Architecture graduate student Mark Manczyk, won first place in the "Design Emphasis" accent tables category. Sarah Mohr, a 2014 graduate with a master's degree in architecture, took first in seating. In addition to the two wins, Adam Eaton, a 2014 graduate with a master's degree in architecture, received honorable mention recognition at the show.

All six students in the competition were in the spring 2014 furniture studio taught by Professor Leonard Wujcik. ■



Mark Manczyk's design won first place in the Accent Tables category.

UK Education Abroad participation jumps 24 percent

The number of UK students exploring the international dimension of their disciplines by studying abroad increased by 24 percent this past year — eight times the national average.

“Our growth is massive, and even more significant when compared to the roughly 3 percent growth the rest of the nation is experiencing,” said Anthony Ogden, executive director of education abroad and exchanges at UK.

The increasing number of students participating in Education Abroad programming is due in part to Ogden and his staff’s efforts to understand the goals of

every academic department on campus.

“Many departments are interested in using Education Abroad programming to expand their curriculum,” Ogden said. “For instance, the English department does not currently offer a course on James Joyce and would like to find one abroad; other departments need language courses during specific times of the year. Several other departments have also shown interest in enrolling their students in intern and research abroad opportunities so as to enable their students to develop international networks.” ■



Recent graduate De'Osha Burkhalter enjoyed her summer 2013 faculty-led Strategic Communication in South Africa program.

College of Law ranked among Top 20 Best Value Law Schools

In the recent back-to-school issue of preLaw magazine, the UK College of Law ranked third among the nation’s top 20 Best Value Law Schools, which is a move up from seventh place last year. Best Value Law Schools recognition is based on a combination of bar passage rates, employment rates, debt load and tuition.

“We believe our rigorous academics and nationally renowned faculty contribute greatly to our students’ success,” said David A. Brennen, dean of the college.

The UK College of Law was founded in 1908 and its Kentucky Law Journal is the 10th oldest student-run law review in the nation. ■

Unprecedented public-private partnership to support food economy in Kentucky

UK announced a \$5 million unprecedented public-private partnership designed to elevate and promote a vibrant, healthy, sustainable food economy in Kentucky. The Food Connection at UK is between UK and Aramark, housed in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. The partnership is designed to leverage the innovation and research of UK and the market position of Aramark to substantively grow a vibrant food economy in Kentucky.

Partnering closely with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky farmers, community partners, and consumers, the Food Connection at UK aims to enhance the production, distribution, and consumption of local and Kentucky Proud food products.

The Food Connection at UK is backed by a \$5 million investment by global food leader, Aramark. The partnership includes

\$1 million to endow undergraduate and graduate internships and fellowships as well as another \$250,000 in one-time start-up costs for equipment and programmatic needs, and \$250,000 annually over a 15-year term for staff, programming, research grants and other initiatives in the Food Connection at UK.

“We are pleased to invest \$5 million in the Food Connection to fund internships and fellowships for undergrad and graduate students, research grants, programming and staffing, as well as other vital support,” said president and CEO of Aramark, Eric Foss.

The Food Connection at UK will be housed inside a new dining and student support facility. The partnership will sustain and expand collaborations with the UK Butcher Shop, Lemon Tree Restaurant and Food Systems Innovation Center, as well as existing undergraduate majors in food and nutrition, among other benefits. ■

Child care program connects UK families with student helpers

The University of Kentucky Office of Work-Life is helping to connect UK families in need of child care with UK students who are able to provide occasional care, through a new program called Big Blue Family Care (BBFC).

“Last winter, we noticed that a lot more employees had to take vacation or sick days when Fayette County Schools were closed,” said Erika Chambers, director of Work-Life. “Through the BBFC program, we are trying to address some of the breakdowns in child care that occur on school closings, after-school, and other school breaks.”

Bethany Smith, program coordinator for BBFC, said, “UK has a lot of great students on campus who like working with children and have experience as nannies or in a daycare. However, due to their schedule and studying, they need a job that is flexible. The BBFC program meets these needs and makes it simple for students to connect with a UK family directly.”

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UK receives \$1.8 million to combat obesity

The University of Kentucky received a \$1.8 million cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to focus on lowering obesity rates in the Kentucky communities most affected by this issue. Researchers and Extension personnel in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the UK College of Public Health will work in six Kentucky counties that have obesity rates higher than 40 percent, which include Logan,

Clinton, Lewis, Martin, Letcher and Elliott counties.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will administer the three-year cooperative agreement that will concentrate on the agency's goal of reducing chronic disease incidence rates, promoting healthier lifestyles, reducing health disparities and controlling health care spending.

"This is the first time the CDC has directly funded a Cooperative Extension

program," said Ann Vail, director of the UK School of Human Environmental Sciences and principal investigator on the project. "The grant will support building and strengthening collaborations between Extension and public health personnel at the university, community and state levels."

Margaret McGladrey, assistant dean for research in the UK College of Public Health, is the community coalition leader for the project. ■

'Suda On Line' database is complete

The first English translation of the entire Suda lexicon, a massive 10th century Byzantine encyclopedia, is complete after more than 16 years of collaborative, volunteer-driven work by a diverse group of scholars, including key contributors from the University of Kentucky.

The translation, as well as the first continuous commentary on the Suda's contents in any language, is now searchable and browsable through the Suda On Line (SOL) database at www.stoa.org/sol.

Conceived in 1998, the project grew to comprise more than 31,000 entries, through the contributions of more than

200 volunteers. The project was groundbreaking, providing a new model of open, participatory scholarship. The entire editing process was open-ended and crowdsourced, though that term did not yet exist. Nearly anyone who possessed the ability to translate ancient Greek, regardless of formal credentials and specialization, was eligible to apply to the project and request the assignment of any entry.

Two UK faculty members, Ross Scaife, professor in the Department of Classics, and Raphael Finkel, professor in the Department of Computer Science, were heavily involved in the project from the beginning. Design and

programming of the SOL system commenced under the supervision of Scaife and Finkel, who also co-authored the database system used by the project.

The project suffered a tremendous loss with Scaife's passing in 2008. His collaborators say the Suda On Line will be a lasting monument to his pioneering efforts.

Project organizers say that their work is not finished, although all the entries are translated. Editors will be scrutinizing every entry for opportunities to introduce improvements to the translations, additions to the annotations, updates to the associated bibliography and other enhancements. ■

UK researchers harvest hemp

In September, University of Kentucky researchers harvested the university's first hemp crop in decades.

"It was a good growing season for many crops, not just hemp," said David Williams, UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment agronomist and co-project lead. "Precipitation was excellent this year and more than adequate for growth."

UK's research plot, planted May 27, was one of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's pilot studies to reintroduce hemp production in Kentucky. UK's study was conducted in conjunction with Eastern Kentucky University and Kentucky State University.

"Congratulations to the University of Kentucky and all of our partners in the hemp pilot projects on the first hemp crop in Kentucky in almost 70 years," said Agriculture Commissioner James Comer.

Kentucky was a national leader in hemp production before the crop was outlawed in the United States due to its similarity to marijuana. Many agricultural advances have occurred since then, so research trials were necessary to determine the crop's viability in an ever-changing agricultural economy.

"Our plan was to simply lay the crop on the ground where the elements will begin

to break down or 'ret' the hemp," said Rich Mundell, co-project lead and an agronomist in the Kentucky Tobacco Research Development Center. "Because the hemp was very tall (about 10 feet) we felt the sickle bar mower would do a better job than a more commonly used disc mower."

Researchers will analyze the different varieties to find one that's best suited for the state and present the results to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. ■



Compiled from news reports about research at UK.

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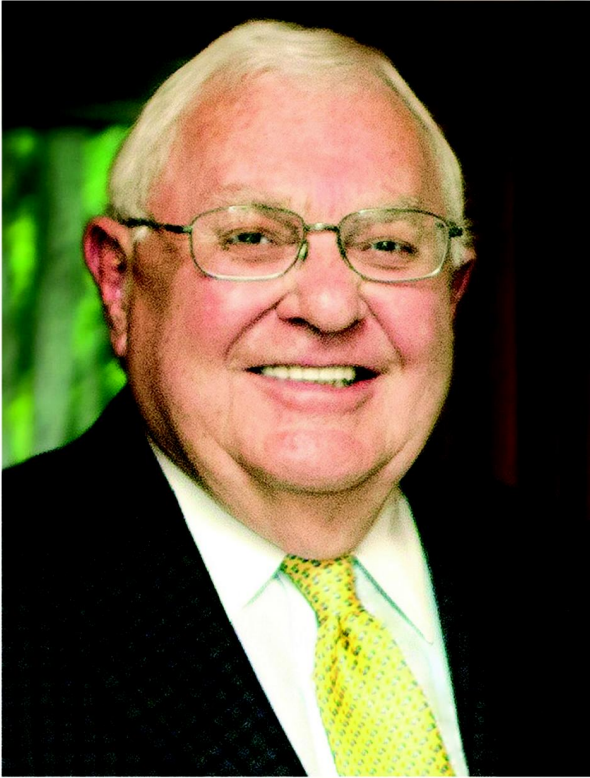


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Carl F. Pollard '60 Seeing blue and making a difference...

*Former president of Humana Inc.
provides major scholarship funding
for students at his alma mater*

“When Carl Pollard got a job as a boy at the Garrard County Stockyards, he never dreamed he would one day have a horse to win the Breeders’ Cup,” says Mike Richey ’73 ’79 AFE, UK vice president for Development.

“Nor did he imagine that he would head up a Fortune 500 company headquartered in Kentucky or become chairman of the board of Churchill Downs Inc.,” Richey continues. “Few University of Kentucky graduates have had as much influence upon the Commonwealth as Carl through some of our state’s most iconic institutions.

“And today, he is continuing his impact on Kentucky by expanding a major scholarship program at his alma mater to benefit deserving students.

“Carl’s life story is intriguing, and his philanthropy at the University of Kentucky is inspiring.”

town where Pollard’s father became a bookkeeper for the Garrard County Stockyards.

As a boy, Pollard had several jobs. He began delivering newspapers at the age of 11. He later worked at a service station, a grocery store and a laundry where he made pickups and deliveries, and collected payments.

Eventually, he began working at the stockyards, too. Auction day was every Friday, and the transactions were conducted in cash. By this time, his mother was working Fridays at the stockyards, and on Saturdays, she and Pollard would add up columns of figures related to the previous day’s sales.

Working his way through UK

“My parents were products of the Great Depression,” Pollard shares. “And they were very interested in all five of us children having a college education. They both had attended college for a short time, but were not able to earn a degree. That’s why they insisted that we all get an education.”

He remembers with a smile, “They told us, ‘You *are* going to college, and you *will* make good grades.’ We all accepted that with no questions asked. It was a different world back then.”

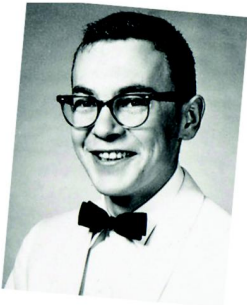
Pollard’s eldest brother graduated from the University of Kentucky, and Pollard followed his lead, hitchhiking from Lancaster to Lexington to enroll at UK. He was assigned to share a room in Bowman Hall with roommates

Growing up in Garrard County

Carl Pollard was born near Lancaster as the third of five children. His father was a tenant farmer until Pollard was about five years old. At that time, the family moved to

In this 1943 photo, Pollard, bottom left, is pictured with three of his four siblings.





Despite a busy schedule, Pollard found time to become a charter member of the UK chapter of Phi Gamma Delta.

George W. Layne '60 BE and Donald A. Appledorn '59 BE. Both of them were from Ashland, had served in the military and were attending college on the GI Bill of Rights.

On placement tests at UK, Pollard did well in math. He recalls, "When I went to UK, I really didn't know what a major was. But when it came time for me to select one, I chose accounting. That turned out to be a good decision because accounting came easy for me. I made A's."

Soon Pollard got a part-time job working at the Kroger store located at Winchester Road and Loudon Avenue. He walked back and forth between campus and work during his freshman year, and in his sophomore year, his grandmother bought him a used 1953 Ford. By his junior year, he was working almost full time with night and weekend shifts, and was placing orders to stock about half the store.

Pollard used his earnings to pay his college expenses. He remembers, "My tuition was about \$60, and room and board was another \$150."

Even though school and work made for a tight schedule, Pollard was able to find time to enjoy some of the extracurricular advantages of college life. With his two roommates, he became a charter member of Phi Gamma Delta and lived in the fraternity house, which was located on East Maxwell Street. He also enjoyed attending football games and recalls that students wore their best clothes to the games.

During his junior year, Pollard left Kroger for a job keeping books and doing the payroll at a used car lot on Winchester Road. And during the summer before his senior year, he went to North Carolina and worked in a tobacco warehouse.

"I had only been as far away as Cincinnati in my whole life," Pollard shares. "Dad's employer at the stockyards owned this warehouse and gave me a summer job there."

Pollard worked for a frozen food company maintaining inventory during his senior year. He graduated in 1960.

Launching a career in accounting

As he left UK, Pollard's goal was to obtain a position with an accounting firm. He had multiple interviews and took a job in Louisville. He relates, "This was maybe the second or third time I had even been to Louisville. The position paid \$400 a month, and it was a cub accountant job at the largest accounting firm in Kentucky — Yeager, Ford and Warren.

"I learned much as I was exposed to many different clients including rock quarries, asphalt plants, mechanical contractors, real estate companies and nursing homes," he continues. "After two years of accounting experience, I obtained my CPA certification."

By 1964, Pollard was familiar with all the clients of the firm, and in 1966, he was made the firm's youngest partner.

One of his clients was Heritage House Nursing and Convalescent Center Inc. It had been started in 1961 by Wendell Cherry '57 BE, '59 LAW and David A. Jones Sr. with four other friends who each invested \$1,000 and opened a nursing home.

They began acquiring other nursing homes, and by 1968, there were seven in operation. At that time, the business name was changed to Extencicare and the decision was made to go public.

"I'll never forget that," Pollard reflects. "I went to New York City with Wendell and David to make the arrangements. I had never been to New York before. On the flight back to Louisville, David and Wendell put me in the seat between them and persuaded me to go to work for them."

Rising to the top of Humana

Extencicare soon grew to more than 100 facilities, becoming the nation's largest nursing home company.

"We acquired our first hospital in 1969," Pollard remembers. "And hospitals became the driving force of the company during the 1970s."

By 1972, the hospitals were so successful that it was decided to divest the company of its nursing homes. The Extencicare name was changed to Humana in 1974, and by 1978, Humana had become one of the largest hospital



In 1968, the nursing home chain, which later became Humana, went public. Pollard, third from left, accompanied other company officials to the New York Stock Exchange to mark the event.

New Developments

management chains in the United States.

In 1982, construction began on the iconic 26-story Humana headquarters building at 500 West Main Street in Louisville, changing the city's skyline.

In 1984, Humana began offering insurance plans, and growth escalated in this area. By the early 1990s, Humana's health care plans and managed care plans had grown into a \$2 billion business with 1.7 million plan participants.

In 1993, Humana's hospital division was spun off into a new company called Galen Health Care Inc. and merged later that year with Columbia Healthcare Corp.

Throughout this 25-year period, Pollard played key roles in the corporation's growth and development. From 1968 to 1977, he was chief financial officer. From 1977 to 1984, he was executive vice president and then president of the hospital division. From 1984 to 1991, he was senior executive vice president of Humana. From 1991 to 1993, he was Humana's president and chief operating officer. And from 1993 until his retirement in 1994, he was chairman of the board of Columbia Healthcare Corp.

During Pollard's presidency of Humana, the corporation made a \$1 million gift commitment to the UK College of Business and Economics to help with building expansion.

Entering the Thoroughbred industry

A longtime horse racing enthusiast, Pollard bought historic Hermitage Farm, a Thoroughbred breeding operation in Oldham County, following the death in 1994 of the farm's owner and Pollard's friend, Warner L. Jones Jr.

Pollard and the famed horseman had bought and raced horses together and served concurrently on the board of Churchill Downs Inc. Jones was chairman of the board at Churchill Downs from 1984 to 1992.

And it was Jones who made Hermitage Farm prominent in the Thoroughbred industry. He was the breeder of the 1953 Kentucky Derby winner, Dark Star, the only horse to defeat Thoroughbred Hall of Fame inductee, Native Dancer. He also made Hermitage a dynamo in the sales arena.

"I was not shopping around among farms when I bought Hermitage," Pollard shares. "I was only interested in *one* farm."

During Pollard's ownership of Hermitage, the farm had numerous stakes winners, including a member of Pollard's personal stable, Caressing, who won the 2000 Eclipse Award for two-year-old fillies after claiming the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Churchill Downs that year. Pollard's primary trainer is David Vance.

"I've always enjoyed horse racing," Pollard explains. "I like the people. It's a great sport that has taken me to many interesting places. And it's really fun when my horse wins," he says with a laugh.

Pollard sold the 700-acre farm in 2010 but continued to live there, operating his own Thoroughbred breeding operation in a leaseback arrangement through 2012.

"It was a glorious place to live," Pollard reminisces. "It's just absolutely gorgeous."

During Pollard's ownership, Hermitage Farm had numerous stakes winners, including Pollard's own Caressing, far right, shown here about to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Churchill Downs in 2000.



Heading up Churchill Downs

Pollard was invited to join the board of Churchill Downs Inc. in 1985. He quickly established himself as a guiding force for the racing company at a time when it was expanding beyond its historic flagship racetrack and becoming one of the world's leading horse racing companies. He was chairman of the board from 2001 until 2011.

He replaced William S. Farish III who resigned to become U.S. Ambassador to England and Northern Ireland under President George W. Bush.

During Pollard's tenure, Churchill Downs Inc. completed the successful \$121 million renovation of its Louisville racetrack and entered the account wagering business with the launch of TwinSpires.com and the acquisition of additional advance-deposit wagering platforms. Also during this time, Churchill Downs Inc. introduced casino gaming to the company's portfolio of business with the construction of slot machine gaming facilities in Louisiana and Florida, and the purchase of Harlow's Casino Resort & Spa in Mississippi.

"The horse racing industry has long been my professional pursuit and personal passion," Pollard notes. "It was an honor and a pleasure to serve as chairman of Churchill Downs Inc. and as a member of its board of directors during a period of significant change and expansion."

Providing major scholarship funding

In the early 1990s, Pollard established his own charitable foundation and endowed the Carl F. Pollard Professorship of Health Economics in the UK College of Business and Economics.

He also endowed a scholarship fund at the university to assist undergraduate students with financial need, students who are the children of Kentucky's horse farm workers, diverse students, outstanding students, and business and economics majors. To date, the Carl F. Pollard Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$1 million in scholarships.

In 2000, Pollard made a major gift to the W. T. Young Library endowment to support the library collection for research and graduate programs at the university.

Pollard says he was inspired to give by observing the philanthropy of Humana's founders.

"There was a certain charitable spirit that I attribute to

my dear friends, David Jones, Wendell Cherry and Bill Young," he reflects. "Because of these three men, Humana became a very generous supporter of the community. Their generosity simply rubbed off on me and others."

Pollard recently modified his scholarship program at UK to benefit first-generation college students — those whose parents did not earn a college degree. He is also increasing

his scholarship endowment from \$3.4 million to \$10 million to provide educational opportunity for more students. The objective is that by the time the 2015 incoming freshmen reach their fourth year, there will be at least 28 students receiving financial assistance of up to \$15,000 per year from this fund.

"I was a first-generation college student at UK," Pollard notes. "And education is my primary philanthropic interest."

This academic year, 15.5 percent of all UK undergraduates are first-generation college students.

University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto comments, "I am deeply grateful for Carl's generosity and his steadfast commitment to our students. His exceptional philanthropy will transform the lives of hundreds of future students, and make an indelible impact on the Commonwealth for years and years to come."

Pollard has also served his alma mater on the boards of the UK Development Council and the UK Business Partnership Foundation. And in recognition of his career achievements, Pollard has been named to the University of Kentucky Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni and the Gatton College of Business and Economics Alumni Hall of Fame.

Pollard's service and generosity have extended well beyond his alma mater. He has been a member of the Centre College Board of Trustees and has established a scholarship fund at that institution. He has also helped endow the Kentucky Derby Museum and has been its president.

Richey observes, "Through his life, career and philanthropy, Carl Pollard has contributed much to his native state. His lasting legacy at the University of Kentucky will be the bright, hardworking, first-generation college students from Kentucky and elsewhere who will follow in his footsteps and make a difference wherever they go, and in whatever they do." ■

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Photos of "Caressing" by Skip Dickstein*



Pollard served as chairman of the board of Churchill Downs Inc. from 2001 to 2011 and gave guidance to the \$121 million renovation of the historic Louisville race track.

DanceBlue:

Student-run philanthropy event has raised \$6.58 million for pediatric cancer patients and research at the Markey Cancer Center

By Robin Roenker



A decade of dancing

Photo: DanceBlue



When 800-plus students take to the floor of Memorial Coliseum on Valentine's Day for DanceBlue 2015, they'll be marking the 10th anniversary of what has become the largest student-run philanthropy event in the Southeastern Conference.

The event's success is staggering. In just nine years, DanceBlue — the annual, 24-hour no sitting, no sleeping dance marathon — has become a vital and universally-loved part of the University of Kentucky undergraduate experience. It has fostered lifelong friendships between UK students and pediatric cancer patients and their families. Perhaps most tangibly of all, it has raised more than \$6.58 million to support research and patient care at UK's DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic and at the Markey Cancer Center.

"I have been overwhelmed by DanceBlue's impressive growth year after year," says Dr. Lars Wagner '91 MED, chief of pediatric hematology and oncology within the Kentucky Children's Hospital. "When I came here two years ago, one of the pieces about this job that attracted me the most was the remarkable level of community support that exists for the pediatric oncology program here, thanks to efforts like DanceBlue."

Funds from DanceBlue are distributed to the DanceBlue KCH Pediatric Oncology/Hematology Clinic to support both basic and clinical research on childhood cancers, as well as to help fund areas of need for the pediatric patients and their



Photo: Courtesy Doug Mynear

Jarrett Mynear earned the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, honoring young people for their volunteer service.

families — including everything from gas cards and food vouchers to temporary housing for patients traveling from far away. Matching money from the Kentucky Cigarette Excise tax supports cancer research at the UK Markey Cancer Center.

DanceBlue proceeds are overseen and collected through the group's Golden Matrix Fund, an account in the UK Department of Pediatrics. The money currently supports the salaries for a child life specialist, who works with patients on play therapy and coping strategies to make potentially scary treatments easier to handle, and a school intervention specialist, who serves as an advocate for patients as they transition back to their schools following treatment. Other patient services, such as neuropsychology testing, which are important but not always covered by

health insurance, are also funded through DanceBlue, Wagner says.

Additionally, DanceBlue funds support the clinic's "Beads for Courage" program, which awards patients beads after each stage of their treatment — whether surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation — and gives out medals when their treatments are completed. "That's a low-cost, high-impact thing," says Wagner. "But all the kids love it. It's a tangible marker of their treatment and how far they've come."

On a larger scale, in 2012, DanceBlue made a four-year, \$1 million pledge to help renovate and expand the UK Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Clinic. As a result, the clinic was renamed the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic.

While all of these successes are remarkable, what makes UK Sr. Director of Fundraising Programs Susannah Denomme '78 AS, '83 CI and pediatric cancer support advocate Jennifer Mynear '79 '83 ED — the two women who first brought the idea of a dance marathon to campus 10 years ago — proudest of all is the way that DanceBlue is helping foster a generation of UK philanthropists and leaders.

"We both knew from the very beginning that students had to be in charge of everything," says Denomme. "It could not be staff led. We wanted students to build it. From day one, it became something that they owned. That has been the key to DanceBlue's success."



Photo: DanceBlue

The first DanceBlue marathon raised more than \$123,000.



From left, Jarrett's mother Jennifer Mynear, the first DanceBlue Chairwoman Emily Pfeifer and then-UK College of Medicine Director of Development Susannah Denomme were elated at DanceBlue's success.

Finding inspiration

For Jennifer Mynear, DanceBlue represents another lasting legacy for her son, Jarrett, who died in October 2002 at age 13, after a long battle with cancer. He had started the hugely-successful Jarrett's Joy Cart, which is still ongoing, to provide new toys to children during their hospital stays.

After her son's passing, Mynear and her husband Doug Mynear '75 '77 EN wanted to find another way to honor Jarrett's dedication to helping others. She met with Denomme, then-development director for UK College of Medicine, and the Jarrett Mynear Fund was created with a goal of raising money to renovate UK's pediatric hematology and oncology clinic. The fund ultimately raised \$370,000, far beyond their expectations, and with additional fundraising by the Kentucky Children's Hospital, the clinic was revamped and rededicated in April 2004.

Mynear, whom Denomme calls a "tireless crusader," wanted to do more. Denomme's daughter, Carolyn, then a sophomore at Pennsylvania State University, told her about THON, Penn State's annual 48-hour dance marathon to support pediatric cancer patients.

The pair thought the timing was right to bring a similar idea to UK's campus. In 2004 through 2005, they began holding informational meetings with key student leadership groups to scope out student interest.

"After each of those meetings, we would have two or three students come up to us afterward, and tell us that they wanted to be a part of this," Denomme recalls.

Then-UK junior Emily Pfeifer '06 BE was one of those students. When she heard Jennifer and Susannah's presentation in fall 2004, Pfeifer had just successfully undergone treatment for thyroid cancer and learned that her father, Fred Pfeifer '81 EN was battling lung cancer.

"After I heard their presentation, I got up and chased Jennifer and Susannah down the hall," says Pfeifer, who went on to serve on the DanceBlue steering committee and as DanceBlue's first overall chairwoman in 2005-2006. "Jarrett's lasting message of finding strength in yourself by giving to others resonates with so many people. It certainly resonated with me. I told them, 'I am meant to help you with this. I think we can do something great.'"

Empowering students

"The best thing about DanceBlue is that it is completely student run. It

would never have worked otherwise," says Mynear, who named DanceBlue's Golden Matrix Fund in honor of Jarrett. (Gold is both the color associated with childhood cancer support and was also Jarrett's favorite color. "The Matrix" was his favorite movie and the term also connotes parts coming together to form a greater whole.)

All parts coming together for the greater good — that's precisely what DanceBlue has done for the UK community. Each year, all 600-plus registered student organizations are invited to participate. Last year, more than 100 student groups were represented.

At the first DanceBlue marathon, roughly 175 dancers participated, raising over \$123,000. Now, the event annually maxes out the building capacity of Memorial Coliseum, with 800-plus dancers on the floor and an arena of supporters filling the stands to cheer them on.

Every hour on the hour during the marathon, DanceBlue dancers join in a synchronized line dance, with chants of "FTK" ("For The Kids") to keep them motivated. Toward the end of the marathon, a talent show featuring patients at the pediatric oncology clinic and a memorial to those who have been lost help keep the focus on the families.

During the first DanceBlue talent show, a young cancer patient sang "You Raise Me Up" and there was not a dry eye in the place, recalls Pfeifer, who now works with Salient, an asset management firm in Houston, Texas. "You looked around, and you realized, everyone was so com-



DanceBlue 2005 had roughly 175 dancers; DanceBlue 2014 maxed at 800-plus.

mitted to this cause,” she says. “That, for me, was the moment when I knew we were on to something that was going to be a lasting part of the UK experience.”

Now, like attending football and basketball games, involvement with DanceBlue in one fashion or another is synonymous with life as a UK undergraduate. A billboard promoting DanceBlue hangs at Blue Grass Airport. On College Game Day, coverage of UK always includes mention of DanceBlue.

For New York-based designer Amberlee Isabella '07 DES, who served as DanceBlue's second overall chairwoman in 2007, watching DanceBlue evolve into a not-to-be-missed part of the UK experience has been a thrill. “To see how it has become part of UK's culture is something that I'm incredibly proud of,” she says. “Friends sometimes ask me, when I go back to attend the marathons, ‘Aren't you upset that the students now don't know your name?’ And I say, ‘Are you kidding me? It's not about our names. It's about DanceBlue, which is so much bigger than any of us.’”

The emotional power of the 24-hour marathon is impossible to describe, and it represents the culmination of a year's worth of work by an army of volunteers, says Jonathan York, DanceBlue's 2015 overall chairman.

This year's event will be pulled together by over 145 committee members who will organize and lead every aspect

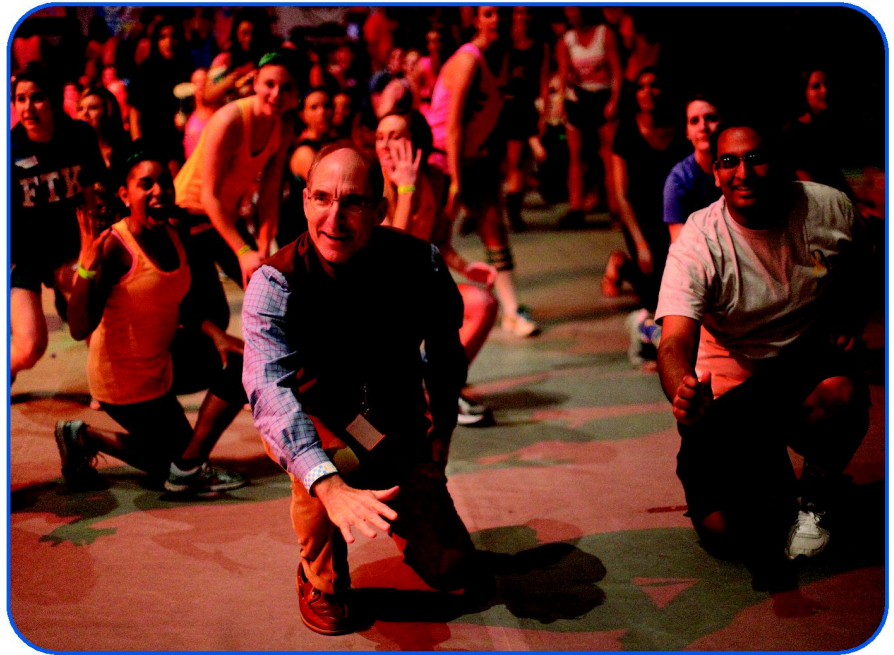


Photo: DanceBlue

UK President Eli Capilouto playfully joined DanceBlue 2014 teams.

of the event programming, from planning the hour-by-hour activities that dancers will take part in to corporate relations work soliciting donations from area businesses. “We like to say we're working 365 days a year for the kids. The marathon is a celebration of that year-round work,” York says.

People routinely tell Denomme that they never could have imagined how moving the marathon is, until they see it for the first time themselves.

“Sororities and fraternities are dancing alongside the Robinson Scholars and the Honors Program,” says Denomme. “It brings the entire campus together. Invari-

ably, on their evaluations after the event, students will say this is the best thing they've ever done in their life. They may sign up initially because it's fun. But going through the marathon changes them. It teaches them about philanthropy. It teaches them about giving back to the larger community. And, it teaches them how to take on and excel in an array of leadership roles.”

Life-changing for students

DanceBlue 2013 marked the first time the marathon broke the \$1 million, single-year fundraising mark. The moment that the extra “1” was unveiled in the total tally was one that DanceBlue 2013 chairman Ethan Ritter will never forget.

“That will be one of my favorite memories for the rest of my life. It was just an amazing feeling,” says Ritter '13 AFE, who is now attending medical school at UK.

(Last year, DanceBlue upped the ante even more, bringing in \$1.436 million in 2014.)

Like many of the students who've been involved with DanceBlue, Ritter says the event changed him. “DanceBlue showed me the incredible impact a community can have when united for one cause. I think that I'll carry that same sense of responsibility for advocacy with me as I become a physician,” he says.



Photo: DanceBlue

The slogan ‘For The Kids’ — FTK — keeps the students energized.

Serving as the family relations chairwoman for the first DanceBlue helped Shelby Dehner '06 SW find her professional calling. After college, Dehner worked for three years as a pediatric oncology social worker at UK and is now the executive director of Kids Cancer Alliance, a nonprofit that offers camps and other programs for childhood cancer patients.

Lexington attorney Preston Worley '07 AS, '10 LAW stays actively involved today with DanceBlue as chairman of the Golden Matrix Fund Advisory Council. "The years I spent with DanceBlue were absolutely the best thing I did during my time on campus, and one of the better things I've done in my life," he says.

And for Erin Priddy Wright '09 AS, now in a surgery residency at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, DanceBlue led to a rather surprising outcome — marriage. Priddy met her husband, Joey Wright '08 EN, '12 LAW, when both were serving on the DanceBlue 2008 Executive Committee.

More than the money

While York hopes DanceBlue 2015 will continue the marathon's impressive, unbroken streak of bringing in more money than the year before, his primary goal, he says, is making sure this year is the best yet for patients at the pediatric oncology clinic and their families.

Student leaders say the relationships DanceBlue builds between the patients and UK students are what sets DanceBlue apart from other charity events.

"You can raise money all day long, but



Coach John Calipari speaks to the crowd with words of encouragement.

the family relations aspect is, to me, the heart and soul of DanceBlue. The student bonds that are formed with the families are what makes DanceBlue so special and unique," says Dehner.

Each year, roughly 30 patients in the pediatric oncology clinic are "adopted" by UK DanceBlue student groups. The students take them out for fun at the movies or to get pizza, visit them at the clinic during their treatments and contact them weekly through emails, cards or phone calls to let them know they're being thought about and supported.

Each week roughly 30 volunteers on DanceBlue's Family Relations committee volunteer in 1-2 hour shifts to keep kids company in the clinic while they undergo their treatments, which can take anywhere from 30 minutes to eight hours.

"The goal of our committee is to help get these kids away from cancer for a bit — to help them feel like just a regular

kid," says Zac Brown, DanceBlue's Family Relations chairman for 2015.

Brown's hours volunteering in the pediatric oncology clinic are his favorite part of his week. "Being with the kids in the clinic is just the best. No two days are the same. Some days, I'll hang out with a teenager, and we'll have a real conversation about what he's going through," Brown says. "Other days, I'll be in there with a two-year-old playing peekaboo, just trying to make her laugh."

The family relations work DanceBlue does throughout the year "matters hugely," Wagner says. "From the parents' side of things, it tells them there is a community out there supporting them during what is a very scary time. From the kids' perspective, the visits are just fun. Over the summer, when UK students are away from campus, all the kids in the clinic can ask about is, 'When are the DanceBlue students coming back?'" ■

Association and UK Alumni Clubs support DanceBlue

Early on, the UK Alumni Association and its club network around the country were on board with the goals of DanceBlue. The association and members found ways to support the effort, both monetarily and through letters of encouragement written to DanceBlue team members.

Last year, the association and about 18 alumni clubs raised more than \$20,000 for DanceBlue through UK men's basketball game watch parties and individual donations. The association and clubs would like to expand that outreach this coming year.

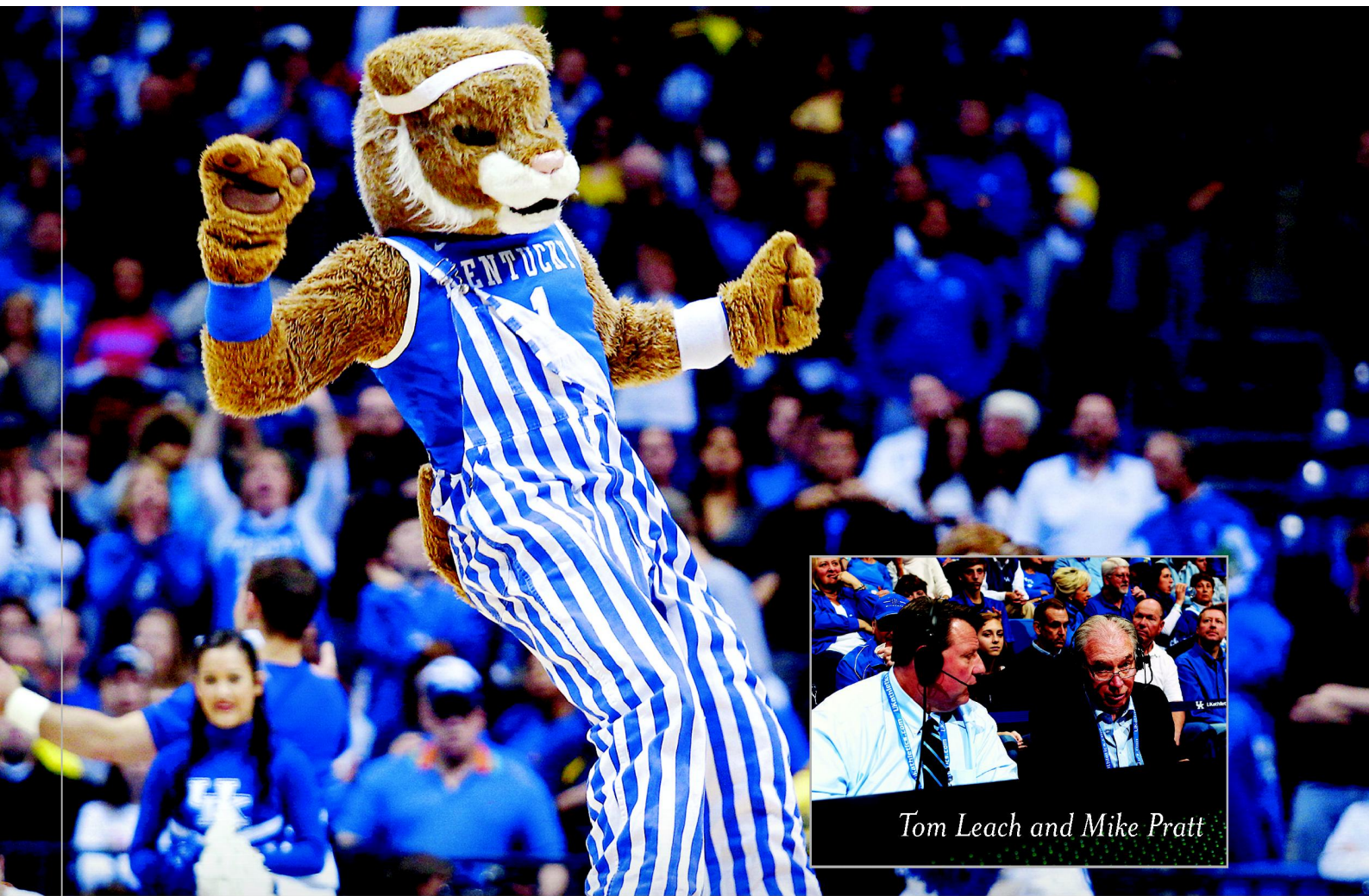
Association members like Nick Phelps, president of the UK Young Alumni Club in Louisville, are enthusiastically embracing the event. In addition to spearheading the Louisville club's efforts, he has also encouraged other clubs to participate, sug-

gesting how to organize game watch parties and adding raffles or silent auctions, for example, to bring in more funds.

"More and more students are going to be leaving UK every year with a very special place for DanceBlue in their hearts," Phelps says. "This is a way to help them stay involved with DanceBlue and connect with their local alumni club, so it's a win-win."

In addition, the UK Alumni Association offers a yearly reception for grads who are former DanceBlue participants to help keep team members connected and as a way to say 'thank you' for their efforts.

Visit www.ukalumni.net/events to see when your club is planning a DanceBlue activity.



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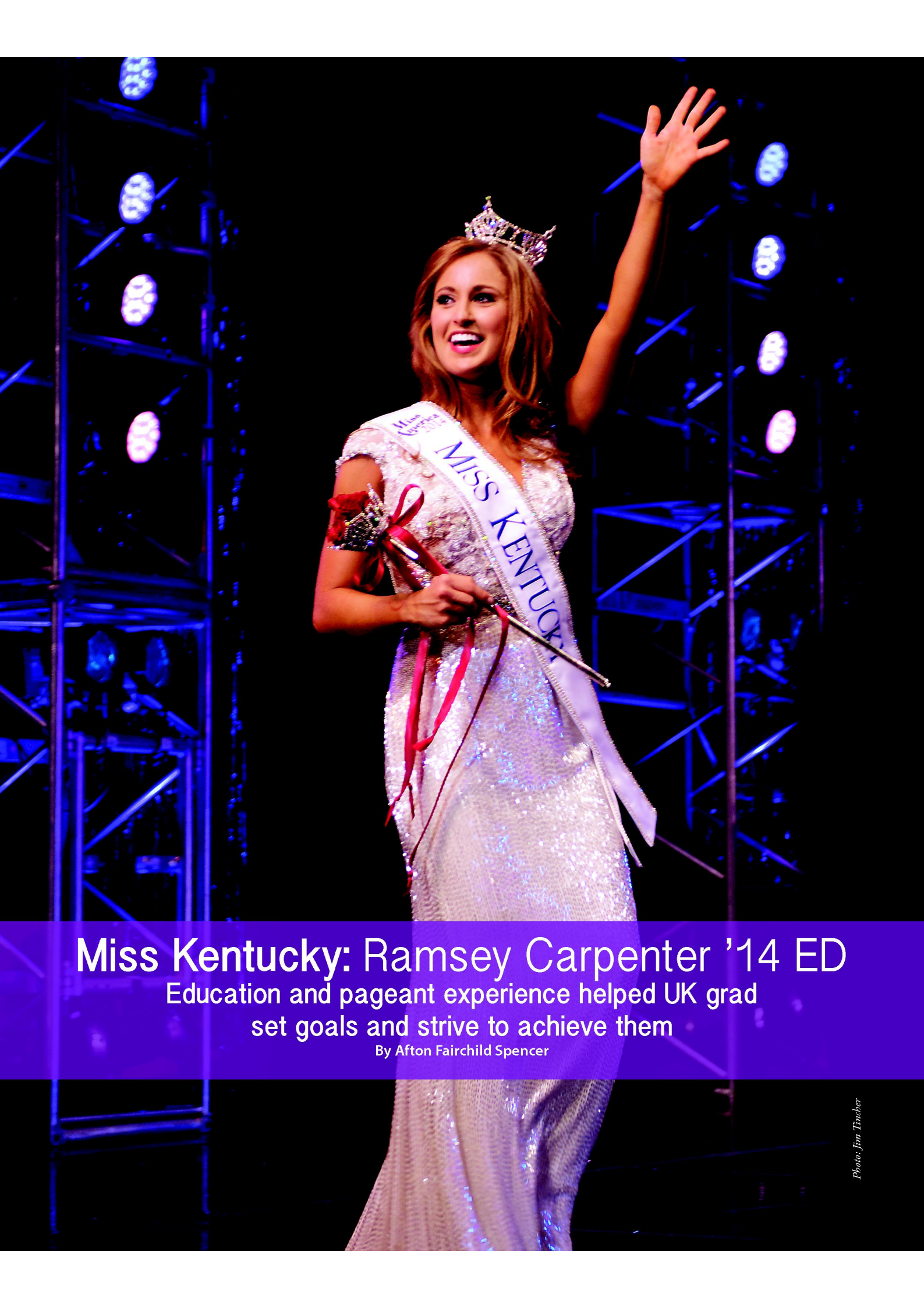
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Education and pageant experience helped UK grad set goals and strive to achieve them

By Afton Fairchild Spencer

As a child, a starry-eyed Ramsey Carpenter sat in the middle of her living room floor, eyes fixated on her television as Miss America contestants glided across a stage in their beautiful evening gowns.

“It left me in awe to see the beautiful ladies that had talent, wisdom and confidence,” Carpenter says.

While she admits she dreamed of being on that stage one day, little did she know that that dream would actually become a reality. In September, she made a run at the Miss America crown, coming in among the top 12 contestants, having used her musical talent on the fiddle to win the preliminary talent competition.

“I was extremely honored to make top 12, but even more so, talent is the No. 1 factor of the competition, and I was pleased to win a preliminary talent award. I was also awarded the highest overall talent score for the entire event,” she says. “That meant a lot to me. As far as having the highest scoring talent, that was in regards to being an instrumentalist. As a bluegrass fiddle player, that is not something that happens on a normal basis in this system.”

Carpenter says bluegrass music is a true Kentucky art form that was started in the state, but it is a dying genre of music. “The fact that it is a dying genre of music, but I was still able to win over the Miss America judges is very meaningful to me. It shows hope for that genre of music to stay alive, in my opinion,” she says.

Carpenter was entered into her first pageant at just a few weeks old in the Ohio County Fair. Years later she expressed to her mother that she would like to enter the Miss Ohio County Pre-teen Pageant, and upon competing, walked away with the crown.

“It was all about having a hometown title and having fun at the time, especially since as I was growing up, the young women who won Miss Ohio County were always my role models,” she says.

Carpenter’s interest in pageants continued to grow as she did, eventually following her into her college years at the University of Kentucky, where she pursued a degree in education.

“The years I spent at the University of Kentucky truly helped shape me as the individual I am today,” she says. “I gained an education that will enable me to have a career in the academic world as an instructor for students with special needs. I also learned how to respect the ideas of others on a deeper level and gained experiences that will carry on through my future.”

Both pageant experience and education have helped Carpenter become a well-rounded, successful individual. Many may look down upon pageants due to all the glitz and glamour, Carpenter says, but they have a much deeper impact. One of the most positive influences of pageants is encouraging young women to set goals and strive to achieve them, she says.

“This desire to reach their goals permeates into other facets of their lives: academics, athletics, career goals, etc. While becoming Miss Kentucky was a goal of mine for many years before it happened, each year I learned something beneficial that could be applied to other aspects of my life,” she says.

In fact, before being named Miss Kentucky during her fourth and final go at the title, Carpenter was called in for three teaching job interviews and was offered a job each time. She attrib-

utes this to the numerous interviews she participated in while in pageants. But it’s not just the experience one can gain from pageants that make them worthwhile, she says. “Participating in Miss Kentucky also presented me with the opportunity to form friendships with ambitious young women from across the Commonwealth, and I know these friendships will last for the remainder of my life.”

Bringing home the Kentucky title

After making it to the top five contestants for the first time ever in the Miss Kentucky pageant, Carpenter stood on stage with thousands of eyes upon her and the other four contestants, anxiously awaiting the results. “As the top five dwindled down, each time a runner-up position was called out I thought, ‘I am still standing here. This dream might really be coming true!’” she says.

Then the moment came when Carpenter was announced the winner, and so many years later, the dream that seemed so far away to that little girl had finally come true.

Now she will postpone her teaching career and set out as a representative of Kentucky, working with the Department of Agriculture, and continuing to reach out to people with her platform of spreading awareness of multiple sclerosis (MS). Carpenter has MS, a disease that affects the brain and spinal cord, damaging the protective covering that surrounds nerve cells. This can produce conditions such as numbness and loss of muscle control, among others.

As Carpenter looked up to those pageant winners before her, she knows she must act as a role model to young girls across the world. She offers this advice. “Do what you are passionate about in life and always be true to who you are,” Carpenter says. “Determine what success means to you in your life, and then strive to reach your goals! Each individual has redeeming qualities, and all of you are phenomenal in your own way. Never give up on yourself and always see how valuable you are as the unique individual that you are. Shine with all that is within you!” ■

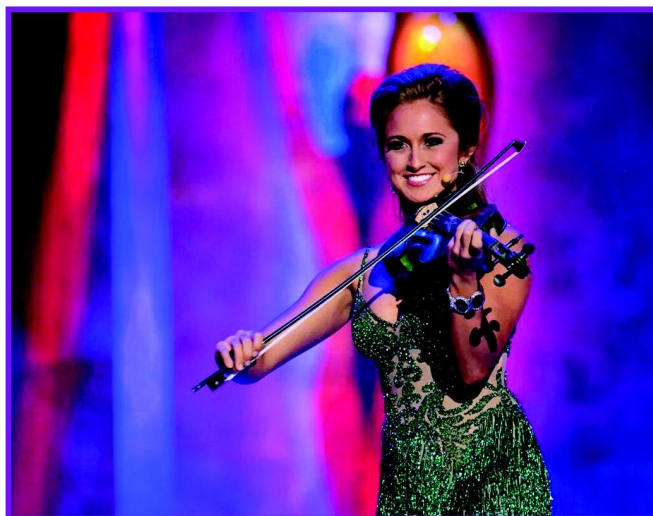


Photo: Courtesy Miss America Organization

Ramsey Carpenter competed in the Miss America talent competition as a bluegrass fiddle player.

A king-sized success story

Kimberly B. Knopf was one of the first female entrepreneurs to enter the mattress specialty industry in the 1980s

By Vickie S. Mitchell



Photo: Courtesy LMS

About a decade ago, Kimberly “Kim” Brown Knopf ’82 AS took the employees of her 20 West Virginia retail mattress stores to the Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, for a celebration. The occasion was the 20th anniversary of her first Mattress Warehouse, which she had opened in South Charleston in 1983 at age 23.

“I thought, ‘Wow, 20 years. It’s been a great dream, but I’m not that old,’” the Louisville native says. “People need to be challenged. They want to be part of a growing company. I realized if we were going to attract and retain great people, we had to focus on growth.”

Her thoughts proved prophetic. Today, Knopf's Innovative Mattress Solutions (IMS) is a regional chain of 155 Sleep Outfitters, Mattress Warehouse and Mattress King stores in six states. With plans to grow by 20 to 25 stores each year, IMS predicts it will have 175 stores by the end of 2015 and 250 by 2018.

Much of the company's growth came during the economic downturn as other businesses pulled back rather than forging forward. Knopf and her team saw opportunity, as real estate vacancies rose and leasing agents looked for tenants. IMS opened new stores and acquired others.

"We took the opportunity to get locked in on five- to 10-year terms," she says.

Her company's rapid growth and success has brought much attention to Knopf. In 2011, she was inducted into the West Virginia Business Hall of Fame, one of only a few women to ever receive the honor.

In 2013, WithIt, an organization for women in the furniture industry, honored her with its Leadership Award. Betty Lyn Eller, WithIt president, said, "She was one of the first female entrepreneurs to enter the male-dominated mattress specialty industry in the early 1980s. Since then, she and her team have continued to bring innovative thinking, professionalism and leadership to the industry."

Knopf also spoke to college students at the April 2013 Global Scholars Senior Banquet at the University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business and Economics. "These kids are super smart and will be super successful," says Knopf. "My message was about ethics and maintaining a level of integrity."

During that same year, her company received attention in its industry when Furniture/Today magazine ranked IMS the eighth-largest mattress retailer in the country.

Knopf's leadership skills were evident early in life. She played basketball throughout her high school career at Louisville's Sacred Heart Academy and was a member of the school's 1976 state champion team. She was elected president of the student council her senior year.

She was also accustomed to hard work. She and her four siblings were expected to help finance their educations. The oldest child, Knopf became the first in her family to graduate from college, working several jobs in the summer and during the school year to pay her way. One of those jobs, at a bed and bath store, sold her on the retail business.

"They gave me the opportunity to be a sales person," Knopf told The Charleston Gazette. "I learned to enjoy that interaction with customers."

As an athlete who grew up a UK Wildcats fan, there was never a question as to where Knopf would attend college. But after she arrived at UK, she wasn't as sure about a major. Intrigued by the interconnections of the world's countries, she ultimately designed her own topical major, focusing on international relations. Later, she would return to UK to take accounting and other business courses to help her in her business.

In college as in high school, she found ways to be involved. She joined Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and played flag football. She served on the Student Activities Board, along with Ken Knopf, a UK law school student from Charleston who would become her husband.

As she grew her company, Knopf and her husband also raised two daughters. Ken Knopf '83 Law eventually left his private practice to stay home with Karrie, now a 2008 UK College of Arts & Sciences grad, and Kristin. Today, Karrie is the company's director of digital marketing.

Knopf has always fostered a family atmosphere at her stores, simpler, she admits, when there were only 20. Her frequent visits to stores and distribution centers are easier since her husband earned his pilot's license.

"It is hard to maintain a family atmosphere. I try to know everybody, and it gets more challenging all the time," says Knopf. "At the same time, as we grow, I do not want to compromise our service levels."

One way IMS demonstrates its service is by building relationships within its communities. "We are involved in all kinds of charities," she says. "If someone's house burns, and they need a bed, we are

there. If there are homeless, who need a bed, we help."

Stores are also encouraged to work closely with local colleges and universities.

Because of IMS's growth, Knopf spends more time in her home state. A regional office has opened in Lexington, which is more centrally located to the company's stores than Charleston. Lexington also is headquarters of IMS's main supplier, Tempur-Sealy International Inc.

"This allows us to work more closely with them," Knopf says. "I spend two to three days a week in Lexington and sometimes a week at a time." She recently bought a house in Lexington.

Being in Lexington also allows her to be more engaged with UK. On a weekday in September, she met with Shonta Phelps, Gatton College leadership director, and four MBA students involved in Project Connect. The students are working on an IMS customer loyalty program.

Knopf is in her second year as a mentor through the Gatton Women Business Leaders program. She works with UK senior and swim team member Blair Kuethe. "She is a marketing major," says Knopf. "I will be talking to her about her career path. She'll also have the chance to sit in with our marketing group, getting exposure to marketing in the real world."

She also takes time to gather with her peers as a member of Vistage International, a peer organization for leaders of small- to mid-sized companies. For many years, she was a member of the Young Presidents' Organization.

Knopf has traveled a long way since the early 1980s, when, fresh out of college, she took a job selling insurance. As she drove around in a car without air conditioning and sat for hours in lobbies, waiting for someone to see her, she knew her fortune would be elsewhere. As it turns out, the mattress industry has been a perfect fit for a woman who knew that the business she owned would have two critical elements.

"I knew I had to do something different, and I wanted to be in a business where my customers came to me," Knopf says. ■





'Aww'-inspiring

Future Wildcat Wiley, center, looks up at Scratch in wonderment during a photo opportunity with her family at the UK Alumni Association Legacy Pumpkin Festival at Spindletop Hall. Other family members included her grandmother, Joan Byrd Harrison '75 PHA, sister Sakurako, and father Daniel R. Harrison '05 GS.

Approximately 600 attendees enjoyed the beautiful September day, which included painting more than 350 pumpkins, pony rides, sack races, apple bobbing and other games. It was good family fun and everyone was a winner!

UK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

2013-2014

The University of Kentucky Alumni Association has a noble mission – to foster lifelong engagement among alumni, friends and the association and support the mission and goals of the university.

To achieve this, the UK Alumni Association seeks to engage all alumni for life, while building strong bonds among our Wildcat family. We strive to meet these opportunities with creativity, energy, innovative thinking, and by being good stewards of the programs and services that we offer University of Kentucky graduates and friends. This annual report is a reflection of how the UK Alumni Association achieved goals throughout the year. With your support, that resulted in the association, as a whole, being able to benefit other alumni with career services, keeping alumni connected to other UK alums and the university, providing scholarships for deserving students, offering travel opportunities around the world, and making an impact on student recruitment efforts, among others.



We are happy to be able to share this overview of another memorable year – one in which we marked the 125th anniversary of the founding of the UK Alumni Association.

Stan Key
Executive Director

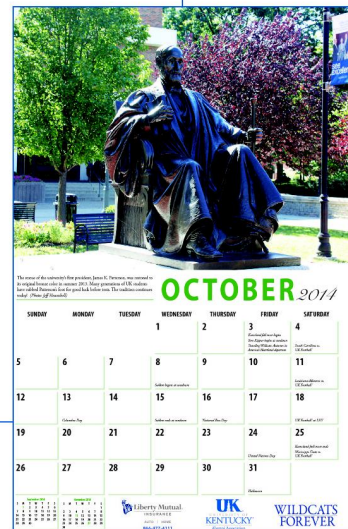


2013-2014 OFFICERS

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Treasurer: David B. Ratterman '68 EN
Secretary: Stan Key '72 ED

BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

- UK personalized address labels, member card & auto decal
- Campus visitor parking passes
- Wildcat Loyalty Rewards of discounts at hundreds of local and national merchants
- Athletics tickets and K Fund points
- Career services
- Kentucky Alumni magazine
- Legacy Tuition Program where children of UK graduates may qualify for UK tuition awards
- Legacy Initiative where children of UK graduates receive annual birthday cards and gifts on milestone birthdays up to age 18
- UK pictorial wall calendar
- My Wildcat Community Online Alumni Directory for reconnecting with fellow alumni



MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS, DUES AND GIVING

- 37,605 dues-paying members, including 1,438 student members
- \$1,152,715 received in membership dues
- \$136,403 Wildcat Society gifts received from 1,108 Life Member donors

COMMUNICATIONS

- 396 university and alumni achievements showcased in communications
- 12 issues of the Wildcat Connection newsletter delivered to 1,168,581 email addresses
- 4 issues of the Kentucky Alumni magazine with a readership of 357,030
- 1,883,675 website page views by alumni and friends
- 42,499 social network fans/users
- 52,001 readers of association blogs



PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- 32,723 alumni and friends engaged in 352 meaningful programs, events and activities
- 3,466 members receiving career services
- 67 programs, events and activities provided for students
- 2,591 precollege-age children of UK graduates registered in Legacy Initiative Program
- 6 UK faculty recognized with \$3,000 stipend each for Great Teacher Awards





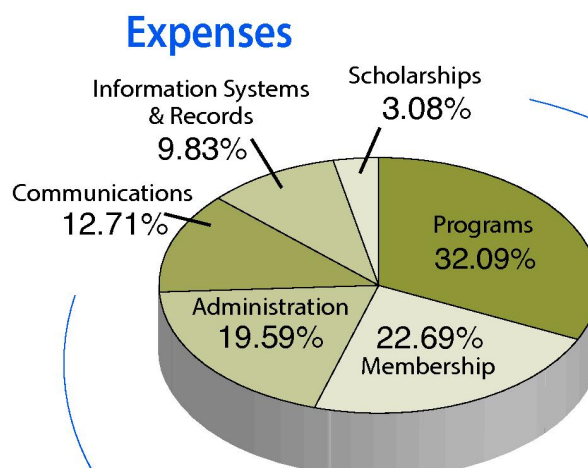
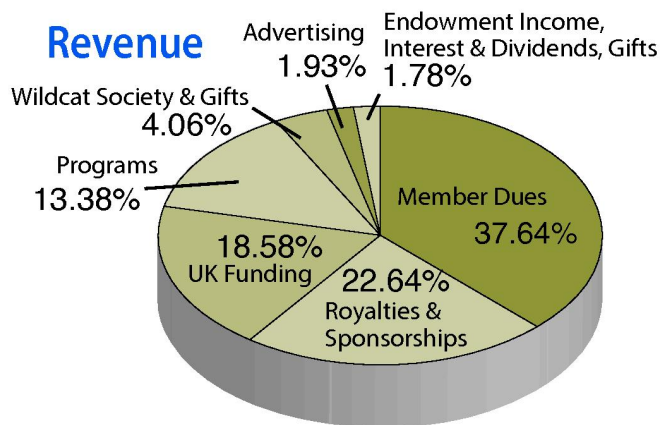
SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY

- Helped build Wildcat spirit and loyalty among students and more than 268,000 alumni around the world
- \$158,566 awarded in scholarships to 133 students
- 246 activities held by 41 alumni clubs to recruit high school students to UK
- \$54,434 funding provided to academic colleges for alumni activities
- 723 broadcast emails sent for academic college, association, club and group activities
- 191 events with 11,595 attendees hosted in the Helen G. King Alumni House



ROYALTY, SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING INCOME

- \$752,946 royalty income received from credit card, insurance, class ring and other affinity partnerships
- \$20,552 received in sponsorship revenue
- \$64,718 received in advertising revenue



A big 'thank you' to UK Alumni Clubs for student scholarships

The UK Alumni Association and its clubs presented UK President Eli Capilouto with a check for the total amount of contributions made during the 2013-14 fiscal year. This includes more than \$169,000 from alumni clubs, \$57,000 from the UK Alumni Association and \$17,000 from individuals, for a grand total of \$245,200.08!

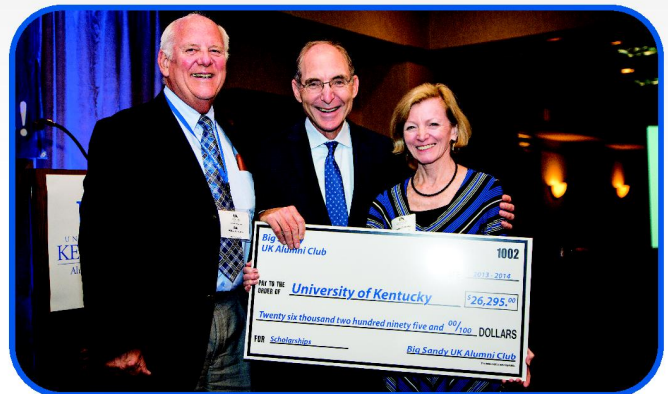
The presentation took place during the 2014 Scholarship Celebration at Embassy Suites in Lexington. Pictured are President Capilouto and representatives from the clubs that made contributions to either their endowment or spending accounts in the 2013-14 fiscal year.



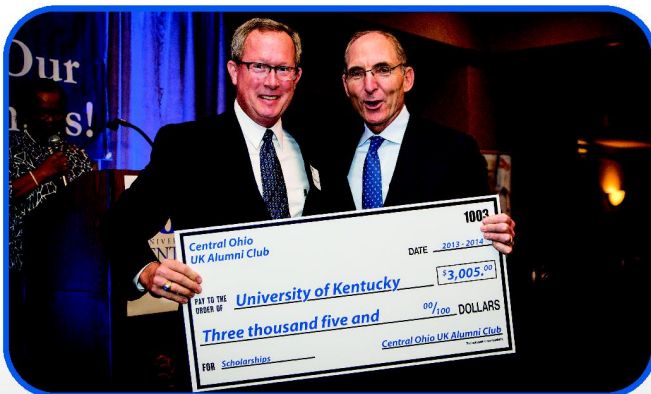
UK Alumni Association \$245,200.08



Greater Atlanta UK Alumni Club \$9,200



Big Sandy UK Alumni Club \$26,295

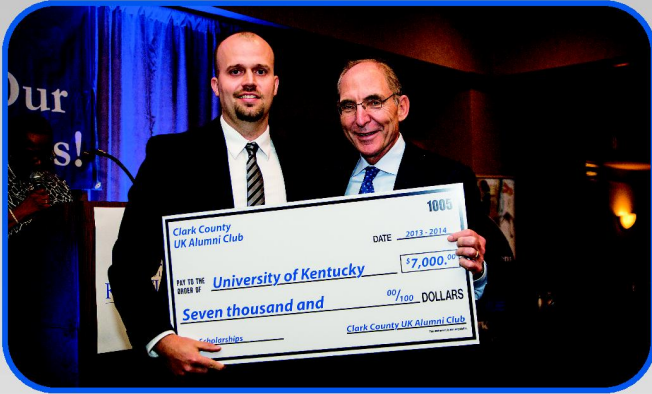


Central Ohio UK Alumni Club \$3,005



Christian County UK Alumni Club \$4,500

Jacksonville UK Alumni Club \$6,365. Club representatives were not available for a photo.



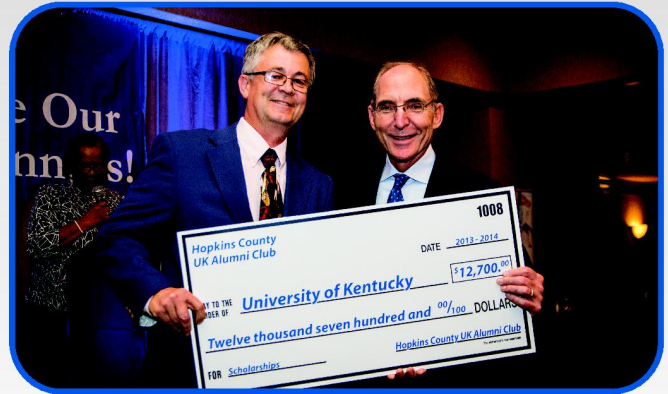
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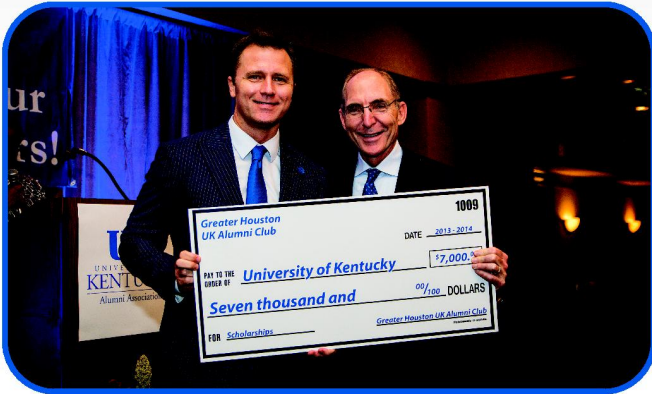
Cumberland Valley East UK Alumni Club \$4,843



Fayette County UK Alumni Club \$10,275



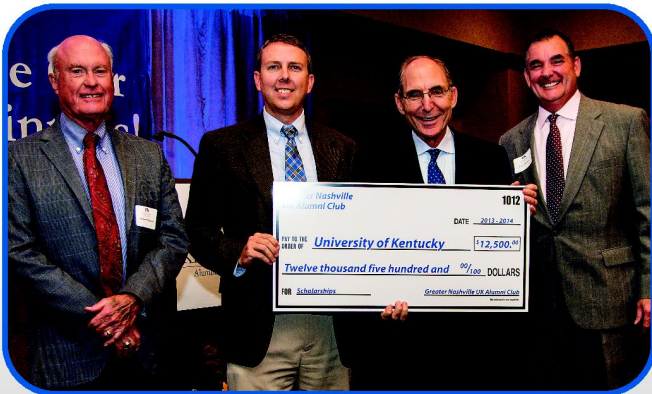
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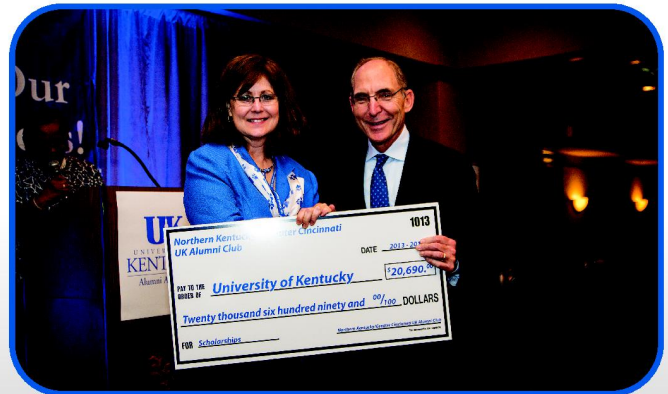
Greater Houston UK Alumni Club \$7,000



Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club \$25,000



Greater Nashville UK Alumni Club \$12,500



Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club \$20,690

Cats eye NCAA title with talent and depth

By Kelli Elam

After an improbable run all the way to the NCAA Tournament national championship game last season, the assumption was that UK Coach John Calipari would lose most of the Wildcats' major contributors to the NBA Draft.

Calipari did see starters Julius Randle and James Young opt for the draft. However when Willie Cauley-Stein announced that he planned to return for his junior season, it started a domino effect that set the Cats up as the deepest team in the country this season. Fellow junior-to-be Alex Poythress decided to return to Lexington. Aaron Harrison, Andrew Harrison, Dakari Johnson and Marcus Lee also decided to return for their sophomore seasons. Fellow sophomores Dominique Hawkins and Derek Willis, along with highly-touted newcomers Devin Booker, Trey Lyles, Karl-Anthony Towns and Tyler Ulis, fill the roster with enviable depth and endless possibilities.

The question quickly changed from "Who is leaving?" to "How does Coach Calipari manage so many talented players?" As soon as the twins announced they were coming back (the last players to make their intentions known), the idea of platooning five-for-five was formed.

The depth certainly makes for intense practices.

"The practices should be what they are, which is they're competitive," Calipari said during UK Media Day. "There are no easy baskets. You're not getting layups. But we've still got a lot of learning to do. I'm still not convinced of what the groups will look like."

Poythress thinks two five-man rotations will work.

"I think everyone on the team thinks it can work," the 6-8 forward said. "We have bought into it, so I think it will work fine."

Blending "old" and new can be tricky. The Cats got a jump start on team bonding with the Big Blue Bahamas trip during the summer, where they faced the likes of the Puerto Rico Na-



Photo: Dr. Michael Huang

Point Guard Andrew Harrison knows the importance of playing within the team.

tional Team and Dominican Republic National Team in exhibition play.

"You can't separate on the court, off the court," Calipari said. "What they did in the Bahamas — they celebrated each other. They weren't leery of each other. They celebrated each other, and that's what brought them together. When you're watching your teammates as you're playing, cheering you on and talking to you and telling you how you are doing, it starts bringing them together."

"It helps to play games before the season," Poythress said of the Bahamas trip. "You get adjusted to college basketball a little bit, the speed, how people play."

The freshmen must deal with the intense spotlight and expectations of playing at Kentucky. For Cauley-Stein, that was a lesson learned last season with the unrealistic 40-0 talk. "It's still the same," he said. "It's not going to be easy because you are going to get everybody's best game, especially this year. There is not going to be one easy game, it doesn't matter who we are playing. Their players are going to be jacked to play us."

Last season taught Andrew Harrison the importance of playing within the team.

"I enjoy my teammates, and hopefully, they enjoy me. As a point guard, you really can't play angry. You have to play within your team. I feel like I made that mistake last year trying to prove some stuff, but as a point guard, you can't play angry. You have to play determined. You can't play angry, like I have to score or I have to play like this. You have to play within the team."

Will the platooning system work? Calipari is certainly up to the challenge of making sure it does. "I'm just on a mission to make it work because I'm hearing all the reasons you can't do it," he said. ■

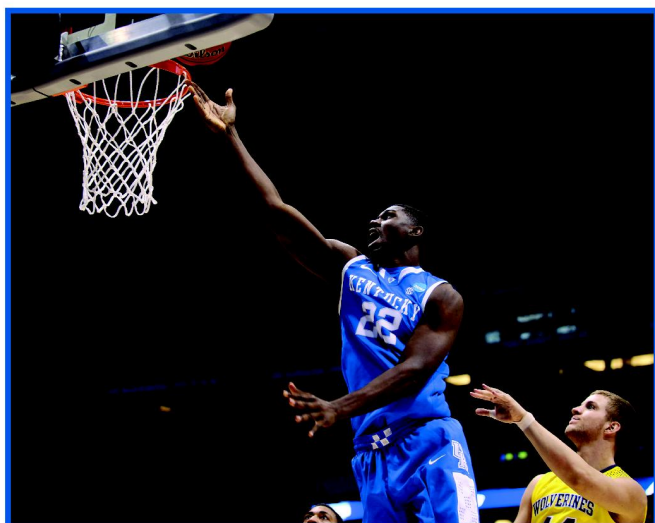


Photo: Dr. Michael Huang

Junior Alex Poythress averaged 5.9 points and 4.5 rebounds per game last season as the team's sixth man.

UK women's basketball team: '40 minutes of dread'

Under Head Coach Matthew Mitchell, the UK women's basketball team has earned a reputation for making the game miserable for opponents. The team's signature up-tempo style, known as "40 minutes of dread" is built on forcing teams into turnovers, then capitalizing on those mistakes.

UK has ranked in the top five nationally in turnover margin the last five seasons. The Wildcats have forced more than 800 turnovers in four of the last five seasons. Since 2009-2010, UK is 118-27 when forcing more turnovers than opponents.

Coming off a record fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, Mitchell is looking for even more this season.

"How we go about things really defines who we are going to be this season," Mitchell said after an early season practice. "We are trying to be the most disruptive team in the country, we're trying to be the fastest team in the country, we're trying to be the toughest team in the country and that's who we want to be."

Kentucky finished last season with a 26-9 record, falling to No. 2 seed Baylor in the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA Tournament. Seven players return this season, including Bria Goss, Jennifer O'Neil, Janee Thompson, Linnae Harper and Makayla Epps. Thompson, a junior, who averaged 8.6 points and 2.1 rebounds per game, is one of two returning starters, along with Goss, a senior. ■



Photo: Dr. Michael Huang

Junior Janee Thompson is one of two returning starters from last season's Sweet Sixteen team.



Photo: Chet White/UK Athletics

Cats roar back for signature win!

Jojo Kemp, above, rushed for 131 yards (most of them out of the Wildcat formation) and scored three touchdowns in Kentucky's dramatic 45-38 win over South Carolina in Commonwealth Stadium on Oct. 4. The Cats overcame a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter, the biggest fourth quarter comeback in program history. A late interception returned for a touchdown by Bud Dupree provided the winning score as the Cats notched their second SEC win of the season and the first signature win of the Mark Stoops' era.

Alumni Clubs

1) Members of the **Chicagoland UK Alumni Club** participated in the SEC Chicago Area Flag Football LTS Chicago Tournament and came in second place, while also scoring \$175 for their scholarship fund.

2) At its annual meeting, the **Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club** announced a total of \$20,000 in five scholarships and a \$5,000 graduate fellowship to area students. From left to right are Lu Ann Holmes, then president of the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club; Casey Moran; David Blackwell, dean of the Gatton College of Business and Economics; Danielle Schaper; Alex Childers; Brianna Vollman; Austin Renton; Brenda Gosney, then-president of the UK Alumni Association; Alex Lewis; and Crystal Williams, co-chairwoman of the NKY/GC UK Alumni Club Scholarship Committee.

3) Carl Nathe, the public address announcer for Wildcat football at Commonwealth Stadium, was the special guest speaker at the **Nashville UK Alumni Club** Picnic and Student Send-off. From left to right are Brittney Bryant, Autumn Conger, Anisa Moore, Brooke Harden, Nathe, Kelsey Griffin, Jacob Barber and Matthew Beery.

4) Members of the **Upstate SC UK Alumni Club** came out in support of local students attending the University of Kentucky during the club's annual Student Send-off.

5) UK students from the community showed their Wildcat spirit during the **McCracken County UK Alumni Club** Student Send-off with club president, Lars Blythe, right.

6) Members of the **Birmingham UK Alumni Club** held their Cats for a Cause event during the Bell Center Tailgate Party.

7) The **Atlanta UK Alumni Club** entertained new UK students during the club's Student Send-off. Individuals coming to campus for the fall are, left to right, front row: Shannon Hinds, Heidi Henderson, Emily Powell, Olivia Dombi, Madeleine Caron, Kaylee McCullion and Julia Harold. Middle: Jai Mills, Drika Buckner, Trey Brown, Erin Harville, Cortland Anderson, Aimee Collins, Jenna Bethea, Courtney Marburger, Sarah Johnson, Aaron Levy and Emily Evans. Last row: Shacora Perkins, Maylon Ellington, Timothy Harrison, Blake Howell, Megan Cave, Jada Linton and Ashton Bennett.

8) Local students on their way to the fall semester at UK enjoyed mingling with members of the **Big Sandy UK Alumni Club** during its Student Send-off at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

9) Members of the **NYC UK Alumni Club** regularly get together to talk about all things Blue!

10) The **Fayette County UK Alumni Club** held its 2014 Golf Scramble at Keene Run Golf Course. Among the attendees were, left to right, Jack Givens, Marian Sims, Joe B. Hall, Susan Clement and Peggy Queen.





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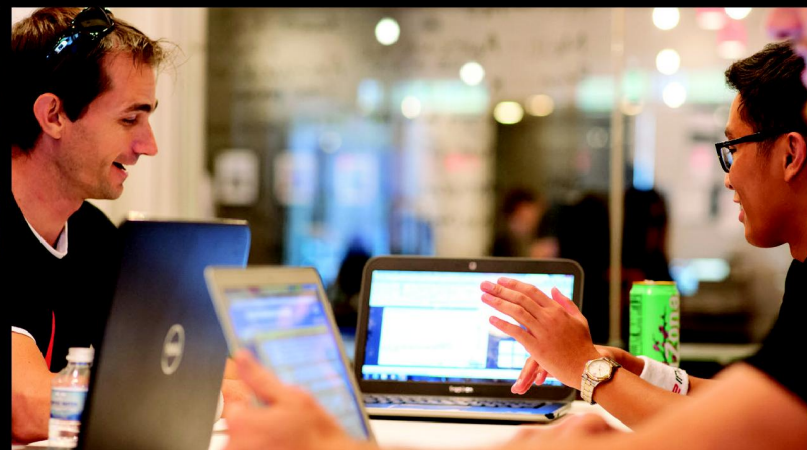
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Quint Pottinger stands amidst Affinity Farms, the same 600 acres his grandfather worked in the early 1940s.



Quint Pottinger V '11 AFE:

Family farmer is a standout in his field

By Pamela Babcock

As a toddler riding in the combine with his father, Butler Ramey “Quint” Pottinger V helped grow crops. Now he’s helping to grow farmers.

Pottinger runs Affinity Farms in New Haven with his wife, Leah, and his father. He is inspiring a new generation to come back to a fading tradition — the family farm.

The young farmer, who received a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in 2011, said he hopes to create a transparent dialogue about how he’s using the latest agricultural technology to grow row crops like corn and soybeans alongside produce sold at farmer’s markets.

“We want to help people reconnect to the farm and to teach them about farming,” Pottinger says.

Affinity Farms offers tours to the public and is located on about 600 acres his grandfather first farmed in the early 1940s. The farm markets corn primarily to local bourbon distillers, while most of the soybeans are exported to Mexico for chicken feed.

The bourbon market alone is huge: Maker’s Mark Bourbon, Jim Beam, Heaven Hill Distilleries Inc., Buffalo Trace Distillery, Four Roses Distillery and Barton are all within a 30-mile drive of the farm.

Pottinger’s family has been farming this land since Col. Samuel Pottinger settled New Haven in the late 1780s.

Quint Pottinger’s work was recognized in July. The White

House and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) honored him among those selected as a “Champion of Change” for agriculture. The program recognizes those “leading in their industries and communities, inspiring others who want to find careers and a life on the land, and providing food, fiber, fuel and flora around the world,” according to the USDA.

In the winter, Pottinger crunches numbers and reviews yields from previous years to decide what varieties would work best for the upcoming season. In the spring, you might find him working on equipment or laying irrigation lines in the garden. In the summer, he begins custom-harvesting wheat for local farmers and in the fall, he is shelling corn or cutting beans.

Pottinger says technology has been key to helping save money and drive efficiency. Affinity Farms uses Global Positioning System technology in tractors to help plant with more accuracy and reduce fertilizer, pesticide and water use to maximize yields. The farm also uses high-tech planter monitors combined with advanced harvesting monitors to get live feeds of corn moisture levels to compare with soil types or seed varieties planted. He’s accessed aerial drones to scout fields and help make planting and harvesting decisions.

About half of the farm’s crops are varieties of genetically formed organisms (GMOs), an admittedly con-

troversial topic. “GMOs are safe and without them, we can’t produce the amount of food that the world needs,” he opines.

As an ex-officio board member at the Kentucky Soybean Association, Pottinger was involved with the DuPont Young Leaders program. He recently began a year of service with the Corn Farmers Coalition.

In 2013, Pottinger traveled with a group of soybean farmers to the Panama Canal and visited several Colombian buyers and processors to see how American soybeans are used to make fishmeal healthier, higher in protein, and more affordable. In January 2014, he flew to South Africa to learn about the growing need for food.

Pottinger points out that family farming isn’t easy. Machinery breaks down. Crops don’t always grow the way he wants them to. There are weed issues and marketing challenges.

Some evenings, he lights a fire on the patio and enjoys the fruits of his corn-harvesting labor by pouring himself a glass of bourbon. He reflects on the day’s work and prepares for the next.

“You’ve just got to be persistent,” Pottinger says of life as a family farmer. “You have to find some way to dig down deep and keep going because this is our livelihood. We live on this land. We’ve got to produce and to make it work.” ■

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WILDCATS FOREVER

1960s

Donald R. Neel '60 PHA, '64 MED was honored with the Kentucky Medical Association (KMA) Distinguished Service Award during the Annual Meeting in Louisville. The award was given to Neel for his work within organized medicine and his leadership within the Owensboro community. He has been a pediatrician for 50 years. Neel has also served as board chairman and president of the KMA. After his time as president, he remained active in the association by serving as a KMA delegate to the American Medical Association.

Ann Stuart '63 AS recently retired after having been chancellor and president of Texas Woman's University since 1999 and was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. She started her teaching career as a middle school teacher, then taught high school, and later became a tenured professor of English at the university level. Stuart began her administrative career as dean of Arts and Sciences at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. She was provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Alma College in Michigan, as well as president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Graduate School in Connecticut.

Danny G. Bailey '68 '71

AFE is a counselor and the health science technology and transfer adviser at Ashland Community and Technical College. He recently spoke as part of a panel of local historians and college professors at the school about the institution's history and

role in the community as it celebrates its 75th anniversary.

Jerry J. Cox '68 LAW is president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and recently received the Kentucky Bar Association Distinguished Lawyer of the Year Award for outstanding, distinguished service to the legal profession. He has practiced criminal defense law for more than 40 years.

Larry G. Wells '69 '71 EN was named a Fellow by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) during an induction ceremony at the 2014 ASABE Annual International Meeting in Montreal, Quebec. He was honored for his outstanding accomplishments as a teacher, mentor, and researcher in the areas of machine-soil relationships, land reclamation and tobacco mechanization. Wells is professor emeritus in the UK Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering. He provided leadership in evaluating potential harvesting systems and in the development of an automated burley tobacco harvester. The harvesting system included a unique method of curing tobacco on portable field racks that eliminated the need for the labor-intensive process of manually hanging harvested plants in barns. He and his co-developers have received five U.S. patents on the harvesting system, with a sixth pending, and in 2006 the method and apparatus were licensed to a U.S. manufacturer.

Linda L. Wills '69 AS is pursuing a second career as a musician, having spent 25 years as a law firm administrator. She also serves as organist for two churches in the Charleston, South Carolina, area. In addition, Wills has taught public speaking at Flagler College and the College of Charleston.

1970s

Patt Maney '70 AS is an Okaloosa County judge in Florida and recently received the Harvey Ford Award, an honor bestowed to one of more than 300 Florida county judges each year. He was an Army Reserve brigadier general in Afghanistan and has been a leader in many veteran support services and activities. Maney is known for creating a one-day event to connect veterans with services they need and also started Florida's first Veterans' Court. The judge also has legislation honoring him. The T. Patt Maney Veterans Treatment and Intervention Act is a bill that allows judges to consider veterans' combat experience in making post-trial sentencing decisions.

John D. Nichols '70 AS recently retired from Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) as associate professor of mathematics. He joined the school in 1997. In 2002 and 2007, he earned the Seven Who Care Award from OBU. He was also named Area 3 director for the Oklahoma Gideons in 2004, and in 2007, he was selected as the state chaplain for the group. He became the Gideons state secretary in 2010.

Jim Richardson '70 AS, '72 ED was one of the 15 finalists in the eighth annual Invest in Others Community Leadership Awards announced in Newton, Massachusetts. The award foundation supports the philanthropic and volunteer activities of financial advisers. Richardson is a portfolio management director, financial adviser, first vice president and co-founder of the Lexington Dream Factory in Kentucky, which grants dreams to children ages 3-18 who have been diagnosed with critical or chronic illnesses.

Paul A. Criscillis Jr. '71 BE is senior vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of National Vision Inc., the fourth largest optical retailer in the United States. He was honored recently with the 2014 CFO of the Year Award in the large private company category in an awards event sponsored by the Atlanta Business Chronicle in partnership with the Association for Corporate Growth Atlanta chapter.

John A. Thompson '71 DE practices dentistry in Lexington at TLC Dentistry. He completed a tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force in 1971, and for the last 30 years has served as a part-time faculty member in the UK College of Dentistry. Thompson has been president of the Blue Grass Dental Society and president of the Kentucky Dental Association. He currently serves as the editor for the Kentucky Dental Association publications.

Jennifer Pike Edwards '72 ED has been the Collier County supervisor of elections in Florida since 2000 and before that, she held positions with the Collier County Manager's Agency for 13 years, including budget analyst, assistant to the county manager and human resources director.

Ila Hennig '72 ED received the Adjunct Faculty Appreciation Award from Ohio University – Chillicothe for her work as a Spanish language instructor this year. She has been an international language teacher in area schools for 30 years and spent the last 23 years at Adena High School before retiring.

Gregory K. Brown '73 BE is a partner with the Chicago, Illinois, office of Holland & Knight Corporate/M&A group. His law practice is focused on employee stock ownership plans, mergers and acquisitions, and tax controversy and litigation. Previously, he was a partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP.

Patricia Turner Mason '73 HS, '75 AFE is the assistant vice president of planning and business development for Louisville-based Baptist Health. She was previously vice president of planning, marketing and business development for Baptist Health Lexington.

G. Nicholas Casey Jr. '74 BE is managing partner in the Charleston, West Virginia, law office of Lewis Glasser Casey and Rollins. He recently became treasurer of the American Bar As-

sociation, one of the largest voluntary membership professional organizations in the world. Casey has extensive legal experience in business development matters, including finance, taxation, real estate leasing and acquisitions, among others. He also is a certified public accountant.

Frank B. Fleck '74 ED has been a residential real estate sales and investments agent in Louisville since 1977. He previously taught high school for three years. Fleck has two sons, both having served with the military. **Tyler M. Fleck '09 AS** has a bachelor's degree in political science.

D. Kevin Ryan '74 BE is of counsel with the law firm Seiller Waterman LLC in Louisville, with about 35 percent of his practice devoted to litigation. He is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Elder Weiner '75 NUR, '82 ED is the senior associate dean for informatics, the Centennial Independence Foundation Professor of Nursing, and professor of biomedical informatics at Vanderbilt University. She was elected to the 2013 class of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and inducted at the 2014 fall meeting. The IOM is the health arm of the National Academies, serving as an adviser to the nation to improve health and promote health-related research. Weiner was also inducted



into the inaugural class of the UK College of Nursing Hall of Fame, and in 2010 she was inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

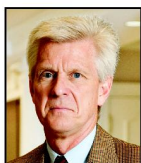
Lester I. Adams Jr. '76 AS, '79 LAW is a member of Seiller Waterman LLC law firm in Louisville. His practice is focused on litigation, representing companies and individuals in a variety of business and commercial disputes, building construction matters, employment issues, product liability claims and personal injury claims.

Brynda Mattox-Rapp '76 FA had part of her memoir, "Portrait of a HillWilliam," published in the September Kentucky Explorer magazine. The title is reflective of a "hillbilly" but with class, she has noted. Mattox-Rapp is an actress who has had parts in movies such as "Mad Cowgirl" in 2006, "Memphis Rising: Elvis Returns" in 2011 and "They Would Love You in France" in 2003. She has an upcoming appearance scheduled in December on the NBC show "Days of Our Lives." Mattox-Rapp is also involved in the anti-fracking protests that include her birthplace in Diamond.

Shearle L. Furnish '78 '84 AS is founding dean of the new College of Arts, Letters & Sciences at the University of Arkansas – Little Rock. He had been dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Youngstown State University in Ohio.

Gary D. Stromquist '78 BE has been interim vice president and chief financial officer for Lexmark International Inc. He is also the company's principal financial officer and principal accounting officer. Stromquist has been with Lexmark since its inception and has served as the company's vice president of Imaging Solutions and Services and Corporate Finance since 2009.

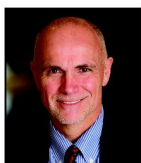
Perry Bentley '79 BE, '84 LAW was named a Local Star in Kentucky by Benchmark Litigation 2015 in the area of insurance litigation. He is with Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC in Lexington.



Pam Van Hook Wilson '79 AS is executive director of the Capital Medical Society, a physician membership organization representing physicians and their patients in Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson and Wakulla counties in Florida. She is also the executive director of the CMS Foundation, the charitable organization which operates the We Care Network. Wilson's background includes management, marketing, fundraising and event planning. She was the senior development officer at the Florida State University College of Medicine Foundation.

1980s

P. Doug Barr '80 AS was named a Local Star in Kentucky by Benchmark Litigation 2015 in the area of general commercial and intellectual property litigation. He is



with Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC in Lexington.

Paul N. Leone '80 BE is president of The Breakers Palm Beach, and has been at the helm of the legendary resort since 1994. He recently received the Servant Leadership Award from the World Leaders Group for sharing power and influence, putting the needs of others first and encouraging people to develop and perform to the best of their potential. In 2013, Leone was named Hotelier of the World by Hotels magazine.

Christine Lyons Medlin '80 AFE is retired from the Division of Health Professions of Tidewater Community College and the Board of Visitors of the Community College System awarded her the status of faculty emerita. She is recognized for her innovative curricular designs, dedication to teaching, scholarly publications and community partnerships and was named a Fellow by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. In 2007, Medlin was also named the Outstanding Nutrition Educator by the academy.

William E. Lee '81 DE practices dentistry in Lexington at TLC Dentistry. He is an active member of the American Dental Association, Kentucky Dental Association and Blue Grass Dental Society. Lee serves on the ADA Council on Annual Sessions, which plans dentistry's annual meetings.

Rebecca Towles Brown '82 CI is the assistant vice president of marketing for Louisville-based Baptist Health. She previously was director of marketing and public

relations for Baptist Health Louisville. Brown has also served on the board of directors of the UK School of Journalism and Communications.

Frederick Schrils '83 BE has been recognized on the 2015 Best Lawyers in America listing of outstanding attorneys. Schrils practices in the Tampa, Florida, office of Gray Robinson Attorneys At Law and focuses on corporate law.

Steve Stevens '83 BE is CEO of Greater Spokane Incorporated, which works to create something greater for the Spokane, Washington, region by connecting businesses for valuable relationships and resources, driving initiatives and advocating for business with one voice. Previously, he was president and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in Fort Mitchell. Stevens has also worked for his parents' mechanical and contracting firm, The Stevens Co.

Robert J. Barney '85 AFE has recently been acting dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at West Virginia State University. He also is interim assistant vice president of Research and Public Service and associate dean of Research and an associate research professor. Barney is working toward completing a long-term study to review and re-identify every specimen ever collected east of the Mississippi River of the leaf beetle genus *Pachybrachis*, of which there are 160 species recognized in the United States.

Lisa Herzberg Echsner '85 HS is marketing and development director at Habitat for

Humanity of Metro Louisville. Previously, she was development director at Heuser Hearing & Language Academy. Echsner also served as Metro Service Center regional director for the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana.

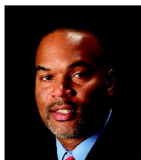
Joy Rhodes Stier '85 CI is a former Delta flight attendant, who stopped flying to start her family, which includes a son, Alexander, who is playing football for the University of Alabama, and a daughter, Aynsley, who is a freshman at Prince Avenue Christian School in Georgia and involved in volleyball and golf. Her husband Kent Stier is with the law firm of Merchant & Gold. While at UK, Stier was a member of Delta Zeta.

Stephanie L. Bellar '86 AS is a professor of political science, public administration and nonprofit management at the University of Tennessee — Chattanooga. Her research is focused on issues related to child care and the role of women in politics. She recently was honored by Girls Inc. of Chattanooga as one of 10 women receiving the Unbought and Unbossed Award for career achievements or community service that has made an impact on the lives of Hamilton County girls and women.

Teresa Jones James '86 SW is commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services and was recently inducted into the UK College of Social Work Hall of Fame for exceptional contributions to the field of social work. James has also received the Dean's Award from Eastern Ken-

tucky University College of Safety and Justice. She has 25 years of clinical social work experience, and has worked with abused and neglected children and their families for 17 years.

Winston Bennett '87 BE has joined the Louisville office of Van Zandt Emrich & Cary as a professional insurance agent. He joins the firm following a successful basketball career spanning 30 years. Kentucky's Mr. Basketball 1983 and a UK standout, Bennett played professionally for the Miami Heat and Cleveland Cavaliers. Following his NBA career, he coached the Boston Celtics, at UK, Mid-Continent University and Kentucky State University.



Kevin D. Moore '87 MED is vice president of the Psychiatry Service Line for Specialists On Call Inc., with headquarters in Virginia. He has had extensive experience during his 26-year career, working in many capacities, such as director for managed care, director for healthcare systems, medical director and director for specialty care at Naval Hospital in Charleston, South Carolina. Moore has also been involved with the initial phases of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition, he was commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan, from 2008-2010. Moore has received the Legion of Merit Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal,

Combat Action Ribbon and the Braceland Award in Psychiatry.

Audrey K. Darville '88 '12 NUR is an assistant professor with the UK College of Nursing, a family nurse practitioner and certified tobacco treatment specialist. She was one of two individuals to be honored at the national American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The AANP Award for Excellence is given to a dedicated nurse practitioner who demonstrates excellence in their area of practice. With special permission from AANP, two awards were presented this year.

Toufic Saad '88 EN is professor of mathematics at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg. He's been with the institution for 25 years. Saad recently received the Great Teacher Award for the second consecutive year. He also participates in the school's Speakers Bureau and teaches self-defense classes.

Frank D. Pounds '89 BE is the regional president for the mid-Atlantic region markets for Apartment Life, covering the Carolinas and Tennessee. He has more than 20 years of enterprise sales and leadership experience, having spent the last 14 years in software and technology sales in the apartment industry. He previously was vice president of sales at ePremium Insurance, where he directed and coordinated sales and marketing for an insurance software provider to the multi-family housing in-

dustry. Pounds has also worked as the regional vice president of sales at CoreLogic Safe Rent, senior account executive at Fidelity National Financial and served as the project coordinator for the 1996 PGA Championship in Louisville.

Greg Meredith '89 EN is chief district engineer for the Department of Highways in Bowling Green, an office overseeing 10 counties. He did a four-year tour in the U.S. Marines, then served for 10 years in the Kentucky Army National Guard. After receiving his degree from UK, he held various positions in the district, including vice president of operations for American Engineers in Glasgow.

Joseph D. Sears '89 AS is the commanding officer at Navy Information Operations Command Pensacola, where the U.S. Cyber Command Cyber Mission Force is housed. Previously, he completed his tour at Navy Information Operations Command Maryland, where he served as the N3/CTF 1060 operations officer directing cryptologic and cyber operations supporting fleet commanders worldwide. In addition to his UK degree, Sears attended the naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he received a master's degree in computer science in 2004.

Michael A. Wiechart '89 BE is president and chief executive officer of Capella Healthcare Inc., with headquarters in Franklin, Tennessee. He has also served as the senior vice president and chief oper-

ating officer from 2009-2014, and as group president and division president of LifePoint Hospitals Inc.

1990s

Susan Goodin '90 '91 PHA is executive director of statewide affairs at Rutgers Cancer Institute New Jersey and has been appointed executive director of the Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium. She is also a professor of medicine at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Goodin has been a principal investigator on translational trials and also was director of the institutes Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Vicky L. Turner '90 '01 NUR is co-director of the Center for Advanced Practice and an acute care nurse practitioner with UK HealthCare Critical Care Cardiology. She was one of two individuals to be honored at the national American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The AANP Award for Excellence is given to a dedicated nurse practitioner who demonstrates excellence in their area of practice. With special permission from AANP, two awards were presented this year.

Franklin K. Jelsma '91 LAW is managing partner of Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP in Louisville and has assumed the firm's leadership. He has been with the organization since 1996. Previously, he worked in Gov. Brereton Jones' office.

Taylor Begley: From on the field to the field of finance

He set national and state records for kicking during his three seasons at Boyle County High School in Danville. In 2005 with the UK Wildcat football team, he made a school record 92 straight extra-point kicks and was elected to the Academic All-America Team sponsored by ESPN The Magazine and voted on by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Those memorable times are behind Taylor Begley '05 '09 EN now, and his days are focused on his job as assistant professor of finance at the London Business School in England.

"In addition to being a top-level business school, the London Business School has a particularly strong finance group with many faculty members sharing common research interests with me. On top of that, I figured that there would never be a better time in my life to take the leap to live abroad," he says.

The primary focus of his job is to produce high-quality research in financial economics that will get published in top academic journals. "This means spending a lot of time thinking about economic theory, potential imperfections in markets and contracts and how to rigorously examine these ideas in the data," he says. He also teaches a course called Advanced Corporate Finance.

His choice to obtain his undergraduate degree at UK was

simple. "The allure of receiving a full scholarship to get a first-class education and play football for my home state school made my decision an easy one," says Begley.

He didn't follow a straight path into the world of finance. Instead, Begley earned bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from the UK College of Engineering before receiving a Ph.D. in finance at the University of Michigan.

"It seemed natural to combine my interest in financial economics and the desire for a self-directed research agenda into a career in academia," he says. ■



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Steven Loy '91 ED, '94 LAW was named a Local Star in Kentucky by Benchmark Litigation 2015 in the areas of antitrust, construction, general commercial, real estate and securities litigation. He is with Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC in Lexington.

Kevin W. Weaver '91 AS, '94 LAW is serving a four-year term on the UK College of Law Visiting Committee. The committee brings together some of its most distinguished graduates to meet regularly with the dean, faculty and students and to consult with UK administrators. Weaver is the managing member of Sturgill Turner Barker & Maloney PLLC in Lexington and is an experienced civil litigator. In 2008, he was elected a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

Marjorie Farris '92 AS is part of the Leadership Louisville Class of 2015 at the Leadership Louisville Center. The class has 60 members and is spending 10 months of training with local leaders who currently tackle the community's biggest challenges. Farris is a partner at Stites & Harbison PLLC, as well as the Louisville's office executive member. She is an experienced trial lawyer who handles a wide variety of litigation.



Kathleen K. Keys '92 FA is professor of art education at Boise State University and is serving as the president of the Boise Art Museum Board of Trustees. Before working at the university, she was com-

munity development director for the Idaho Commission on the Arts. She was also honored as the 2008 Art Educator of the Year by the Idaho Art Education Association.

David L. Vannasdall '92 ED is superintendent of the Arcadia Unified School District in Arcadia, California. He joined the district in 2005 as the principal of Arcadia High School, and he was named deputy superintendent in 2012. Vannasdall earned a master's degree in urban educational leadership from the University of Cincinnati.

George Wayne Bush '93 MED is a general surgeon in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and served his internship and residency at Carraway Methodist Medical Center. He recently was one of three individuals to receive the TriStar Greenview Regional Hospital Dr. Frist Humanitarian Award. The award honors an employee, physician and volunteer at each HCA-affiliated facility who show extraordinary concern for the welfare of patients and the community.

Christopher S. Perry '93 EN is president and chief executive officer of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives (KAEC). He also serves as president and CEO of United Utility Supply Cooperative Inc., an affiliated organization that is managed by KAEC. For the past eight years, Perry has been CEO of Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative in Flemingsburg.



Joann P. Browning '94 '95 EN is dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She previously was the associate dean of administration and professor of civil engineering at the University of Kansas, starting there in 1998 as assistant professor. Browning also holds the David and Jennifer Spencer Distinguished Chair of the UTSA College of Engineering.

Jeff Rouse '94 BE is captain and chief pilot at Republic Airways in Indianapolis, Indiana. He earned his flight certifications from the Flight Safety Academy. Rouse previously worked for MidAmerica Jet in Owensboro.

Christopher A. Bates '95 HS is a member of the Seiller Waterman LLC legal services firm in Louisville. He has a regional litigation practice primarily devoted to the commercial, debtor/creditor and intellectual property arenas. Bates also litigates criminal and personal injury cases.

Stephen M. Fuson '95 ED is the area operations officer for the 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade in Richmond. He is also employed by the Bell County School System. Fuson has served as an executive officer during Operation Enduring Freedom and company commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After graduating from UK and going to Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned as an infantry officer in the Kentucky Army National Guard. Fuson also was in the U.S. Marine Corps as a squad leader in Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Eric J. Smith '95 AS is a lieutenant colonel and commander of Headquarters Command Battalion at Fort Meade in Maryland. He has three decades of military service, including five years in the Kentucky Army National Guard. Smith served in the 101st Infantry Division, Air Assault, was deployed to the Sinai and later was commissioned into the intelligence corps. He was also deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kuwait and Iraq. He most recently was with the 512th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Shayne Karl Brill '96 CI is account executive in the Account Services Department at Creative Alliance in Louisville.

Joshua R. Denton '96 CI, '99 Law is an attorney with Gullett Sanford Robinson & Martin PLLC in Nashville, Tennessee. He practices mainly in the firm's litigation section and has experience representing clients in commercial litigation involving business torts, breach of contract claims, real estate disputes, land use planning and zoning matters, and intellectual property. Denton previously was with Bass Berry & Sims, as well as Stoll Keenon & Park. He serves as the co-chairman of the Nashville Bar Association Chancery & Circuit Courts Committee.

Pada Chalothorn '97 AS, '99 BE, '04 DE practices dentistry in Lexington at TLC Dentistry. He is an active member of the American Dental Association, Kentucky Dental Association and Blue Grass Dental Society.

Trey Grayson '98 BE, '98 LAW is president and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. He had been director of the Harvard University Institute of Politics since 2011. Prior to that, he was Kentucky's secretary of state for seven years.

Sherri Palmer McPherson '98 '00 ED is an English and language arts teacher at Lafayette High School in Lexington. She recently was selected for the Hope Street Group Kentucky State Teacher Fellows Program, which is an opportunity to have a voice in state and national-level education policy discussions. McPherson also has been serving as a 2012-2014 member of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Teacher Advisory Council.

Rodney S. Switzer '98 EN is employed by Donaldson in Nicholasville and recently received the company's Richard M. Negri Manufacturing Excellence Award, given to an employee who has created and implemented significant process technology and product improvement for manufacturing operations. He was also recognized by the company as a 2013 patent recipient.

Tara L. Victor '98 AS is associate professor of psychology at California State University – Dominguez Hills and has been a member of the Department of Psychology since 2006. She is a licensed and practicing psychologist by the California Board of Psychology and is board certified in clinical neuropsychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. Victor is also with the UCLA Califor-

nia Semel Institute as an assistant clinical professor and is a consulting psychologist for the television show "Survivor."

Jessica Pfeiffer '99 BE is associate director, client leadership in the Cincinnati, Ohio, office of dunnhumbyUSA, a customer science company. She is responsible for leading select manufacturer client partners and developing client strategy and engagement solutions. Previously, Pfeiffer worked for Kellogg's in category management.



2000s

Claire Pomeroy '00 BE was asked to deliver the 167th Anniversary Discourse entitled "How Research Does and Should Inform Clinical Practice" at the New York Academy of Medicine. She is president of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, also serving as chief executive officer and responsible for overseeing the implementation of programs that advance the foundation's mission to improve health by accelerating support for medical research. Pomeroy is an expert in infectious diseases and a longtime advocate for patients, especially those with HIV/AIDS. She is professor emerita at the University of California – Davis.

Jeffery A. Jones '01 AS is an assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern University. He resides in Statesboro, Georgia.

How to properly resign from a position

There are endless reasons why people choose to quit their job, both positive and negative. Regardless of the underlying factors, it is important to submit your resignation in a professional manner.

Prior to submitting your resignation, be sure to have a written job offer from your new employer with a designated start date. Unless the circumstances are dire in your current job, secure another position before you resign. Despite the dynamic between you and your manager, you want to be as professional and direct as possible when submitting your resignation. Go to your manager first before sharing the news with your co-workers.

Prepare a written letter of resignation to have with you when you speak with your manager. In the letter, state a particular date that you are resigning from your current position. A two-week notice is standard professional courtesy, but not legally required. Some people even give a 30-day notice if conducive to your schedule and accepted by the employer. Note, though not common, the employer may ask you to pack your desk immediately and leave the premises. In the United States, most people are employed 'at will,' meaning you can quit your job at any time for any reason. Under this law, employers are legally obligated to pay you only for days worked, no more, no less. They may allow you to work through your effective date, but they are not required to do so.

In your letter, it is fine (but not required) to share that you have accepted another opportunity, but it is not necessary to provide details about your new position or company. You want to thank the employer for the opportunities that you have had while working for them (include a few specific things that you appreciate, for example, spearheading a project, leadership opportunities or professional growth). Communicate that you will do whatever you can to make the transition as smooth as possible. The process of giving notice to your employer can be a scary and stressful time. Be sure to keep the dialogue clear, concise and positive. Don't burn any bridges.



Kelly Allgeier

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Catherine Gooch Lofton '04 AS is a social service director at Salvation Army in Danville.

Donald C. Storm III '04 BE holds the top financial spot at E! and Esquire Networks at NBCUniversal and is the youngest to ever hold the title of chief financial officer for the company. He heads oversight and operations and leads a team of 12 individuals. Previously, Storm was vice president of financial planning and analysis for NBC-Universal in New York, but now is located in the Los Angeles, California, area.

Jason P. Bailey '05 LAW is a civil and domestic lawyer practicing in Grand Junction, Colorado, in the office of Daniel & Sturges Law LLC. He was honored this fall by being named the winner of the 2014 ABA Journal/Ross Short Fiction Contest for his short story, "Good News Bad

News." The entry was inspired by his experiences as a new attorney working for Legal Aid of the Bluegrass in Kentucky from 2005 to 2008.

Jennifer Yue Barber '05 CI, '08 LAW has been appointed by Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear to represent the state at large on the Kentucky Fair Board for a three-year term. She is an attorney with Frost Brown Todd LLC in Louisville and has represented the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in numerous constitutional tax issues. Her law practice focuses in the areas of state and local tax, and tax controversy and litigation. Barber also serves as a key adviser on Kentucky tax policy and economic incentives.



Lindsey Hecht '06 AFE is the soybean herbicides and glyphosate product manager at Dow AgroSciences in Indianapolis, Indiana. She oversees Sonic herbicide and Surveil Co-pack herbicide, weed control solutions in soybean fields. Hecht most recently served as the strategy acceleration and productivity manager, leading on projects supporting Mycogen Seeds growth strategy. Before working at Dow AgroSciences, she managed the sales assistant program at Technikes in North Carolina.

Sara Ayres McDaniel '08 ED is an associate with Blackledge Face Center as a medical aesthetician. She lives in Flowood, Mississippi.

2010s

Katie Perkowski '11 CI finished a two-year stint in Bratislava, Slovakia, where she had been working as a freelance journalist and is now pursuing a master's degree in international politics at Trinity College Dublin in Ireland.

Chelcie Tyra '11 '14 BE is a staff accountant within the assurance and audit services team at Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain PC. She works with a variety of industries between not-for-profit sectors and for-profit sectors. Tyra previously worked for Child Care Council of Kentucky as an accounting specialist.

Daniel J. Cooper '12 BE is insights analyst in the Cincinnati, Ohio, office of dunnhumbyUSA. He is responsible for custom analytics projects to assist the firm's consumer packaged goods and retail clients. Previously, he was an associate in communications and media, assisting in the development and management of marketing campaigns for consumer packaged goods clients. Cooper lives in Oakley, Ohio.



Natalie Collins Fudge '13 BE is employed at the Dean Dorton Allen Ford firm in Lexington. She graduated from UK with both a degree in accounting and management.

James R. Knott '13 BE is a commercial banking analyst at JPMorgan Chase in Louisville.

Taylor Riley '13 CI is a reporter for the Oldham Era in La Grange. She previously worked in Owensboro. Riley also is a freelance writer for several publications.

Gwendolyn Schaefer '13 AS is with the Peace Corps in Madedonia as an English education volunteer. She is living and working at the community level to make a difference providing formal and informal training and support to elementary school teachers in a co-teaching environment. Schaefer is from Louisville and is a 2009 graduate of Madisonville North Hopkins High School in Madisonville.

Travis S. Prewitt '14 BE PHA is employed at Schaefer Drugs in Wellington, Florida. He lives in West Palm Beach.

Former students

Cesar A. Leal, Columbian conductor and musicologist, led the first concert of the 2014-2015 season of the Panama National Symphony Orchestra at the Teatro Nacional de Panamá with a program that bridged European and Latin American musical traditions from the beginning of the 20th century.

In Memoriam

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Dallas, Texas

Creative Juices

Edward H. Peeples '72 AS is co-author of "Scalawag: A White Southerner's Journey through Segregation to Human Rights Activism," which tells the surprising story of his life as a white, working-class boy who grew up to become a civil rights activist. Born in 1935 in Richmond, where he was sent to segregated churches and schools, Peeples was taught the ethos and lore of white supremacy by every adult in his young life. That message also came with an equally cruel one — that as a child of a wage-earning single mother, he was destined for failure.

When he was 19, he was pushed by a lone teacher to think critically, and he found his way to the black freedom

struggle, where he began a long life of activism. He challenged racism in the U.S. Navy and engaged in sit-ins and community organizing. Later, as a university professor, he agitated for good jobs, health care and decent housing for all, pushed for the creation of African-American studies courses and worked toward equal treatment for women, prison reform and more. Covering 50 years, the book is a personal and political account of the transformative power of freedom movements.

University of Virginia Press
www.upress.virginia.edu

Richard G. "Dick" Edwards '62 '64 '70 EN has written "The Anchor Cross," an action-packed novel based in Harlan County that weaves fact, fiction, nostalgic anecdotes and mountain humor.

www.amazon.com

Steve Gardner '75 '91 EN and **Shannon Lamkin '06 CI** previously collaborated with the late David A. Zeegeer to produce "Inside MSHA: The Formative Years of the Mine Safety and Health Administration," about the federal agency that oversees mine safety in the United States.

www.davezeeger.com

Maryjean Wall '73 '03 '10 AS has written "Madam Belle: Sex, Money, and Influence in a Southern Brothel," about the life of Belle Brezing (1860-1940). The book offers a tantalizing true story of vice and power in the Gilded Age South, as told through the life and times of the notorious Miss Belle. After years on the streets and working in Jenny Hill's bawdy house, Brezing borrowed enough money to set up her own establishment — her wealth and fame growing alongside the booming popularity of horse racing. Her houses were known internationally, and powerful patrons from the industrial cities of the Northeast courted her in the lavish parlors of her gilt-and-mirror mansion. Secrecy was a moral code in the sequestered demimonde of prostitution in Victorian America, so little has been written about the Southern madam credited with inspiring the character Belle Watling in "Gone with the Wind." Following Brezing from birth to after her scarlet fame, Wall uses her story to explore a wider world of sex, business, politics and power.

Wall was turf writer for the Lexington Herald-Leader and is an instructor in the UK Department of History.

University Press of Kentucky
www.kentuckypress.com

Holly Goddard Jones '02 AS has won this year's Kentucky Literary Award for "The Next Time You See Me," her debut mystery novel about desperation and redemption in a Southern town.

Touchstone
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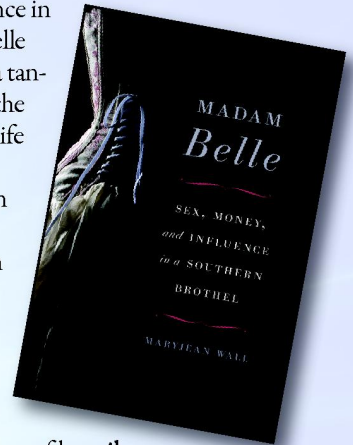
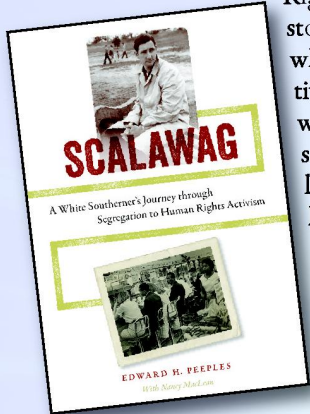
Ricky Simpson '10 AS is the author of "Willow," a work of historical fiction set in the final two weeks of the Civil War, which tells the story of a Confederate soldier returning home and a forbidden romance.

Tate Publishing
www.tatepublishing.com

Deronte' Smith '96 AS has finished his first feature film, "Prosper," which is being distributed by Urban Home Entertainment. He is also the author of "The Fantastical Adventures of Sleepy Steve: Reuniting the Stone."

www.amazon.com

Stephanie Wyatt '05 FA wrote, co-directed and was executive producer of her first film, "Jane's Everlasting Heart Condition," about a young girl tangled in a love triangle who must choose between her head and heart.



74 years ago... 64 years ago...

The Fall Festival was a highlight of the College of Agriculture's 1940 autumn activities, including the crowning of Lula Hibberd of Muldraugh (center) as queen with her attendants Janet Fergus (left) and Margaret Trent, both of Lexington.



Proofing the Kentucky Kernel on this day in the 1951-1952 academic year was serious business.



50 years ago...

Kappa Kappa Gamma awarded its first Monmouth Scholarship in the 1964-1965 academic year. Its officers were Beth Roper, president; Sarah Gaitskill, treasurer; Susan Stumb, recording secretary; Marty Minogue, second vice-president; and Ann Gregg Swinford, first vice-president.



14 years ago...

An Indian student at UK celebrated Diwali, a family festival of lights symbolizing the victory of righteousness and the lifting of spiritual darkness, with dancing at Memorial Hall in 2000.


Photos: Kentuckian

It's back!



Photo: Shaam Ring

K-Lair closed its doors in May 2013, as part of the construction of the new Haggin Hall. Now opened for business once again as part of UK's new private dining services partner Aramark, it's expanded to nearly three times its size, with 6,000 square feet of dining space, 230 total seats and 16 televisions including a nine-TV media wall for nine different channels. There's a variety of seating inside that includes bar height, booth and traditional soft and hard seats. Outside, the re-invented K-Lair opens to a lovely courtyard with exterior seating. As a nod to tradition, the original K-Lair sign that once sat above its door was restored and is on display in the new facility. As a tip of the hat to modern times, the new menu features Kentucky Proud products along with fan favorites. On your next trip to campus, continue the tradition that is K-Lair and grab a bite to eat. No reservations necessary! ■



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