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It's the time of year to say 'Thank you!'

Hello Wildcats!
It's with great pride that we bring you the winter 2012 issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine.

There is so much good stuff in this issue; I really don't know where to start. So, I begin this edition of Pride in Blue by simply

saying "Thank you!" to all of our dues-paying members. We couldn't continue to offer the many communications, programs and services without the support of our members. Kentucky Alumni magazine is one of the many benefits of membership, and I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy bringing it to you. Every member truly does count.

This issue includes the UK Alumni Association 2011-12 annual report. It's an opportunity for us to share with you how we spent the past fiscal year. It's filled with lots of information and numbers, but also I think it's a snapshot of the staff's commitment to serving the University of Kentucky and its alumni and friends. On a personal note, I would like to express my gratitude for being able to come to work each day to a place that I love and work with such great people. If you have ever had a job that you didn't enjoy (and who hasn't?), you know what a difference it can make in your life to do something you love. And I am fortunate to be able to say that I do truly love what I do.

We decided to try a little something different in the way the annual report is presented. Check out the photo with our entire staff that was taken at the Wildcat Alumni Plaza. It was really hot and muggy that day, but all-in-all the shoot went pretty well. After the "serious" photos, we had some fun with some not-so-serious photos. I wanted to share one of my favorite fun photos with you (see below).

Our cover story this issue features George Wright, the president of Prairie View A&M University. It's a very compelling story. It's honest and inspiring. I hope you take the time to read it. Also in this issue, we recognize our scholarship recipients along with those awarded by our alumni clubs. Last issue, we introduced the newly elected members of our board of directors. Over the next couple of issues, we will recognize the rest of the board. If you are an NBA fan, you have probably heard of Frank Vogel. He's the head coach of the Indiana Pacers, and at age 38, he is currently the second youngest head coach in the league. His journey is quite unique. Be sure to check out his story. Speaking of basketball, it's that time of year again. Check out UK men's and women's team previews on pages 34 and 35.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine. As always, your suggestions are welcome. Wishing you the happiest of holidays!

With Pride in Blue,

Kelli Elam '11
Editor



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Fellow staff members Meg Phillips, Alyssa Thornton, Robin Boughey and I show our Big Blue spirit by flashing the 3 Goggles. We know what time it is!

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A promising first-year class

The 2012-13 academic year is underway, new endeavors are unfolding on campus and alumni across the country continue spreading the good name of the Commonwealth's flagship and land grant research institution. It is a truly exciting time to "see blue" at the University of Kentucky.

This past August, Mary Lynne and I greeted new students and families as they lined up their vehicles, unloaded their trunks and made themselves at home on our campus. They arrived with enthusiasm, ready to embark on their academic journeys as part of UK's largest, most diverse and best prepared class in history.

More than 4,600 new students in the Class of 2016 have boosted the university's overall enrollment to a record of nearly 29,000 students. As we have grown in size, we have also risen in many areas of excellence. The class includes:

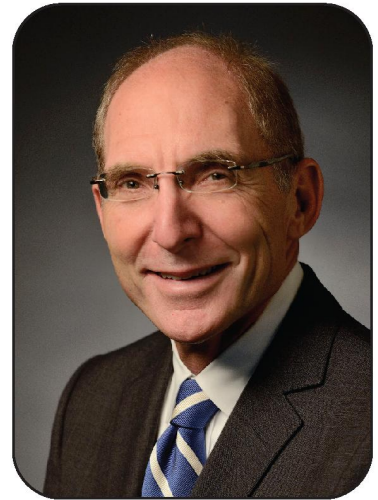
- A record number of African-American, Hispanic, international and out-of-state students, underscoring the importance of a diverse and inclusive community of young minds and the reputation this institution has for quality and commitment to students; and
- A record number of Singletary Scholars, Governor's Scholars/Governor's School for the Arts students, and an expanding number of students in our Honors Program; and
- An impressive number of National Merit Finalists at 71, up from 29 last year, placing us among Baylor, Duke, Ohio State, Cornell, Berkeley and Dartmouth — institutions with similar numbers of the nation's best and brightest.

More than the statistics themselves is what they represent. They are a testament to the work of our Enrollment Management team, led by Associate Provost Don Witt. They have worked tirelessly for months recruiting this outstanding first-year class and are emblematic of the devotion to UK that I see and experience everywhere.

But while Don Witt's staff works around the clock on the front lines of recruiting, all of us are responsible for this success. In one instance, a parent shared with me the story of a professor at a Preview Night who offered to be a resource to their student while at UK, even while learning this student was not planning to enroll in their particular field.

Whether you are a welcoming face on our campus, an engaging scholar in our classrooms or among our alumni in communities across the world, you play an important role in opening doors of opportunity and discovery for tomorrow's best hope — our students.

Just as each of us impacts student recruitment, we share an important responsibility to support our scholars as they seek a degree. Our faculty advance students' intellectual development in our classrooms and laboratories, outfitting them with the tools necessary to succeed. Staff support and enrich the



college experience in many ways, including student life, advising and by providing a warm and welcoming campus environment. Our alumni offer encouragement, support, guidance and a connection to their alma mater beyond college. At each step — and because of our many partners — we are successful in making UK a students-first institution.

We can attract this caliber of class because that commitment to students, quality instruction, creative scholarship and service is widely and deeply known among families in Kentucky and the region. They realize that UK, with a vast array of programs and opportunities, is best positioned to produce a "differentiated graduate," one prepared with skills necessary to compete and succeed globally.

You are a testament to making UK a students-first institution and helping the next generation of leaders reach beyond their potential. This class underscores our commitment to students and the progress we make in fulfilling the Kentucky Promise — a covenant that calls upon us to educate those who will be our state's best and brightest to secure an even more prosperous future.

In the months ahead, we will be taking steps that further ensure that Promise is made real for those we serve. We will focus on continuing our ascent, moving our university forward and through it, our state. Thank you for sharing in our effort as we endeavor to build a bright future.

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Record numbers, quality mark UK's first-year enrollment

UK's largest-ever, first-year class is also its most academically talented in history with the highest number in memory of National Merit Finalists and record numbers of Singletary Scholars and Governor's Scholars. As the first-year class has grown by more than 500 students this academic year, the average ACT score has maintained the university's highest-ever mark of 25.5 and the number of students with ACT scores ranging from 26 to 36 is at record levels.

Record Quality:

- 71 National Merit/National Achievement Finalists — up from 29 last year
- A record number of Singletary Scholars — 51 — up from 34 last year
- 309 Honors Program students, up from 226 last fall
- 182 valedictorians, up from 154 last fall
- 427 students who were in either Governor's Scholars or Governor's School for the Arts — up from 394

Record Diversity:

- 533 African-American first-year students, a 26 percent increase; 1,839 undergraduates now are African-American students, an 11 percent increase
- 166 Hispanic first-year students, a 44 percent increase; 573 undergraduate students are Hispanic, a 26 percent increase
- 110 first-year students with international backgrounds — a 96 percent increase; 524 undergraduates are international students, a 27 percent increase

Record Numbers:

- A total enrollment of 28,935 with 20,882 undergraduate students — both record enrollments
- A record number of applications at 18,802 — a 24 percent increase from last year
- 4,645 first-year students, up from 4,139 last year; 69 percent of the students are from Kentucky; 31 percent are from out-of-state ■

Presentation U makes students the 'Ultimate Presentation'

UK now has a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), called "Presentation U." This important campus-wide initiative is one of 12 core requirements the university takes on to reaffirm its accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). SACS reaffirmation of accreditation is mandatory for the university. The QEP is being developed to receive SACS' evaluation during spring 2013.

Presentation U represents the many different opportunities students will soon have to improve their presentation and communication skills across various platforms. The intention is to improve the student learning experience with a focus on developing integrated oral, written, visual and multimedia communication skills. While many students utilize similar services at UK currently, such as the Writing Center, the Study, the MC3 Lab, eStudio, and the Hub, Presentation U will unite and augment these programs, while also offering a unique service to faculty in developing opportunities in their courses for students to learn these skills.

Presentation U continues the commitment of UK Core's Composition and Communication learning outcomes beyond the freshman or sophomore year, working with faculty and staff who choose to institute new communication-based curricula or to formalize programs already in place.

Students place great importance on writing/communication and presentation skills to help them land jobs and graduate school acceptance.

For more information about the QEP, visit www.uky.edu/SACS/QEP.html

Traditions T has a new design



Nathan Allen

Nathan Allen, a marketing and finance major from Louisville, was named winner of the 2012-13 Traditions T design contest. Allen's winning T-shirt design was unveiled during Big Blue U at Commonwealth Stadium. For his winning design, Allen received a \$500 cash prize and five Traditions T-shirts.

Allen hopes his design reflects the importance of UK to Kentucky. "I wanted

to capture in a somewhat simple design all the University of Kentucky is and how it influences the state of Kentucky as a whole. That is why I incorporated the pieces of UK into the state shape. The saying on the back just combines the pride we feel for our sports teams and university," he says.

The Traditions T is sponsored by the UK Alumni Association and was established in 2007 to unite the UK student body in celebrating what it means to be a Wildcat. Artwork is student designed, and UK students vote each spring semester to determine the winning design. All UK students, alumni and the general public are able to purchase the 2012-13 Traditions T at the UK Bookstore, the UK Team Shop or at UK home football games. ■

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Touch therapy reduces pain, nausea in cancer patients

A study by the UK Markey Cancer Center shows that patients reported significant improvement in side effects of cancer treatment following just one Jin Shin Jyutsu session. Jin Shin Jyutsu is an ancient form of touch therapy similar to acupuncture in philosophy. Patients receive light touches on 52 specific energetic points called Safety Energy Locks, as well as fingers, toes, and midpoints on the upper arm, upper calf and lower leg in predetermined orders known as “flows.” Patients remained clothed except for shoes and all hand placements are done over clothing.

The study included 159 current cancer patients. Jennifer Bradley who is the Jin Shin Jyutsu integrative practitioner at Markey, asked patients to assess their symptoms of pain, stress and nausea on a scale of 0-10, with 0 representing no symptoms, before and after each Jin Shin Jyutsu

session. Patients experienced significant improvement in the areas of pain, stress and nausea with the first visit and in subsequent visits as well. The mean decreases experienced were three points for stress and two points for both pain and nausea.

“It was interesting to note that regardless of age, sex or diagnosis, cancer patients received a statistically significant improvement in the side effects from treatment. It is encouraging to note that Jin Shin Jyutsu made improvements in these areas without adding additional unwanted effects that so often occur with medication interventions,” says Bradley.

Funded by a grant from the Lexington Cancer Foundation, Jin Shin Jyutsu is considered part of an integrative treatment plan available at the center. Bradley offers Jin Shin Jyutsu to all cancer patients at no charge. ■

Drug compound reduces Alzheimer’s pathology in animal model

In a study published in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, a collaborative team of researchers led by Linda J. Van Eldik, director of the UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, and D. Martin Watterson of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, present results showing that a new central nervous system drug compound can reduce Alzheimer’s pathology in a mouse model of the disease.

The drug, called MW-151, is a selective suppressor of brain inflammation and overproduction of proinflammatory molecules from glial cells. The drug can be taken by mouth and readily enters the brain. The new study tested the hypothesis that intervention with drugs like MW-151 could be effective as a preventive measure, when administered at an early stage before

Alzheimer’s pathology appears, as well as after disease symptoms have begun to appear.

“Early intervention with MW-151 in an Alzheimer’s mouse model reduced the glial activation and proinflammatory cytokine overproduction, which resulted in improvement in neurologic outcomes,” says Van Eldik. “The neurological outcomes included protection against the loss of critical nerve cell proteins and functional damage associated with learning and memory impairments.” ■



Compiled from news reports about research at UK.

For more information about research taking place at UK, visit www.research.uky.edu

Effects of suicide on veterans, military families

UK researchers are investigating the incidence of suicide exposure and consequences of suicide bereavement on veterans and military families. Funded by the Department of Defense, the study looks at the “suicide bereaved,” those who have lost a loved one, family member, friend or fellow service member/veteran to suicide.

There is limited evidence that individuals exposed to suicide are at risk for poor health outcomes, social and economic problems, and their own suicidal thinking and behaviors, according to principal investigator Julie Cerel, associate professor in the UK College of Social Work. To date, there has been no census of individuals affected by suicide. This will be the first time that it has been investigated in this population.

Active-duty service members and veterans could be at increased risk for suicide because of the enormous physical and psychological demands of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. ■

Large nonprofit health systems study completed

A multidisciplinary team, headed by Lawrence Prybil, professor and associate dean at the UK College of Public Health, completed a two-year study of governing boards in the country’s largest health systems. The team included co-investigators from Harvard University, University of Iowa, and leading health law experts. The study examined board structures, processes, and cultures in 14 of the country’s 15 largest nonprofit, nongovernment health systems and compares them to nine well-established benchmarks and related metrics of effective governance.

The findings show that the boards and CEOs of the systems in this study are “highly committed to the organizations they lead and dedicated to improving governance and organizational performance.” But the findings show some gaps between current practices and contemporary benchmarks of effective governance. Results were published by the Commonwealth Center for Governance Studies in a report entitled, “Governance in Large Nonprofit Health Systems.” ■



Bill Gatton '54 Seeing blue and making a difference...

Alumnus has phenomenal success in business and gives the largest gift in the University of Kentucky's history

“When Bill Gatton stepped forward in 1995 with a \$14 million gift for the University of Kentucky College of Business and Economics, it set the university on a totally new path,” notes Mike Richey '73 '79 AG, UK vice president for Development. “Not only is this the largest gift the university has ever received, it also demonstrates how private support can elevate a public university to a higher level of excellence.”

Richey continues, “Bill Gatton’s drive to excel, his educational preparation, hard work and unique business acumen have brought him great success in the automobile industry, and in banking and real estate. Through his charitable foundation, he is making extraordinary gifts to advance higher education in his native Kentucky and beyond. His career achievements and philanthropic vision distinguish him as one of the most outstanding graduates of the University of Kentucky. And the story of his life is both colorful and fascinating.”

Growing up in western Kentucky

Bill Gatton was born on his parents’ farm in Bremen in Muhlenberg County in 1932 as the youngest of four children. He came along late in his parents’ lives — his mother was 39 and his father was 45 when he was born. And his siblings were 21, 16 and 9.

Gatton recalls how he came to be named “Carol Martin” and known as “Bill.”

“When I was born, it was decided that my middle name would be ‘Martin’ which is my mother’s family name,” he relates. “My father wanted to also name me ‘William’ because he was Harry William Gatton. However, both my older

brothers were already named ‘William’ — Charles William and Harry William, Junior — and Mother wouldn’t let Dad name me ‘William,’ too.

“Eventually they decided to name me ‘Carl Martin Gatton,’ but when my sister, who was a junior in college, heard about this, she insisted that they change the name. She had known a couple of people named ‘Carl’ who hadn’t turned out too well,” he laughs. “So the way they changed it was to add an ‘o’ to ‘Carl,’ making it ‘Carol,’ spelled like a girl’s name. That’s how my name came about, and ironically, with three people named ‘William’ in the immediate family, I was the only one



Young Bill Gatton won the “Grand Champion Hereford Steer” award for his entry in the Bourbon Beef Show in Louisville, circa 1947.

they called 'Bill.' And I didn't know my name was anything other than 'Bill' until I entered the first grade.

"I come from a good family," Gatton reflects. "I had a great upbringing. Life couldn't have been better growing up on a farm. My dad was a hard worker, and he taught me how to work. He taught me to be honest, and to excel in whatever I did. He also taught me to do right as far as giving, and to always give something back to the community."

Gatton's family raised cattle, hogs and even a few Tennessee Walking Horses. The Gattons became regionally renowned for their country hams, and they grew a variety of crops. As a boy, Gatton engaged in all areas of the farm enterprise.

However, when Gatton was nine years old, sorrow came to the family. His mother became ill suddenly, and in a few days died of appendicitis. He shares, "From then on, I missed having a mother to guide me, but I grew closer to my father and siblings."

Gatton attended his first nine years of school in Bremen. "I went there until the gymnasium burned, and then I transferred to the school in the neighboring town of Sacramento. I loved basketball, and I played on my high school team," he explains. "If someone had told me that I could choose to be the richest man in the world, or an All-American basketball player at Kentucky, the decision would have been a 'no-brainer.' I would have been an All-American basketball player at Kentucky." Gatton also played baseball during his high school years.

He excelled in math, in 4-H Club and in Future Farmers of America (FFA), becoming the Kentucky state president. He won the FFA public speaking contest at the state level, and tied at the 13-state regional level. He raised and showed prize-winning cattle. And he graduated from high school as the class valedictorian. "From the time I was born, I have always wanted to win," he says. "I was brought up that way. And my goal in life was to be extremely successful."

Doing what comes naturally

Gatton's ancestors on both sides of his family go back several generations in western Kentucky. They had been farmers, bankers and entrepreneurs. Gatton quite naturally grew up influenced by these family traditions.

At an early age, he began to exhibit an uncanny penchant for selling things and making money. The children at his grade school were expected to market certain products to benefit the school. "From the time I was in the first grade, we were to sell Burpee garden seeds," he remembers. "And from the third or fourth grade on, we were to market magazine subscriptions. I'd go door-to-door to every farmer within three miles of home, and I would sell more than all the other children combined in the entire school."

When Gatton was eight, he began farming, raising an acre of watermelons every year until he graduated from high school. At first, he sold the melons on the side of the road, and then began marketing his melons in the neighboring towns, and by the truckload to the local grocers. Gatton recalls, "The crop in 1946 was the best year I ever had — the watermelons brought \$645."

Also at the age of eight, Gatton became a real estate investor. He discovered a six-acre tract of land for sale, and using money from his savings account, bought it for \$600, convincing his older sister — who was of legal age — to act as his purchasing agent. He held the property until he was 12, and then sold it for \$1,200, doubling his original investment.

He also raised an acre of tobacco every year, and by tending cattle, he was given the proceeds from the sale of a calf annually. Gatton saved his profits to pay for future college expenses.

Pursuing an education at UK

When he graduated from high school, there never was a question *whether* Gatton would go to college, or *where* he would go to college. "My brothers and sister had all pursued higher education, and I was expected to go to UK and enroll in the Agriculture College like my two brothers," he shares. "I came to campus in the fall of 1950, and I lived in a dorm."

Gatton remembers the university had 5,200 students, and Lexington was a city with a population of about 30,000. "Our class was the first group to ever meet in Memorial Coliseum, and during my freshman or sophomore year, the comedian, Bob Hope, came to campus and put on a show in Memorial."

Gatton says he never missed a basketball game, and hardly ever missed a football game. He also recalls Coach Adolph Rupp giving him a ride from Hodgenville to Lexington one time.

Beginning a career

Although Gatton enjoyed farming, he made a life-changing decision halfway through college. He explains, "My two brothers had been working with my dad for years, and I didn't want to be the baby brother on the farm the rest of my life."

"We were showing cattle in Paducah," he continues. "And Mr. V.V. Cooke was there. He had grown up in our county and had a large Hereford cattle farm in Prospect. He was also the Chevrolet dealer in Louisville, and the leading Chevrolet dealer in the southeastern United States. He was a wonderful man who gave generously to charities."

"Sitting on a bale of hay, I told him that I thought someday I'd like to be a Chevrolet dealer, too. He replied, 'Well, I'll get you a job with my brother, L.R., in Lexington.' And I asked, 'Mr. Cooke, what work would I do for your brother?' He said simply, 'Sell cars. That's where the money is.'"

"Soon I was employed at the L.R. Cooke Chevrolet dealership on High Street in Lexington as a 20 year-old sophomore at UK. When I started working there, I

"Wild Bill" Gatton has been known for his creative and colorful advertisements to sell cars.



New Developments

didn't know what they were going to pay me. I went for three weeks and didn't sell one car. Someone came to me and asked if I would rather work in the parts department where the pay was 50 cents an hour. I said no, I wanted to sell cars, because I had been told that's where the money is. And then in the next seven days, I sold six cars and made \$600. I thought I had hit the bottom of Fort Knox! And the first car I sold was to Joe Kennedy, owner of Kennedy's Book Store. It was a blue Bel-Air, Powerglide Chevrolet."

Gatton continued working for L.R. Cooke for the remainder of his college years. Because of his decision to pursue a career in business, he transferred to the UK College of Commerce, as it was known at that time. "I worked more during my junior and senior years than I should have," he recalls. "But I learned how to run a business, how to sell, and how to make money, all from working for L.R. Cooke Chevrolet."

Gatton was in ROTC all four years of college. When he graduated from the university in 1954, he was obligated to a two-year commitment in the U. S. Army as a commissioned officer. After taking training in Fort Lee, Va., he was ordered to Atlanta to be the commissary officer there for the remainder of his Army obligation. "It was like running a grocery store," he muses. "It was good experience for me."

When his time was up in the Army, Gatton remembers that he didn't have any money, but he had the GI Bill. "I knew if I wasn't going to farm, I needed more business education," he shares. "I talked with Dean Cecil C. Carpenter '26 BE of the UK College of Commerce who was a fine man. I had sold him a Jeep for his farm while I was working at L.R. Cooke's. He recommended that if I was considering grad school for a business degree, I should go to the Wharton Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania. At that time, 10 people applied for every slot they had open."

Gatton submitted an application and was accepted at Wharton. He majored in finance and banking, and also took courses in sales management and real estate. He found himself in the classroom with graduates of Ivy League schools. "I couldn't have made it at Wharton if I hadn't had the background at UK," he reflects. "I found out that I could do

anything these Ivy League students could do. That gave me self-confidence, and it opened my imagination and expanded my vision."

Achieving remarkable success

When he graduated from Wharton, Gatton had several job offers from prestigious employers. He recalls, "I turned them all down because I wanted to go into business myself. So I ended up working for a bank in Lexington for \$300 a month. I stayed there for less than a year because I thought I could get in the car business with a small amount of capital and make money pretty fast."

Gatton discovered an opportunity to open a Volkswagen dealership in Kentucky. "In 1959, it took \$300,000 to get even a small domestic dealership like Chevrolet or Ford, instead of the \$25,000 required for Volkswagen," he relates. "And there were only two Volkswagen dealerships in the state of Kentucky — in Lexington and Louisville. I met with the Volkswagen distributors in Columbus, Ohio, and they agreed to let me open a dealership in Owensboro, about 30 miles away from where I had grown up in Bremen."

"The next thing I did was borrow the \$25,000 from my dad and rent a building for \$300 a month on 18th Street in Owensboro. I also was another \$25,000 in debt for grad school. My dad told my two brothers that I would be broke in six months and back on the farm where I belonged. I was 28 years old at the time."

Gatton wasn't worried about the debt, however, because his fledgling dealership started making money the very first month of operation. He remembers, "Back in that era, we'd sell those Volkswagens just as quick as they would hit the ground. By having low overhead, low expenses and doing a lot of the work myself, I was making \$65,000 to \$80,000 a year in the dealership, versus the \$10,000 annual salary I could have made in any of the corporate jobs I was offered out of Wharton."

Gatton also developed a thriving used car business and ran the dealership for several years. Then he decided to sell it in hopes of acquiring a Chevrolet dealership, thinking that domestic car sales would be more stable for the long term. He was able to obtain the Chevrolet Cadillac dealership in Bristol, Tenn., in 1967.

Soon he embarked on an advertising plan that made him famous in that television market. With the advice of an advertising firm, Gatton acted in his own commercials and took up the zany persona of "Wild Bill" Gatton, a man who loved to sell cars. "At first I was uncomfortable with this image," Gatton confides. "But the young man the ad agency sent me — Jack Brown — had designed campaigns for political candidates at the national level, and authored the best-seller, "Life's Little Instruction Book." I took Jack's advice for the next three decades, and I wouldn't be where I am today without him."

The Carol Martin Gatton College of Business and Economics offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in three disciplines: management, accountancy and economics.



Gatton's business grew, and in 1976 he sold over 2,100 Chevrolets, 246 Cadillacs and nearly 300 Hondas. He began acquiring other dealerships in other markets, eventually owning nine dealerships in Tennessee, Alabama and Texas. He even acquired the L.R. Cooke dealership in Lexington where he had first entered the car business.

He also began branching out into banking and real estate investments including what became the Beaumont development in Lexington. "I stayed in the car business because it enabled me to generate the cash flow to invest in banks and real estate," Gatton notes. "But I've had more financial success from investing in bank stocks and real estate than I've had from the car business."

In 1981, Gatton formed Area Bancshares of Owensboro, and grew it to become the largest bank holding company in Kentucky, owning 17 banks with 65 branch offices located from Harlan to Paducah. Gatton relates, "We went from \$100 million in assets when we bought the first bank, to \$3 billion in assets in 2002 when we sold the company to BB&T."

Gatton says his approach to business has always revolved around three key elements — common sense, imagination and vision. And he has always looked for business ventures that could be described as "Heads, I win. Tails, I can't lose."

Helping others in extraordinary ways

"When I was age 40, I planned to retire at 50," Gatton smiles. "And when I was 50, I planned to retire at 60. But at age 60, I decided never to retire. Rather, I determined to continue generating assets so that I could give them away."

"There are many things more important in life than making money," he continues. "I definitely have enjoyed making money, but I have discovered that it's even more enjoyable to give it away to something which will serve as a legacy. I believe in giving."

In 1985, Gatton formed his own charitable foundation and added to it substantially in the 1990s. He explains, "I wanted to do some worthwhile things, and my gift to the University of Kentucky for the College of Business and Economics was the first sizeable contribution I made out of the foundation."

In gratitude for his record-breaking gift in 1995, the UK Board of Trustees named the College of Business and Economics in Gatton's honor for perpetuity. Gatton has continued giving to his alma mater since that time, and his gifts to

the University of Kentucky now total \$21 million.

UK President Eli Capilouto observes, "Bill Gatton's historic support for the University of Kentucky has had a profound impact on higher education in the Commonwealth. Through his unprecedented and continuing support, and his invaluable service on the UK Board of Trustees, Bill Gatton is helping us meet the challenges we face today so that we can move the University of Kentucky boldly forward into the future."

Gatton has also given significantly to the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky which has recently been named "America's Number One Public High School" by Newsweek magazine. He has given to the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University. And he has made significant gifts to several other educational institutions, as well as countless gifts to worthy causes in the many communities where he has had business enterprises.

His generosity has had a very personal impact in his home area. In a recent year, he gave \$350 to each of the 330 teachers in the Bristol, Tenn., public schools to purchase supplies for their students. Three years later, he made a gift to more than 2,300 teachers in eastern Tennessee and western Virginia, with each one receiving \$45 for supplies for their students. Gatton made these gifts to teachers — totaling well over \$200,000 — in honor of his sister who was a school teacher, and who often bought supplies for students with her own money.

For many years, Gatton has also employed a woman year-round, working out of her home, making dolls for distribution to needy children at Christmas. He shares, "We give these to elementary schools for students in kindergarten through second grade who might not get Santa Claus otherwise."

Richey observes, "Over the years, I have been privileged to know many generous alumni and friends of the University of Kentucky. But none has a bigger heart for helping young people achieve their dreams for higher education than Bill Gatton. He remains his alma mater's premier benefactor, and his visionary generosity will enable students to attain lives of meaning and purpose for generations to come."

When asked how he would like to be remembered, Gatton replies, "I've never given that topic much consideration, but I suppose I would like to be thought of as someone who was honest and who did worthwhile things for other people."



Gatton, left, and UK President Eli Capilouto following a recent meeting of the UK Board of Trustees

George C. Wright: Presidential Success

Lexington native rose from smart-alecky kid
to be university president

By Robin Roenker

George C. Wright '72 '74 AS still remembers the first time he ever stepped foot on the University of Kentucky's campus — or any college campus, for that matter. He was 11, and while he'd lived in Lexington all his life, it took a sixth grade field trip to bring him inside one of UK's buildings.

"I have a very clear memory of my first time on campus," says Wright, 62, a historian, former UK faculty member, and current president of Prairie

View A&M University (PVAMU), a member of the Texas A&M University system.

"I remember going into the Funkhouser Building and seeing all those science specimens in there. Walking around on campus planted a seed in me, one that I probably didn't know was there, until it germinated, six or seven years later, and I enrolled as a student myself at UK," says Wright, who graduated from Lexington's Lafayette High School in 1968.

Entering his 10th year now as president of PVAMU — a highly respected, historically black university — with 36 years of teaching, research and scholarship under his belt, it would be natural to assume Wright had been the type of kid that everyone just knew would make something of himself.

But that wasn't the case. His grades were poor. He acted up. He didn't take well to being told what to do. He struggled with feelings of shame at going from a single-family home to public housing after his father's battle with alcoholism and his parents' divorce.



**Prairie View A&M
University President
George Wright enjoys
greeting students.**

Photo: Courtesy PVAMU

In fact, childhood friends who knew him only by his nickname “Ricky” had trouble believing later in life that the smart-alecky, loud kid they once knew had grown up to become a respected university president. One person insisted that the two men — Ricky Wright and George Wright — had to be separate people. It was a mistake anyone could have made. While he’d always loved reading, especially from orange-bound sets of biographies in his school library with titles like “The Young Christopher Columbus” or “The Young Harriet Beecher Stowe,” Wright’s grades growing up weren’t stellar. He was the kid who was so loud and disruptive in church, some adults wondered why the preacher didn’t throw him out. He loved basketball and worshiped legendary UK players like Charles “Cotton” Nash, but after his freshman year — when everyone else grew four inches and he didn’t — he was cut from his school’s basketball team.

“I did very poorly at Lafayette,” Wright admits. “I wasn’t even sure college was an option for me. I was the opposite of a child prodigy, trust me on that.”

But through it all, two people in Wright’s life — his mother, Amanda Clay Wright, who, he says, was “a big believer in education,” and Reggie H. Johnson, his minister at Lexington’s Main Street Baptist Church — believed he would make something of himself. And as it turned out, their belief in him was enough.

A Window of Opportunity

George Wright was a senior in high school on April 4, 1968, the day that Martin Luther King was assassinated. It was the singular day that changed Wright’s life forever, not only because of the broad-reaching cultural loss of King’s life and work, but also because, on a personal level, it opened the door to the possibility that he could go to college.

In the aftermath of King’s assassination, the University of Kentucky, like many colleges, began recruiting African-American students more proactively, and that summer UK launched an eight-week program for African-American students from Lexington. Participants toured campus and Kentucky landmarks like Mammoth Cave and Cumberland Falls. They did preparatory class work and attended cultural events. If they completed the program, UK would grant them admission and financial support.

For Wright, the summer program and its promise of college access represented the window of opportunity he needed to begin recharting his future. After that, he never looked back, arriving on campus in the fall of

1968 to launch an impressive academic career that would see him earning his degree in history from UK in 1972, his master’s degree in



Photo: Courtesy PVAMU

history from UK in 1974, and then his doctorate in history from Duke University in 1977. In 2004, UK awarded him an honorary Doctor of Letters.

Just as significantly, UK’s 1968 summer program and a shared bus seat en route to a Shakespeare play led Wright to meet the woman who is now his wife of 42 years, Valerie Ellison

Wright, a Bryan Station High School graduate who received her bachelor’s degree in journalism at UK in 1972. A longtime newspaper journalist, Valerie Wright has for the last decade worked as an editor at Texas Monthly magazine.

The couple share two children, a daughter, Rebecca, who passed away in 2004, and a son, William Benjamin, who recently graduated from college.

“Valerie is the one constant that’s been there for me throughout my adult life,” says Wright, whose teaching and administrative career has taken him from the UK Department of History, where he was an assistant professor from 1977 to 1980, to the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a professor of history and vice provost for undergraduate education. Later, he moved to Duke University, where he was an endowed professor and director of the Afro-American Studies Program, and then again to the University of Texas at Arlington, where he was a vice president and provost, and now to his current position at the president’s desk at PVAMU.

George Wright teaches an entry-level history course, saving the university \$50,000 a year.

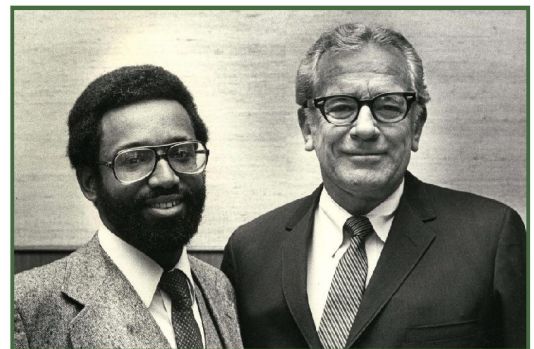


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In 1980, when George Wright was a young faculty member in the UK Department of History, it was then UK President Otis Singletary, right, who later became another of Wright’s close, life-long friends, advising him to accept the call to teach at the University of Texas at Austin.

“Valerie has helped me in everything that I’ve done,” Wright says. “She is my biggest supporter, and probably also my biggest critic, but I say that in a very positive way.”



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George Wright has maintained a long-time friendship with Terry Birdwhistell '74 AS, '78 CI, '94 ED, now dean of UK Libraries, and Birdwhistell's family.

UK Years

When George Wright enrolled as a freshman at the University of Kentucky, he was scared to death, he says. “I felt in over my head. I was certain after one semester, I was going to Vietnam. But I thought, ‘Well, why not give college a shot?’ What I discovered was that there were people everywhere at the University of Kentucky who were willing to help me. If I had had to do it on

my own, I would have drowned, but folks throughout the university gave me encouragement,” he says.

Staff at the registrar’s office, influential professors like Michael Adelstein in the Department of English, Rupert Pickens in the French Department and faculty in the Department of History, including Steve Channing and Richard Lowitt, whose focus on Southern history and race relations piqued Wright’s early interest

— all of them made Wright’s years at UK a wonderful experience, he says.

“When I got that first paper back from Richard Lowitt, it had more of his writing on it in red ink than mine, and I thought, ‘He must think I’m the dumbest person alive.’ But he pulled me aside and said, ‘This is really good!’” Wright says.

Wright credits another UK history professor, Charles Roland, with showing him how to be a scholar and to be balanced in perspective. It was a lesson that has served Wright well, as he has since researched and published scores of scholarly articles and three books dealing with African-American history and race relations in Kentucky. (Wright’s first book looks at lives of African Americans in Louisville between 1863-1930, while his second addresses racial violence in Kentucky between 1865 and 1940. His third book, published in 1992, offers a comprehensive overview of black history in Kentucky.)

Given the climate of the late 1960s, with Civil Rights and Vietnam, it was a tumultuous time to be on campus. But Wright dug in and studied hard, not allowing himself to become distracted by anything but getting an education. “As much as I loved UK basketball, I told myself, ‘That’s not why I’m here,’” he says. He and Valerie Ellison married in 1970 while sophomores. They moved to a house off campus, and he took a night job running computers at a local manufacturing company to help support them.

“I would work from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., then go to class from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.,” says Wright. It was a grueling schedule, but a time in his life that he looks back on fondly.

“If it’s possible to love a university, then I love the University of Kentucky,” says Wright, noting that while he has been away from UK since 1980, not a year has gone by that he hasn’t been back. (Wright’s brother, Anthony Wright ’78 AS, and sister, Scottie Green ’05 AG, are also UK grads.) Wright served for years on the UK College of Arts & Sciences Advisory Board, is still an avid UK sports fan, and has even left his entire collection of papers and research to UK Libraries. His papers, housed in the George C. Wright collection, are under the care of his longtime friend Terry Birdwhistell ’74 AS, ’78 CI, ’94 ED.

Birdwhistell, dean of UK Libraries, says he and Wright think of each other almost as “brothers.” The two first met as master’s degree students at UK in the early 1970s and have maintained a close friendship ever since. In fact, Wright visited Birdwhistell’s family so often that Birdwhistell’s daughter, Jessie, grew up calling the spare room in their home “George’s room.”

“It was obvious right off the bat how talented George was and is. And no one outworked him in

George C. Wright honors

At the University of Texas – Austin, George C. Wright received the Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence, the Eyes of Texas Award for excellence in service and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Award for Outstanding Black Faculty Member. He was awarded the Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship at Harvard University and was the Friar Society Centennial Fellow for Teaching Excellence, the Silver Spurs Centennial Teaching Fellow and the Lillian and Tom B. Rhodes Centennial Teaching Fellow at the University of Texas – Austin.

In 2005, Wright was inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

terms of the amount of time he put into being a really good historian,” says Birdwhistell, who helped Wright acquire oral history interviews and archival research during the writing of his second book.

“I can remember some of those times in the late 1970s and early 1980s driving around to libraries throughout Kentucky and talking about his career plans. He’s very goal oriented. We would talk about where his career might take him, and we even imagined him being a university president one day. I knew even then any university would be lucky to get him,” Birdwhistell says.

In 1980, when Wright was a young faculty member in the UK Department of History, it was then UK President Otis Singletary, who later became another of Wright’s close, lifelong friends, who advised him to accept the call to teach at the University of Texas at Austin. With exception of his time at Duke, Wright has been with either the University of Texas system or the Texas A&M University system ever since.

Lauretta Byars ’72 SW, ’82 ED, now vice president of student affairs and institutional advancement at PVAMU, is a Lexington native and former administrator at UK who grew up attending the same church as Wright. She and her husband, Don Byars, often travel with George Wright and Valerie Wright, even celebrating their shared wedding anniversaries together each year.

“George is the first person I knew who aspired to be a university president, even while still in college,” Byars says. “He’s very task oriented, detailed, highly motivated, and energized to achieve his goals. He’s passionate about his role as president at Prairie View and has instituted many programs to enhance the quality of education for our students here.”

A Teacher at Heart

Last fall, George Wright attracted national media attention, even a Washington Post article and television coverage, when he decided to step back into teaching as a university president, because PVAMU was faced with a 15 percent budget cut.

Taking on an entry-level American history survey course with hundreds of students, Wright saved the university at least \$50,000 a year in a step that encouraged many of his vice presidents and deans to teach classes, as well. Some outside commentators argued that Wright was an example of what all administrators should be doing.

But for Wright, the underlying attraction of returning to the classroom wasn’t solely a budgetary issue. He simply missed teaching.



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“I’ve been masquerading all these years as an administrator, but I’m really a teacher,” says Wright. “That’s what I’ve always been. Getting back into the classroom allowed me to connect to students again in a way that I hadn’t been able to in nine years.”

Wright has received the highest teaching accolades of every university he’s been a part of, including two prestigious university-wide teaching excellence awards at the University of Texas – Austin, thanks in part to his passion for providing a historical context for his students.

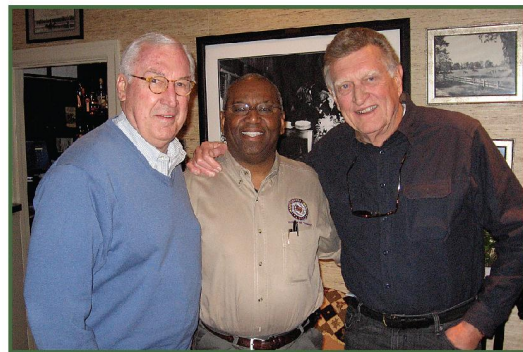
“Students can go on their phones and look up George Washington,” he said. “I have to show them the significance of George Washington ... I have to try to engage them, bring them in.”

When Wright steps down from his presidency at Prairie View his plans are simple: “I want to be working with college freshmen. I don’t want to sit on an advisory board or a foundation,” he says. “I plan to teach.”

And, of course, he’ll keep finding his way back, often, to Lexington and to Kentucky, which has for so long been the focus of his research and scholarship. Wright is currently working on two books, the first, his own autobiography, tentatively titled “Growing Up Black in Kentucky,” and the second, a biography of Robert Charles O’Hara Benjamin, a black man who was assassinated in Lexington in 1900.

“Kentucky is always a part of where I’m going or coming from,” he says. ■

George Wright '72 '74 AS, far right, and his wife, Valerie Ellison Wright '72 CI, enjoyed attending the NCAA National Championship game with George's brother, Anthony Wright '78 AS and his brother's wife, Sheree Martin Wright '81 BE.



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While growing up, George Wright, center, loved watching basketball and legendary UK players. He visited Lexington in 2011 and met with Charles "Cotton" Nash '64 AS, right, and Terry Mobley '65 ED, formerly of the UK Office of Development.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

DISTRICT I

Bruce E. Danhauer, Morgantown, received his bachelor's degree in horticulture from the UK College of Agriculture in 1977. He was a member of FarmHouse Fraternity and the UK Horticulture Club. Danhauer started Danhauer Garden Center in Morgantown and is president of Danhauer Inc., a florist, gift shop, garden center and greenhouse operation. He has been a member of the UK College of AG/HES Alumni Association since 1977. Danhauer is a past president of the Greater Henderson UK Alumni Club and was an at-large member of the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors in 1998. He is also a past president of the Kentucky Florist Association, Morgantown Chamber of Commerce, and the Union County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Hannah Miner Myers, Madisonville, is an adjunct professor for Murray State University. She earned a bachelor's degree in middle school education in 1994 from UK. She was a member Delta Delta Delta sorority and was pledge educator and social chairwoman. Myers is active with her local Hopkins County UK Alumni Club and helped co-chair its "5k Bleed Blue" race. Locally, she

has enjoyed serving on the Economic Development board, Community Foundation board, past chairwoman of the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism board and co-chair for the YMCA grant to fight childhood obesity. Myers is a representative on the Madisonville City Council. She is a fitness instructor, spinning instructor, body pump instructor and marathon runner.

DISTRICT II

Wallace Herndon Jr., Franklin, graduated from UK in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He completed graduate work in industrial relations at West Virginia University. While attending UK, Herndon was treasurer of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and a member of the marching band. He has been chairman of the Lewis Memorial Home Board of Directors, and a partner and human resources consultant with Leadership Strategies Group in Bowling Green. He served as president of the Logan-Simpson UK Alumni Club and was a member of the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1991-1996. He has served as president of the Simpson County Literacy Council and vice-president of the Barren River Regional Advisory

It takes a strong group of dedicated individuals to guide the mission of the UK Alumni Association. In the previous issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine, short bios of 23 newly-elected, board of directors members were included. Over the next several issues you'll read about our previously-elected board members, too!

Committee for Vocational Education.



Larry S. Miller, Owensboro, received his bachelor's degree and master's degree in education from the University of Kentucky in 1973 and 1976, respectively. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and on Coach Adolph Rupp's last basketball team. Miller has worked for the Owensboro Community and Technical College for the past 24 years as dean of Student Affairs, and currently, as vice president of Institutional Advancement. He is a UK Fellow, and has served as past president of the Owensboro-Daviess County UK Alumni Club. Miller is currently serving as past president of the Owensboro Lions Club and is a former chairman of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees.

DISTRICT III



Ann Nelson Hurst, Louisville, graduated from UK in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Gatton College of Business & Economics and she was president of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority in 1979. She is the director of development at St. Mary's Center. Hurst was the first president and charter member of the Jefferson County (now Greater Louisville) UK Young Alumni Committee in 1985, and has also served as president of the Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club. Hurst has served the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors for 24 years. She has been active with St. Margaret Mary Church, the Fundraising Executives of Metro Louisville, the Middletown Chamber of Commerce and Kappa Alpha Theta alumni.



Susan Perkins Mountjoy, Louisville, graduated in 1972, earning a bachelor's degree from the UK College of Education. She was also a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She earned an M.B.A. in education from the University of Louisville in 1976. Mountjoy is employed by Dismas Charities Inc. Previously, she taught on the middle school and elementary level in the Fayette County Public Schools and in Jefferson County Public Schools. Mountjoy has been an active member of the Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club, where she has served in all of the local club's offices. Mountjoy has served on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1987-93, 1995-2001 and 2010-2012, and has chaired the Membership and Scholarship/Great Teacher Award Committees.



David B. Ratterman, Louisville, is a 1968 graduate of the UK College of Engineering and also holds a law degree and an M.B.A. He is a member of Stites & Harbison PLLC and serves as secretary

and general counsel of the American Institute of Steel Construction Inc. Ratterman is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers, listed in "Kentucky Super Lawyers" and "The Best Lawyers in America," and is a member of the Downtown Louisville Rotary Club. He has served for 15 years as both an appointed and elected member of the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors, chairing several committees. He was also a member of the board's Executive Committee.



Adele Pinto Ryan, Louisville, graduated with honors in communications from the UK College of Communication and Information. Serving on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors, she has been a member, chairwoman and vice chairwoman of committees that include Club Development, Nominating For Board Members, Communications, Group Development and Membership. Ryan has been vice president and treasurer of the Greater Louisville UK Alumni Club and currently serves on its Board of Directors. She also was president and vice president of the Greater Louisville UK Young Alumni Club Board of Directors. Her volunteerism includes numerous boards

and committees of various charitable, civic and arts organizations.

DISTRICT IV



Jim Jacobus, Danville, obtained a bachelor's degree in 1978 and a master's degree in 1980 from the UK College of Agriculture. He was an instructor at Garrard County High School from 1978-1983, later working for the electric utility industry, being named Inter-County's seventh president/CEO in 1999. Jacobus is currently serving on several boards, including the Boyle County Industrial Foundation, Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center as vice-chairman, Regional Advisory Committee for Bluegrass Community and Technical College – Danville Campus, and the Bluegrass Community and Technical College Foundation Board. In January, he was recognized by the Danville/Boyle Chamber of Commerce as the Business Person of the Year.



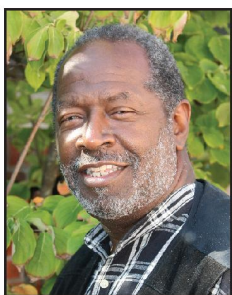
Lori E. Trisler Wells, Salvisa, received a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Kentucky in 1996. She was employed by the Kentucky Retirement Systems in Frankfort as a retirement benefits counselor. In June 2007, Wells was appointed to the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors for the 2007 - 08 fiscal year. She was also presented with the 2007 Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Award. This year she is serving on the Membership Committee. Wells has been an active member of the Mercer County UK Alumni Club since 1998. She has served as secretary, vice president, and president of her local club, and is currently serving a two-year term as president.

DISTRICT V

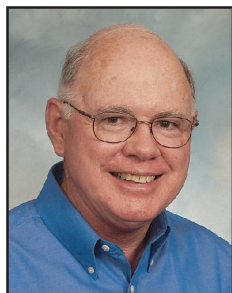


Lisa Greenwell Atkinson, Lexington, graduated from UK in 1992 majoring in communications and from the University of Louisville in 1994 with a master's in education. At UK, she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Atkinson is the director of alumni programs and marketing in the UK

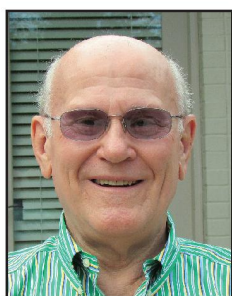
College of Engineering and previously worked in the UK Alumni Association and Office of Development. She is a current board member and past president of both the Fayette County UK Alumni Club and the Lexington Dream Factory. Atkinson is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Lexington and is a 2003 graduate of Leadership Lexington.



Emmett "Buzz" Burnam, Lexington, received a bachelor's degree in business education and a master's degree in 1974 in educational psychology and counseling from the University of Kentucky. He is the director of diversity undergraduate student recruitment at UK and is the former president of the Lyman T. Johnson UK Alumni Constituent Group. Burnam was awarded the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 2000 and the YMCA Black Achiever's 2008 Adult Achiever of the Year Award. The Lyman T. Johnson UK Alumni Constituent Group has attracted over 5,000 black alumni to return to the UK campus during Homecoming weekends for its annual Awards Banquet.



Dr. William B. Daugherty Jr., Lexington, graduated from the UK College of Dentistry in 1970. He served a one year internship at Denver General Hospital and three years on active duty as an Army dental officer from 1971 to 1974. Daugherty completed a residency in orthodontics and graduated with a certificate in orthodontics and a master's degree in dentistry (orthodontics) in 1977. He served two terms as president of the UK College of Dentistry Alumni Association and has been on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors for a total of 14 years. Daugherty served as the alumni representative to the UK Athletics NCAA Recertification Committee in the most recent recertification process.



Larry M. Elliott, Lexington, graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in 1971 and has been a career-long active member of several dental societies, associations, and organizations. He has been active in the Chamber of Commerce, scouting,

coaching recreational league sports, the First Presbyterian Church and an advisory director to Central Bank. As a member of the Fayette County UK Alumni Club, he served on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors for the terms ending in 1978, 1981, 2011, and currently 2014, representing Dentistry and District V. He is also a member of the Wildcat Society. After 40 years of dental practice, Elliott retired in 2011 and enjoys spending time with his family.



Quintissa Sherri Peake, Lexington, graduated from UK in 2004, earning a bachelor's degree in telecommunications. She works for the Kentucky Blood Center and participates in sickle cell and blood donation advocacy efforts. Peake is active in the Fayette County UK Alumni Club and has assisted with the Golf Outing and Hometown Hero events. She is president of the Fayette County UK Young Alumni Group. Peake is active with the Lyman T. Johnson African-American Constituent Group, helping with its annual awards banquet. She has been involved in student recruitment efforts with the LTJ Group and the Fayette County UK Alumni Club, including African-American Admitted Student Receptions. She is finishing

her first term on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Jim Richardson, Lexington, earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1970 and a master's degree in education in 1972 from UK. He is first vice president/senior portfolio manager at Morgan Stanley in Lexington. Richardson focuses his philanthropic efforts on children and is past-chairman of the Executive Council of the Kentucky Children's Hospital, co-founder and past-president of the Lexington Dream Factory, past-president of the Lexington Rotary Club and Rotary Endowment Committee and recipient of the Service Above Self and President's Cup Awards, past-president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, past-chairman of the Children's Charity Fund of the Bluegrass and recipient of the José Ferrer Award, and past-president of the Lexington Children's Theatre. He is a board member on the Fayette County UK Alumni Club.



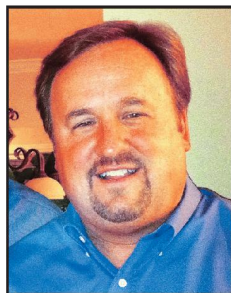
Marian Moore Sims, Lexington, received her bachelor's and master's degrees from UK in 1972 and 1974. She taught in Fayette County for 32 years and now coordinates a master's program at Morehead State University and is full-time faculty. Sims served two terms on the UK Board of Trustees, UK Research Foundation Board, UK Hospital Board of Directors and was Student Advisory Committee chairwoman. She has served for many years on the Fayette County UK Alumni Club and the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors. Sims has been Fellowship of Christian Athletes State Sponsor of the Year, Woman of the Year by the Bluegrass Woman's Club, Teacher of the Year in Fayette County and received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.



Amelia Brown Wilson, Lexington, earned a bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences, master's degree in community and leadership development from the College of Agriculture, and a doctorate in educational leadership studies from

the UK College of Education. She was UK's 2003 Homecoming queen and received the UK Sullivan Medallion. Wilson is a Delta Gamma alumni officer and a chapter advisor. She is the director of Student Services at Mid-Continent University. In 2011, Wilson received the Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Award. She is the secretary of the UK College of Agriculture and School of Human Environmental Sciences Alumni Board. A liver transplant recipient, she advocates for organ and tissue donation.

DISTRICT VI



Brian R. Bergman, Georgetown, received bachelor's degrees in mining engineering in 1985 and civil engineering in 1986 from UK. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and was on the UK Student Government Association. Bergman spent 10 years in the Washington, D.C., area and worked for two commercial building contractors. Now in Kentucky, he is the vice president of a national construction firm and active in several construction associations. Bergman has been a member of the UK Alumni Association for 26 years and has also been active in local UK Alumni Clubs. He was president of the Washington, D.C., club in the early '90s and is now leading a

startup club in Georgetown and serving on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Sheila Platt Vice, Shelbyville, received a bachelor's degree in education in 1970 and a master's degree in education in 1972 from UK. She taught middle school mathematics in Fayette County for nine years and high school math in Oldham County for six years. Vice served as the math consultant and assistant in the Office of Teaching and Learning for the Kentucky Department of Education for 20 years, retiring in 2005 to do educational consulting. She has been a member of the UK Alumni Association for over 35 years. Vice has been a member of the Shelby County UK Alumni Club for many years, serving on the board of directors as a board member, secretary, and as president from 2004-2006.



Rachel Watts Webb, Shelbyville, received a bachelor's degree in integrated strategic communications from UK in 2005. She served two terms as the student representative on the UK Board of Trustees. Webb is owner of Webb Consulting. She previously worked on the Louisville Bourbon Ball Executive Committee and later in the UK Office of External Affairs as government relations coordinator. While at UK, she coordinated the UK Advocacy Network (UKAN), a grassroots effort of alumni and friends of the university from around the state that influences how state legislators vote in Frankfort. Webb traveled around Kentucky to build relationships with alumni, while sharing UK's legislative priorities.

DISTRICT VII



Brenda B. Gosney Butler, recently retired as chief executive officer of HealthSouth Northern Kentucky Rehabilitation Hospital in Edgewood. She received her bachelor's degree in physical therapy from UK and a master's degree in higher and adult edu-

cation. Gosney was on the faculty at UK for five years in the College of Health Sciences. She currently serves as the president-elect of the UK Alumni Association and has chaired several committees. Gosney also serves on the Board of Directors of the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club and is a past president. She is a 2010 recipient of the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. Gosney recently served on the Board of Directors of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.



Charlene K. Elam Rouse, Florence, received a bachelor's degree in interior design from the UK College of Design in 1977. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority, holding many offices during her four years at UK. Rouse is currently employed by AAA Allied Group Auto Club managing its Florence and Aurora, Ind., offices. Previously, she was with Hubbuch in Lexington, followed by A.B. Closson Jr. Co. in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rouse is active within the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club, serving as past president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. She has been on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors for a total of three years, one year ap-

pointed and two years elected, serving on various committees.

DISTRICT VIII



Janice Warren Christian, Ashland, is a 1978 graduate with a bachelor's degree from the UK College of Education and an associate's degree in applied science from Lexington Community College in 1982. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ashland, active with the Paramount Women's Association, and Friends of the Children, a nonprofit organization that last year clothed over 350 children. Currently on the UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Committee, Christian has been involved with the Greater Ashland UK Alumni Club for 25 years, now serving as its president and instrumental in the reorganization of the club.



Michael A. Christian, Ashland, graduated from UK with a bachelor's degree in zoology in 1976 and a doctorate from the UK College

of Dentistry in 1980. He has practiced dentistry for 30 years, and is a past president of the Eastern Kentucky Dental Society. He is on the board of the Kentucky Dental Association. Christian has served the Greater Ashland UK Alumni Club as president, vice president, treasurer, and served multiple terms on its board. On the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors, he was chairman of several committees including Nominating for Board of Directors. Christian received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 2005.

Dennis "Jim" Keenan, South Williamson, is a 1990 graduate of the UK Gatton College of Business & Economics, holding a bachelor's degree in accounting and a minor in economics. He received his law degree from the UK College of Law in 1993. At UK, he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. During his summers at UK, Keenan worked as a law clerk for the Mendenhall Ministries assisting low-income residents with legal problems in Mississippi. He has been a partner in the law firm of Hinkle & Keenan PSC with offices in Pike and Martin Counties. Keenan has also served as volunteer corporate counsel for Stone Heritage Inc., a nonprofit community revitalization organization. He has served the Big Sandy UK Alumni Club as its president (two years) and treasurer (four years).

DISTRICT IX

Jeffrey J. Brock, Harlan, received his bachelor's degree in

business administration from UK in 1984. He was a member of the football team for two years. Following graduation from UK, Brock attended Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, afterward returning to Harlan to practice law for 18 years. He has been serving as the Harlan District Court Judge, and he is active in many civic organizations, including the Rotary Club, Lion's Club, and the Harlan County 4-H and Extensions Councils. Brock is the past president and vice president of the Cumberland Valley East UK Alumni Club.



Shelia M. Key, Pineville, received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from UK in 1991 and was a member of Lambda Kappa Sigma. She was employed by Pineville Community Hospital for 14 years and by Taylor's Discount Pharmacy for three years. Key currently works part time for Walgreen's. She is secretary of the Cumberland Valley East UK Alumni Club and has been a member of its board of directors, as well as club president. A member of the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors, Key has served on several committees, including the Great Teacher/Scholarship and Club Development committees. She is also a founding member of UK Women in Philanthropy.



Elaine Adams Wilson, Somerset, received a bachelor's degree in social work from UK and a master's of science degree in social administration from Case Western Reserve University. She currently serves as the cultural diversity director for Somerset Community College. Active with the Lake Cumberland UK Alumni Club, Wilson was secretary/treasurer, then club president for three years. She has also served as a member of the UK Board of Trustees for six years. This included membership on the UK Business Partnership Foundation Board, among others, as well as serving a term as secretary to the board. Wilson sits on the UK College of Social Work board. She also was a recipient of the Lyman T. Johnson Path Finders Award.

DISTRICT X



Andrew Moore Cecil, Winchester, is a 2000 graduate of the UK College of Arts & Sciences, receiving a bachelor's degree in geography. He is a Department of Defense contractor for Lockheed Martin at Bluegrass Station. Cecil has been active in the Clark County UK Alumni Club,

serving on the board of directors for eight years, as well as club president from 2005-2008. He has helped with the club's various programs, including the Beer Cheese Festival and Scholarship Committee. Since 2008, Cecil has served on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors, and has been on the Club Development, Membership, Scholarship, and Communications Committees.



Abra Akers Endsley, Richmond, received a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1998 and a master's degree in communication in 2001 from UK. Endsley is senior development manager for Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass. She is a graduate of Leadership Lexington, Leadership Central Kentucky and the Penn State Developing Managerial Effectiveness Executive Program. Endsley has been a member of the Business and Education Network Steering Committee, the Manchester Center Board of Directors, Commerce Lexington Ambassadors, Bluegrass Junior Women's Club and served as the vice chairwoman and chairwoman of the Leadership Lexington Youth Program.

DISTRICT XI



Linda Lyon Frye, Lock Haven, Pa., earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology from the UK College of Arts & Sciences in 1960. Frye worked for seven years at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and for 11 years as the office manager for her husband, a general surgeon in Somerset. She helped found the Lake Cumberland UK Alumni Club, serving as treasurer for nine years and as president for one year. Frye has been on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors for seven terms, serving on the Communications, Board Nominating, and the 2008 Strategic Planning Committees, among others. In 2008, she received the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.

Sandra Kay Kinney, Doylestown, Pa., graduated from UK in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in business and economics. She holds a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University. Kinney has been an independent consultant working with banks and mortgage lenders on regulatory issues and industry trends. She has held senior positions in government, trade associations and government relations firms in Washington, D.C. From 2000 to 2002, Kinney served as president of the Nation's Capital Region UK Alumni Club.

On the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors, Kinney served on the Strategic Planning Committee, as vice-chairwoman of the Scholarship/Great Teacher Awards Committee, and the Nominating Committee.



Mary L. Shelman, Belmont, Mass., received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering with high distinction from UK in 1981. She held positions with Texaco before attending Harvard Business School, earning an M.B.A. with distinction and was awarded a dean's doctoral fellowship for research in economics and marketing. Shelman is the director of the Harvard Business School Agribusiness Program. She was chairwoman of the board of RiceTec Inc., and has served on boards of various companies and associations. Shelman is now president of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association. A native of Elizabethtown, she is a founding member of the Kentuckians of Boston and also active in her local community, serving as president of the board of English At Large, an adult literacy organization.

Something to be proud of: 2011 – 12 UK Alumni Association Annual Report

The UK Alumni Association had a particularly industrious year in 2011 – 12. We sought paths to continue the relationship between the University of Kentucky and its cherished alumni and friends. Thank you for your membership. We anticipate many more fruitful years through your continued support of the UK Alumni Association! — Stan Key, Executive Director

As a member-based organization, the UK Alumni Association endeavors to keep its valued members connected to all things regarding the University of Kentucky through member benefits and services, communications, programs, records maintenance and the King Alumni House.

A most notable — and likewise, noticeable — contribution to furthering the legacy and tradition of the University of Kentucky was the unveiling and dedication of Wildcat Alumni Plaza in April by the UK Alumni Association. The plaza accentuates a gateway to UK and is sure to become a favorite gathering spot for alumni and students to mark special occasions and solidify their connection to the university.

Communications and Membership/Marketing

The association ended the year with 37,336 members, and of that total, 16,492 were Life Members and 20,844 were annual members. Of the 37,336 members, 2,058 members were UK students.

The UK Alumni Association regularly showcased university and alumni achievements through print and electronic communications. There were 271 outstanding achievements highlighted through delivery via Kentucky Alumni magazine, www.ukalumni.net, Out of the Big Blue blog, Wildcat Connection, Wildcat Ten or social media outlets. The association included 71 items that featured diversity activities and diverse populations in those communications outlets.

The association produced four issues of Kentucky Alumni magazine with a distribution of 112,000 copies and a readership of about 336,000. Wildcat Connection electronic newsletter had 1,142,133 email deliveries with an overall open rate of 16.1 percent. Our website had 1,957,944 page views and our social media sites resulted in 31,889 users. Out of the Big Blue blog had an overall readership of 22,285.

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Mission
The UK Alumni Association fosters lifelong engagement among alumni, friends and the association and supports the mission and goals of the university.

There were 252 timely and informative emails sent to alumni and friends of the university on behalf of UK colleges through the UK Alumni Association broadcast email tool.

Programs

The programs area of the UK Alumni Association in cooperation with alumni clubs, academic colleges and other uni-

versity units, held 336 meaningful programs that provided inclusive and relevant content to connect alumni, students and friends. These programs included Distinguished Alumni Service Awards, Great Teacher Awards, Alumni Career Services, Legacy Initiative Program, Traveling Wildcats alumni tours, receptions with college deans, athletic pregame gatherings, faculty and university speakers and Cats for a Cause National Service Week. More than 26,205 alumni, friends and students were engaged through these efforts. Guest speakers at association programs were well represented by a cross section of diverse backgrounds and/or topics.

Several special interest constituent group programs were supported, including the Lyman T. Johnson African American Homecoming Event. We supported UK academic college alumni activities with over \$58,000 in funding.



Photo: Tim Webb

Association and club scholarships for deserving UK students were distributed to the tune of \$142,396 awarded to 119 students. Revenue from the UK Kentucky license plate program resulted in an additional \$52,000 for collegiate plate alumni scholarships. Gifts from the association and alumni clubs to university scholarship endowments and funds totaled \$220, 375.35.

Student recruitment continued to be a top priority, with 44 clubs participating in 240 College Fairs, Student Send-offs, Preview Nights and book award presentations. On campus, the UK Alumni Association held or participated in 66 events that helped to educate UK students to be better alumni. We also sponsored programs targeted to international students at UK, including the popular multicultural student Thanksgiving dinner and international students graduation reception.

Records and Information Systems

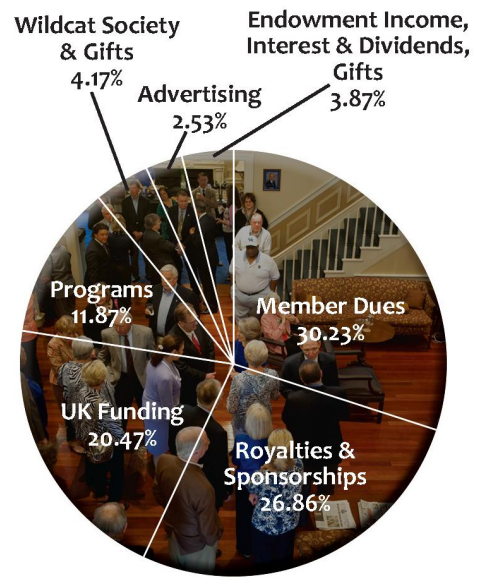
Our records area is charged with maintaining over 290,000 records of UK alumni, members of the UK Alumni Association and friends of the university. This involved over 36,000 record updates in the database that improved the accuracy of alumni records, allowing for better communication between alumni and the academic colleges, university units and the

UK Alumni Association. The records staff also helps the colleges by running hundreds of reports annually to help with their program efforts and communication with their constituents.

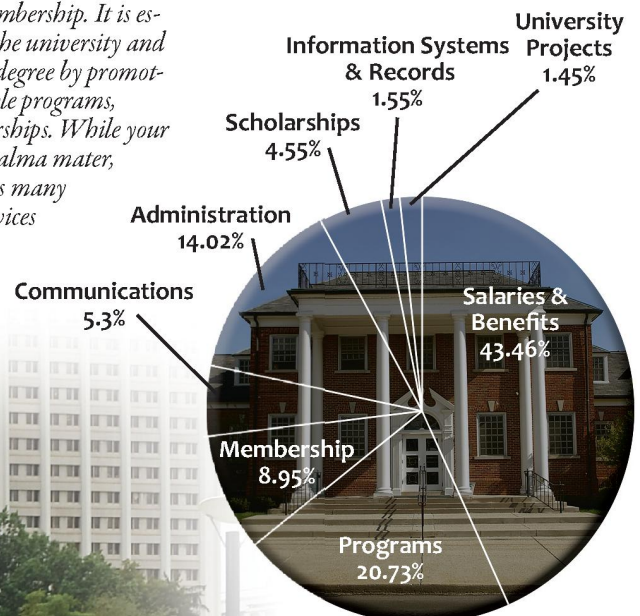
Helen G. King Alumni House

The Helen G. King Alumni House welcomes thousands of alumni and friends, students, faculty and staff for events and visits to campus. The house was home for more than 210 suite night stays and events that engaged more than 10,500 individuals with the association and university. A wide variety of events and programs were held, including a College of Pharmacy Luncheon with the Dean, the Student Government Leadership Development Program, Iraqi Delegation Reception, African American Student Reception, and Alumni Career Assessment Workshop.

We thank you for your membership. It is essential to help strengthen the university and enhance the value of your degree by promoting and supporting valuable programs, events, awards and scholarships. While your membership benefits your alma mater, it also helps you through its many benefits, discounts and services available only to members.



Revenues



Expenses

UK Alumni Association 2011 – 12 Officers

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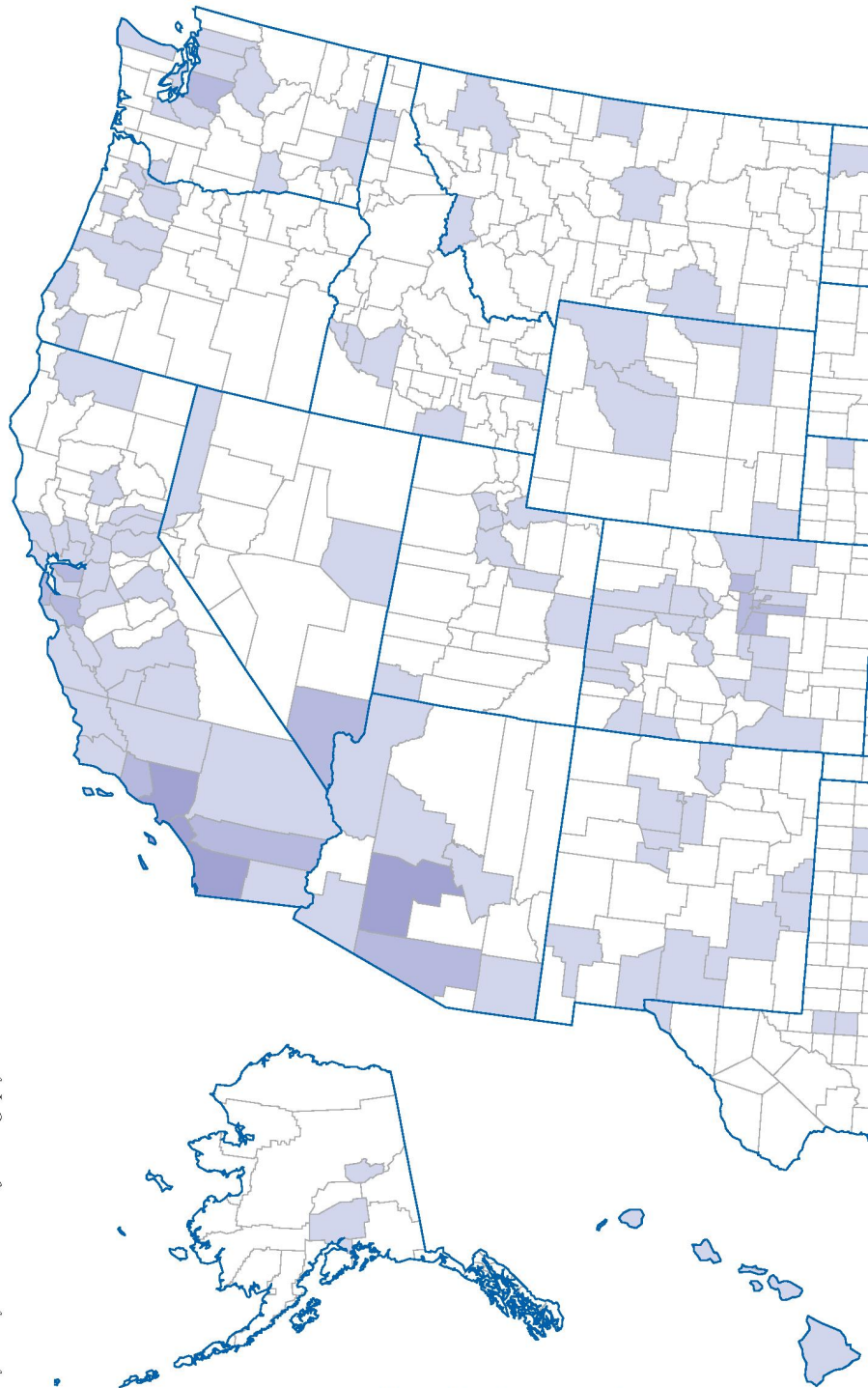
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	Number of UK Graduates	UK Alumni Association Members
Alabama	1,403	390
Alaska	156	13
Arizona	1,011	139
Arkansas	349	53
California	4,249	492
Colorado	1,495	204
Connecticut	541	82
Delaware	190	32
District of Columbia	394	61
Florida	6,468	1,528
Georgia	4,290	976
Guam	7	1
Hawaii	148	17
Idaho	150	11
Illinois	3,139	582
Indiana	3,563	749
Iowa	322	50
Kansas	430	79
Kentucky	103,025	23,705
Louisiana	544	89
Maine	186	12
Maryland	1,691	263
Massachusetts	919	88
Michigan	1,357	180
Minnesota	569	55
Mississippi	389	86
Missouri	1,208	233
Montana	140	12
Nebraska	179	20
Nevada	304	52
New Hampshire	212	31
New Jersey	1,100	149
New Mexico	356	39
New York	1,973	220
North Carolina	3,848	710
North Dakota	41	7
Ohio	8,828	1,867
Oklahoma	396	63
Oregon	545	35
Pennsylvania	1,897	313
Puerto Rico	38	4
Rhode Island	95	11
South Carolina	1,870	392
South Dakota	69	7
Tennessee	5,273	1,255
Texas	4,177	851
Utah	257	12
Vermont	122	4
Virgin Islands	8	0
Virginia	3,660	781
Washington	1,101	72
West Virginia	1,219	241
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Wyoming	95	12
International	1,228	33



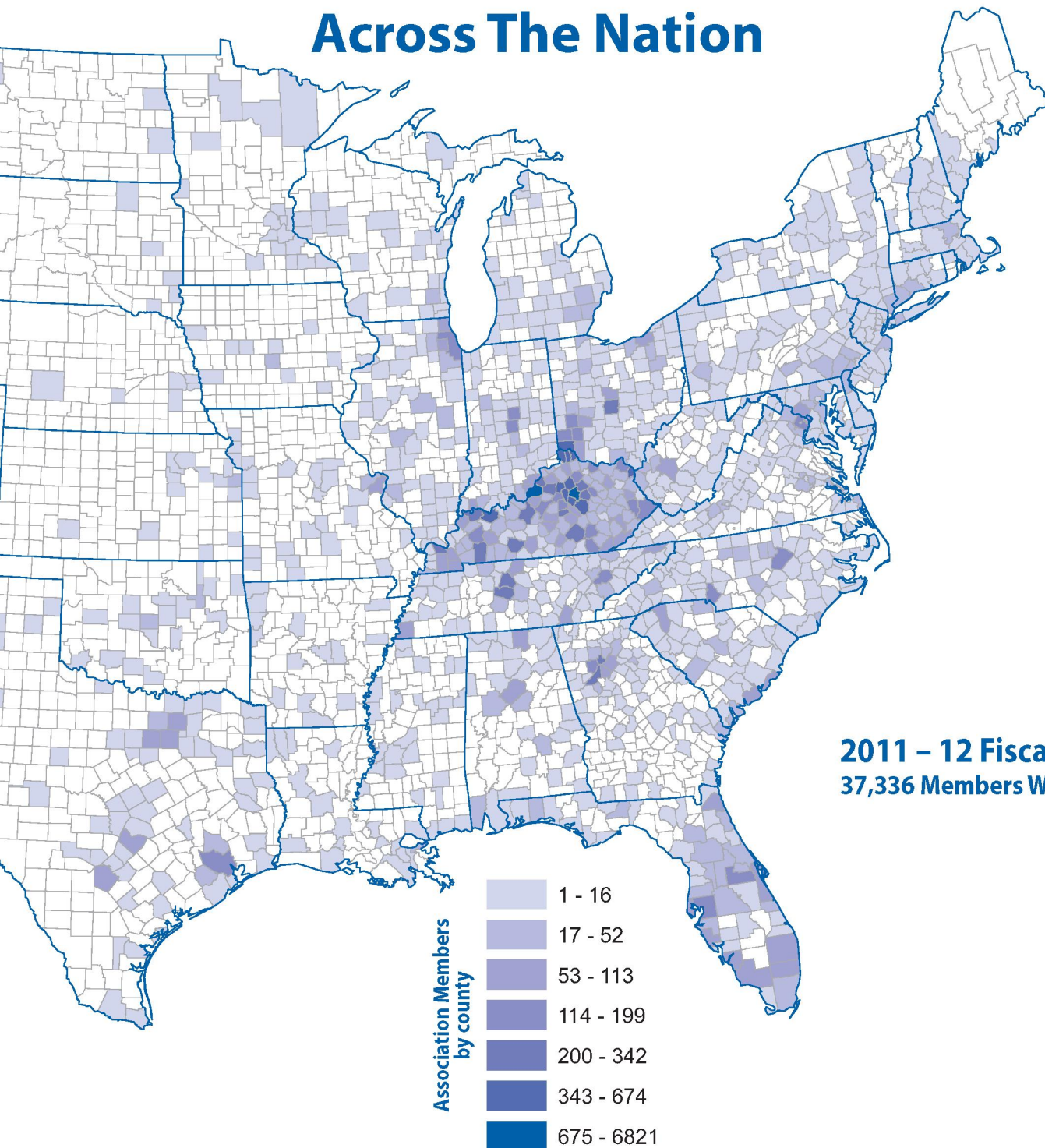
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177,854	Undergraduate and Graduate Degree
43,973	Two-Year Degree
18,094	Alumni (12+ hours no degree)
239,921	Total

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Frank Vogel, who graduated from UK with a degree in biology, began his journey to becoming a head coach in the NBA as the Wildcats' video coordinator.

FRANK VOGEL

PACERS COACH IS THE SECOND YOUNGEST IN THE NBA

By Kelli Elam

Frank Vogel AS '98 has always considered himself to be a "big dreamer." But even he is a little surprised by the dream he is living today. Vogel is the head coach of the Indiana Pacers and at 38 is currently the second youngest coach in the National Basketball Association (NBA).

"I have always dreamed big," Vogel says, "but even I don't know if I ever thought I would be a head coach in the NBA. I was a Division III player. I had never been a head coach on any level. So, it's amazing to be in this situation."

Vogel was named head coach of the Pacers in July 2011, after serving in the position for the last 38 games of the 2010-11 season. He led the team to a 20-18 record that season and its first playoff appearance in four seasons. Even though the Pacers lost in the first round, the tone was set for the team's return to the playoffs and expectations for the future.

It was just the beginning of Vogel's vision for the team.

"You could say that was my mid-season audition," Vogel says of the first 38 games of his career as a head coach. "It was an opportunity of a lifetime, and I just wanted to make the most of it. I had never been a head coach on any level. I quickly learned that I was very comfortable in the role. I think the players could sense that as well."

Under Vogel's guidance, the Pacers finished last season with a record of 42-24 and the fourth best winning percentage in franchise history. The team entered the playoffs as the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference, defeating the Orlando Magic in the opening round series before falling to eventual champions Miami Heat in the second round. The Pacers took a 2-1 game lead to start the series.

Vogel said the team and franchise took "a big step" last season and he believes it's just the beginning.

"I think last season definitely raised expectations," Vogel says. "My philosophy has always been to shoot for the moon. We want to be the best team in the league. You have to set those type of goals to achieve them. You have got to set the bar high."

For Vogel, success starts with relationships.

"Strong relationships," he says. "And trust. It's so important that the players know that I believe in them, and I know they believe in me. They know that I'm a good guy and believe that I know what I'm doing."

It's hard to believe, but Vogel is actually in his 15th season in the NBA, having spent eight seasons as an assistant. His journey to head coach of the Pacers began at Juniata College in Huntington, Pa., where he was a three-year starter for the basketball Eagles. Vogel decided to transfer to the University of Kentucky, not to play basketball, but to learn under then coach Rick Pitino. It was a decision that would shape the course of his career.

With the help of then assistant coach Jim O'Brien, Vogel became a student manager at UK. He was also a member of the junior varsity team at UK. After graduating from UK with a degree in biology, he landed the job as video coordinator for men's basketball. When Pitino left Kentucky to become the head coach of the Boston Celtics, Vogel followed, becoming the head video coordinator for the Celtics. He served in that role from 1997-2001 until O'Brien became the Celtics head coach and named him an assistant.

He followed O'Brien as an assistant in Philadelphia and in 2007 with the Pacers. Vogel also spent two seasons as an advance scout for the Los Angeles Lakers (2005-06) and Washington Wizards (2006-07).

"I owe so much to Coach Pitino," Vogel says. "One year out of the college, at a very young age, I was working in the NBA. He inspired me to go to UK. I really admired his approach to the game of basketball. I'm still close to him. He's a mentor."

Vogel fondly recalls his time at Kentucky and appreciates the basketball tradition.

"It's special," he says. "You walk into the Craft Center and you feel it. You look around, and it's a sense of, 'This is different. Things are different here.' I feel very fortunate to have been a part of it, even in a small way. I still pull for the Cats. I think a lot of Coach John Calipari. He's done a phenomenal job there."

Vogel added that it's hard not to notice the success of the Wildcats, particularly during the NBA Draft.

"It really is amazing," he said. "What's happening there is something you can't help but notice."

Life in the NBA can be all-consuming, especially for coaches. From practice, studying film of opponents, to sneaking in a workout, media duties, and actually coaching games, Vogel has his not-so-typical "typical" routine down to a science. Of course, when the team is on the road that adds another dimension to his schedule.

He always makes sure he spends time with family. He and his wife, Jenifer, have two daughters, ages 8 and 6.

"My family and my job — that's it. That's my life." He says. "I don't really have time for anything else. My family's really great. My daughters are used to my schedule now."

Vogel says they are very happy living in the Indianapolis area. He hopes to be there for a long time.

"It's a great place to live and to raise a family. We have great neighbors, and we really do love it here. I want to be the Jerry Sloan of the Pacers," he says. "I hope to be here for the next 20 years or so." ■

Men's basketball: New faces, same goal for 2012-13 edition of the Wildcats

By Kelli Elam

During UK men's basketball media day, Coach John Calipari said it would be boring to have the same team every year. He certainly won't be bored this season. If the Wildcats become the first team to repeat as NCAA National Champions since Florida did it in 2006 and 2007, Calipari will have to do it with almost a completely new team. No starter returns from last season.

After winning the eighth title in school history last season, Anthony Davis, the national player of the year, along with fellow freshmen Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Marquis Teague, and sophomores Doron Lamb and Terrence Jones, all elected to the enter the NBA Draft. Four were selected in the first round — Davis and Kidd-Gilchrist were selected No. 1 and No. 2 respectively. Lamb joined senior Darius Miller as second round picks.

As has become the norm in recent years, when talented players leave, Coach John Calipari simply brings in another crop of top freshman talent. This year's highly-touted newcomers are Archie Goodwin, 6-4.5 guard, Nerlens Noel, 6-10 forward, Alex Poythress, 6-7 forward and Willie Cauley-Stein, 7-0 forward.

"It's another new year, a new team," Calipari said during media day. "I'm still trying to figure it out and not get too much anxiety about how we're going to play."

Sophomore Kyle Wiltjer is the only returning player that contributed significant minutes last year, averaging 11.6 minutes and five points per game. Calipari said that Wiltjer worked to become stronger during the off season.

Wiltjer is ready to embrace the role of veteran and said it's good to have that experience and be able to teach the younger

guys what to do. He added that the team bonded early on. "I started missing the guys (from last season), then I got here this summer and met the new guys," Wiltjer said. "It's weird, but we kind of gelled immediately. It felt like we had known each other a lot longer than we had. We are a really close team, and I think that translates well on the court. Last season, we were very close and wanted to see each other succeed."

Sophomore Ryan Harrow, who sat out last season after transferring from North Carolina State, looks to become the next in the line of great Calipari-coached point guards.

Calipari said Harrow is ahead of the game because he has a year in the program under this belt. Now, he must perform in games. He said Harrow is out of the mold of former UK point guard Brandon Knight.

"He can score the ball. He's skilled like Brandon was. He's becoming a good lay-up shooter."

Calipari talked with Wiltjer and Harrow about the importance of them working out together, getting comfortable with each other because they are going to have their hands on the ball a lot.

"Ryan and I are really close on and off the court. We are at our best when we help each other out and that's going to be a big key this year," Wiltjer said.

Julius Mays played two seasons at North Carolina State before transferring to Wright State where he averaged 14 points per game. He is eligible to play immediately because he is enrolled in a graduate program at UK not offered at Wright State. Senior Twany Beckham, juniors Jon Hood, back after missing last season due to a knee injury, and Jarrod Polson, along with sophomores Brian Long and Sam Malone complete the roster.

For Calipari, it's another opportunity to mold great talent into a great team come March — much like last year.

"I've said before, if I have my choice between experience and talent, I'm going to take talent. This is a talented group," Calipari added. "We've got length. We've got some slashers, got a couple of shooters. We were worried about toughness last year, and I will tell you that I am a little more worried about the toughness of this year's team."

Calipari will try to be patient as the team progresses.

"Comparing this team to that team in March is not fair," said Calipari. "They're not going to be. We're going to turn it over. We're going to get pushed around. Defensively, we're going to have breakdowns. Offensively, we're going to look like what in the world are they doing, and it's going to be the process we go through."

Calipari added that he really likes his team.

"I like what they'll look like in March in my mind." ■



Ryan Harrow



Photos: UK Athletics

Sophomore Kyle Wiltjer averaged playing 11 minutes per game last season for the Cats.

UK Hoops: Four starters return from last year's Elite Eight team

By Kelli Elam

UK women's basketball coach Matthew Mitchell knows there is more to winning than simply having talent. Not that this year's edition of UK Hoops is lacking in talent. Four starters return from last year's team that finished 28-7, won the SEC regular season title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight. Add talented newcomers and expectations for this season are sky-high.

But sixth-year head coach Mitchell, the 2012 SEC Coach of the Year, knows there is still plenty of work to do.

"Every year is a brand new opportunity to become a great team," Mitchell says. "This group has incredible upside with a lot of talented players. We have a lot of players back and some very talented new players, but we can't call them a truly great team yet. It's our job (as coaches) to bring them together as a true team. Now is when the real work begins."

UK is one of the deepest teams in the country this season, led by senior guard A'dia Mathies, who was named to the preseason watch list for The State Farm Wade Trophy. The award is presented annually to the nation's most outstanding NCAA Division I women's basketball player. "Everyone knows her now. The challenge for A'dia this year is to continue to work hard and keep improving," Mitchell says. "And we have no doubt that she will."

Mathies, the 2012 SEC Player of the Year, led UK in scoring last season with 15 points per game. She also led the team in assists (2.7) and steals (2.6) per game.

Mitchell says Mathies, along with fellow senior Brittany Henderson, provides leadership for the team.

"We really do look to them for leadership. This senior class has the opportunity to do something we've never done, and that's go to four straight NCAA Tournaments," says

Mitchell. "The program has literally transformed during their time here. It's an opportunity for them to do something really special."

Also back this year are starters Bria Goss, last year's SEC Freshman of the Year, and Samarie Walker, who was named to the NCAA Tournament Kingston All-Region team last year.

Jennifer O'Neill, who sat out the 2011-12 season

due to injury, is back along with DeNesha Stallworth, who sat out last season after transferring from California. Junior college transfer Jelleah Sidney and freshman McDonald's All-American Janee Thompson will provide Mitchell with many options.

"We are very excited about the new faces on this year's team. I think fans are really going to enjoy watching them play. I know our fans are going to be so happy to see Jen (Jennifer O'Neill) back on the floor for us," says Mitchell.

With an abundance of talent comes high expectations. The UK women ranked in the top 10 in preseason rankings. After falling to Connecticut in the Elite Eight last season, Mitchell talked about taking the next step. This season he certainly has the talent to do it.

"It's hard to pinpoint one thing that we need to do this season in order to take that next step. But I would say that we want to be a better shooting team. I think shooting hurt us in a couple of games last season," Mitchell adds.

UK will face a tough nonconference slate, including games against 2012 NCAA National Champs Baylor and in-state rival Louisville. The always challenging SEC portion of the schedule begins on Jan. 3 against Florida.

"I think the SEC is really wide open this year," says Mitchell. "It's a terrific league, and it's truly special for me to coach in it. With the additions of Missouri and Texas A&M, it's going to be an even stronger league. Those are two very good, well-coached programs."

Mitchell adds that he shares in the fans' excitement for the season.

"Of all the really neat things I get to do as coach here, and I enjoy them all, this is my favorite — working with my players every day in practice and molding them into a great team." ■



A'dia Mathies

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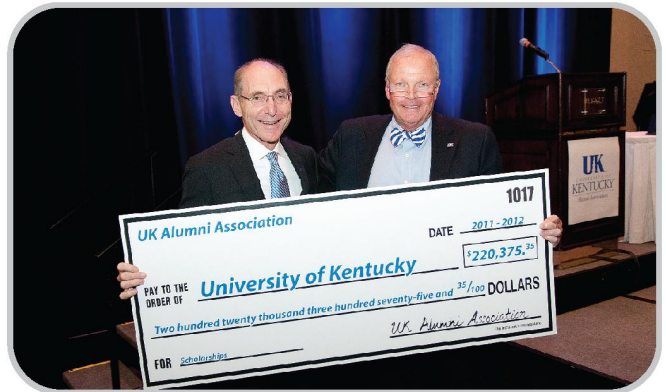
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Bria Goss, the 2012 SEC Freshman of the Year, is one of four returning starters from last season's Elite Eight team.

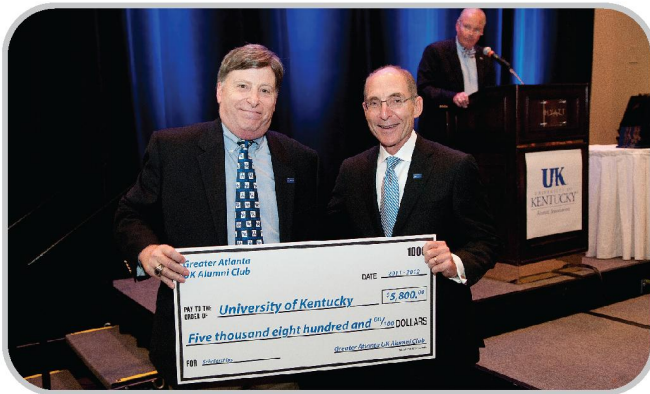
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The UK Alumni Association and its clubs presented UK President Eli Capilouto with a check for the total amount of contributions made during the 2011-12 fiscal year. This includes more than \$130,000 from alumni clubs, \$82,000 from the UK Alumni Association and \$7,000 from individuals, for a grand total of \$220,375.35!

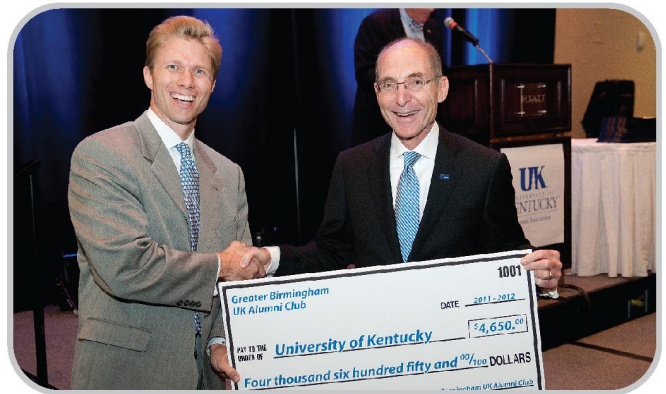
Pictured are clubs who attended the fall Scholarship Awards Banquet, making contributions to either their endowment or spending accounts in the 2011-12 fiscal year.



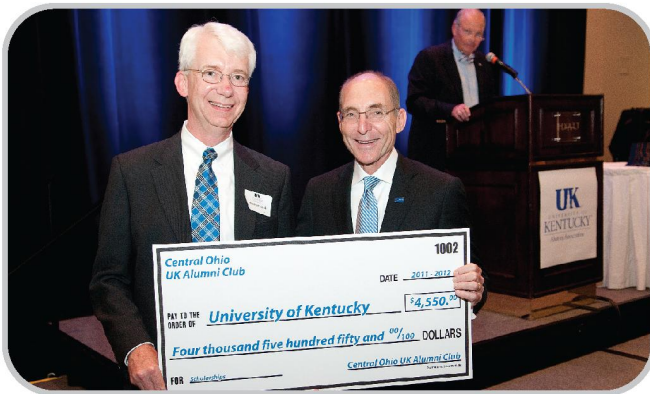
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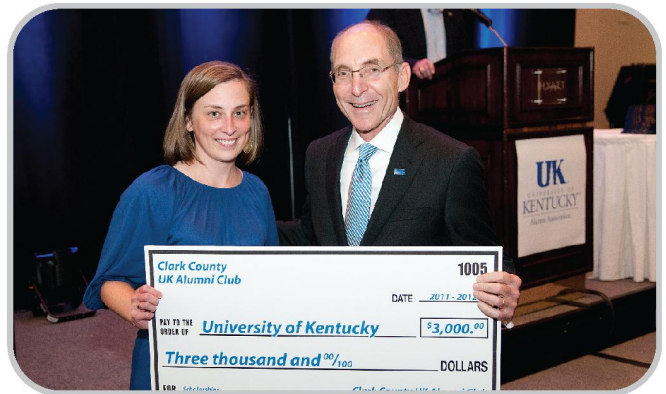
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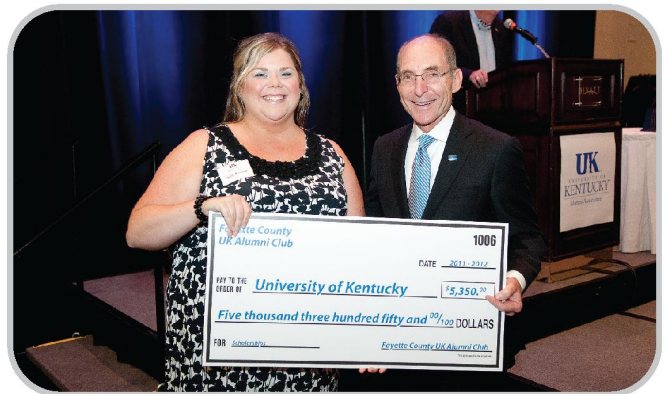
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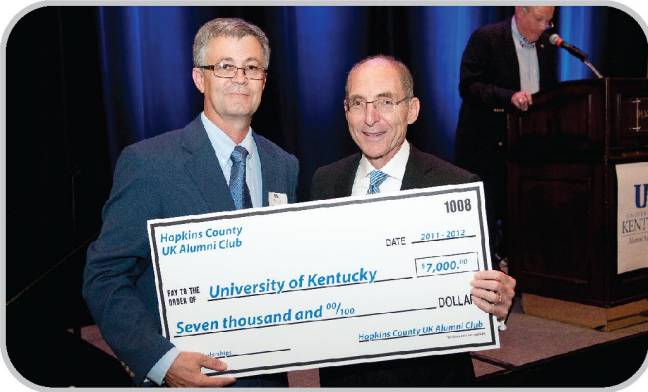
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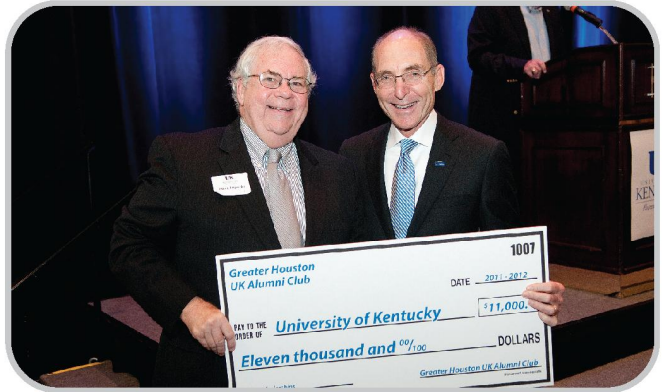
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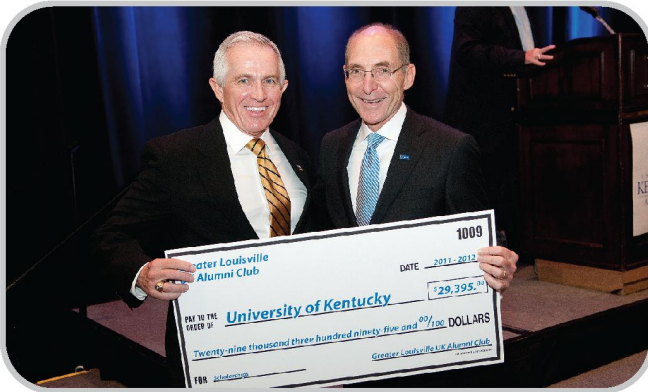
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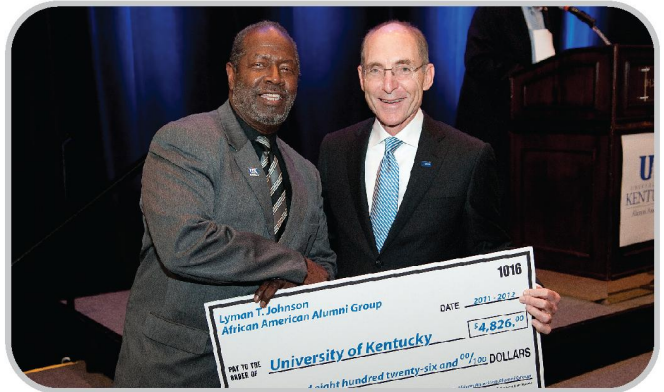
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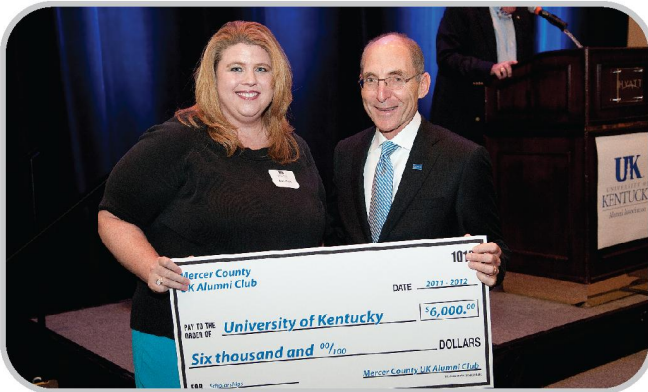
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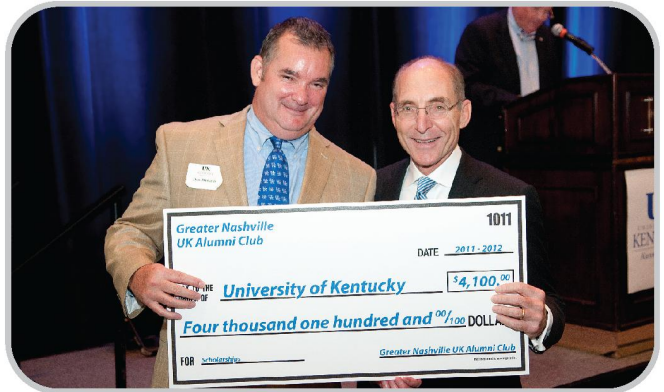
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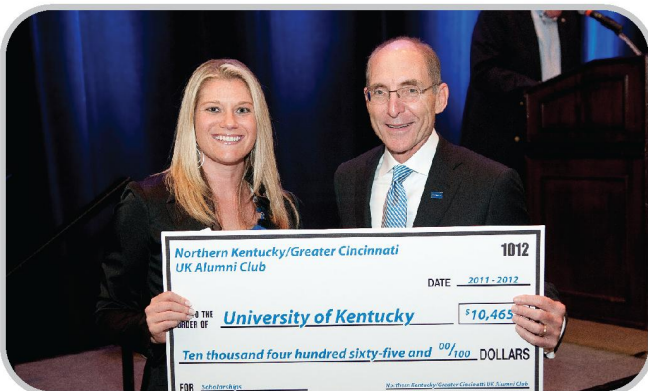
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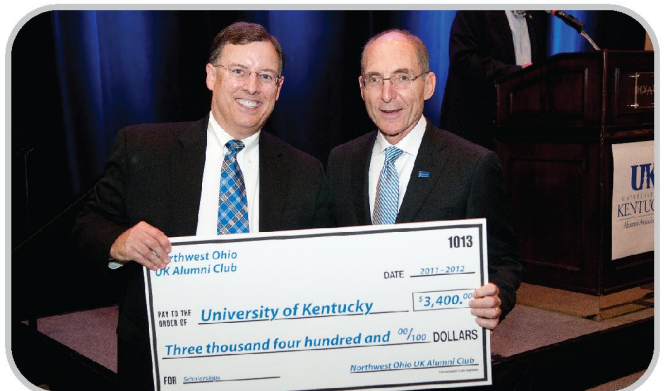
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Northern KY/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club: \$10,465



Northwest Ohio UK Alumni Club: \$3,400

Alumni Clubs

1) Bob Hall '69 '70 EN, president of the **Triangle Area UK Alumni Club**, shows off his new North Carolina UK license plate. The Triangle Area UK Alumni Club and the **Charlotte UK Alumni Club** diligently worked for five years to get this official license plate in the state of North Carolina.

2) The **Chattanooga UK Alumni Club** hosted a Student Send-off party for Chattanooga area students. They are pictured here next to the "Prometheus Rising" sculpture at Rock City in Lookout Mountain, Ga.

3) The **Greater Atlanta UK Alumni Club** hosted a Student Send-off party for area UK students.

4) UK fans and members of the **Greater Chicago UK Alumni Club** go "goggles up" during an SEC flag football tournament in Chicago, Ill.

5) Members of the **Boston UK Alumni Club** hold a UK football poster during a UK vs. U of L Game Watch Party. This was the club's first event as an official alumni club!

6) The **Northern California UK Alumni Club** hosted a Student Send-off and summer picnic in Alamo, Calif.





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The College of Medicine welcomed 118 students into the Class of 2016 during its White Coat Ceremony. Out of this group, 87 are Kentuckians, 51 are from rural and Appalachian counties and 41 percent are women.



Almost 200 College of Dentistry alumni and friends attended a retirement party in honor of Dr. John Mink. Mink, a founding faculty member of the college, has been teaching at UK since the college's opening in 1962. From left to right: Dr. Charlotte Haney '73 HS, '76 '83 DE, Dr. John Mink, Dr. Joan Kluemper '73 AS, '76 DE and Dr. Debra Arnett Brashear '73 HS, '83 DE.



College of Design alums enjoy an alumni event in New York, N.Y. From left to right: Aria Jahanshahi '08 DES, Scott Francisco (a former faculty member), Amanda Potter '05 DES and Maria Milkova '06 DES.



Alumni and friends of the College of Public Health attended an American Public Health Association event in Washington, D.C.

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Bright Lights:

Phumzile Sojola and Andrea Jones-Sojola make Broadway debut

By Molly Clark

They have traveled the globe singing in successful operas and musical theater productions but Phumzile Sojola '00 FA and Andrea Jones-Sojola '00 FA recently completed a nine-month stint performing in one of the most venerable theater districts in the world: Broadway.

Performing in "The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess" on Broadway has been a dream come true for this husband and wife duo — especially because they experienced the lights of Broadway together.

"Performing with these performers in this cast (which includes the likes of Audra McDonald and Norm Lewis) is really special," says Phumzile Sojola, a Port Elizabeth, South Africa, native who played Peter the Honeyman. "It makes me want to pinch myself every time we walk into that theater...it's like getting drafted into the NBA as a college ball player. There isn't a higher level in musical theater, at least."

Andrea Jones-Sojola, originally from Louisville, played the Strawberry Woman in this scaled down, musical theater version of the Gershwins' masterpiece. It was actually originally an opera; a field in which the Sojolas feel right at home. They both worked and performed with the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre program while students.

"I dreamed of performing on Broadway as a child but my first formal studies were in classical music," says Andrea Jones-Sojola. "It's funny how

it was an opera that brought me to a Broadway stage! I've performed Porgy and Bess several times but it's a different experience singing in the Richard Rogers Theatre."

While working in the show, the Sojolas have had several brushes with fame. They were featured on Rosie O'Donnell's former talk show, "The Rosie Show," performed during the Tony Awards and have met a host of famous faces who are regularly in attendance to see the show. Andrea Jones-Sojola says her favorite guest was Michelle Obama who hugged her and said, "Oh, my magical Strawberry Woman!"

Andrea Jones-Sojola even received flowers from Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul."

"Usually when celebrities come to the show, they keep the curtain up, we exit the stage, change out of our costumes and greet them in the stage manager's office," she says. "Well, on this night, the curtain came down and the Queen of Soul made a grand entrance on our stage...Now that is a star! So, the next day I get to the theater and see a few bouquets of gorgeous flowers. At intermission I decided to take a peek at the card. It said, 'You really got into the song "Strawberries." Loved it. All the best, Aretha.' She sent two dozen roses."

Andrea Jones-Sojola has made a foray into movies. She had a short spot in Tyler Perry's film "For Colored Girls."

The Sojolas met and fell in love while students at UK.

They married four years after graduating.

"I will never forget being a student there when we won the NCAA basketball championships with Coach Pitino and Coach Tubby Smith," says Phumzile Sojola. "Also, doing 'A Grand Night for Singing' was one of my favorite experiences. We got to work and sing with people from the community in Lexington and Fayette County. Those folks were really special performers. This added to our learning experience as a whole and made us learn the importance of collaborating with professionals."

"The opportunities I was given just by being in Everett McCorvey's studio are numerous," says Andrea Jones-Sojola. "I mean, this is where I learned to sing. The operas, the 'Grand Night for Singing' shows which prepared me for my Broadway experience, singing for Desmond Tutu on his visit to UK, Mama's Kitchen (the old soul food restaurant in the Student Center)...I remember the walks I used to take on the beautiful campus with my good friend who is now my husband. I grew up at UK. It made me who I am."

When not spending time with their daughter Zani, you can expect to see the Sojolas' names in bright lights again. Phumzile Sojola has already been cast in a new Broadway production of "Cinderella." For them, there is no business like show business. ■

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1950s

Don Fowls '51 BE is president emeritus of the Blue Ash Chapter of the International Fellowship of Christian Businessmen (IFCB). He is the founding president of the Cincinnati Chapter of IFCB.

Thomas Givhan '51 LAW, '09 AS is an attorney at Givhan & Spainhour in Shepherdsville. He is also a senior member of the Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission.

1960s

Peggy Frost Elliott '60 ED is a librarian and elementary school teacher at Trinity Episcopal School in Marshall, Texas. This is her 50th year in the teaching profession.



Roger O. Minton '63 AS is vice chairman and board member emeritus of the Texas Transportation Museum. He is a retired school teacher and U.S. Army colonel and resides in San Antonio, Texas.



Robert Heffern '67 ED recently retired as associate professor and education department chairman from the University of the Cumberland. He resides in Winchester, Va.

Thomas Cheatham '68 '71 AS is director of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Jerry J. Cox '68 LAW is a solo practitioner criminal defense lawyer in Mount Vernon. He was recently sworn in as president-elect of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the association's 54th annual meeting in San Francisco, Calif.

1970s

R. Michael Ricketts '71 BE is a managing director with the Louisville office of Morgan Keegan & Company. He was also named to Barron's list of "The Top 1,000 Advisors" in the country.

Charles Chaney '73 BE is executive vice president and chief operations officer for First Federal Savings Bank of Elizabethtown.

Mark Hay '74 AS is professor and chair of environmental biology at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He was awarded the 2012 Robert L. and Bettie P. Cody Award in Ocean Sciences from Scripps Institution of Oceanography at University of California – San Diego. This biennial award recognizes outstanding scientific achievement in oceanography, marine biology and earth science.

Juliann Sebastian '74 '77 NUR, '94 BE is dean of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of



Nursing. She was selected to be part of the inaugural class in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Wharton Executive Leadership Program at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Deborah McNeil Whitehouse '74 NUR is dean of the Eastern Kentucky University College of Health Sciences in Richmond. She has served in various leadership positions at the university over the last 28 years.

Jimmie Yeiser '74 '76 AG is director of the Forest Resources Institute and holder of the T.L.L. Temple chair in the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. He is recognized internationally as a leader in product development for woody and herbaceous plant control in southern forests.

Gerald N. Glickman '75 AS is professor and chairman of endodontics and director of graduate endodontics at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas. He was recently installed as the president of the American Dental Education Association.

Gary T. "Doc" Huffman '75 BE is chairman of the Ohio National Board of Directors. He is also the company's president and chief executive officer. He resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

James M. Woods '75 AS is an orthodontist at Bluegrass Orthodontics in Paducah. He was recognized in Orthodontic Products magazine as a Best of 2012 Orthodontist.

A. Joseph Threlkeld '76 HS, '84 MED is an associate professor of physical therapy and director of the Rehabilitation Science Research Laboratory



at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. He recently received a two-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the causes of fatigue in people with Parkinson's disease.

Mark S. Fenzel '77 BE is an attorney for Middleton Reutlinger in Louisville. He was recently selected by Chambers USA 2012 as a "Leading Lawyer in Business" in the areas of litigation, medical malpractice and insurance defense, and general commercial litigation.

Charles Matthews '77 CI is the director of Rodgers Library in Hudson, Mass. He previously oversaw the music, art and media department at Nashua Public Library in New Hampshire.

Warren David Harless '78 BE is a partner in the litigation department of Christian & Barton LLP in Richmond, Va. He is the 2012-13 president of the Virginia State Bar.

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1980s

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Terri MacGregor harnesses the power of the sun as a solar missionary By Molly Clark

Terri MacGregor '09 EN was an electrical engineer at Lexmark when she decided to pursue a master's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Kentucky. Little did she know that her education at UK would allow her to find her true calling as a solar missionary.

"At the time they (Lexmark) had a continuing education program, which was one of the reasons I chose to work for them," she says. "I wanted an electrical engineering master's and I knew UK had a good engineering program."

In her final year at UK, MacGregor embarked upon a final "master's project" that changed the course of her life.

"I did a solar system design for an orphanage for my master's project in 2009," she says. "One of the professors on my examining committee, Jimmie Cathey, had recently been on a solar mission project for SonLight Power (SLP). When he saw my interest in using solar to help others he sent me the link to the SLP website and then recommended me to the founder of SLP. I immediately signed up for the next available mission which took place that June. Soon after, I left Lexmark and dedicated my time to solar missions."

As the engineering innovation leader for SLP, MacGregor designs, builds and installs solar electric systems for orphanages, schools and clinics in impoverished countries in Central America and the Caribbean. She also trains missionaries, locals and

students, and has lead installation teams. Through her work with SLP, she has been on 14 missions to Honduras, Haiti, Nicaragua and Mexico, and expects to travel to Africa as part of her missionary journeys.

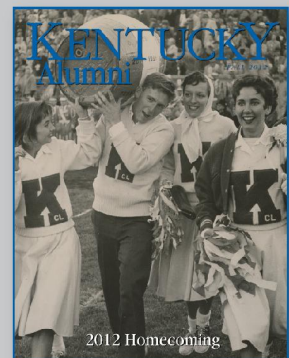
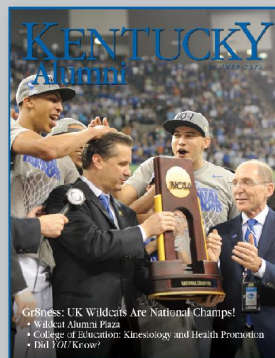
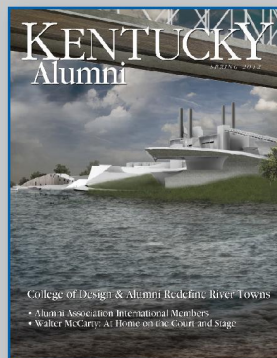
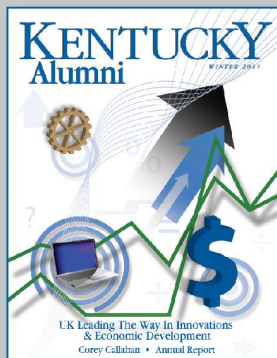
MacGregor, whose website is www.solarmissionary.org, thinks this sustainable energy is ideal for developing countries.

"Solar power produces good quality power, and it can be installed far from the electric grid," she says. "Also, it is economically a great option, especially in countries like Haiti where many of the missionaries are forced to use generators. With the high costs of generator fuel, a solar power system can often pay for itself in just two years."

As for her future, MacGregor and her husband are considering moving from their home in Houston, Texas, to Honduras to dedicate themselves to mission work and use their technical skills and talents to serve those less fortunate.



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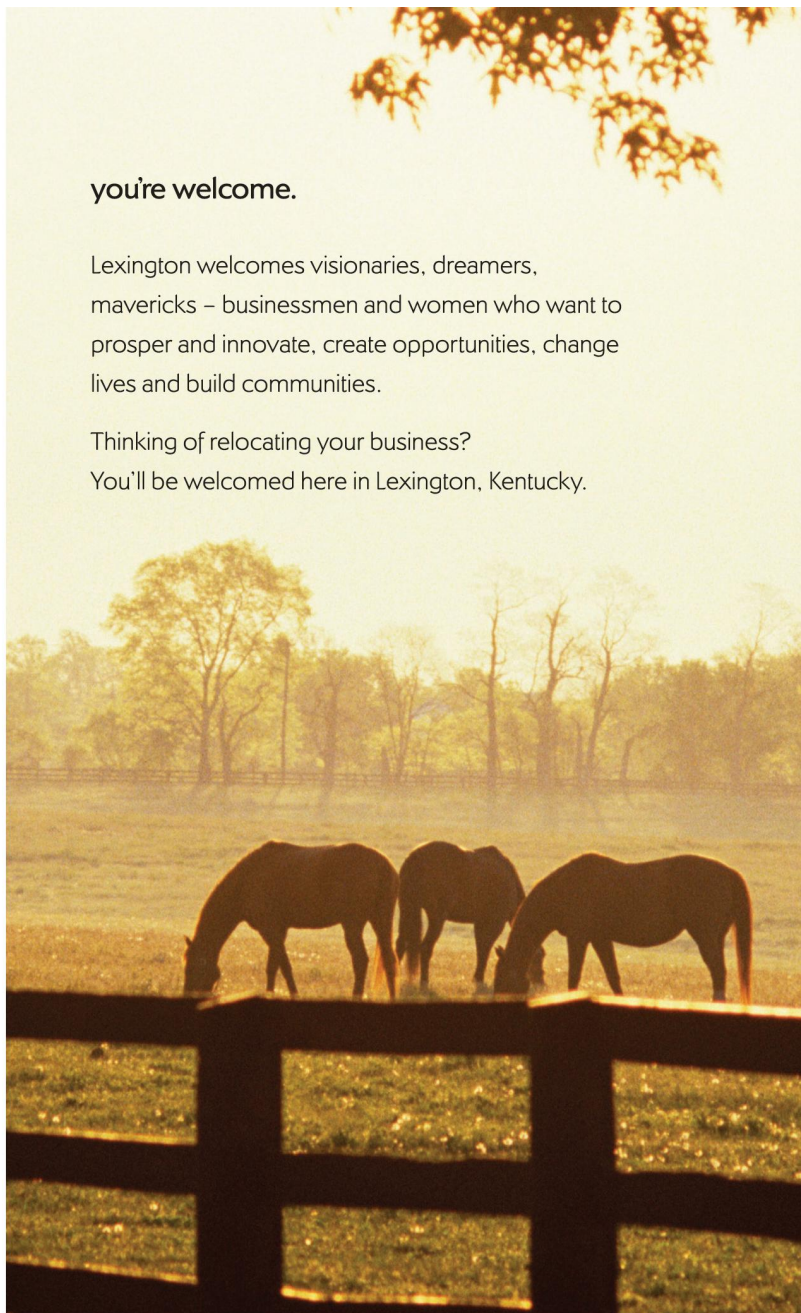
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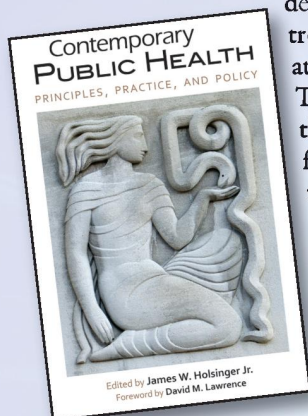
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Creative Juices

Dr. James W. Holsinger Jr. '97 AS has edited "Contemporary Public Health: Principles, Practice, and Policy," which is designed to be a supplemental text for introductory courses in public health practice at the undergraduate and graduate levels.



The book provides historical background that contextualizes the current state of the field and explores the major issues practitioners face today.

Essential topics addressed include the social and ecological determinants of health and their impact on practice, marginalized populations, the role of community-oriented primary care, the importance of services and systems research, accreditation, and the organizational landscape of the American public health system. The book also examines international public health and explores the potential of systems based on multilevel partnerships of government, academic and nonprofit organizations.

Holsinger is the Charles T. Wethington Jr. Chair in the Health Sciences at UK. He has also served as secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services from 2003 to 2005.

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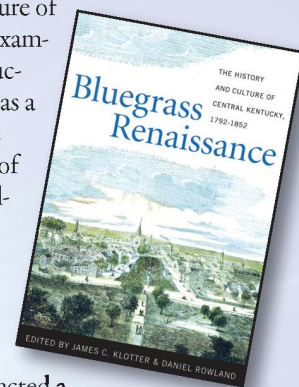
Jose Cardona-Lopez '97 AS has written "Al otro lado del acaso" ("The Other Side of Perhaps"), which is a collection of 50 short stories that use various literary styles such as narrative, irony and surrealism.

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Christopher Epling '12 wrote and illustrated "Erby's Turn to Rake," a children's book about a polliwog who flees his home to avoid doing chores, after he was inspired during his U.S. Army tour of duty in Iraq.

christopherepling.com

James C. Klotter '68 '69 ED, '75 AS has co-authored "Bluegrass Renaissance: The History and Culture of Central Kentucky, 1792 - 1852," which examines the factors that contributed to the success of Central Kentucky and Lexington as a cultural and intellectual region, as well as the factors which led to the diminishing of that reputation. Tracing Kentucky's development from statehood to the death of Henry Clay, "Bluegrass Renaissance" includes chapters on art, architecture, music, science, education, politics, racing, women and slavery.



Agricultural wealth and good land attracted a large and diverse population. Strangers in the state might hear not only English but also African words from some slaves or the occasional Native American voice. Walking down the streets of Lexington, visitors could listen to an Irish brogue, a Scotch-Irish accent, or individuals speaking German, French or Welsh. People sought a better life in the "Athens of the West."

Klotter, who is professor of history at Georgetown College, co-authored the book with **Daniel Rowland**, associate professor of history at the University of Kentucky.

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Abigail Keam '77 AS is the author of "Death by Bourbon," the fourth installment of the mystery series involving sleuth Josiah Reynolds. Her first and second novels were finalists on the USA Book News – Best Book List of 2011.

Worker Bee Press
www.abigailkeam.com

Kyra C. Kramer '95 '01 AS is the author of "Blood Will Tell: A Medical Explanation of the Tyranny of Henry VIII," which covers the transformation of the man, once praised as a hero, into the "English Nero."

www.amazon.com
Kindle edition

Leigh Peyton Mikovch '94 BE has written a humorous Christian devotional called, "The Bug, the Pea, & Me: 52 Devotions of Love and Laughter," which is centered on the lessons that children teach their parents.

www.amazon.com

Whitney Collins Thompson '04 BE has written "25 Before 25," a book that addresses the social, relationship and sexual pressures faced by women in their early 20s and aims to help women be savvy, sassy and educated.

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60 years ago...

Students enjoy hanging out at the popular Student Union grill. Here Cokes, coffee, milk shakes and sandwiches were combined with the popular music of the day.



Photo: 1952 Kentuckian

27 years ago...

David Nickell '87 BE and John Cain '86 BE squirt each other with paint-filled bottles to raise money for scholarships during the 1985 Free-for-All event.



Photo: 1986 Kentuckian

48 years ago...

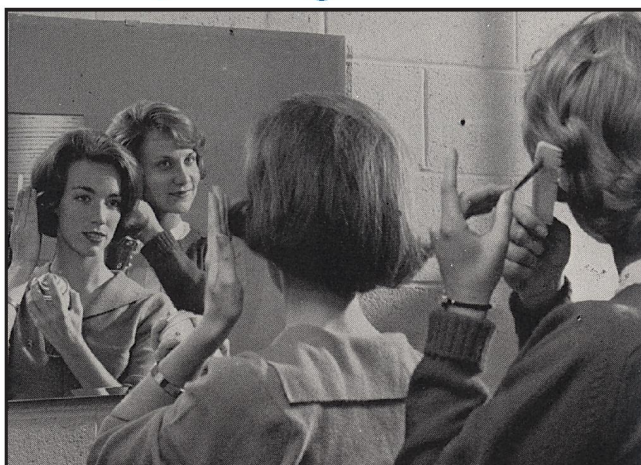


Photo: 1964 Kentuckian

Mary Gail McCall Howes '64 AS and Jolinda Wood Menne '65 ED primp before heading off to class.

19 years ago...



Photo: 1994 Kentuckian

Two Wildcat fans wear footballs on their heads while cheering on the Cats during a fall football game.



Photo: David Stephenson

Grad Salute!

Nicole Challita of Bellbrook, Ohio, expecting to graduate during UK's December Commencement, sits patiently as Tessa Lighty of Mokena, Ill., the Kentucky Kernel photo editor, makes a last-minute adjustment to her cap before her portrait is taken for the Kentuckian. Grad Salute, a one-stop-shop where UK students can take care of all their graduation needs, was held in the King Alumni House in October. The UK Alumni Association hosted 402 students during the event, with 52 students becoming new association members.



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