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In Memoriam

Kelli L. Elam

Associate Director for Communications and Membership

April 17, 1969 - May 2, 2016

As this summer issue was going to press, we lost our friend, colleague and editor of the Kentucky Alumni magazine, Kelli L. Elam, following her courageous 13-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Kelli's fight against this terrible disease began in March, 2015, while in Cleveland as her beloved Kentucky Wildcats came away with another NCAA Regional Championship.

Many of you had the opportunity to meet Kelli personally, while others knew her through her writing and contributions to Kentucky Alumni magazine and our social media accounts. Kelli began her career with the association in 2004 as an advertising and editorial assistant and was promoted to the associate director for communications in 2010. In 2011, she also assumed responsibility for the association's membership program. Prior to her work with the association, she was a sports journalist for various local Kentucky newspapers.

From the time of Kelli's arrival on the association staff, she always brought to the office a bright smile, an energetic spirit, respect for others, exceptional dedication to her work and a professional approach to everything she did. She had a tremendous loyalty to the University of Kentucky and the UK Alumni Association. And she always accepted new challenges and responsibilities in her position with enthusiasm and took them on with a determination to make them work. She was always willing to do more for others and eager to lend a hand when and wherever necessary.

Kelli took tremendous pride in her professional position with the UK Alumni Association, and she excelled in it. As editor of the Kentucky Alumni magazine, she always produced a very engaging and informative letter on Page 4 of the magazine. Through the magazine, the Wildcat Connection electronic newsletter, social media posts, media releases and various public relations efforts, Kelli and her staff provided opportunities for alumni and friends of UK to celebrate accomplishments, learn and connect with their alma mater.

Under Kelli's leadership, the association engaged alumni and friends through the member benefits and services program and increased nondues revenue from affinity program sponsors and advertising. She also served as the association's media representative with UK Athletics, and Kelli loved covering the Wildcats and sharing their success with other Wildcat fans.

Her loyalty and passion for UK were unflinching and inspiring, and we continue to try to follow her example in our work today. Kelli understood and shared the deep affinity alumni feel for the University of Kentucky, and she had a tremendous respect for the role they play in making UK a special place.

Kelli was a vibrant and energetic woman committed to her family and her career. An avid UK Wildcats fan, Kelli leaves behind many friends and a legacy of loyalty and community involvement. She was a respected and supportive colleague and friend to both staff and alumni volunteers of the association.

Kelli is survived by her mother Carolyn Elam, sister Dana Elam (Jami), sister Jonndrea Elam and brother John David Elam II.

It was a privilege and an honor to know and work with Kelli, and it goes without saying that she will be missed in many ways. Both staff and alumni have mentioned how much they will miss her "me and Mama" stories and her clicking stilettos on the hardwood floor of the Helen G. King Alumni House.

A recognition, possibly a scholarship, in memory of Kelli is being planned by the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors. Memorial contributions may be made payable to the UK Alumni Association and mailed to the UK Alumni Association, 400 Rose Street, King Alumni House, Lexington, KY 40506 or online at www.ukalumni.net/KelliElamMemorialFund.

Memories of Kelli

"Kelli was one of the kindest and most positive people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. There was never a time that my phone calls to her weren't met with excitement and positive energy."

"Her infectious smile and kindness lifted up the room."

"She loved people and she loved her Cats — saw her handle some incredibly difficult situations with the utmost class. I will miss seeing her smile (however the game was going)."

"She was a bright, shining star to all who knew her. We will remember Kelli's smile and generous spirit."

"What a privilege it was to know this beautiful, amazing, strong woman who brought ideas, passion and energy to our industry."

"A true professional who had great passion for her colleagues, friends, and family. Kelli will be missed by all who were fortunate to know her. May her pleasant smile and warm heart live on in each of us."

"Kelli was a shining star that I looked forward to seeing every time I was at UK. She made the world a better, brighter place."

"A wonderful woman who will be missed by so many. I will miss her Facebook posts which always made me smile on the darkest of days."



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Over the last several months, I've shared with our campus, state lawmakers, community leaders and alumni, the stories that capture our role as the University for Kentucky. It's a powerful message that illustrates the diverse ways — through education, research, service and health care — that we serve people within our Commonwealth and beyond its borders.

In one example, several major cancer groups in Kentucky — with leadership from UK's Markey Cancer Center — worked collaboratively to reduce the Commonwealth's startling high colorectal cancer rates. Together, the Kentucky Cancer Consortium nearly doubled the number of cancer screenings over the last several years. At the same time, the incidence rate for colorectal cancer is down nearly 25 percent and the mortality rate has dropped by 30 percent.

Several UK faculty and clinicians were present at a three-day summit on heroin and opioid addiction in Atlanta. Their participation on discussion panels and in plenary sessions exemplifies UK's expertise and capacity to address the scourge of addiction in communities across our state and nation.

Our faculty's work isn't limited to health care.

One UK professor and his students are helping design sustainable solutions for Appalachian communities rebuilding after disasters. Beginning in the Morgan County community of West Liberty, the prototypes and proposals are now helping Johnson County respond to severe flooding.

Another is sharing her remarkable talent with the world. From Lexington's new 21c Museum and Hotel, to the Museum of Arts and Design in New York City, and further still on the nation's television screen in the Fox hit drama, "Empire," Professor Ebony Patterson's provocative work is in the spotlight. Her artwork raises questions about larger social constructs and perceptions of masculinity, beauty and gender ideals.

These are just a few ways, among many, that the University of Kentucky faculty discover, create and serve others. They are artists, historians, economists, engineers and healers. They are colleagues, teachers and mentors who shape young minds and inspire them to serve and give back.

The impact of our faculty and staff is evident during our Commencement activities. In early May, the University conferred more than 4,800 degrees to our graduates and welcomed them into the UK alumni family.

While here, they, too, contributed to the UK story. Among them are participants who raised millions to fight pediatric cancer. They collected textbooks for schoolchildren in Cameroon. They competed and placed in entrepreneurial competitions with students from universities across the nation. They balanced academics with athletics, student organizations,

personal obligations and friendships.

And in May they left our campus with a degree, prepared to lead lives of meaning and purpose. More than 60 percent of our graduates will be employed in Kentucky next year, many are employed elsewhere, and 10 percent choose to pursue graduate degrees. These are the professionals, civic leaders and taxpayers who strengthen the economic and civic vibrancy of Kentucky and communities beyond our borders.

The scope and scale of the UK story is profound. From our students, to our faculty and staff, to alumni and friends who invest in us to propel and ensure the story is alive for the next generation of Wildcats, we are the University for Kentucky.



Eli Capilouto
President



On a personal note, I want to acknowledge a dear member of the UK family. Kelli Elam, who for more than 11 years served her alma mater and its alumni family, recently lost her battle with cancer. Kelli was a special part of this place, and she was an ardent storyteller and Wildcat fan. Kelli will be missed on our campus, but the imprint she made on others throughout her life will remain a part of us and will create a bright legacy for those who follow.



Photo: UK Public Relations & Marketing

F. Joseph Halcomb and Joani Halcomb

\$7 million gift to transform UK Biomedical Engineering

UK received a \$7 million gift from alumnus F. Joseph Halcomb and wife Joani Halcomb to rename and transform the Department of Biomedical Engineering. The F. Joseph Halcomb III, M.D. Department of Biomedical Engineering will be the first named department in the College of Engineering. Established in 1985, the Center for Biomedical Engineering resided within the Graduate School before joining the college in 2010. In 2013, it became an official department.

The Halcombs' \$7 million naming gift will add one endowed chair and two endowed fellowships to a faculty of eight — a 27 percent increase. Additionally, the Halcomb Family Graduate Fellowships in Biomedical Engineering will add fully-funded graduate fellowships to attract top graduate students and support their research.

“From implanted devices to prosthetics to regenerative tissue, biomedical engineers improve the well-being of those with significant health care needs. The Halcombs' naming gift will ensure we provide the best education and training opportunities available to the students in this flourishing program,” says Dean John Walz.

After 30 prosperous years in the medical device and biotechnology industries, Halcomb knows the demands facing today's graduates and what is required in order to succeed. “There are only seven or eight schools in the U.S. where medicine, engineering, pharmacy, dentistry and a first-rate hospital are within walking distance of each other, and UK is one of them,” he says. “The possibilities for interdisciplinary research connected to biomedical engineering are unbelievable. There's no excuse for not collaborating!”

Halcomb was inducted into the College of Engineering Hall of Distinction in 2014.

UK Debate Team finishes strong at nationals

Completing one of the most successful years in the history of the UK Debate Team, the team recently competed at the 70th National Debate Tournament at the University of Binghamton, part of the State University of New York system.

For the first time in school history, three partnerships from the UK Debate Team — Donald Grasse and Theo Noparstak; Ava Vargason and Jonathan Geldof; and Marcel Roman and Holmes Hampton — reached the elimination rounds. Emory University was the only other school to match that accomplishment.

Grasse and Noparstak reached the elite eight after finishing the preliminary rounds as the sixth seed at the tournament. It was UK's first appearance in the elite eight since 2009. The eventual champion was Harvard.

“This year was about the seniors,” said David Arnett, director of the UK Debate Team. “This is a group who took a chance on Kentucky when we were rebuilding from the ground up. Four years later we're a top five program. What can you even say about that? I'm extremely thankful to have been part of it and couldn't be more proud of the team.” ■

UK-UofL Executive MBA Program achieves Tier One Global Ranking

With its first class graduating in December 2015, the joint University of Kentucky-University of Louisville Executive MBA program is already ranked in the top tier. The UK-UofL EMBA became the only program in the region ranked in CEO Magazine's Tier One Global EMBA programs for 2016.

CEO Magazine examines the nuts and bolts of an MBA: the faculty, learning environment, class sizes, tuition fees, delivery methods, international diversity, gender make-up and more. The objective is simple: to identify schools that marry exceptional quality with great ROI.

“We are pleased to be recognized with a tier one executive MBA program ranking,” said Joe Labianca, co-director of the UK-UL Executive MBA program at the UK Gatton College of Business & Economics. “It is extremely gratifying to be ranked as an outstanding program that prepares seasoned professionals to advance in their careers and achieve their goals.”

This first-rate Executive MBA program is aimed at rising executives from regional organizations and



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UK-UofL Executive MBA students

maximizes the industry expertise of the students in a dynamic, cohort-based learning environment. With sessions split between the UK campus in Lexington and the UofL campus in Louisville, its Friday and Saturday classes on every other weekend allow students to keep their existing jobs, while preparing for more senior roles.

“This ranking is a wonderful recognition of the unique partnership forged between Kentucky's two top research universities to serve the Commonwealth and our region,” said T. Vernon Foster, executive director, MBA Programs and Career Management at the University of Louisville College of Business. “Our EMBA faculty members bring real-world experience to the classroom, where students can collaborate and develop effective leadership, problem-solving and research strategies.” ■



Children at the UK Early Childhood Lab test their new bench.

Effort by UK Dining leads to 100 percent recycled bench

Throughout February and March, UK students and UK Dining collected plastic lids and caps in a friendly competition between on-campus dining units. Every dining unit across campus participated and contributed to the reduction of UK Dining’s waste stream. Then, Green Tree Plastics (GTP) transformed the recycled plastic into a recycled bench. The bench was presented to the UK Early Childhood Lab in April.

According to UK Sustainability Coordinator Elizabeth Ferguson, UK has redirected more than 400 pounds of waste to be repurposed into durable product by GTP since 2015. UK Dining hopes to encourage more student participation with continuous contests and events dedicated to reducing the university’s waste reduction rates through 2016. UK Dining has plans to continue its partnership with GTP to create more benches for campus. ■

UK HealthCare regains Magnet Status for excellence in patient care

UK HealthCare has achieved Magnet Status, the highest institutional honor awarded for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program. Out of nearly 6,000 health care organizations in the United States, less than 7 percent have achieved Magnet designation.

“Magnet recognition is a mindset and an approach in patient-centered care,” said UK HealthCare Chief Nursing Executive Colleen Swartz. “Our team has been extremely dedicated, focused and committed in achieving this goal, and it shows in every interaction we have with patients and their families.”

UK HealthCare has 4,473 nursing services employees including 2,006 full-time registered nurses.

Achieving Magnet Status is a process that culminates in a rigorous review to demonstrate the hospital’s commitment to sustaining nursing excellence and improving professional practice. The status represents a solid commitment to continuing education and nursing specialty certification, a cultural transformation of the work environment involving a shared governance model and laser focus on patient safety.

In 2001, UK HealthCare became just the 38th Magnet-recognized organization. The hospital maintained its designation until it was up for renewal in 2009, when the ANCC restructured the Magnet Recognition Program criteria. The fundamental shift from a process-structured infrastructure to an outcomes-based infrastructure led to UK HealthCare needing to make changes to regain its status.

From 2010 to 2013, UK HealthCare began an improvement process that signified a cultural change toward patient- and family-centered care. That process included evaluating the nursing strategic plan, identifying areas in need of quality improvement and developing strategies for improvement, measurement and accountability.

“While Magnet recognition is awarded by a nursing organization, it is truly an honor resulting from the leadership of our nurses to demonstrate that it is all of our caregivers who focus on meeting the needs of our patients, their families, and one another each and every day in our hospitals and clinics,” said Bo Cofield, UK HealthCare vice president and chief clinical operations officer. ■



UK HealthCare employs patient- and family-centered care.

Record number on UK Dean’s List

For the first time, more than 7,000 students have made the UK Dean’s List for the fall 2015 semester.

A record high 7,189 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance. That’s an increase of more than 800 since fall 2014 and over 1,000 more than spring 2015.

To make a Dean’s List in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the Dean’s List.

The full Dean’s List can be accessed by visiting www.uky.edu/PR/News/DeansList/. ■



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— Frank X Walker, UK professor and former Kentucky Poet Laureate



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Experimental drug may limit harmful effects of traumatic brain injury

A new report by UK researchers Linda Van Eldik and Adam Bachstetter describes an experimental drug candidate that may aid patients with traumatic brain injury (TBI). The article appeared in the journal PLoS One, the world's largest biology journal.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), falls, motor vehicle collisions and assaults make up the most common causes of TBI. Symptoms of TBI, which include impaired cognition, memory, and motor control, may be temporary or permanent depending on the severity of the injury.

"Following a head injury, the body mobilizes immune cells to respond to the trauma and jump-start the healing process," said Linda Van Eldik, who is director of the UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. "Although these immune cells help repair the injury, they also cause inflammation that may damage the tissue — a sort of double-edged sword.

"Our goal is to find ways to improve the positive effects of the immune sys-

tem while thwarting the inflammation process that damages tissues," she said.

Van Eldik's laboratory identified and began testing the experimental drug MW151 in 2007. In initial testing, MW151 appeared to inhibit the release of the "bad" chemicals that caused inflammation while preserving immune cells' repair capabilities in a form of TBI known as a closed head injury. Further evidence of MW151's effectiveness was manifested in reduced cognitive impairment.

The current work described in PLoS One tested MW151 in a second, more serious form of TBI known as mFPI.

"We were delighted to see that MW151 is effective in more than one model of TBI," said Adam Bachstetter, who is assistant professor in the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center (SCoBIRC) and the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology and the lead author for the PLoS One article. "MW151 appears to dampen down the detrimental inflammatory responses

without suppressing the normal functions that the cells need to maintain health."

According to Van Eldik, the potential impact of this treatment is significant. "Traumatic brain injury represents a major unmet medical need, as there is currently no effective therapy to prevent the increased risk of dementia and other neurologic complications, such as post-traumatic epilepsy, neuropsychiatric disorders, and post concussive symptoms such as headaches, sleep disturbances, memory problems, dizziness and irritability," she said. "MW151 represents an important next step in the process to help people with TBI, including soldiers, athletes, car accident victims and others."

Van Eldik hopes to move MW151 into clinical trials in the next few years.



Compiled from news reports about research at UK.

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

Researcher to focus on improving diets of teens

With a grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Alison Gustafson will study the food purchasing patterns of teens in rural areas of Kentucky and North Carolina. The end result will hopefully be improved overall health and well-being of the participants.

"Teens purchase quite a bit of food themselves," said Gustafson, an assistant professor in the UK Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "They also have a huge influence on the foods that their parents purchase."

According to the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 18 percent of Kentucky high schoolers and 12.5 percent of high school students in North Carolina were obese in 2013.

In the four-year study, Gustafson will work with 14- and 15-year-old students in Clinton, Knox, Magoffin and Greenup counties. North Carolina counties include Greene, Lenoir and Pitt.

Gustafson will gather information about the availability of foods in participants' homes, schools and communities, their shopping patterns and group of friends. She will then work with local family and consumer sciences Extension agents to develop and implement a curriculum based on the teens' social networks and environments. The curriculum will emphasize eating more fruits and vegetables, drinking more water and consuming fewer sugar-sweetened beverages. ■

3-D models of spreading tumors may help fight cancer

UK researchers Ren Xu and Gaofeng Xiong at the Markey Cancer Center and the Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences show it is possible to create a three-dimensional (3-D) model system to investigate how breast cancer cells invade lung tissue in a study that was featured on the front cover of the journal Integrative Biology.

Advanced breast cancer tumors shed cells that can colonize other tissues in a process known as metastasis. If physicians detect malignant breast tumors early, they can remove tumors before they metastasize. After tumors gain the ability to traverse the bloodstream, they become much more difficult to treat. In order to develop treatments targeting metastatic cancers, researchers need new models that more accurately reflect cancers physicians treat in the clinic.

Xu's laboratory created the 3-D lung tissue matrix by removing the cells from the tissue while preserving the extracellular matrix that make up the tissue's structural components. The researchers then showed breast cancer cells could colonize in the lung matrix in a manner resembling metastasizing breast cancer in patients in the clinic.

Xu believes the 3-D model may help develop drugs that inhibit breast cancer progression.

Along with the UK Markey Cancer Center, this work was supported by the American Heart Association, Department of Defense and a COBRE pilot grant and does not necessarily reflect the views of those institutions. ■



Stanley Pigman '81 Seeing blue and making a difference...

UK grad achieves entrepreneurial success and transforms the lives of Kentucky engineering students

“If it hadn’t been for an engineering scholarship, Stan Pigman would never have been able to enroll at the University of Kentucky in 1977,” observes Mike Richey ’73 ’79 AFE, UK vice president for Philanthropy. “And if it hadn’t been for his persistence in study and special help from his professors, Stan would never have graduated with a degree that prepared him for the extraordinary success he has experienced.

“Today, Stan is keenly aware of the difference a scholarship can make in a young person’s life, and the impact that mentoring can make. He and his wife Karen are not only providing scholarships for many first generation college students from Kentucky, they are also sponsoring innovative leadership training opportunities and personally investing themselves in the lives of the young people their philanthropy touches.”

Growing up in eastern Kentucky

L. Stanley Pigman was born in Knott County and grew up in this rural coal mining area of the state. He was the sixth of eight children. His father and uncle worked together in highway construction and his father supervised a small crew. Pigman worked on this crew in the summers during his high school years.

He also became an entrepreneur at an early age. His family grew vegetables, and he was allowed to market part of the green bean crop each season and keep the proceeds. During the school year, he was a contract photographer, taking and developing pictures for special functions and the high school yearbook.

He recalls, “My father was very influential in my life. He was all about work, work, work. I get my task-oriented approach to things and my work instinct from him.”

Pigman also had other mentors in his early life. “Sally

Patterson was a missionary at Scripture Memory Mountain Mission in Knott County. She was instrumental in getting me involved in the community and church from first grade on. She ran Cub Scouts, and I was a part of that. She thought that a man should direct the Boy Scouts program, and she asked Jim Miller, a young faculty member teaching German at nearby Alice Lloyd College, to do that.”

This professor became more than a Boy Scout leader to Pigman. When Pigman and several of his fellow sixth-grade boys asked Miller to teach them German after school, Miller agreed. Pigman explains that eventually all the other boys dropped out, but he did not. Consequently, Miller had him come to his classes on the Alice Lloyd campus and study languages alongside the college students.

Miller’s wife Anna also taught at the college. “I almost became their kid,” Pigman says. “I took a bus to campus four days a week. They opened my eyes to learning, and I knew I wanted to go to college.

“And from working with Dad’s highway crew in the summers, I knew I wanted to become an engineer. I realized that the most respected person on the job was the engineer who could solve problems and do things that others couldn’t. I also wanted to build things and be involved in projects.”

Attending UK on a scholarship

“Dad worked for the R.R. Dawson Bridge Co. for 20 years,” Pigman continues. “I applied for the college scholarship the company offered, but I didn’t receive it. Then one day, the guidance counselor at my high school came to me and said, ‘Will you study mining engineering at the University



When Pigman, right, was a student at UK, Head Basketball Coach Joe B. Hall '55 ED showed him the 1978 NCAA Championship trophy.

of Kentucky if you get a scholarship?' My answer was 'Yes!'"

The scholarship was provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky

to encourage mining in the state.

Pigman was just 17 years old when he enrolled at the University of Kentucky. "Coming from a rural area, I thought the UK campus was huge," he confides.

"I soon learned that academically, I was woefully unprepared in calculus. I simply had not been exposed to abstract math in high school. By December of my first semester, I had flunked calculus. At that point, I knew I had a decision to make — I could either stay at UK and figure things out, or I could go home."

He decided to stay in college and make a determined effort to succeed as an engineering major. In his second semester, he attended every tutoring session available in calculus and began to make passing grades.

"I had lots of struggles in school," he continues. "But I made it through with help at many turns along the way from my professors, including Dr. Kot von Unrug who taught rock mechanics. I've had a lifelong friendship with him, and I've called upon him many times for consultation."

To earn money, Pigman continued his photography business on campus, taking pictures at fraternity, sorority and other functions. After his freshman year, he was able to go to work in the coal mines during the summers and other breaks from school.

Achieving entrepreneurial success

Pigman began his career in 1981 as a project engineer with a new mining company, Sierra Coal, a subsidiary of General Electric. "I had several job offers when I graduated from UK," he remembers. "But I chose this one because it was close to home in eastern Kentucky."

In 1983, he moved to Lexington and became a market analyst with Old Ben Coal, a subsidiary of BP. When the operation moved to Cleveland, Pigman joined Pyro Mining in Evansville, Indiana, as a market analyst and then progressed into sales.

In 1992, he and two colleagues formed Sugar Camp Coal. In 1997, they partnered with Black Beauty Coal in Evansville where he became vice president of marketing in 2000. A year later, he formed his own company, Pigman Coal Sales, providing sales services to an independently owned start-up company for a new mining project in western Kentucky.

In 2004, he sold Pigman Coal Sales to Peabody Coal, and since that time, he has formed three companies that own and lease coal properties — Mackey Development, Buck Creek and Delaware Resources.

"I've spent almost all of my career in sales," he says. "I'm an entrepreneur. My skills are all related to building a business."

Pigman relocated his company headquarters to High Point, North Carolina, in 1999 where his wife of 21 years, Sheila Nickles Pigman '81 AS, an insurance executive, had bought her own agency. Sadly, she died of cancer in 2002.

Pigman continued to live in High Point and this is where he met his wife Karen Pigman. She remembers, "Sheila had passed away, and my husband had passed away. Stan lived next door to my sister and brother-in-law, and they invited him to our family Thanksgiving dinner so he wouldn't be alone on the holiday."

She continues, "We talked and cried and got to know each other. And here we are 12 years later."

Transforming lives at his alma mater

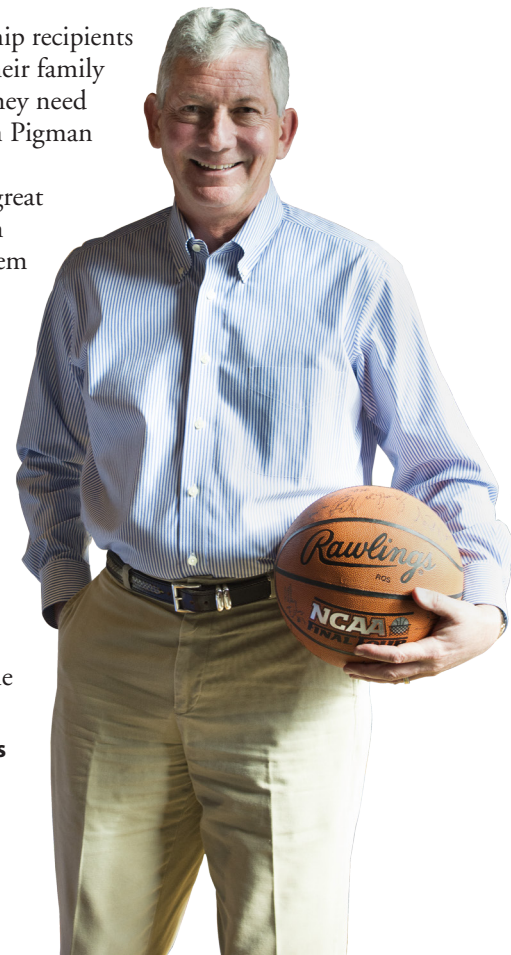
In 1999, Stan Pigman decided to establish a scholarship program at UK for full-time undergraduate engineering students from Kentucky with financial need. Since then, he has expanded the program several times and has become more and more involved with the student recipients.

Today, Stan and Karen Pigman are providing major scholarships for 28 engineering students each year. All totaled, more than 80 students have benefited so far from their generosity. The scholarship recipients are known as Pigman Scholars.

Preference is given first to students from Knott or Floyd counties; then Letcher, Perry, Pike, Johnson, Leslie, Harlan, Magoffin or Breathitt counties; then Union, Webster, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Henderson, Ohio, McLean or Daviess counties; and then to students from any other county in Kentucky.

"Most of our scholarship recipients are the first person in their family to attend college, and they need considerable help," Stan Pigman explains.

He and his wife take great personal interest in each student, and mentor them to be successful college students and successful engineers. The Pigmans host informal pizza parties at their Lexington condominium to get to know the students, and they provide encouragement and practical advice throughout the year. As UK basketball season ticket holders, the



Pigman proudly displays his basketball from UK's 1996 NCAA Championship game.

Pigmans attend the Wildcats' home games at Rupp Arena and pay for a third seat so they can take one of their scholarship recipients with them to the games.

They also host an annual luncheon for all the scholarship recipients and their families in the Hilary J. Boone Center on campus. Karen Pigman says, "We usually have more than 80 guests, and often the moms come to me to say thank you for helping their kids."

She continues, "We talk about our students all the time with my parents, Earl and Kitty Congdon, who also live in High Point. Sometimes they come to Lexington with us to meet the students. And recently, Mom and Dad decided to fund half the scholarships we are providing."

The scholarships are also available to Pigman Scholars who pursue an MBA at UK, and each recipient is eligible to receive a stipend to cover an engineering study abroad experience after successfully completing 90 semester hours of credit.

"They need this overseas experience to know what the world is like," Karen Pigman observes. "Many of them have never been on a plane."

"The College of Engineering needs more need-based scholarships, and Kentucky needs more engineers," Stan Pigman emphasizes. "Every surrounding state has a higher percentage of engineers per capita than Kentucky."

Mentoring student leaders

In addition to the scholarship program, the Pigmans also sponsor a leadership development institute.

"I've always been aware of my shortcomings that have ham-

pered my career," Stan Pigman shares. "Areas such as writing and public speaking. We therefore decided to start a leadership development institute in the College of Engineering to help students in these and other areas."

Fifteen students per year are accepted into the highly competitive program. Nominations of the most outstanding students in each academic department are made by faculty department chairs, and the final selections are made by a committee appointed by the dean of the College of Engineering. Each year's group selected for the leadership development institute represents the college's top seniors.

The program consists of a weekly symposium each spring semester and an all-expense paid field trip to Washington during spring break. The students chosen for the leadership development institute are called Pigman Leadership Scholars.

"We've had many interesting guest speakers in the symposiums including a former governor, CEOs of corporations and many other successful individuals telling their stories," Stan Pigman notes. "We also bring in UK faculty to help students learn public speaking and writing skills. Other guest speakers emphasize the importance of good social skills including sending thank you notes and proper etiquette. We even take the students to the Boone Center where they learn to navigate a formal meal laid out with all the table settings."

He continues, "We've also begun a program where students go to dinner with a CEO. After the symposium, each of our guest speakers will join a group of the students for a meal and conversation."

The Pigmans accompany the Pigman Leadership Scholars

Stan and Karen Pigman have pizza parties for their scholarship students at their Big Blue condo near Rupp Arena.



on the spring break trip to Washington. The students tour the national landmarks during the day, and each evening, outstanding UK alumni in the area, other local successful individuals and even members of the U.S. Congress join the group for dinner and conversation.

“I look upon this whole leadership development program as a confidence builder for students as they enter the work force,” Stan Pigman shares. “I’m happy to be involved with engineering majors because I know the field. It’s where I’m best suited to help. And having contact with all these young people is very meaningful.”

The Pigmans keep up with their scholarship and leadership development institute students after they graduate. Many in the Lexington area attend the Pigmans’ pizza parties and offer

advice to current students. Stan Pigman is often called upon for career counseling from graduates. And in September 2017, Stan and Karen Pigman will host the 150 engineering majors who have been Pigman Leadership Scholars and their families for a special weekend at their home in North Carolina to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the leadership development institute.

Impacting future generations

To make the scholarship and leadership development programs he has begun permanent, Stan Pigman is endowing them and strengthening the scholarship program through his estate plan. He is also establishing two endowed faculty positions in power engineering.

The L. Stanley Pigman Distinguished Chair in Power will be held by a tenured faculty member, and the L. Stanley Pigman Faculty Fellowship in Power will be held by a non-tenured junior faculty member who shows promise in the field. Working cooperatively, both positions will enhance power engineering education at the university. These new faculty positions will also bolster UK’s certification program in power engineering, which is known as the Power and Energy Institute of Kentucky (PEIK).

“The work force in the power industry is graying,” Stan Pigman explains. “And the University of Kentucky is located where there is power generation all around us. The College of Engineering has the opportunity to develop one of the top programs in the nation in this area and prepare engineering majors for jobs in the power industry.”

Helping others in extraordinary ways

Stan Pigman serves on the College of Engineering Dean’s Advisory Council, the Campaign Steering Committee, the Mining Engineering Foundation Board and the PEIK Advisory Board. For his career achievements and commitment to community service and his alma mater, he has been inducted into the college’s Hall of Distinction as a role model for engineering students.

He is also a Life Member of the UK Alumni Association and has served on its Alumni Expert Network. Karen Pigman is a founding and current member of the UK Women & Philanthropy Network.

UK President Eli Capilouto says, “Stan Pigman’s vision for the university and the College of Engineering is exceeded only by his genuine concern for Kentucky



Each year at spring break, the Pigmans, front row center, accompany their leadership development institute students to Washington for special study and interaction with guest speakers.

students and his desire to see them succeed. He and Karen share a tremendous personal commitment to helping students realize their dreams for a college education and a bright future. I deeply appreciate all they are doing and the impact those actions will have upon the university and the Commonwealth for generations to come.”

Stan and Karen Pigman extend their philanthropy to many other causes. At the mission camp Stan Pigman attended in eastern Kentucky, he and his wife sponsor a scholarship program that enables students to obtain a college degree and also provides support for any student pursuing a seminary education. The Pigmans built a food pantry in Appalachia and fund its operation. They are helping make high school and trade school education available for disadvantaged young people in Honduras, and they support multiple churches to which they have personal ties.

Stan Pigman serves on the board of Hospice of the Piedmont in High Point and has been its chairman.

When asked what motivates their philanthropy at the University of Kentucky, Stan Pigman reflects, “I was given a scholarship to study at the University of Kentucky, and I couldn’t have gone to college without it. Even as a freshman at UK, I realized that if you’re poor — and my family was poor — the only way out of poverty is through education. There are still many young people in Kentucky in this same situation today, needing help to pursue a college degree and a successful career. That’s why we do what we do.” ■

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Alumna earns UK College of Law Community Service Alumni Award

Even at a young age, Roula Allouch '02 BE, LAW '06 was a lawyer-in-training.

"As soon as I told my mom that I wanted to go to law school, she laughingly said, 'Well, that makes sense,' because I would always advocate for what I felt was the just position," Allouch says. "Growing up, I was the kind of kid who didn't like to take naps often, and my mom said that I would argue to her, 'Why can't I just sit quietly and read if I'm not tired?'"

But law is about more than a well-timed rejoinder. Allouch, who practices civil litigation in Cincinnati, including defending personal injury actions and product liability claims, also views her role as a means to serve the community, particularly advocating on behalf of fellow Muslim Americans concerned about civil rights in post-9/11 America.

"I felt a patriotic duty to work to defend the rights and liberties, not just for the American Muslim community, but for all of us," she says. "The experience I got at UK Law helped to lay the foundation for being able to assist and serve the community."

This month, Allouch received the UK College of Law Community Service Alumni Award in large part because of her volunteer work for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization. Allouch is chairwoman of CAIR's national board.

The award is given annually to a graduate who has provided outstanding leadership at the local, state or national level toward causes not necessarily related to the legal profession.

Of her selection, "Roula is a remarkable example of a young lawyer and activist whose passion and dedication has a significant influence on both the profession and her community," says David A. Brennen, dean of the UK College of Law.

"Many people in my class and other attorneys who have graduated from UK serve the community in many different capacities, so it's humbling to know that I was selected," Allouch says. "But I take it more as a reflection of the importance of the volunteer work that I'm able to do with CAIR."

A new path

Allouch was born in Wisconsin to Syrian immigrants (her father came to the United States in the 1970s to serve his medical internship and residency), and she moved with her family, including five siblings, to Kentucky when she was a few months old. Allouch lived in Leslie County, but primarily grew up in Berea and Lexington.

A self-described "lifelong Kentuckian," she was an economics major at UK and minored in decision science and information. Allouch enjoyed computers and figured that she'd work

"in some type of analysis position" upon graduation. But as is the case with many an undergraduate, higher education is as much a journey of discovery as it is acquiring the skills necessary to succeed in industry.

Economics, it turns out, is about more than allocating money and resources to satisfy wants. The field also provides an important avenue toward understanding the effects of laws on a society.

That realization set Allouch on a new path.

As a sophomore, she took a career assessment test, which suggested that a legal career might be a good fit.

"That started to point me in the direction of going to law school," Allouch says. "The idea developed around my junior or senior year, and I really started thinking seriously about it. Things were falling into place."

She enrolled at the UK College of Law where, once again, her expectations were upended. Allouch initially thought that she'd practice transactional or business law because of her undergraduate degree. That's until she took part in her first mock trial, which gave her an up-close look at legal niceties. She liked what she saw.

"I really loved the idea of trial and courtroom work, and that's when I started to proceed down that route," Allouch says. "I enjoyed the process, arguing facts to support your argument and presenting the case to a judge and jury."

Roula ALLOUCH

Defending rights and liberties for all

By: Andrew Faught

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Professor Allison Connelly, '80 AS, '83 LAW

In the past two years, she says she has tried five jury trials. Preparation, Allouch notes, is key to being a successful attorney.

“I’m the type of person who, the night before the trial starts, will lay everything out and review the case from beginning to end,” she says. “Some might say that’s overkill, but for me it’s important to feel as prepared as possible and to really know the ins and outs of a case. That’s what I learned as a younger attorney, trying cases at times against more experienced attorneys. My preparation could help balance comparatively with their experience.”

Academic challenges and a UK mentor

Allouch enrolled at UK in part to remain near family, but also because of the institution’s academic strengths. She singles out law Professor Allison Connelly ’80 AS, ’83 LAW as an important mentor and friend. “She was invaluable in supporting me and encouraging me in law school,” Allouch says. “I always love the chance to see her from time to time since graduating.”

Connelly recalls meeting Allouch during her protégé’s first year of law school. Donning a hijab, or headscarf, as a show of faith, Allouch was the only Muslim in her class.

“Roula was a proud Muslim woman who wore the hijab with courage and pride,” Connelly says. “After spending five minutes with her, you knew you had met a woman with extraordinary potential, who was also just a normal law student facing all the typical law school fears. We immediately bonded and became close.”

Connelly calls Allouch “an image breaker and a peacemaker.”

“As the chair of CAIR, Roula has used her legal expertise and dedication to empower and encourage American Muslims to break down the misconceptions people have about Islam, to seek peace with others in the community,” she adds.

Allouch also draws plaudits from CAIR colleague James Jones, the organization’s national board secretary.

“Roula is bright and a quick study who has a ready smile,” he says. “But she always brings seriousness and a robust work ethic to any task she takes on. Further, she is an excellent CAIR representative because she reads both social and political dynamics very well. She knows how to put people at ease, no matter what their political or ethnic background is.”

Connelly’s support, meanwhile, was especially critical given that Allouch is the only lawyer in her family. Despite her zeal for the profession, Allouch knew little of what to expect in law school. She got some of her most important lessons by taking part in the college’s legal clinic, which opened across the street from the College of Law in 1997.

Under Connelly’s direction, the clinic allows students to counsel and represent needy clients on civil legal matters. Third-year law students represent clients before state agencies and in state court proceedings. Part of their duties includes



Photo: Jeremy Kramer

interviewing clients, drafting legal documents, filing pleadings and conducting discovery.

Allouch consulted with Connelly on cases and calls student work representing clients “a very beneficial opportunity. It was a gratifying feeling being able to help someone who needed that assistance.”

It was at the UK College of Law where Allouch learned the approach that she abides by to this day. “I tend to stay calm and try to analyze the best approach to a situation, and that’s definitely something they teach and emphasize in law school,” she says.

“Professor Connelly, especially in my first year, but also in my second and third year and thereafter, was open and available and would answer my questions,” Allouch says. “She helped me build confidence in myself, and be able to be successful in law school and then in practice.”

At a time when Muslims in the United States increasingly were subject to hate crimes, Connelly recalls Allouch quickly broke down barriers with all who came in contact with her at the clinic. “It was a thing of beauty to see how Roula took a client’s preconceived notion of Islam and Muslim women and completely changed that client’s view based on her skills, compassion and brains,” she says. “She changed a lot of clients’ hearts and minds that semester.”

Allouch also volunteered for the CAIR Kentucky board while in law school, focusing on civil rights and advocacy work for the American Muslim community in the tri-state area. Some of her work focused on employment discrimination and providing diversity training for companies. Allouch also took part in interfaith activities that sought to build bridges between the Muslim community and other faiths.

During her time in law school, Allouch was a prosecutorial intern for the late Brian Mattone ’97 LAW, first assistant county attorney in Fayette County. Allouch argued motions in court and remembers peppering Mattone with jurisprudence questions.

“He was patient with me and supported me in the first argument that I ever made in court,” she says. “Overall, the benefit of my UK Law experience was being connected to other attorneys.”

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James Jones, CAIR board secretary



Photo: Courtesy of Kathy Anderson and ABA Journal

Roula Allouch chats with a colleague during a mid-year American Bar Association meeting in Houston.

Early career and community service

At her first job out of law school at the Crestview Hills firm of O’Hara Ruberg Taylor Sloan & Sergent, Allouch says she benefitted from working with other UK College of Law alumni and says, “I couldn’t have started at a better place.”

In recent years Allouch has returned the favor. She’s spoken to law students at UK on panels highlighting legal work. She also volunteers for the Kentucky Bar Association, for which she serves as a representative of the Young Lawyers Division, working as co-coordinator of the division’s 2014-15 public service project. Project Street Youth considered legal issues facing homeless and transitional youths, suggesting protocols for attorneys working with such clients.

Additionally, Allouch sits on the council of the American Bar Association’s Rule of Law Initiative for the Middle East and North Africa. The initiative works with nongovernmental organizations to promote democracy in the region.

Then, like now, Allouch chuckles at the challenge to strike a balance between her professional and personal life. The job can be all-consuming — she’s frequently taking depositions, working with expert witnesses and making court appearances — but Allouch says she takes time out to go bicycling and hiking.

She’s also a rabid Wildcats basketball fan who tries to attend at least one game a season. Allouch says she comes from a “basketball-watching family,” so she watches the games closely.

“March is my favorite time of year because the days get longer and a little warmer, hopefully, and March Madness is a big part of that, as well,” she notes. “Final Four or bust!”

Even though the Wildcats made an early exit from this year’s tournament, Allouch is finding victories elsewhere, particularly in the rule of law.

“Ultimately for me, it’s having an underlying belief that justice should be served and everybody has the right to have their position advocated for,” she says. “It comes down to my belief in justice and equality, and those are the main things that push my volunteer work with CAIR. I have a tremendous respect for the rule of law, and I am privileged to be part of that process.”

ANDY GREEN:

From walk-on to San Diego Padres manager

UK alum is one of youngest managers in the country

By: Robin Roenker



Photo: San Diego Padres

Andy Green '00 BE openly admits he's never been the best player on the baseball field. Not in Little League. Not in college. Not in Major League Baseball (MLB).

"On every step of the journey, there have been people who were better than me on every team," says Green, a Lexington native who walked on to UK's baseball team with an academic scholarship in 1996.

But Green's self-perceived deficiencies on the field didn't prevent his being named the 1996 Kentucky Scholar

Athlete of the Year. They didn't keep him from starting in every game during his four-year career at UK (1996-2000) or from becoming the University of Kentucky's all-time baseball hits (277) and runs (199) leader, titles he still holds. They didn't block him from the major leagues. Or from twice being named a minor league manager of the year.

And, Green's unassuming, critical self-awareness hasn't been a roadblock to his burgeoning career as an MLB manager. In fact, it may have been what helped him land his new job title: manager of

the San Diego Padres.

"He's a guy we feel could connect with our guys and take our organization to a different level," Padres General Manager A.J. Preller said, when announcing his club's hiring of Green last October. At 38, Green is one of the youngest managers in the major leagues. (Only Kevin Cash, manager of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, is younger by just six months.)

As he prepared to launch into 2016 spring training in Arizona, it was clear that more than talent or luck or any other

factor — with the exception of his strong faith and the support of Jessica Green, his high school sweetheart and wife of 16 years and their daughters Lainey, 9, and twins Anna and Emily, 7 — Green credits his work ethic for getting him where he is today.

“For the most part, I’ve just always tried to keep my head down and do my best wherever I am,” says Green, a former high school valedictorian who graduated summa cum laude from UK with a degree in finance. “And, typically, I’ve found that you end up in a good position if you take that mindset.”

Finding his calling

As a kid, Green’s highest aspirations were to play ball at the University of Kentucky. “All I really wanted to be was a UK athlete. That was the end game for me. I didn’t dare dream about being a Major League Baseball player,” he says.

He readily discloses that he wasn’t quite good enough to earn an athletic scholarship coming out of high school, and yet he nevertheless went on to enjoy a baseball career at UK worthy of his 2015 induction into the UK Athletics Hall of Fame.

He and Jessica scheduled their 2000 wedding for summertime, never anticipating he’d play baseball beyond his UK graduation date. But then he was drafted in 2000 by the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Still, Green entered into his professional baseball career harboring no illusions. “I knew what the odds were of ever playing in the major leagues. Mostly, 24th-round selections like I was are picked up to fill out minor league rosters, and their careers never really take off,” he says.

But there was something about the grind of professional baseball that he

loved. He thrived on the intensity of it, the grueling mental challenge of playing 140 games in 150 days. “As soon as I stepped onto the field in professional baseball, I loved the game at a level I never had before,” Green says. “It really comes down to how you handle the stress and the difficulty and adversity of the game as much as how gifted or talented you are.”

And so, despite the late-round draft odds stacked against him, Green made it to the “show.” After four successful seasons in the minors, in June 2004, Green found himself called up to the Diamondbacks for 46 games. In 2005, while playing for the Tucson Sidewinders, then Arizona’s Triple-A affiliate, Green had a stellar season and was named the Pacific Coast League MVP. Arizona called him up for additional stints in 2005 and 2006, before he was signed by the Cincinnati Reds in 2007 and the New York Mets in 2008.

After he retired from the game in 2010, Green began thinking about a career in coaching. He thought of his UK coach, Keith Madison — with whom he continues to have a close relationship — and the ways that Madison’s leadership had shaped countless young players. He thought about the ways that the game had taught him to be a better person.

“I got into coaching not out of a desire to ascend to the top,” he says. “It’s about impacting men. It’s about giving players the opportunity to stand on your back and reach heights they couldn’t reach without you. The game is a wonderful teacher. If you want to be great at anything in life, you have to embrace adversity. And baseball is how I learned that. I’ll always be indebted to the game, not only for the fun, and the wins, and the championships, but also for

revealing deficiencies in my character so I can become a better version of myself.”

As a new manager, Green led the rookie league Missoula Osprey to a Pioneer League Championship in 2012. He was named back-to-back Southern League Manager of the Year in 2013 and 2014, while managing the Double-A Mobile BayBears. In 2015, Green returned to the Arizona Diamondbacks, this time as the team’s third base coach, before signing a contract last fall to manage the Padres.

Green’s modest, straightforward approach to the game and his insistence on knowing his players on a personal level — even going so far as to visit them at their homes during the off-season as a way of introducing himself — have made him an early hit both within the Padres franchise and with members of the media covering the team.

Veteran baseball sportswriter Ken Rosenthal dubbed Green a “breath of fresh air for [the] Padres and the MLB” in a March article for FoxSports.com.

But if Green is surprised at his quick ascent to the helm of an MLB team, he’s not showing it. “I never put a timeline on it, so I don’t want to say it happened faster or slower than I expected,” he says. “Frankly, I didn’t have an endgame in mind to have one of these 30 jobs that exist in the world. I said during my interview that my contentment is not contingent on any job title. I think that in life, if you ever get to be part of something that’s bigger than yourself, there’s immense joy in that. And that’s what I get the opportunity to do, by managing the Padres.”

“It really comes down to how you handle the stress and the difficulty and adversity of the game as much as how gifted or talented you are.”

- Andy Green

HOME SWEET HOME *now*

Maxwell Place
is a haven for UK
presidents but
had a somewhat
rocky start

By Linda Perry

What University of Kentucky students and alumni know as Maxwell Place, the home to UK presidents since 1917, actually began as a beautiful mansion designed as a gift from father to son in 1871.

Dennis Mulligan was a Lexington grocer and politician. Of Irish heritage, he purchased the property and the 13 acres became the location of an Italianate villa for his recently married son James Hillary Mulligan and wife Mary Jackson Mulligan. The land was originally part of a larger acreage known as Maxwell Springs, named after one of the founders of Lexington and the site's previous owner, John Maxwell. The location was serviced by three natural springs.

James Mulligan was multitalented and dabbled in various careers, such as editor for a newspaper, jurist, and consul-general to Samoa. He also acquired the title judge after spending six years from 1870 to 1876 as judge in Recorder's Court. The name stuck to him the rest of his life.

Mary Mulligan passed away in 1876, leaving four children. James Mulligan took a new wife in 1881 by the name of Genevieve Morgan Williams, and they had several more children. She hailed from Nashville, Tennessee, and brought a new era of visitors and parties to the home. However, there was much tension between the judge's second family and first.

Sadly, the family experienced turmoil and notoriety in 1904 when someone tried to poison the family at the dining table. There were early conflicting stories about who was behind the attempted crime and which member or members of the household were targeted with the poison. One story claimed Genevieve Mulligan was behind the plot, hoping to secretly make it look as though another family member had attempted the poisoning. Another story put the judge's son James as the culprit, attempting to take the life of his father because of the estrangement between the judge's first and second families. Ultimately, a trial was held and a meal server who worked at Maxwell Place was the defendant, but the jury found him not guilty. He was released.



This is Maxwell Place as it appeared around 1940.



This silver bowl containing the poisoned salmon from the Mulligan home was examined and found to contain arsenic.



Tasteful furnishings of the day are evident in this room at Maxwell Place during President Otis Singletary's administration in 1987.



After the quarterly Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 17, 1935, a luncheon was held at Maxwell Place for the board. Seated on the couch from left to right are Gov. A. B. "Happy" Chandler, his wife Mildred Chandler and President Frank McVey.

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Photo: Tim Webb

President Eli Capilouto, center, spoke with UK employees James S. Mason and Martina Martin during a morning breakfast get-together at Maxwell Place in April.

Judge Mulligan and Genevieve Mulligan became estranged. He died in 1915, only 10 days after Genevieve’s passing. His estate was eventually sold to UK in 1917 for \$40,000 and a renovation began in 1918. This included additions and enclosures at the rear of the house and a long, narrow pergola, which all UK alums recognize, leading from the drive to the tower vestibule.

Frank L. McVey became the first UK president to call the building home in 1918. Since then, university presidents have lived in Maxwell Place for varying amounts of time but without the sensationalism of the 1904 episode. Each administration brought its own personality to the abode, often accompanied by children and pets. Some families entertained lavishly but others were more reserved.

For example, McVey lived in the villa for almost a quarter century. After his first wife died, her funeral was held in Maxwell Place. Later, he married Mary Frances Jewell, who had been dean of women at UK. It’s been said she wanted to elevate Maxwell Place to be known as a place for intellectual discussion and entertainment in the heart of the campus. One of the family’s most illustrious guests was Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. She visited in July 1934, addressed an assembly at Memorial Hall, enjoyed a luncheon at Maxwell Place, and met with a group of Lexington Girl Scouts.

President Herman Donovan and his wife Nell also entertained, and early in his administration held a reception and tea for alumni, faculty, students and friends in October 1941 after the Vanderbilt-Kentucky football game. Gov. Keen Johnson and Sen. A.B. Chandler were among the guests. Mrs. Bernie Shively and Mrs. Adolph Rupp were among others who helped serve the tea and “man” the tea tables.

Over the years, Maxwell Place received updates, redecorating, and refurbishing. When Frank Dickey’s young family lived in the home, some of the rooms were refreshed with bright colors befitting the younger generation that he brought with him — two sons and a daughter. During his administration, two large brass chandeliers were also hung that came from the state’s Capitol in Frankfort.

The mansion was actually slated for demolition in 1967 but received a reprieve the following year when President Albert Kirwan moved in. The next 50 years saw UK presidents and their families come and go, and some areas of the mansion continued to receive updates, including the surrounding gardens. The building continues to provide a wonderful backdrop for many intimate campus events now that it is the home of President Eli Capilouto and his wife Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto.

“It’s a special privilege to live in Maxwell Place and be a part of its enduring history. Everywhere you turn, there are reminders of the home’s connection to our campus and Commonwealth,” said President Eli Capilouto. “Mary Lynne and I enjoy the opportunities to add to that story and welcome members of the UK family, honored guests and friends of the University into Maxwell Place’s warm embrace. It is truly the university’s home, and we’re honored to call it our home, as well.”



Kentucky Gov. Bert Combs and President Frank Dickey stand in the fallout shelter in the basement of Maxwell Place in 1961. Today the room is a storage area for the extra chairs and tables that are used for Maxwell Place events.

WILDCAT



WILDCAT ALUMNI PLAZA

A gift from the UK Alumni Association to the university, Wildcat Alumni Plaza was dedicated in 2012. The plaza's focal point, a beautiful bronze Wildcat sculpture, was named "Bowman" by UK students in honor of the school's founder, John Bowman. The sculpture is a symbol of the University of Kentucky and a touchstone that inspires a sentimental connection among students, alumni and future generations of Wildcats.

"I bought a paver and am so glad I did. I live in Florida but in June I went to Kentucky to visit my brother. We went to Alumni Plaza to see my paver. I love it!"

— *Nona L.*

REUNIONS: GREEK, COLLEGE, 50-YEAR GOLDEN WILDCAT

The association provides funding for these reunions, which assist in building a stronger affinity among alumni and their beloved alma mater. Reunions are a special time to revisit favorite memories — and create new ones. Plan to attend an upcoming reunion to rekindle old friendships, see what's new on campus and reconnect with your alma mater.

"It was such a privilege to be on the Golden Wildcat Committee and contact all of our past friends and then to reunite with them at the celebration. I made new friends, too, and have such an appreciation for the value of a degree from UK. Thank you for all of your organization and hard work."

— *Nancy W.*

STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Talented new students keep UK strong. Most of the association's UK Alumni Clubs sponsor or participate in several events annually, such as Senior Send-offs, college fairs and book awards to support the university's student recruitment efforts. You'll help spread the word about why UK is a great place to get a great education.

SPREAD WILDCAT SPIRIT

The UK Alumni Association loves to spread Wildcat spirit and keep members updated on UK news through exclusive communications and events.

COLLEGE SUPPORT

Membership dues support association funding for alumni connections through all 16 of UK's colleges.

Support For The University

LOYALTY REWARDS

This is the final installment of our special series in Kentucky Alumni that will help you get the most out of your membership! Check it out — membership dues enable the UK Alumni Association to provide vital support for the university! The UK Alumni Association Wildcat Loyalty Rewards program is our way of rewarding members for their loyalty to the association and the University of Kentucky. If you take advantage of your rewards, membership pays for itself!



HOMECOMING

The UK Alumni Association hosts several events throughout Homecoming week, and many colleges and groups organize special activities for their alumni. Come back to your UK home — campus is calling! Homecoming is the perfect time to reconnect with friends and rediscover your beloved UK.

PARTICIPATION & RANKING

Membership dues count toward an individual's total university giving. By being a member, you help UK's alumni giving participation rate, which builds prestige and improves our university ranking. Higher university rankings not only help UK attract quality students and top-rated faculty, it also adds value to University of Kentucky degrees, no matter when they were earned.

You help keep UK strong by creating educational opportunities for current and future Wildcats. Through the support of members, the association sponsors several scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students on a yearly basis. In addition, all net proceeds from Wildcat Alumni Plaza pavers support the UK Alumni Association Scholars Endowment to generate funds for scholarships.

"Words cannot express the gratitude I feel in being awarded this scholarship. This award will help cover the cost of textbooks and will provide money for living expenses, allowing me to spend less time working and more time focusing on my studies... Thank you!" — Skyler H.

ATHLETIC tickets

You'll have the opportunity to request and purchase football and men's basketball tickets on a very limited basis through the association or your local club. Advance notice regarding the availability of these tickets is not distributed to members. Visit www.ukalumni.net/tickets often to see when football and basketball tickets usually become available for request. In addition, members are eligible for complimentary tickets for the following UK Olympic sports: volleyball, baseball, gymnastics and women's basketball.

I cannot tell you how much we appreciate the alumni association giving us the opportunity for tickets to the NCAA Tournament! It was an amazing and exciting season! — Sarah & Neel F.



SCHOLARSHIPS



EUGENE POOLE JR.

Returning the Capitol building to its original grandeur

By Whitney Hale and Tina Bryson

Popsicle sticks, toothpicks, cardboard or any material would do for Eugene Poole Jr. '85 DES. As a child, he was always interested in how things were assembled and fit together. His parents encouraged his curiosity and now he is the first African American in the country to serve as U.S. Capitol jurisdiction executive and first African-American architect/project manager for the restoration of the iconic 150-year-old U.S. Capitol dome in Washington.

A serious student at Hopkinsville High School, he liked to build scale models of Kentucky churches for donations. His parents and teachers poured into him a sense of morality and responsibility that propelled his career in ways he never could have imagined or even dreamed.

Poole had seen many unique buildings designed by architects in upscale architectural magazines, and he also wanted to design similar, special and unusual projects. His degree in architecture from the UK College of Design in 1985 helped open those doors. "I chose the University of Kentucky because of its outstanding accredited program and world class professors, many of whom have made significant strides globally in the architecture profession and have also made significant contributions to the overall construction industry," he says.

After graduation, he received his Air Force officer commission and became the lead architectural designer for Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.

"I knew that as an officer, I could immediately assume high levels of responsibility and be exposed to cutting-edge technologies within the industry, experience networking opportunities, and realize worldwide travel which allowed me to see, experience and study different cultures and their approaches to design given their geographic locations," Poole adds.

His military service took him throughout the United States and overseas to Guam, Japan, Hawaii, Korea, Saipan, England and Germany and afforded him many opportunities. He says, "As an Air Force officer, I was an architect during my entire Air Force career and experienced an enormous level of responsibility and accountability as I managed millions of dollars of projects and executed all types of new construction, renova-

tions, upgrades, retro-fits, demolitions, building reassignments, restorations and horizontal construction for the Department of Defense."

While he may have never imagined taking on leadership of the U.S. Capitol Dome Restoration project, Poole is honored to take on such an important and historically iconic project for the U. S. government and American people — a project that began with just a few drops of water in 1999. That's when the splash found its way to the interior rotunda floor from the upper levels of the U.S. Capitol building inner dome shell. Those drops would set in motion what is now known as the U.S. Capitol Dome Restoration project.

The success of this multi-year, nearly \$60 million dollar project will not go unnoticed, as the building will be on display to the world when the nation's 45th president is sworn into office on the building's steps in front of more than a million spectators and millions more watching the ceremony in live TV broadcasts around the globe Jan. 20, 2017.

"It is an awesome honor to serve as an ambassador for the United States Capitol building as the jurisdiction executive, however, it demands tremendous responsibility," Poole says.

Since 1999, several years of study and numerous pilot projects were initiated to extensively assess the overall condition of both the interior and exterior dome shells. The project design required many trade professionals and industries coming together to fully assess, vet and define the project scope requirements before initiating the design protocol and subsequent drafting of the statement of work and execution. In 2008, Poole was assigned as project manager with the responsibility to manage various phases of the U.S. Capitol dome project including the Dome Interim Painting, Dome Skirt Restoration, and the two-year Dome Restoration Design Revalidation. In 2012, he managed all contract procurement actions for the issuance and award of the complete restoration of the U.S. Capitol dome for all phases of the construction.

"Our main goal was to ensure that we performed responsibly and in a manner consistent with current industry standards while also protecting the existing historical fabric, performing

Congress first met in the U.S. Capitol building on Nov. 17, 1800. To see photos of the restoration, visit www.aoc.gov/dome/images



Photos: Courtesy Architect of the Capitol



great historic preservation, minimizing impacts to the daily business of Congress, exercising fiscal responsiveness, and keeping the project safe for all workers and consultants,” he says.

The project is being accomplished in three phases, which includes work on the exterior, interior and rotunda. Some of the work involves exterior cracks being repaired, built-up paint removal, repainting the exterior dome shell; upgrading the electrical, mechanical, fire alarm, communications and lighting systems; and removal of built-up paint on the interior of the rotunda so that the details of the 1850s iron work will be exposed. The project is also installing energy efficient lighting and a state-of-the-art, art monitoring system inside the rotunda.

Poole’s days are hectic. He reviews construction reports; coordinates any issues with task leaders; reviews contactor submittals and provides guidance recommendations; reviews requests for information; reviews product data and samples; performs routine site inspections and observations; reviews contractor payment applications; executes and signs modifications for potential change orders; coordinates with onsite safety personnel; develops weekly and monthly reports; briefs upper level management on current project status; and reviews project schedules and payment applications, as well as a myriad of other daily tasks to keep the project on schedule, safe, productive and to maintain construction quality for all requirements.

He says that the best advice he ever received was being told that when you are presented with the challenges and opportunities of life, always follow two things: passion and instinct. “Your passion is the ‘endowment of creativity’ that moves

and affirms you toward your purpose and your call, while your instinct is the ‘ship of intellect’ that navigates and directs the course of your destiny,” he says. “These two consistently combined and applied will ultimately yield success.”

He says, “The most rewarding part of my job is leading the team, the visual actualization of the work being performed and the three dimensional results of those efforts. It is extremely gratifying to design a project, then, watch that project become a reality. Restoration of this renowned building is the pinnacle of my professional architecture career, and it marks an unparalleled milestone in time for American history.”

Poole is also recognized internationally as a fine arts painter whose work has been collected by celebrities and U.S. presidents. He is a globally published artist, a motivational speaker, a writer and emerging author of motivational success books, and he also mentors students in the D.C. metro area charter school system. Poole encourages others to develop a dream, focus on their path and be prepared for challenges. His parents reminded him to follow his dreams. He still remembers their words of encouragement, “Stay the course — you are almost there.”

Dance II



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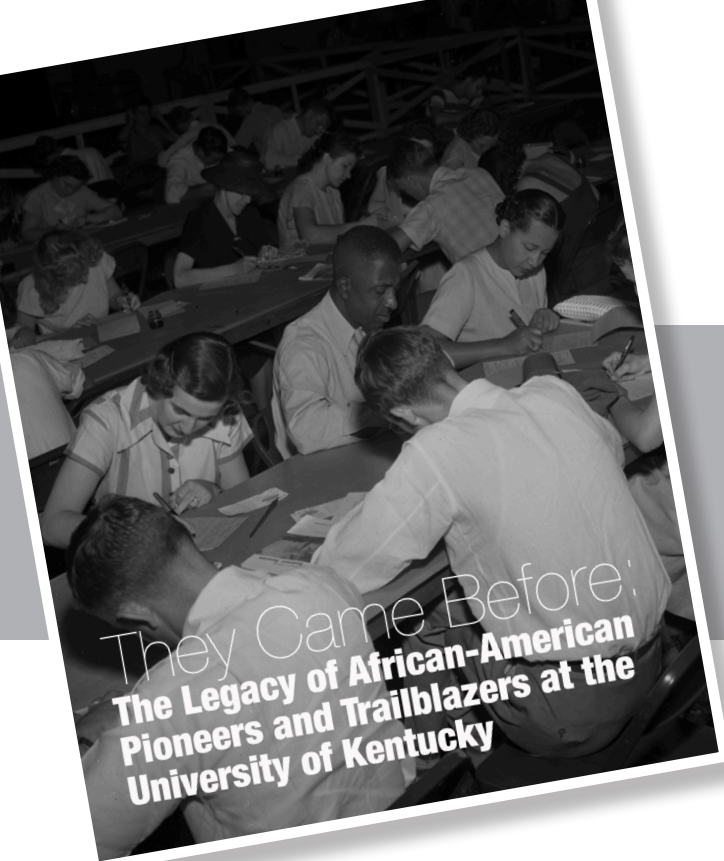


To the delight of nearly 800 student participants and a crowd of supporters, the 2016 UK DanceBlue event realized a grand fundraising total of \$1,631,067.49 after 24 hours of the no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon!

It all began in 2006 by raising \$123,323.16 and has increased every year. With this year's total, DanceBlue has contributed \$9.8 million to the Golden Matrix Fund and the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic. All of the money raised benefits children with cancer and their families and cancer research.

Several UK Alumni Association Clubs across the country held local fundraisers to benefit DanceBlue, and a total of \$14,804 was raised and presented to DanceBlue.

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Lyman T. Johnson paved the way for others

By Linda Perry

The online version of the book is available for reading and research by visiting www.ukalumni.net/ukpioneers

On Feb. 20, 2016, the UK Alumni Association released a new reference book, “They Came Before: The Legacy of African-American Pioneers and Trailblazers at the University of Kentucky.” The association acted in conjunction with 13 members of the Pioneers and Trailblazers Committee, including Elaine Adams Wilson, chairwoman, and past president of the UK Alumni Association. All committee members are also members of the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The seed for the project had been planted many years earlier by the association, but sufficient resources were not available at that time to bring the project to successful fruition in the manner that it deserved. That all changed in late summer 2015 when a budget was put into place to allow for the research, writing and production of the book, which would ultimately focus on important

Ollen Hinnant Jr.

First African American to graduate from the UK College of Law

“firsts” — those African Americans who were first to appear in various roles.

“This publication shows how African

Americans from the past proceeded to excel following their admission to this great university. This reminiscence was a dream of mine during the year it was my honor to serve as the president of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association,” says Wilson.

Attending UK in Lexington first became possible for African Americans after Lyman T. Johnson challenged the status quo in his landmark court case. Johnson filed a federal lawsuit against UK in 1948, challenging the state’s Day Law, the state law that prohibited blacks and whites from attending the same schools. The lawsuit was successful and his courageous action resulted in UK opening admissions to African-American students in 1949. That summer, nearly 30 African-American students enrolled in graduate and professional programs at UK. Johnson did not finish his graduate studies at UK, but he was awarded an honorary degree in 1979 and one of the residence halls

was renamed Lyman T. Johnson Hall in 2015. An educator and civil rights activist, he dedicated his life to fighting against segregation and racial inequalities in Kentucky.

The first African American to earn a degree of any kind from the University of Kentucky (Mary Ann Henderson Adams ’50 ED) and the first African American to

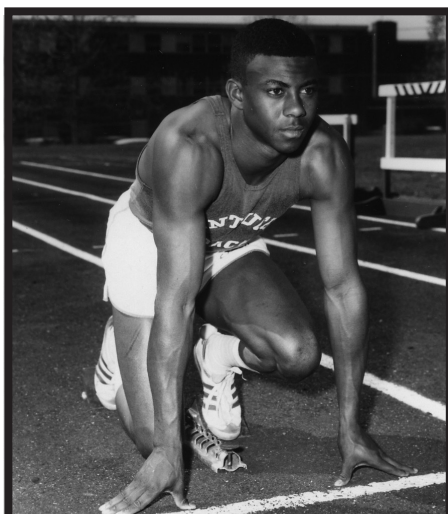


Mary Ann Henderson
First African American to earn a degree of any kind from UK

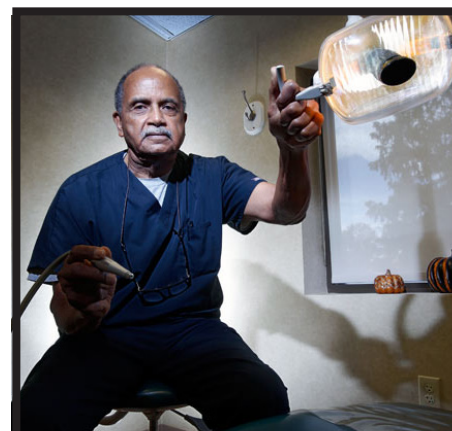
graduate from the UK College of Law (Ollen B. Hinnant Jr. ’55 LAW) are just a few of the many people mentioned in the book who chose to attend UK even if it sometimes meant struggling to achieve their goals by overcoming challenges that other students did not encounter. The 130-page document was the highlight of a reception and dinner celebrating Black History Month at King Alumni House, and individuals attending the function each received a complimentary copy of the book. Many of the former students mentioned within the book were able to attend the filled-to-capacity event, and they expressed heartfelt emotion about what it meant to them to



Enjoying the reception for the launch of the book were, at center, Sarah Clark Newby '58 '65 ED (first African-American teacher to integrate Fayette County Public Schools); her husband Louis A. Newby '80 HS and daughter Teresa A. Acton '89 AS.



Jim Green '71 ED, the three-time All-American, was once ranked as the world's fastest human.



Dr. Benjamin Nero '67 DE has served as the second president of the New Era Dental Society of Philadelphia, traveled to Haiti to provide dental care to island residents and has mentored many dental students and young dentists.

be included in the book after overcoming their early struggles.

"It was an honor to be included with so many great firsts at UK. It was a wonderful event, and it was great to also connect with old friends," says Jim Green '71 ED, the first African-American track and field athlete in the SEC and the first African-American captain of the UK track team.

"The most important thing to me is that the book was done first class. Being honored with family was the greatest perspective for me — with my brothers-in-law Kenneth Kennedy and William Wilson, and my sister-in-law Margie Kennedy Wilson," he adds.

He also noted that a recent local newspaper article highlighted great athletes

that had gone through UK, but it failed to mention him or his accomplishments. The association is helping to honor him, along with other African Americans who have accomplished so much. "I was the first black athlete to graduate from UK, have three national championships, was named the world's fastest human on record at that time and carried the Blue and White to more countries than any UK athlete," he says.

Green says he feels the book will be influential for African-American high school seniors considering where to attend college. "I think it will make a positive impact on students who want to attend the university," he says. "They can see through their own eyes that the university has changed, black students can get a good, quality education by seeing what these first black students have

accomplished, and we have never looked back."

Wilson also addresses the issue of those African Americans who were not one of the "firsts."

"We use this tool to challenge those who come after us to do more than we could ever have imagined," says Wilson. "Our value to this university is unquestioned. As with the history of most of our people, struggling toward our goals required blood, sweat and many tears. Most of us 'made it.' Some did not. Our book honors many in both categories, and we raise high the banner of those who were able to graduate and move on to greater heights. The biographies here are not meant to be an exhaustive list but will provide insight to the wide accomplishments made by African Americans who have graduated from UK."



Elaine A. Wilson

First African-American president of UK Alumni Association

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Kentucky men's basketball: Ulis named consensus All-American

By Hal Morris

The Kentucky men's basketball team captured its 29th SEC Tournament title and earned a share of its 47th SEC regular season crown this year.

Sophomore guard Tyler Ulis and freshman Jamal Murray racked up postseason honors while becoming one of the most dynamic backcourts in the country.

Ulis became UK's 21st consensus All-American, and the fourth under Coach John Calipari. The 5-9 point guard was named first-team All-American by the Associated Press and The Sporting News, and was a second-team selection by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association and National Association of Basketball Coaches. Ulis also won the Bob Cousy Award as the nation's best point guard.

He was also named a finalist for the Wooden Award for National Player of the Year and was named to the Wooden Award All-American team.

Ulis also captured SEC Player of the Year, SEC Defensive Player of the Year and SEC Tournament MVP honors while averaging 17.3 points and an SEC-best 7.0 assists. He broke the UK single-season assist record with 246 previously set by John Wall in 2010 and had a streak of 28 games with at least four or more assists. Ulis ranked seventh nationally in assists and sixth in the country with a 3.6 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Among the other honors Ulis received this postseason: Sports Illustrated All-America First Team, CBS Sports All-America First Team, USA Today All-America First Team, CBS Sports SEC Player of the Year, USBWA District IV Player of the Year, USBWA All-District IV Team, NABC District 21 First Team and was Naismith Trophy and USBWA Oscar Robertson Award finalist.

Murray posted the highest individual scoring average in the Calipari era at 20 points per game. He set the single-season freshman scoring record (720 points), the eighth-best single-season scoring mark in Kentucky history. His three 30-point games were the most for a freshman in school history, and his 35 point effort against Florida tied for the best-ever for a UK freshman. He also set the freshman record for 3-pointers with 113, second on UK's single-season list and the second-most by a freshman in NCAA history behind Stephen Curry (122).

Murray was named first-team All-SEC by coaches and media, was named second-team All-American by USA Today and Scout.com and third-team by the AP and CBS Sports. He was named Freshman All-American by USBWA and The Sporting News and was a finalist for the Wayman Tisdale Award for America's top freshman.

Kentucky senior forward Alex Poythress was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America Second Team and was a finalist for the 2016 Arthur Ashe Jr. Athlete of the Year Award. Poythress is one of

just two basketball players and one of four total student-athletes named as male finalists. This year marks the third season Poythress has been named an Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar.

Despite winning the SEC Tournament title, the Cats (27-9) were given a No. 4 seed and shipped out to Des Moines, Iowa, for the NCAA Tournament. After dispatching Stony Brook 85-57 in the first round of the tournament, UK fell to Indiana 73-67 in the second round.

After the season, Ulis, Murray and Skal Labissiere all declared for the NBA Draft. Of course, the Cats will reload for next year, with several returners and a top-ranked recruiting class that includes four McDonald's All-Americans.



Photos: Chet White, UK Athletics

Sophomore point guard Tyler Ulis became UK's 21st consensus All-American, won the Bob Cousy Award as the nation's best point guard and won SEC Player of the Year, SEC Defensive Player of the Year and SEC Tournament MVP honors.

UK women's basketball: Epps leads young Wildcats

By Hal Morris

With just one senior on the roster, the young UK women's basketball team advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament and posted a 25-8 record. The Wildcats finished 12th in the Associated Press poll and 15th in the USA Today/Coaches Top 25. It was the seventh-straight season UK has finished ranked in the both polls.

Junior guard Makayla Epps earned first-team All-SEC honors for the second-consecutive year and was named an honorable mention All-American by both the Associated Press and Women's Basketball Coaches Association after averaging 17.1 points, 4.5 assists and 4.8 rebounds per game. In the NCAA Tournament, Epps averaged 22.3 points per game, 4.3 assists and 5.0 rebounds per game.

It was the second-straight season Epps earned All-American honors and the seventh straight year that Kentucky had a player honored by the AP.

In addition, Epps was the fourth player in UK history to earn multiple SEC All-Tournament team honors and was the third player under Coach Matthew Mitchell to be named first team All-SEC in multiple seasons. Among her other honors, she was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-Region Team, which made her one of 52 candidates for the WBCA All-America Team. She was named first-team All-American by CollegeSportsMadness.com and was named to the 30-member Wade Trophy Watch List.

She was the espnW National Player of the Week and SEC Player of the Week on Dec. 14 for her strong outings against Louisville and Middle Tennessee State.

Epps posted the second triple-double in program history with 21 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds against Morehead State. During SEC play, Epps became the 31st member of Kentucky's 1,000 point club and ended her junior year with 1,207 career points, which ranks her 19th all-time on Kentucky's scoring list.

The Wildcats jumped out to an 11-0 record, which included home wins over Louisville and Duke and a victory at PAC 12 co-champion Arizona State. UK went 10-6 in the SEC and advanced to the semifinals of the SEC Tournament. UK earned the No. 3 seed in the Lexington Regional and rolled to its biggest NCAA Tournament win against UNC-Asheville (83-51), then knocked off Oklahoma (79-58) at Memorial Coliseum. But in the Sweet 16, UK fell 85-72 to Washington.

Junior Evelyn Akhator was named second-team All-SEC and senior Janee Thompson, the team's lone senior, earned honorable mention honors by both the AP and league coaches. Maci Morris was named the Freshman All-SEC squad. Kentucky's three selections are the most in a single year by the AP since



Photo: Britney Howard, UK Athletics

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2007 when Sara Elliot was named to the second team and Jennifer Humphrey and Samantha Mahoney were named honorable mention.

The Wildcats bring three starters back and add transfer McKenzie Cann. Mitchell also added Kentucky native and former assistant coach Kyra Elzy to his staff as assistant coach and associate head coach. Elzy was an assistant from 2008-2012. She ran Kentucky's recruiting operation and produced three straight top-10 recruiting classes and four McDonald's High School All-Americans. Former assistant Niya Butts also returned as an assistant coach, and former UK guard Amber Smith was named to the women's basketball support staff.

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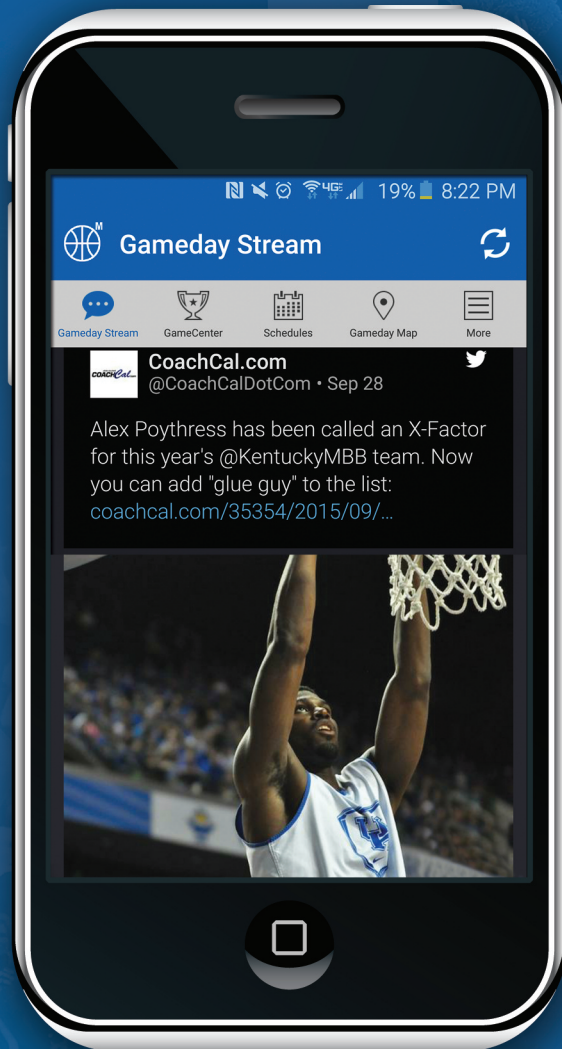
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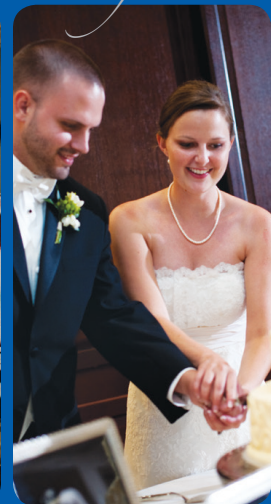


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2. The **San Diego UK Alumni Club** and the **Southern California UK Alumni Club** got together for a taping of the college rivalry edition of the television show "The Price Is Right." None of the members got called up to participate, but they were sitting a mere three rows behind the actual contestants and had a blast of a time!
3. Members of the **Jacksonville UK Alumni Club** — and a mysterious guest— were out in force for the UK vs. Florida men's basketball game in Gainesville at the end of the season.
4. On April 15 at the Barclays Center, members of the **New York City UK Alumni Club** were in attendance to see future Cats play in the Jordan Brand Competition. The club held a sign making party at Jack Demsey's before the event to help cheer on the four committed players.

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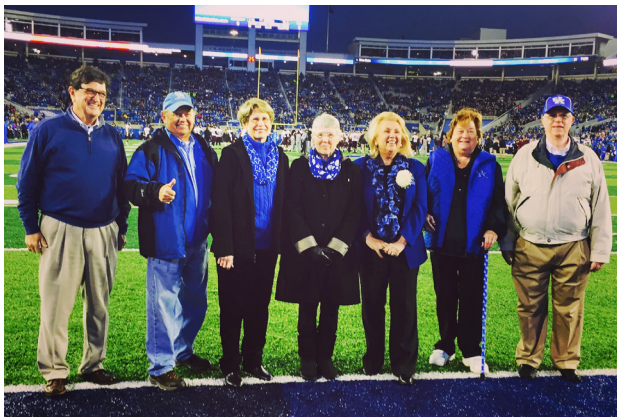


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The **UK College of Design School of Interiors** hosts monthly opportunities for sharing between alumni, students and the community about some aspect of the design field. In February, representatives from the Lexington design firm EOP discussed contemporary trends in design practice, thinking out loud about EOP's experience with crossing boundaries among disciplines. From left to right are Clark Cromer '16, Chloe Christ '16, Chris Estes '91 DES, Rick Eckhoff and Brent Bruner '86 DES.



UK College of Law grads got together for the college's Louisville Alumni Reception, held at Vincenzo's Italian Restaurant. From left to right are Dean David A. Brennen, Chris Gorman '65 AS, '67 LAW and John McGarvey '70 AS, '73 LAW.



The **UK College of Health Sciences** recently held its Hall of Fame & Dinner with Kats program at the Boone Center with about 80 individuals attending. In the photo are Meredith Bratcher, student; Dean Scott Lephart; Alex Schalk, student; Lauren Knasel, student; and Kevin Schuer, associate professor. In addition, Kathy Panther '76 HS was inducted into the Health Sciences Alumni Hall of Fame and Lindsay Atherton '11 '14 HS received the Young Alumni Award.



The **UK College of Engineering** inducted six new members into its Hall of Distinction. Left to right are Greg Carmichael '76 '79 EN, Greg Harper '87 EN, Anne Shaver and Susan Shaver Rhea (daughters of former dean, Robert Shaver, '27 '31 EN, inducted posthumously), Lisa Maxson '89 EN, David Ratterman '68 EN, Jack Bryant '90 and Dean John Y. Walz.



The **UK College of Dentistry** Class of 2016 celebrated at the Annual Senior Dinner at the Boone Center, co-hosted by the UK Alumni Association and the UK College of Dentistry Alumni Association.



The **UK College of Public Health** held its Outstanding Alumnus Activities/Award Day in February, which included an informal reception and a presentation by Keith Knapp '78 AS, '05 PH. Knapp, who has improved standards of care for Kentucky's older and disabled population, received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the college. Shown in the photo are Graham Rowles, left, chairman of the UK Department of Gerontology, and Knapp.



CLASS NOTES

Photo: Tim Webb



SUSAN BRADLEY-COX '59 '61 ED:

From 'circus performer' to world champion triathlete

By Hal Morris

Susan Bradley-Cox '59 '61 ED nearly saw her athletic career end before it started when she joined the 'circus.'

Fortunately, she was forced into a different path. She was a UK cheerleader, became a champion triathlete in her 40s who has won world titles in her age groups and is a member of the Kentucky Athletic Hall of fame.

"I was a very active child. My mother had me dancing when I was young. I learned to swim when I was 3, so I had opportunities a lot of women didn't have. I learned to ride a bike young so I could bike to the swimming pool," she says. "But as far as ever having an opportunity to play sports, there was nothing for women at all.

"I grew up with boys so I was always trying to keep up with them, and I always liked being active. It was just a way of life for me."

It still is.

Her late husband, Albert N. Cox '54 ED, '64 BE, taught her to play tennis. They golfed, rode bikes, and he encouraged her to become a runner. That's when she joined a running club and in 1982 competed in her first triathlon.

"I look at things as a challenge because it was always a challenge to learn something new," she says. "Individual sports appealed to me more than team games."

Bradley-Cox competed for USA Triathlon for 23 years, winning 11 International Triathlon Union titles and 12 USA Triathlon national titles. In 1997 and 1998 she was named the Female Grand Master Triathlete of the Year by USA Triathlon and was an All-American Triathlete for 1989-2009. She

competes in triathlons to this day.

"I still bike a lot, I swim a lot. I don't run as much. I'm discovering hiking, and I'm learning to kayak," she says. "I just take advantage of whatever I can."

In 2011, she was inducted into the USTA Triathlon Hall of Fame and the Paducah Tilghman High School Hall of Fame in 2012. She was inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014.

But Bradley-Cox never considered herself an athlete.

"I looked up what is an athlete," she said after being named to the Kentucky Hall of Fame. "Growing up in Paducah in the '50s — there was not much opportunity for women athletically. So I was always a cheerleader. I still consider myself a cheerleader more so than an athlete because cheerleading wasn't anything like it is today. But it was about the only thing women were allowed to do physically.

"I went home to a class reunion once and someone said, 'You were never an athlete, you were a cheerleader.' Women weren't athletes when I was growing up, there were very few who had the opportunity, and I said, 'Yeah, you're right.'"

However none of this may have happened for Bradley-Cox if not for her father.

She started her college career at Florida Southern College. But the school did not have a swim team so she joined the school's circus squad and water-skied.

"When I came home at Christmas I told my dad, 'I love Florida, I think I'll stay. I'm in a circus, and I can perform all spring, and then I can stay and water ski at Cypress Gardens.' I found myself here at UK the next semester," she says.

"I was always looking for that

thing I wanted to do and something fun and different but always active."

She found those next things at Kentucky.

Bradley-Cox became a cheerleader, a member of the Blue Marlins Synchronized Swimming team and performed with the Troupers, a gymnastics team that was part of the Physical Education Department.

From 1961-1971, she was the sponsor and first coach of the UK cheerleaders and taught physical education in public and private schools, as well as college. Bradley-Cox is currently the head coach of the Wildcat Masters adult swim team and teaches water aerobics at the Pinnacle pool in Lexington.

Coaching is another challenge Bradley-Cox gladly took on.

"When I was asked to coach Masters swimming I thought, 'I've never coached swimming,'" she says. "In coaching, I think it's very important to be supportive. You certainly have to know the sport but basically what you're doing is encouraging people."

Bradley-Cox is not regretful she wasn't born in a different time because of the opportunities that are available to female athletes today.

"I was working with a volleyball team in a water exercise class, and I thought how fortunate they were to be able to play a sport they loved, go to college, get an education and be on a scholarship," she says. "But I never thought about it before because there was never an opportunity for me.

"I don't know what opportunities would have been there for me, but it would have been nice to have the options." ■

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1960s

Ruth Hatchett Duncan '61 AFE was inducted into the UK School of Human Environmental Sciences Hall of Fame. In her career, she taught in the Fayette County Public Schools and what was then the UK College of Human Environmental Sciences.

William C. Loomis '61 AS lives in Fort Myers, Florida, and is a retired vice president for defensive missile systems at Lockheed Martin Corp.

Loretta Dixon Bradley '63 '65 ED holds a Paul Whitfield Horn Professorship in counsel or education and is coordinator of the Texas Tech University Counselor Education Program in Lubbock. She was appointed to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors by Gov. Greg Abbott.

Karen Paul Stone '66 AS is the president of Waldenhouse Publishers Inc. in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was previously the co-owner of Transylvania Printing Co.

Stephen G. Greiner '68 ED is the president of West Liberty University in West Liberty, West Virginia. He was the president and chief executive officer of Hazard Community and Technical College and was president of Brunswick Community College.

Phillip R. Patton '68 ED, '72 AS, '73 LAW lives in Glasgow and retired as the Barren Circuit Court judge. Before being elected to the bench in 2001, he served as Commonwealth's attorney for the 43rd Circuit.

1970s

Jerry L. Bewley '71 '72 EN is a supervising engineer at Eastman Chemical Co. in Kingsport, Tennessee. He was inducted into the Elizabethtown Community and Technical

College Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2015.

David S. Harrison '71 AFE celebrated his 40th year as an agent for the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. He is an Extension agent for LaRue County in Hodgenville and was previously the agent for Hardin County.

Patricia Shanes Oney '71 AS retired as a Butler County Common Pleas Court judge in Hamilton. She was previously in private practice and was an Area 1 Court judge.

Mark S. Pitt '71 LAW is an attorney and the general counsel for Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin. He was previously with the firm Wyatt Tarant & Combs.

Ann Whayne Evans '74 CI is the director of historic sites for Kentucky State Parks in Frankfort. She retired as the executive director of the Kentucky Governor's Mansion and was previously the regional director of the American Lung Association.

Joseph W. Foran '74 BE is the chief executive officer at Matador Resources Co. in Dallas. He was named one of the Dallas Business Journal's 2015 Who's Who in Energy.

Kenneth E. Green '74 '79 AS, '82 MED is the chief medical officer at Twin Lakes Medical Center in Leitchfield. Green also operates a private practice at the Kelley Medical Center.

Sharon Peyton Clark '75 '82 ED is the Kentucky Insurance Commissioner in Frankfort. She is president-elect of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Loretta Dunn Schmitzer '76 AS, '79 LAW is a retired attorney living in Saint Peters-

burg, Florida. She was named a 2015 Distinguished Alumni by Daviess County Public Schools. Schmitzer retired as the vice president of international operations and policy at Boeing.

Barbara Romano Teague '76 '81 NUR, '96 '97 ED lives in Lexington and is the retired Kentucky state archivist and records administrator of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.



Laura Tanno Boison '77 '83 BE is a senior vice president and business services officer for

BB&T in the financial institution's Lexington office. She was previously the market president at U.S. Bank, an investment advisor with E.S. Barr and Co. and worked for J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. for 32 years.

James B. Friedericks '77 AFE is the outreach and education advisor at AgSource Laboratories in Elsworth, Iowa. He was previously a laboratory manager for AgSource.

Samuel T. Wright '77 AS, '82 LAW lives in Whitesburg and is a judge on the Kentucky Supreme Court for the 7th Supreme Court District. He previously served as the Letcher Circuit Court judge and as a District Court judge for Letcher County.

Robert A. Blouin '78 PHA is the dean of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy. He received the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill General Alumni Association Faculty Service Award.

Gregory J. Lunn '78 LAW is a senior partner at the firm Wood Herron & Evans in Cincinnati.



Virgil W. Onkst '78 AS, '79 CI lives in Erlanger and retired as the state librarian and commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives after a 36-year career in the library system.

David P. Dunnigan '79 FA is a music professor and director of bands at Florida State University in Tallahassee. He is also the music director and conductor of the university symphonic and concert bands, and director of the Marching Chiefs. He previously taught at Western Michigan University.

Edward C. Elliott '79 MED is a radiation oncologist at Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois in Decatur. He has served as the president of the Central Illinois Radiological Society and Mason County Medical Society.

Vickie Yates Brown Glisson '79 LAW lives in Louisville and was appointed secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services by Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin. She was previously an attorney with the firm Frost Brown Todd.

Dennis A. Reynolds '79 EN lives in Monroe Falls, Ohio, and is vice president of sales and marketing at Starrett-Bytewise Measurement Systems, which is headquartered in Columbus, Georgia. He was the vice president, North America, for Alpha Technologies.

Jose O. Rivera '79 PHA is the founding director of the University of Texas at El Paso School of Pharmacy. He was previously the dean of the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy.

Owens G. Saylor '79 '80 FA is the superintendent of Daviess County Public Schools in Owensboro. He was named the 2016 Kentucky Superintendent

of the Year by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators.

John M. Schlotman '79 BE is the executive vice president and chief executive officer of The Kroger Co., which is headquartered in Cincinnati. He was named chairman of the Kenton County Airport Board, which oversees the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport.

1980s



Phillip D. Barr '80 AS is an attorney, partner and the managing director of Stoll Keenon Ogden

PLLC in Lexington. Barr has been with the firm since 1986 and is a member of the business litigation and intellectual property practice groups.

Lisa Lawson Gibson '80 PHA is the dean of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. She received the University of the Sciences Honorary Alumnus Award. At the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Gibson has been director of the Doctor of Pharmacy Program, assistant dean, vice dean and interim dean of pharmacy.

Paul N. Leone '80 BE is president and chief operating officer of The Breakers Palm Beach Hotel and Flagler System Inc. in Palm Beach, Florida.

Charles W. Rice '80 '83 AFE is a distinguished professor of soil microbiology in the Kansas State University Department of Agronomy in Manhattan, Kansas. He was named chairman of the Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources, a program of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.



Brooks Howard Logan '81 DES is a senior interior designer at Lovelace Interiors in Destin/Miramar Beach, Florida. She was previously the lead senior designer at Interspace Limited and owner of BMID Inc. in Lexington.

Dennis L. Parrett '81 AFE is a farmer from Elizabethtown and a senator in the Kentucky General Assembly representing the 10th District. Parrett is also a partner in and operates Cecilia Farm Service in Cecilia. He was awarded the 2015 Epsilon Sigma Phi Friend of Extension Award.

Timothy B. Hudson '82 '83 BE is the chief financial officer of CoreRx, a pharmaceutical company based in Clearwater, Florida. He was named a finalist for 2016 CFO of the Year by the Tampa Bay Business Journal. It was the second-straight year Hudson was a finalist for the award.

Mukund S. Kulkarni '82 BE is the chancellor at Pennsylvania State University–Harrisburg. He was previously the school's senior associate dean for academic affairs, director of the School of Business Administration and a professor of finance.

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and principal of the Bluegrass Challenge Academy.

Michael R. Sitton '82 FA is the dean of the State University of New York at Potsdam Crane School of Music. He was the dean of the Eastern New Mexico University College of Fine Arts, and a professor, department chair and administrator at Hollins University.

Kevin D. Addington '83 AFE is the president and owner of Addington Transportation Inc., a storage company located in Elizabethtown. He was inducted into the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2015.

Mark E. Feldkamp '83 AFE lives in Orinda, California, and retired as the parks and projects manager of the City of Piedmont. He also co-owns his own landscape design business.

Julia Claywell Goodin '83 MED is a forensic pathologist and the chief medical examiner for the Tennessee Department of Health in Nashville. She was previously the chief state medical examiner for the Iowa Department of Health.

Steven E. Sheldon '83 PHA is the owner of Sheldon's Express Pharmacy in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Richard J. Windhorn '83 DEN is a prosthodontist and retired from the U.S. Army after more than 30 years of active duty. He will become assistant dean for digital dentistry at the UK College of Dentistry in July.

William M. Landrum '85 BE was appointed as secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet by Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin. Landrum is a retired U.S. Army colonel after more than a 36-year career and worked as a senior associate for

the Booz Allen Hamilton Resource Management Consulting Support Team.

Donna Parrett Ricketts '85

NUR is a professor of nursing in the associate degree nursing program at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. She was inducted into the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2015.

Bridget R. Scanlon '85 AS

is a senior research scientist leading the Bureau of Economic Geology Sustainable Water Resources Program in the University of Texas at Austin Jackson School of Geosciences. She was named to the National Academy of Engineering.

John F. Stewart '85 DES

is the owner and president of Encompass Develop, Design & Construction LLC in La Grange, which was previously L&F Design Build LCC.

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lives in Naples, Florida, and is the executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary at TeamHealth, which is headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was previously senior vice president and general counsel at Health Management Associates and the vice president of legal operations at Hospital Corp. of America.

Kaveh Varjavand '86 BE

is the director of California United Bancorp and its subsidiary, California United Bank, in Los Angeles. He is also the founder and president of Accounting, Audit and Reporting Consulting Services LLC and was previously the partner-in-charge of the Southern California Financial Services Group at Moss Adams LLP.

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ously the controller at Berea College and was manager of treasury services and manager of general accounting at UK.

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EN is a highway engineer with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. He received the 2015 Alfred E. Johnson Achievement Award from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

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Stephanie Kimble Mains

'89 BE is the chief executive officer of General Electric's Industrial Solutions business in Atlanta. She was the vice president of distributed power global services for G.E. Power.

Jack A. Miniard '89 BE

lives in Harlan and retired from the Kentucky State Police after a 25-year career. He retired as a lieutenant colonel and served as director of the operations division at Kentucky State Police headquarters in Frankfort.

1990s

Damon G. Barber '90 EN is the senior managing director at Liberty Metals & Mining Holdings LLC in Boston. He was named to the board of directors of EMED Mining, an exploration and development company headquartered in Cyprus.

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CI is the assistant vice president for information technology, online learning and libraries at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. She was included in Volume IV of the Latino American Who's Who.

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Karl G. Williams '90 LAW

is a professor and vice chairman of pharmacy practice at the St. John Fischer College Wegmans School of Pharmacy in Rochester, New York. He was appointed general counsel for the American Foundation of Pharmaceutical Education.

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'93 BE is the owner and man-

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Jose J. Cardona-Lopez '97 AS is an author and associate professor of Spanish in the Texas A&M International University Department of Language and Literature in Laredo. He received the Golden Laurel Trilce Award from the city of Santiago de Chuco, Peru.

Daniel T. Koehn '97 '13 FA and his wife **Renita Rosser Koehn '03 FA** are voice instructors at the Downing Performing Arts Academy in Maysville. They are also both instructors of voice at Asbury University in Wilmore.

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David B. Ratterman '68 EN inducted into Engineering Hall of Distinction



UK Alumni Association President David B. Ratterman '68 EN was one of six new members of the University of Kentucky College of Engineering Hall of Distinction in April. Ratterman, who earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the UK College of Engineering, also received an M.B.A. and law degree from the University of Louisville.

He is a partner and member of the Construction Service Group at Stites & Harbison PLLC in Louisville. A general construction law expert specializing in the fabricated structural steel industry, Ratterman has developed a national legal practice and advanced the study and practice of construction law in the United States. He has also become an internationally recognized writer and speaker on a wide variety of legal and engineering topics. Ratterman has been lead trial counsel for numerous contractors, design pro-

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Gearing up for a successful job search

Have you been thinking about changing jobs or even transitioning to a completely new field? Perhaps your company is no longer stable. By choice or not, there are many reasons people change jobs. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average person will hold 11.7 jobs from ages 18 to 48. If this process seems overwhelming, follow these next suggestions to make a smooth transition.

Ninety percent of a successful job search consists of knowing where to focus your efforts. Begin a file of job descriptions that are of interest. Do not worry about where the jobs are located, but instead focus on keywords and experience that are being called for. Research Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) or other training programs that could make you more competitive.

According to Jill Livesay, a UK alumna who recently went through a job change, strategically choose a group or a person to act as mentor. “The person(s) should be able listen, be objective, give their opinion when asked and act as your cheerleaders. If you have recently been laid off, form a group with the others who were laid off. There is a wealth of resources, information and experience in this group. They will have the time and the focus to participate and so will you,” she says.

Update your resume. Large employers use computerized applicant tracking systems to initially screen. Is your resume in an easy to read format that quickly showcases your relevant skills and accomplishments? Are you using bullets instead of long paragraphs?

Update your LinkedIn profile. Recruiters almost exclusively use LinkedIn. Join relevant LinkedIn industry groups. Follow target companies. Build your contacts. Find and reach out to recruiters.

Step up your networking efforts. Attend professional industry meetings and conferences. Volunteer in your community. Join clubs or organizations that allow you to meet others with similar hobbies or interests.

Practice answering common interview questions such as “Tell us about yourself” and “Why are you interested in this position.” Confidently explain gaps or why you left your last position.

If you have had a long career, update your interview outfit and hair style/color or purchase new eye glass frames. Be ready to talk about what you are doing to be a continuous learner and how you have worked with younger colleagues.

These are a few ideas to prepare to test the job market or make a career transition. Most job searches and career transitions require dedication, effort and networking.

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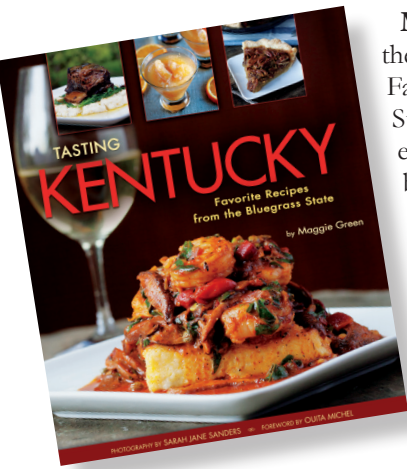
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Creative Juices



Maggie Green '86 AFE is the author of "Tasting Kentucky: Favorite Recipes from the Bluegrass State," which showcases Kentucky's exuberant cuisine, from classic barbecue, Hot Browns, and catfish with beer cheese grits, to innovative fusions of regional and global flavors. Photographs complement 102 recipes both simple and sumptuous from the finest restaurants, inns, cafes, and bed-and-breakfasts across the state. The hardcover, full-color cookbook features breakfast

dishes, appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts from the Bluegrass state.

The author was able to attain signature recipes from generous Kentucky chefs so the book includes items such as Fork in the Road's goetta, Bluebird's chorizo-cheddar corn fritters, Keeneland's burgoo, the Brown Hotel's original "hot brown" sandwich and Entoecca's chocolate-bourbon-almond stuffed figs. The book is written with clear, concise directions that anyone can follow for culinary success. Green is a registered dietician and culinary nutrition consultant and is also editor of trade cookbooks, including the 75th anniversary edition of "The Joy of Cooking."

Farcountry Press
www.farcountrypress.com

Jackie Ross Flaum '68 AS has written, "Secret, Holy Places," the first in a suspense series that begins with a harrowing tale of the kidnapping of a six-year-old child and not-so-small-town political intrigue.

Nazzaro and Price
www.amazon.com

Gerald W. Shaw '60 AS is the author of "Tables Turned," a novel about a Southern lawyer-plantation-owner and a Northern educator-abolitionist who cross paths during the Civil War and discover love and respect.

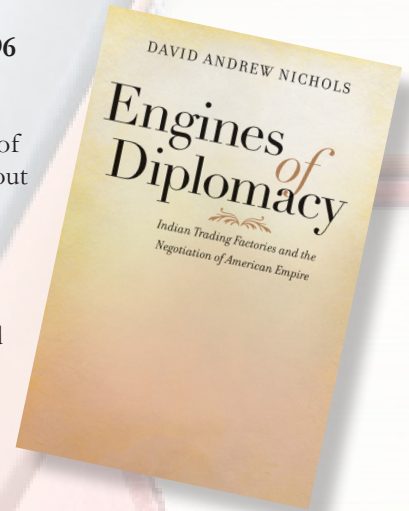
Outskirts Press
www.amazon.com

David Andrew Nichols '96 '00 AS has written "Engines of Diplomacy: Indian Trading Factories and the Negotiation of American Empire," a book about the United States as a fledgling republic. The author explores how the country implemented a series of trading outposts to engage indigenous peoples and to expand American interests west of the Appalachian Mountains. Under the authority of the executive branch, this Indian factory system was designed to strengthen economic ties

between Indian nations and the United States, while eliminating competition from unscrupulous fur traders. Nichols demonstrates how Native Americans and U.S. government authorities sought to exert their power in the trading posts by using them as sites for commerce, political maneuvering and diplomatic action.

Using the factory system to study the material, political and economic lives of Indian peoples, the author also sheds new light on the complexities of trade and diplomacy between whites and Native Americans. Though the system disintegrated in 1819, these factories were important centers of economic and political authority for an expanding inland empire.

The University of North Carolina Press
uncpress.unc.edu



Gregg Neikirk '91 '95 AS has written "Coming Home: A Vision of Elizabeth Madox Roberts," a play about a once-great 20th century writer who lived in in Springfield but is now largely forgotten.

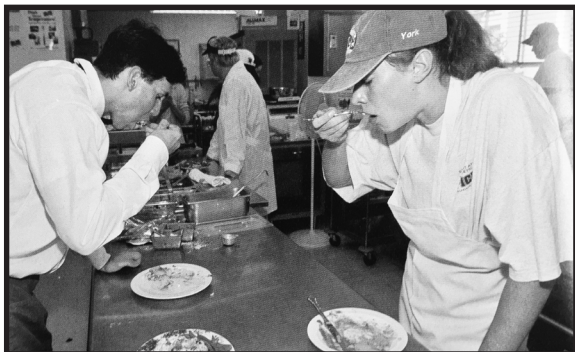
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A Trip Down Memory Lane



17 years ago...

During the 1999-2000 academic year, Brian Linton and Beth Burkett, both dietetic seniors, enjoyed a quick lunch after their shift at the Lemon Tree, a student run restaurant in Erikson Hall.



52 years ago...

In 1964, Tracy Shillito, Mardi Gras Queen, dances with Frank Buck, the favorite professor, at the Mardi Gras dance in the Student Center sponsored annually by the Newman Club.



Photos: Kentuckian

38 years ago...

A threshing machine was used by weed sciences graduate students Joe Bohn and Scott Glen to harvest and bag soybean samples on the UK Research Farm in the 1978-1979 academic year.



65 years ago...

Kappa Sigma members and their dates were giddy in front of the camera during the fraternity's formal during the 1951-1952 academic year.

My Old Kentucky Home



Photo: Jenny Wells, UK Public Relations & Marketing

This University of Kentucky graduate with ties to Kansas, above, expressed a well-known sentiment as she marched in the 2016 Commencement ceremony in May — the largest in UK history. Nearly 2,500 undergraduates and over 500 graduate and professional students were scheduled to participate in the exercises. Overall, approximately 3,250 undergraduate, 1,110 graduate and 457 professional degree candidates were approved by the UK Board of Trustees. Honorary degrees were awarded to W. David Arnett, Thomas Patterson “Patt” Maney, Herbert W. Ockerman and Eileen Recktenwald. George C. Wright, noted African-American scholar and president of Prairie View A&M University, delivered formal remarks. Graduates Jackie Dallaire and Jared Scott were selected by UK President Eli Capilouto to speak at the two undergraduate ceremonies. ■



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Jamie McWilliams
Senior - Biology, Dentistry Track

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