

Office of the President  
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1. Students Return to Campus as UK's 2007-08 Academic Year Begins

More than 27,000 students turned UK into a beehive of activity in mid-August as the 2007-08 academic year got under way. Freshmen and upperclassmen were welcomed back with K Week, dozens of events, receptions and registrations, concerts and a convocation, tours and theater, gatherings and guides, socials and spectaculars. All new UK students are required to attend the New Student Induction Ceremony at Memorial Coliseum, where President Lee T. Todd, Jr., Provost Kumble Subbaswamy, our deans, and other faculty and staff commemorated the start of a new school year. Informal get-to-know-you gatherings were held before the convocation so students and parents can meet faculty, staff, administrators, veteran UK students, and UK Parent Advisory Council members.

2. UK FUSION's Volunteer Day Shows Students' Commitment to Service

It was a record-breaking day for UK FUSION (UK For Unity and Service in Our Neighborhoods), one of the largest single-day community service projects in the state, when Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry proclaimed it UK FUSION Day. The fifth annual UK FUSION broke all previous records under the leadership of UK senior Amanda Schroeder. At the end of the day, more than 1,300 students, staff, and faculty had worked over 5,000 hours of community service at 63 Lexington neighborhoods, social service agencies, and public facilities, such as parks and museums. UK volunteers stuffed envelopes, pulled weeds, mulched trees, cleaned windows, tilled gardens, painted homes, planted gardens, and organized pantries at adult day care centers, parks, neighborhood centers, museums, hospitals, nature sanctuaries, and homeless shelters throughout Fayette County.

3. UK Chandler Hospital Wins High Rankings from Two Organizations

The UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital was the only health care facility in the state to be ranked by two leading organizations as among the best in the nation. The hospital was named one of the nation's 100 Top Performance Improvement Leaders by Thomson Healthcare (formerly "Solucient"), an organization that has been identifying America's top-performing hospitals since 1993 and is well-known in the health care industry. UK is the only academic medical center in Kentucky to receive the ranking, which is based on UK Chandler Hospital's continued strong growth in financial performance, operational efficiency, and quality care for patients. For the second time in two years, UK is ranked by Thomson Healthcare among the top 15 academic medical centers in the nation for having faster and more consistent organization-wide improvement than most other

teaching hospitals. The new national ranking came on the heels of *U.S. News & World Report's* designation of UK Chandler Hospital as one of "America's Best Hospitals." Only 173 U.S. hospitals made the list of 5,462 hospitals evaluated. For the first time, three UK's programs are recognized by the magazine: gynecology (27), ear, nose and throat (41) and cancer (46).

4. Foundation's \$2.8 Million Grant Creates Public Health Systems Research Center

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has awarded a \$2.8 million grant to establish the UK Center for Public Health Systems Research (PHSR). The new center will catalogue and make available new research and resources that will help improve the management of health departments. It will be involved with programs to improve the communication between public health practitioners and the public health research community. The center will also work to increase the number of PHSR researchers by providing training grants to new public health faculty in the nation's schools of public health and support doctoral dissertation research by new researchers coming into the field.

5. Officials Open \$7 Million, 10,000-square-foot Cancer Center in Hazard

State and local officials announced the new \$7 million cancer center at Hazard ARH Regional Medical Center to lead the way in the early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer in eastern Kentucky. The 10,000-square-foot ARH Cancer Center features a board certified radiation oncologist and a board certified medical oncologist-hematologist with a combined total of nearly 40 years experience treating all forms of cancer, a board certified radiation physicist and certified radiation therapists, and a state-of-the-art radiation therapy treatment planning system.

6. Gatton College, KSBDC Hold Forum for Businesses on 2010 Equestrian Games

The Kentucky Small Business Development Center (KSBDC), headquartered in the Gatton College of Business and Economics, sponsored a forum for business owners to gather information about the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games and future events held at the Kentucky Horse Park. Participants heard professionals in the horse industry offer their insights regarding potential products and services expected by game attendees and participants. In addition to the KSBDC and the forum participants, the Governor's Office for Minority Empowerment and Commerce Lexington also sponsored the event.

7. Thirty-eight High School Seniors Are Named 2007 Singletary Scholars

Thirty-eight high school seniors were recently named Otis A. Singletary Scholars for fall 2007 at UK. The Singletary Scholarship is the most prestigious four-year scholarship awarded by UK. The scholarship, named for former UK President Otis A. Singletary, began in 1985 and covers the full cost of tuition, room and board, and a personal stipend for four years of undergraduate study. The scholarship is valued at

approximately \$57,000. The Fall 2007 Singletary Scholars were selected from 417 eligible candidates and include 7 National Merit Finalists, 18 valedictorians, 30 Kentucky Governor's Scholars, and 1 Governor's School for the Arts alumna. To be eligible, students must score 31 or higher on the American College Test (ACT) or 1360 combined math and critical reading scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), and have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.75. The selection committee also considers extracurricular activities, work and volunteer responsibilities, leadership involvement, a written essay, and a personal interview.

8. College of Pharmacy Hosts International Symposium on Microencapsulation

The UK College of Pharmacy is hosting the 16th annual International Symposium on Microencapsulation at the Lexington Convention Center this week. The event has attracted researchers from around the world to discuss their work in the use of microcapsules – tiny coated spheres that permit delayed release of medications – and nanotechnology. Researchers from academic institutions in at least 15 countries, including Italy, Israel, Korea, China, and the United Kingdom, are in attendance. The UK conference marks the first time in 12 years that the symposium has been held in the United States. In 1995, the event was hosted by the University of Texas at Austin.

9. UK Program to Stop Violence Against Women Wins \$515,000 in Grants

UK's Violence Intervention and Prevention Center has recently been awarded two grants from the federal government to support its efforts toward preventing the perpetration of violence. After an initial two-year funding cycle, the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, awarded a continuation grant of \$214,848 to provide support services to victims while engaging in campus-wide strategies to reduce violence dramatically. The second grant is a \$300,000 two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education will expand the implementation of creative, research-driven strategies to reduce effectively the perpetration of violence.

10. College of Design's Digital Studio Project Is Featured on the Research Channel

The Resonance House, created by a UK College of Design digital design studio, was featured on the Research Channel last month. The Resonance House is a design-fabricate-assemble single-family residence located on Old Georgetown Street in downtown Lexington. The house was an ongoing project for associate professor Gregory Luhan's digital design studio classes since the concept's inception in January 2005. Students designed and digitally fabricated many components in the house including the light vortex, cabinets, flooring, and storage pieces. The goal of the "art to part" approach was to develop a prototype house for downtown living that boasts both low maintenance and high energy efficiency. The Resonance House is the first in a series of sustainable-design oriented residential projects under Luhan's direction.

11. UK Chandler Hospital's Trauma Care Wins Recognition for Quality Care

UK Chandler Hospital's trauma center has again been recognized for providing the highest level of care for adult and pediatric patients. The Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons verified UK Chandler Hospital as a Level 1 center. This achievement recognizes the center's dedication to providing optimal care for injured patients. Verified trauma centers must meet criteria that ensure trauma care and institutional performance as outlined by the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma. UK Chandler Hospital is one of only two Level 1 trauma centers serving the needs of Kentuckians. From July 2005 through June 2006, UK doctors and nurses treated nearly 3,000 trauma patients. This is the 5th time the Committee on Trauma has verified UK Chandler Hospital.

12. UK Theatre Department Sets Its 80th Season of Comedies and Dramas

The UK Department of Theatre will launch its 80th season of productions to be presented on the historic Guignol and Briggs Theatre stages with the contemporary comedy "Betty's Summer Vacation," by Christopher Durang. The play, which resembles a sitcom with a house full of wildly incompatible people living together, will be presented September 20-22 and 27-30 at the Briggs Theatre. William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" will come to the Guignol stage in November. In February, audiences can celebrate African-American History month with two landmark productions in repertory on the Guignol stage, "A Soldier's Play" by Charles Fuller and "for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf" by Ntozake Shange. UK Theatre will top off the 2007-08 season with the winner of the James Rodgers Playwriting Competition April 10-12 and 17-19.

13. Keeneland's Concours d'Elegance Raises Funds for Kentucky Children's Hospital

The 2007 Keeneland Concours d'Elegance, a four-day event that benefits the Kentucky Children's Hospital and WUKY-FM, featured an appearance and autograph signing by Bob Tullius, the legendary Jaguar racer. As a founder and former member of the Group 44 racing team, Tullius brought Jaguar racing cars to fame and success in the 1970s. Tullius' team is credited with reintroducing Jaguar to racing and international wins. Jaguar and Tullius were reunited again at Keeneland, at the fourth annual Concours d'Elegance. The event, best known for the Saturday Concours d'Elegance, also included additional festivities mixing Kentucky art, culture, and elegance.

14. Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy Hold White Coat Ceremonies

A class of 103 future physicians marked the beginning of their medical education at the UK College of Medicine in early during the annual White Coat Ceremony. The class of 2011 received their white coats, which are worn when seeing patients. The coats were provided by the UK Medical Alumni Association. The class consists of 43 women and 60 men. Eighty students are Kentucky residents, with 42 being from rural areas. Meanwhile, in mid-August, the UK College of Pharmacy welcomed 132 new

professional Pharm.D. students in the Class of 2011 during its formal white coat ceremony at the UK Singletary Center. The new class brings total enrollment in the nationally top 10-ranked pharmacy program to 490 – the most students in school history.

15. Patterson School's Director Assists State Department on Middle East Trip

Carey Cavanaugh, director of the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, spent July in the Middle East and south Asia, principally in Baghdad, Iraq, and Kabul, Afghanistan, on a special project for the U.S. Department of State. His trip culminated in preparing a classified report for State Department leadership and the U.S. Senate. Throughout the spring and summer, he was active in international peace efforts. This included working in London as the United Nations Special Envoy for Georgia with European scholars and non-governmental organizations to explore possible avenues to advance peace in the Caucasus; traveling to Beijing in March at the behest of the China Institute of International Studies to help Chinese officials better understand peace mediation efforts; and joining former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan in Oslo, Norway at the annual Peace Mediators' Forum to speak on "Do Great Powers Make Great Mediators?" In July Cavanaugh was invited to become a founding board member of the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship.

16. UK Libraries Preserves Oral History Interview with the Late Lady Bird Johnson

Former First Lady Lady Bird Johnson, who died this summer, shared her impressions of the relationship between President Johnson and U.S. Senator Earle C. Clements of Kentucky in an oral history interview preserved by the UK Libraries' Special Collections and Digital Programs unit. The interview, conducted Oct. 19, 1976, by Terry Birdwhistell, now associate dean of Special Collections and Digital Programs, is part of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History. Among many memories, Lady Bird recalled, "I had the feeling that his (Clements') Kentucky raising went with him through life, which I consider a very good thing. I think it's sad that people leave their roots at home when they come to Washington and indeed he didn't. He kept the flavor of his region ... in a very attractive way. He really belonged to Kentucky." To listen to the interview online, go to <http://pax.uky.edu/audio/oralhist/lj1a.mp3>.

17. Paula Pope Is Elected President of the UK Alumni Association for '07-'08

The UK Alumni Association ushered in a new slate of officers recently. At the helm for the 2007-08 fiscal year are Paula Leach Pope, president; William R. Schuetze, president-elect; Scott E. Davis, treasurer; and Stan R. Key, secretary and executive director of the UK Alumni Association. Pope received degrees in education from UK in 1973 and 1975. She has been employed by UK since 1982 when she began working as the fundraiser for UK Libraries. She has served in the UK Office of Development as the director of the UK Fellows Society since 2000, and she is currently director for Campaign Services and Donor Relations. She is a Life Member of the UK Alumni Association. In 1999, she was awarded the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. She and her husband, Fred Pope, have two children, Bobby and Alison.

18. Documentary on Meth Featuring UK Researchers Wins Daytime Emmy

“A Question of Life or Meth,” a two-part series aired on the A&E Classroom channel, won the 2007 Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Special Class Special by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. The series featured University of Kentucky experts Holly Hopper, Jim Cecil, and Susan Pollack. A&E first contacted UK because of its work with the Drug Endangered Child Training Network and the Kentucky Alliance for Drug Endangered Children programs, which are funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission and both housed in the UK College of Public Health. Both programs seek to increase community and professional awareness of the impact of adult drug involvement on children.

19. National Media Cites UK Health Care in Several Stories in July

In the month of July alone, UK HealthCare was featured in the country’s most influential newspaper – *The New York Times* – as well as other leading publications such as *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*. Some of the national media notices include:

- A *New York Times* story chronicling the rapid expansion of medical facilities in Grand Rapids, Michigan, that mentioned only two projects that compete for status as the nation’s largest. The July 11 story said the new UK Chandler Hospital and academic medical campus of the future rivals Grand Rapid’s project in scope and cost.
- A story in the July 23 issue of *The New Yorker* on neurology professor Kevin Nelson’s research into near-death experiences. The story described Nelson’s work to compare near-death experiences with states of consciousness, including REM sleep.
- “Get a Jump on the Silent Killer,” an article about ovarian cancer spotlighted on the cover of the July 2007 issue of *O, The Oprah Magazine*, features an interview with UK HealthCare cancer expert John van Nagell. In the article, van Nagell described the ovarian cancer screening study he has spent the last 20 years working on at UK to help increase the chances of ovarian cancer being found at an early stage.
- In light of the recent release of over-the-counter weight-loss drug Alli, the same issue of *O, The Oprah Magazine*, spotlights the timely research of UK endocrinologist James W. Anderson. The head of the UK College of Medicine Metabolic Research Group and his colleagues examined the effects of over-the-counter strength orlistat on mildly to moderately overweight individuals. Orlistat, known by the brand name Alli, works by decreasing the amount of fat absorbed by the body. The study was the first of its kind.

20. After Three Years’ Evaluation, UK Wins AAHRPP Accreditation

Following a rigorous, three-year evaluation process, UK’s research program has received full accreditation by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs Inc. Seeking AAHRPP accreditation, which exceeds standards set

by the federal government, is voluntary. Currently, more than 3,000 active research studies, involving thousands of volunteers across the state and in the region, are under way. Volunteers are a vital part of UK studies in a myriad of areas, including social, diagnostic, and therapeutic programs for our aging population, drug and alcohol prevention projects, programs targeting children with disabilities, new teaching curricula, and clinical trials to test new drugs and devices.

## 21. Student Awards and Achievements

Megan G. Boehnke, Journalism and Telecommunications, took honors in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation National Writing Competition. She won third place in the Hearst Foundation's National Writing Competition and will receive a \$3,000 prize scholarship. She is the former editor in chief of the *Kentucky Kernel*. She qualified for the national finals by winning first place in an earlier editorial writing competition.

J. Russell Couch, Educational and Counseling Psychology doctoral student, earned the "Student of the Year" award from Division 51 of the American Psychological Association at the APA's 115th Annual National Convention last month in Sacramento, California. His research centers on gender and human sexuality, with an emphasis on gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues.

Christina Espinosa, Special Education and Rehabilitation, received the 2007 Student Literacy Award from the Kentucky Rehabilitation Association. She received her award at the association's annual conference at the Marriot Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington. Espinosa's paper titled "My Approach to Job Placement" focused on the person-centered approach she takes while working with individuals who live with physical, psychological, social, or cognitive impairments.

Angie Ortega, Music, will be featured on the next record from Grammy award-winning jazz musician Gordon Goodwin and the Big Phat Band. Ortega got the singing gig by winning the "Big Phat Jam" online competition presented by the band on their Web site.

Ryan Quarles, Law, has been reappointed to the Council on Postsecondary Education. Quarles, of Georgetown, has already received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics, public service, and leadership and in political science, a master's degree in agricultural economics, and a master's degree in diplomacy from the University of Kentucky. Quarles was honored as a Truman Scholar in 2005 and as a Toyota Community Scholar in 2002 and has worked as an agriculture and interior intern for the office of U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell. He represents postsecondary students on the council.

Danielle Rose, Integrated Strategic Communications, was a recipient of the 2007 Women Leading Kentucky scholarship award.

Sean Rose, Journalism and Telecommunications, was a winner in the Roy W. Howard National Collegiate Reporting Competition. He was selected as one of nine winners of the award. This competition awards a study tour in Asia, an area of interest to the international journalist for which the competition is named. Rose travelled with the other recipients on the 13-day guided study tour of Japan and South Korea. He will be the managing editor of the *Kentucky Kernel* this fall.

Thirty-eight UK freshman student-athletes were named to the 2007 Southeastern Conference Freshman Academic Honor Roll. They were: baseball: James Paxton, Pre-Marketing, Michael Seaborn, Pre-Accounting, and Clint Tilford, Undergraduate Studies; men's basketball: Mark Coury, Pre-Management, Jodie Meeks, Undergraduate Studies, Dwight Perry, Undergraduate Studies, Michael Porter, Pre-Finance, and Perry Stevenson, Undergraduate Studies; football: A. J. Nance, Undergraduate Studies; men's golf: Derek Oldham, Pre-Finance; gymnastics: Jacque Behrendt, Pre-Physical Therapy, and Hillary Ferguson, Kinesiology; rifle: Leslie Angeli, Mathematical Economics, and Jennifer Pason, Agricultural Biotechnology; men's soccer: Barry Rice, Pre-Accounting, and Matthew Weiler, Undergraduate Studies; women's soccer: Cynthia Abbott, Geology; Julie Hull, Biology, Katlyn Fahey, Undergraduate Studies, and Ashley Stack, Undergraduate Studies; softball, Natalie Smith, Pre-Journalism, and Jennifer Young, Pre-Integrated Strategic Communication; men's swimming: Marco Iemmola, Pre-Management, Justin Max, Political Science, Eric McGinnis, Undergraduate Studies, Christopher Richard, Pre-Finance, Eric Robinson, Biology, and Kevin Ryan, Pre-Chemical Engineering; women's swimming, Casey Miller, Psychology, Christina Morgan, Pre-Nursing, Chatham Penrod, Pre-Management, and Sydney Witzky, Art Studio; women's tennis: Christine Johnston, Pre-Communication; women's track: Emily Bernhardt, English, Claire Laverty, Pre-Physical Therapy/Psychology, and Lindsay Petri, Pre-Nursing; and volleyball: Sarah Rumely, Undergraduate Studies, and BriAnne Sauer, Undergraduate Studies.

Fifty-seven UK student-athletes were named to the 2007 Southeastern Conference Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll. They were: baseball: Andrew Albers, junior, Kinesiology, Brock Baber, junior, Kinesiology Teaching, Sean Coughlin, senior, History, Collin Cowgill, junior, Communication, Antone DeJesus, junior, Communication, Greg Dombrowski, junior, Kinesiology Teaching, Tyler Howe, junior, Community and Leadership Development, Marcus Nidiffer, sophomore, Pre-Finance, Anthony Ottrando, sophomore, Pre-Communication, Troy Ragle, senior, Civil Engineering, Dan Reale, junior, Marketing, Brian Spear, junior, Economics, Thommy Warner, junior, Mechanical Engineering, and Brock Wright, sophomore, Pre-Finance; men's golf: Cale Barr, senior, Sociology, Brad Doster, senior, Finance, and Andrew Stephens, senior, Sociology; women's golf: Beth Felts, junior, Management, and Katie Johnson, senior, Biology; softball: Samantha Allen, junior, Integrated Strategic Communication, Rebecca Bishop, junior, Kinesiology, Lindsay Brogdon, junior, Marketing, Ashley Dimkich, junior, Elementary Education, Elizabeth Fadde, sophomore, Pre-Materials Engineering, Ashley Fertic, senior, Accounting, Gina Florence, junior, Kinesiology, Brooke Marnitz, senior, Management/Communication, Katie Campbell, senior, Sociology, and Jennifer Sibert, senior, Journalism; men's tennis: Bruno Agostinelli, sophomore, Kinesiology, and Kyle Virgin, sophomore, Pre-Accounting; women's tennis: Jessica Giuggioli, sophomore, Spanish, Joelle Schwenk, senior, Nutrition and Food Science, and Caroline Winebrenner, senior, Psychology; men's track: Jose Acevedo-Herrera, sophomore, Pre-Accounting, Brandon Austin, sophomore, Finance, Nathan Browning, junior, Integrated Strategic Communication, Scott Brownlee, senior, Integrated Strategic Communication, Ryan Finn, sophomore, Kinesiology, Daniel Hutson, junior, Communication, Christopher Long, junior, Secondary Education, Nicholas Reeves, senior, Marketing, Andrew Rhodenbaugh, junior, Marketing/Management, John Richardson, senior, Psychology,

Jonathan Thomas, senior, Secondary Education, and John Thompson, junior, Biology; women's track: Mary Durham, sophomore, Pre-Communication, Jackie Gordon, senior, Communication, Andrea Halasek, sophomore, Secondary Education, Rachel Kohler, senior, Marketing/Management, Andrea Miller, sophomore, Secondary Education, Lindsay Moody, sophomore, Nutrition and Food Science, Lavera Morris, junior, Kinesiology, Jennifer Smith, junior, Psychology, Maggie Tincher, junior, Kinesiology, Ashley Trimble, sophomore, Art Studio, and Catherine Weber, senior, Biology.

## 22. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

Rodney Andrews, Center for Applied Energy Research, has been named director of the center. He had served as its interim director.

David Biagi, Architecture, has been named acting dean of the UK College of Design this summer. Biagi will serve in the position while the college continues its national search for a new dean. Biagi, who took over the dean position June 6, has served UK as director of the School of Architecture in the College of Design since August 2002.

Allan Butterfield, Biological Chemistry and Membrane Sciences, has been informed that three of his published papers are among the most often downloaded in the prestigious journals *Neurobiology of Aging* and *Free Radical Biology and Medicine*.

Joan C. Callahan, Philosophy, has been named the Distinguished Woman Philosopher of 2007 by the Society for Women in Philosophy. She will be honored for her work, achievements, contributions to the discipline of philosophy, and support of women in philosophy at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association in Baltimore, Maryland, in December 2007.

Karen Clancy, University Health Service, was awarded the Affiliates New Professional Award by the American College Health Association (ACHA) at its 2007 annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. This award recognizes ACHA members who have provided service to the field of college health for three years or less and who have made significant contributions to their institutions and/or affiliate.

Gary Cromwell, Animal and Food Sciences, received the national New Frontiers in Animal Nutrition Award from the Federation of Animal Sciences Societies in July. This award, presented jointly by the federation and the American Feed Industry Association, acknowledges and rewards pioneering animal nutrition research that benefits mankind.

Peter A. Crooks, Pharmaceutical Sciences, was elected as an American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Member-at-Large and will serve a three-year term in the national organization. He joins Patrick J. McNamara, Pharmaceutical Sciences, who also is a member of the 2008 AAPS Executive Council.

Patrick P. DeLuca, Pharmaceutical Sciences, has been elected to serve as president-elect of the 13,000-member American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, based in Arlington, Virginia.

Barb Deniston, Academic Services, has been named the Lan Hewlett Outstanding Advisor of the Year by the National Association for Academic Advisors for Athletics. Deniston was chosen from a national pool of academic advisors for athletes in the country.

Rick Durham, Horticulture, was elected vice president for extension of the American Society for Horticulture Science at its annual conference in July.

Robert Farley, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, participated in the Naval War College's Maritime Strategy Project in December 2006.

Bill Fountain, Horticulture, was elected vice president of the International Society of Arboriculture in July. Fountain's development of training and certification programs in Asia, and his many years of service, helped prepare him for this prestigious responsibility.

Rich Gates, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, is a lead scientist for a multi-university study on Feeding and Altering Diets for Egg Laying Hens funded by the United Egg Producers through a U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service innovation grant. The project will be conducted on commercial egg production farms with the objective of reducing ammonia emissions by cost-effective dietary manipulations.

Steven A. Haist, Medicine, has been appointed as a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners as a Test Committee representative.

Don Hershman and Paul Vincelli, Plant Pathology, recently received national honors from the American Phytopathological Society. Hershman received the 2007 Excellence in Extension Award, and Vincelli received the Excellence in Teaching Award. They were the only recipients in these categories.

Evan Hillebrand, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, was awarded the Central Intelligence Agency's Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal at a ceremony in Langley, Virginia on June 18. The award was presented by David Gordon, Vice-Chairman of the National Intelligence Council. After touring China this spring, Hillebrand lectured at Shanghai International Studies University on US-Chinese relations.

Marlene B. Huff, Adolescent Medicine, has been chosen as the recipient of the Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award for her work, life, and advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities. The award is presented by EP Foundation for Education and EP Global Communications, Inc., publisher of the peer-reviewed journal serving the special needs community, *Exceptional Parent*.

Larry Jones and Will Snell, Agricultural Economics, and Steve Isaacs, Community and Leadership Development, received an award of \$50,000 from Philip Morris to help support the Strategic Management for Emerging Agricultural Leadership program.

Nancy Jones, Theatre, traveled overseas to present her play "Molière's Women" in Paris. The production, with a cast of students from UK, was presented July 18 at the FIAP Jean Monnet Cultural Center and July 20 at the Fifth International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities at American University in Paris.

Jane M. Kirschling, Nursing, has been elected to serve a one-year term as secretary of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Karen Mingst, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, led a workshop for lecturers and researchers from International Relations schools in Vietnam during her spring sabbatical. With 30 participants from four different Vietnamese universities, including National University of Vietnam in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City University (formerly Saigon), Mingst taught a course called "Teaching

International Relations since the Cold War's End." The workshop was financed by the Ford Foundation as part of a three-year effort to improve the qualifications of university-level faculty in the country.

David P. Nau, Pharmacy Practice and Science, is the new chair-elect of the Economic, Social and Administrative Sciences Section for the American Pharmacists Association's Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science for the 2008-09 term. Nau also has a joint faculty appointment in the UK Martin School of Public Policy and Administration.

Lisa G. O'Connor, Library and Information Science, and Diane M. Owens, Library and Information Science master's degree candidate, were co-recipients of the 2007 Emerald Research Grant Award, administered by the Business Reference and Services Section of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA). This is one of two \$5,000 cash awards donated by Emerald Group Publishing Limited to an American Library Association member conducting research in business librarianship. The award was presented at the RUSA Awards Ceremony on June 25 in Washington, D.C.

Doug Overhults and Rich Gates, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, and Tony Pescatore, Animal and Food Sciences, received funding of nearly \$826,000 from the Kentucky Poultry Federation (approved through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board) to evaluate existing poultry house energy efficiency and to conduct producer education workshops.

Valerie Perry, UK Libraries, has received the 2007 Distinguished Member Award from the Food, Agriculture, and Nutrition Division of the Special Libraries Association.

Frank Romanelli, Pharmacy, will be recognized as a Distinguished Practitioner in the National Academies of Practice in Pharmacy. The National Academies of Practice is comprised of 10 academies representing the health care practice areas of dentistry, medicine, nursing, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, psychology, and veterinary medicine.

Melody Ryan, Pharmacy Practice and Science, is the new chair-elect of the Clinical Sciences Section for the American Pharmacists Association's Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science's Executive Council for the 2008-09 term.

Shannon Sampson, a visiting professor in the UK College of Education's Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation, received the 2007 Distinguished Dissertation Award from the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education. Her dissertation was titled "An Investigation of Item Fit and Functioning of an Algebra Assessment for English Language Learners."

F. Douglas Scutchfield, Public Health, will receive the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research's Duncan W. Clark Award, presented to a senior-level person with a distinguished record of achievement in teaching, research and advocacy in the field of prevention and public health. The award will be presented at an association meeting in Austin, Texas, in February 2008.

Jianhua Shao, Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences, has received the American Diabetes Association 2007 Thomas R. Lee Career Development Award for his study on transcriptional regulation of adiponectin gene expression.

Scott Shearer, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, was one of three national winners selected to receive the Precision Agriculture Award of Excellence from the Precision Agriculture Institute. Winners were chosen for leadership in precision

agriculture adoption, employee education, and responsible and innovative use of precision agriculture technology.

Daniel Blake Smith, History, is the author of an award-winning documentary, "Trail of Tears Cherokee Legacy," that played this summer at the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Narrated by James Earl Jones, the film chronicles the ethnic cleansing and the hardships endured by the Indians of Southeast America in the 1830s. The focus of the documentary is the Cherokee Trail of Tears forced march to reservation land.

Kelly Smith, Pharmacy Practice and Science, has been selected to participate in the 2007-08 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Academic Leadership Fellows Program. The program is an intensive leadership and management program designed to develop the nation's most promising individuals to become future leaders in pharmacy and in higher education.

John Snyder, Horticulture, was honored recently at the Kentucky Governor's office during a ceremony recognizing investigators who received U.S. Department of Agriculture Small Business Innovation Research matching grants. Snyder is helping develop a production regime and market for specialty bell peppers.

John Thelin, Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation, was recently appointed to the advisory and editorial board for the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Scholarly Colloquium on College Sports. The NCAA Scholarly Colloquium on College Sports was developed to unite top scholars to study intercollegiate athletics' influence on both university and cultural life. The advisory and editorial board will exercise intellectual autonomy over all matters pertaining to the colloquium.