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1. UK College of Pharmacy Prepares to Open New \$134 Million Building

After two and half years, 225,000 bricks, 7,300 cubic yards of concrete, and 675 tons of reinforcing steel, the new University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy building is scheduled to be completed today. Faculty and staff will begin moving into the \$134 million state-of-the-art academic and research building as soon as Wednesday, December 2, with different areas and units moving throughout the month in preparation for classes to be held in the new facility on January 12. Laboratory researchers moving from the existing Rose Street College of Pharmacy building to the third floor of the new facility will complete their move during the first few months of 2010.

2. UK Parkinson's Researchers Explore Using Pump for Drug Delivery

A team of Parkinson's disease researchers at UK is investigating a promising method for delivering therapeutic drugs directly to patients' brains through an implanted catheter connected to a small, portable pump. The research, funded by the Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Kinetics Foundation, is being led by Peter Hardy, assistant professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology, and Luke H. Bradley, assistant professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology and of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, in the UK College of Medicine. The research uses experimental surgical techniques developed by Zhiming Zhang, a UK associate professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology. Zhang has developed a strong program in experimental neurosurgery focused on site-specific delivery of therapeutic drugs into the brain. His methodology has broad potential application for treating a number of neurological disorders, including Parkinson's disease. This method has previously been used to deliver therapeutic compounds, such as GDNF, to the brains of Parkinson's disease patients.

3. Multidisciplinary Research Project on Hydrocarbon Fuels Wins NSF Grant

The National Science Foundation has awarded \$1,984,322 through its Office of Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation program to UK for a multidisciplinary energy research project. Titled "Lignin Deconstruction for the Production of Liquid Fuels," the project will focus on the high-capacity processes required for the production of hydrocarbon fuels and chemicals from lignocellulosic biomass. Project investigators include Rodney Andrews, Mark Crocker, and Samuel Morton, UK Center for Applied Energy Research; Mark Meier, Chemistry; Seth DeBolt, Horticulture; and Mike Montross Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.

4. Molecular Research Center Receives \$10.5 Million in Renewed Funding

A UK multidisciplinary biomedical research center has received \$10.5 million in renewed funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Center of Biomedical Research Excellence in the Molecular Basis of Human Disease is supported by the National Center for Research Resources (NCR), a part of the NIH that supports thematic, multidisciplinary Centers of Biological Research Excellence (COBREs) across the country through its Institutional Development Award (IDeA) program. In its first five years, the center provided support for research projects led by 22 junior faculty members in nine different departments mentored by senior faculty researchers. The focus has been on neurodegenerative diseases, cancer, and diabetes. In addition, the COBRE provides four support cores, in microscopy; in synthesizing organic compounds to be used in research; in protein characterization and structural determination; in production of recombinant viruses for research projects; and providing proteomic support.

5. UK's Solar Decathlon Team Finishes Ninth in National Competition

UK's Solar Decathlon team finished ninth in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Decathlon competition, held October 8-16 at the National Mall. The team also received an Honorable Mention award. At the competition, the team's house was evaluated in 10 specific areas: architecture, engineering, market viability, lighting design, communications, comfort, appliances, hot water, energy balance, and home entertainment. The team behind UK's solar house, the "Blues" Team, was an interdisciplinary group comprised of students, faculty, and staff from six colleges and 16 centers and departments within UK. The team was led by Donald Colliver, professor of biosystems and agricultural engineering at the College of Agriculture, and Gregory Luhan, associate dean for research at the College of Design, as well as faculty from the College of Communications and Information Studies and the College of Engineering.

6. UK Pharmacy Students Maintain Nation's Highest Pass Rate on Board Exam

Graduates in the UK College of Pharmacy Class of 2009 achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the NAPLEX, the national pharmacy licensure exam, according to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. This marks five out of the last six years graduates of UK's program have had a perfect first-time pass rate. It also means the College maintains its status as having the highest percentage of students with a successful first-time pass rate among 120 pharmacy programs in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Overall, 120 UK graduates achieved an average NAPLEX score of 124.30 compared to the national average score of 112.51.

7. UK HealthCare Sets New System to Speed Treatment of Heart Attacks

Heart attack patients won't go to the emergency room as part of a new UK HealthCare plan designed to help those patients receive faster treatment. Instead, in most cases, heart attack sufferers will be taken straight to the cardiac catheterization lab in the UK Gill Heart Institute, where a team will be waiting to break through the life-threatening blood clot that is causing the attack. As part of the new protocol, when responding to someone who may be having a heart

attack, specially trained paramedics will administer a painless test called an electrocardiogram, or EKG, which can help detect a heart attack. If the test and other warning signs indicate the patient is in the midst of a heart attack, the paramedics will activate the cardiac catheterization team on their way to the UK Gill Heart Institute. Once the patient arrives, the cardiac catheterization team, led by a physician who specializes in treating heart disease, will assess the patient and the EKG to determine whether they should perform an emergency angioplasty, a minimally-invasive procedure to open blocked blood vessels. Patients who are not believed to be having a heart attack will be taken to the emergency department for further assessment.

8. UK Encourages Consensus-building with Forum on Coal in Kentucky

On November 5, a daylong event featured a variety of speakers focusing on the past, present, and future impacts of coal on Kentucky, with representatives of environmental groups, the coal industry, and researchers. “A Forum on Coal in Kentucky” was designed to bring together all sides in the controversies surrounding coal in Kentucky. The event also marked the launch of a film project by the UK Center for Visualization and Virtual Environments, which will conduct interviews and film clips over the next several months about coal’s impact across the state. Among the speakers were Jason Bailey, research and policy director for Mountain Association for Community Economic Development; Kentucky House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins; state Sen. Robin Webb; former Kentucky Governor Paul Patton; Tom Fitzgerald, director of the Kentucky Resources Council; Joseph W. Craft III, president and CEO of Alliance Coal Co.; and bestselling author Jeff Goodell, who wrote *Big Coal*. The forum was organized by the UK College of Engineering Department of Mining Engineering and the Vis Center, with support from a grant from the Kentucky Cabinet for Energy and Environment. The grant is also supporting the Vis Center’s film project.

9. Support from Congressmen Rogers and Davis Lead to Coal-to-Liquids Grant

Congressmen Harold “Hal” Rogers and Geoff Davis announced that a \$2 million grant will be awarded to UK’s Center for Applied Energy Research for the development of coal-to-liquids technology. Advances in this technology will reduce dependence on foreign oil and open new markets for Kentucky’s coal mining economy.

10. Markey Researchers Study Protein’s Ability to Maintain Stem Cell Health

Researchers at the UK Markey Cancer Center are investigating the ability of a protein called SLIT2 to maintain healthy levels of a type of stem cell, called hematopoietic stem cells. These cells, found in bone marrow, give rise to every type of blood cell in the body. The research, led by Dr. Gary Van Zant, professor of Internal Medicine in the UK College of Medicine, has broad implications in a number of areas in medicine. However, its most immediate application could be in helping cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. Chemotherapy can reduce the population of hematopoietic stem cells, which are normally self-regenerating. This can result in a shortage of specialized blood cells, such as platelets, which play a key role in blood clotting. Currently, chemotherapy-induced platelet deficiency (or thrombocytopenia) is treated with platelet transfusions, which are very expensive. SLIT2 – first discovered in fruit flies and subsequently found throughout the animal kingdom, including humans – is secreted by cells

and binds to a receptor (called Robo) on the same cell or adjacent cells. The SLIT2-Robo signaling pathway plays a key role in determining the positioning of cells.

11. Lyman T. Johnson Group Presents Sanford Roach with Inaugural Legacy Award

Sanford T. Roach was the inaugural recipient of the Legacy Award presented during the 19th annual Lyman T. Johnson Homecoming Awards Banquet on October 30. Roach was selected based on his lifelong efforts to promote education, athleticism, and civic responsibility throughout Kentucky. Roach served as head basketball coach at Lexington's old Paul Laurence Dunbar High School for 24 years, amassing a 512-142 record and twice advanced to the state championship game. He was the first African American to be named to the University of Kentucky Athletic Association Board. He also was the first African American to serve as a principal of an integrated elementary and secondary school in Fayette County. A native of Danville, Roach earned a degree in natural sciences from Kentucky State University and a master's degree in education from UK in 1955 as well as an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from UK in 2002. The Lyman T. Johnson UK Alumni African-American Constituent Group hosts the event each year to commemorate the memory of Johnson, who in 1949 was the first African American admitted to the University of Kentucky.

12. UK Students Commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Berlin Wall's Fall

To mark the 20th anniversary of the destruction of the Berlin Wall – and the subsequent reunification of East and West Germany – UK provided students the opportunity to relive the events of November 9, 1989 through re-enactments and first-hand accounts of the historic event. The Division of German Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences created a replica section of the Berlin Wall, built to the same height and width specifications as the original, on the lawn of the Student Center Plaza. Students had the opportunity to graffiti tag the wall just as the young people of East and West Berlin did. At noon, the wall tumbled down as students destroyed sections of the replica to symbolize the destruction of the original. Later in the day, a documentary titled "The Berlin Wall" was shown at the Max Kade German House on East Maxwell Street. The Kade House also hosted a roundtable discussion that featured eyewitness accounts from members of the UK community who were on the scene in 1989, in both East and West Berlin.

13. UK Art Graduate Wins International Award for Student Achievement

Art graduate Luke Achterberg has been awarded the prestigious International Sculpture Center's (ISC) Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award for 2009. Achterberg garnered the international award for his sculpture "Relative," a painted steel sculpture measuring 207 inches long by 88 inches tall by 52 inches wide. The artwork is the result of three years of research, work, and active study for Achterberg in UK's Master of Fine Arts program. The ISC established the annual award program to recognize young sculptors and to encourage their continued commitment to the field. It also was designed to draw attention to the sculpture programs of the participating schools which totaled a record number this year including more than 170 universities, colleges and art school sculpture programs from 16 countries for a nominated total of 441 students. As a winner of the ISC award, Achterberg's piece is part of

“Grounds For Sculpture’s Fall/Winter Exhibition,” which will be on view through January 10, 2010 in Hamilton, N.J. Achterberg’s work will also be included in the “Grounds For Sculpture’s 2009 Fall/Winter Exhibitions Catalogue” and was featured in the October 2009 issue of Sculpture magazine. The work also will be featured in the first of what is expected to become an annual traveling exhibition that will visit arts organizations across the country.

14. Engineering Student Samuel Nicaise Receives Astronaut Scholarship

Space Shuttle Astronaut Robert “Hoot” Gibson presented electrical engineering senior Samuel Nicaise with a \$10,000 scholarship from the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) during a public presentation and ceremony held October 15 in the Student Center. The Astronaut Scholarship is one of the largest monetary awards given in the United States to science and engineering undergraduate students based solely on merit. Seventeen awards were dispersed this year through the ASF to outstanding college students majoring in science, engineering or math. More than \$2.8 million has been awarded in scholarships to date, \$101,000 to UK students. These well-rounded students exhibit motivation, imagination and intellectual daring, as well as exceptional performance, both in and outside, the classroom. Nicaise, of Covington, plans to pursue a doctorate and work on the cutting edge of photovoltaics and nanotechnology.

15. Dedication Ceremony Is Held for UK’s New Science Laboratory

An information showcase and dedication ceremony was held for the new Science Library in the Margaret I. King Building on October 7. The facility includes three floors of library space and computing resources, a reference collection, a computer lab, a service desk which also provides IT assistance, a major library print collection, a large map collection, information kiosks, and a lounge area with snacks and drinks for patrons. The facility is home to a collection that contains a variety of materials related to astronomy, chemistry, geological sciences, mathematics, physics, and statistics, as well as the Map Collection, which is international in coverage and composed of maps, aerial photos, atlases, and gazetteers. Officials hope the facility will enter phase two of renovation in the coming years and renovate the fourth and fifth floors of the King Building, as well as integrate the university’s engineering collection.

16. Kentucky Geological Survey Provides Online Access to Oil and Gas Records

The Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) reached a major milestone by making Kentucky oil and gas drilling records readily available to the public. KGS completed a decades-long project to scan all of the records and make them accessible at the KGS Web site. The records, which are used by industry, government agencies, and private land owners are crucial for exploring new oil and gas resources and are important for other geologic purposes, such as determining ground water and coal resources, environmental issues, and rock properties.

17. UK Office of Adult Student Services Hosts Record Crowd at Workshop

A record 85 prospective adult students attended the UK Office of Adult Student Services' Back to School Workshop on Thursday, November 6. The event was designed to inform and answer questions for those who want to come back to college or want to start from scratch later in life. The Office of Adult Student Services is also the point of contact for Project Graduate, a statewide program that is a partnership between UK and the Council on Postsecondary Education and supported by the Lumina Foundation. Its mission is simple: to bring Kentucky adults who earned 90 or more credit hours but never finished their degrees back to college. Universities across the state are involved. Since the partnership's inception nearly two years ago, 44 Project Graduate students have returned to UK to complete their degrees.

18. Composer John Mackey Attends UK Symphony Band's Performances

Award-winning composer John Mackey visited School of Music for the performances of his music for band, including "Redline Tango," "Aurora Awakes," and "Strange Humors." The composer's music was featured in two free public concerts performed by UK Symphony Band and UK Wind Ensemble at the Singletary Center for the Arts. UK Wind Ensemble was conducted by Professor John Cody Birdwell, director of UK Bands, and the UK Symphony Band was directed by Professor George Boulden, associate director of UK Bands. Also joining the UK Symphony Band for the concert was the Eastern Kentucky University Wind Ensemble, conducted by Professor Joe Allison, director of ECU Bands.

19. UK Art Museum Offers 'American West' Etching and Lithograph Exhibit

The UK Art Museum opened the exhibition "Exploring the American West: Karl Bodmer and George Catlin," a collection of 48 hand-tinted etchings and lithographs that provides a historical record of the Native American way of life during the westward expansion of the United States. The exhibition will run through December 20. An accompanying display of Native American artifacts from the William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology features objects from the Plains tribes. The collection on display is part of the Wells Fargo Advisors LLC's corporate art collection. The exhibition is sponsored by the Bluegrass Complex of Wells Fargo Advisors LLC.

20. Networking Event Draws More than 125 Faculty Entrepreneurs, Investors

The fall "Bench2Business" networking event drew more than 125 faculty entrepreneurs, community members, and Bluegrass Angels and included remarks by UK President Lee T. Todd, Jr. and Mayor Jim Newberry. The event showcased student entrepreneur teams from the UK Entrepreneurs Club and Dunbar High School. Each team gave a presentation on their energy saving technologies that propose new ways to harness wind energy and create energy savings among networked computers. The fall B2B event was sponsored by the UK Office for Commercialization & Economic Development, the Bluegrass Business Development Partnership, and Commerce Lexington.

21. Sanders-Brown Researchers Test New Approach to Slowing Alzheimer's

Researchers from the UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging are testing an intriguing new approach to slowing down the progression of Alzheimer's disease (AD) using Intravenous Immune Globulin (IGIV), also known as gammaglobulin. IGIV is currently used to treat primary immunodeficiency disorders but is not currently approved for treating AD, which is one of the leading causes of dementia in the elderly. Initial research in experimental models and patients suggests that immunotherapy targeting beta amyloid (the protein that forms the core of plaques in the brain) may provide a more effective way to treat AD. Antibodies that bind to beta amyloid are present in IGIV, which is made from the blood of several thousand healthy adults. This new effort seeks the public's participation in testing IGIV in a major clinical trial that is jointly funded by the National Institute on Aging and Baxter International Inc.

22. NIH Grant Permits Markey to Recruit Researchers on Gastrointestinal Cancer

The UK Markey Cancer Center received \$1.4 million from the National Institutes of Health to recruit two junior tenure-track faculty members to conduct translational research focused primarily on gastrointestinal (GI) cancer. The two-year grant will help to build expanded capacity in the development of prevention and treatment strategies, said Dr. B. Mark Evers, director of the Markey Cancer Center. The new faculty members will be integrated into a highly collaborative, interdisciplinary group of investigators focused on the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of GI cancer. This group consists of basic and clinical scientists, including molecular and cell biologists, clinician-scientists (surgeons, gastroenterologists and medical oncologists), GI pathologists, epidemiologists and biostatisticians, as well as investigators in the UK College of Pharmacy with successful programs in drug design and delivery.

23. College of Arts & Sciences Inducts Six into Hall of Fame

Six people, including two UK faculty members, were inducted into the UK College of Arts & Sciences Hall of Fame at ceremonies held October 30 at the Lexington Convention Center. The 2009 inductees are Ernest Steele, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from UK in 1948 and 1950; William H. Jansen II, who earned his degree in anthropology in 1971; Dr. Olson Huff, who received his bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1957; Sandra Helton, who earned her bachelor's in mathematics in 1971; Wimberly Royster, who received his doctorate in mathematics in 1952, and served as chair of UK's Math Department from 1963 to 1969; and William Y. Adams, who served as chair of the Department of Anthropology twice during his 26 years at UK.

24. Jackson and Linne Are Chosen as UK's 2009 Homecoming Royalty

Barb Jackson, daughter of David and Margaret Jackson of Westmont, Illinois, and Justin Linne, son of John and Beth Linne of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, were crowned the 2009 UK Homecoming queen and king during halftime ceremonies at the UK versus Mississippi State Homecoming game. Jackson is a senior special education major and was sponsored in the Homecoming royalty candidacy by Chi Omega sorority. Linne is a senior integrated strategic communications major and was sponsored by Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

25. Student Awards and Achievements

Kristyn Mickley, Nursing, was awarded one of 40 Tylenol Scholarships presented by the company. The \$5,000 scholarship is presented to students with outstanding leadership qualities and academic performance.

26. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

Glen Aiken, Plant and Soil Sciences, was elected Fellow in the Crop Science Society of America.

Kerri Lynn Ashurst, Family and Consumer Sciences, received a \$100,000 grant from Kansas State University for "Operation: Military Kids."

Ernest Bailey, Teri L. Lear, and James MacLeod, Veterinary Science, received the 2009 Prestigious Research Paper Award for their contributions to the Science paper "Genome Sequence, Comparative Analysis and Population Genetics of the Domestic Horse (*Equus caballus*)."

Dibakar Bhattacharyya, Membrane Sciences, received the 2009 Clarence "Larry" G. Gerhold Award by the Separations Division of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. The Gerhold Award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions in the research, development or application of chemical separations technology.

Deborah Borrowdale-Cox, UK Art Museum, was named the Kentucky Art Education Association's 2009 Museum/Higher Education Art Educator of the Year. As the director of museum education at the UK Art Museum, Borrowdale-Cox oversees programs at the museum as well as outreach to the region that provides art education to more than 10,000 students a year. The 2009 Museum/Higher Education Art Educator of the Year Award was presented at the association gala, held at the museum October 16.

Sheila Botts, Pharmacy Practice and Science, was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). In addition, she was recognized as a Best Paper Finalist at the ACCP Annual Meeting held in October.

Craig Carter, Livestock Disease and Diagnostic Center, was named Kentucky Veterinarian of the Year by the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association.

Joseph Chappell, Plant and Soil Sciences, received a \$6 million grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. He is the contact project director for the multi-university study "Advancing Drug Development in Medicinal Plants Using Transcriptomics and Metabolomics."

Nancy Cox, College of Agriculture Administration and Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station, was honored with Bluegrass Tomorrow's Vision Award. Cox was recognized for her long-term vision in support of the Bluegrass and its signature equine industry.

Louis J. Drapeau, Risk Management, currently serves as vice chairman of the Board of Directors of the Disaster Recovery Institute International (DRII). DRII is the largest certifying body for Business Continuity Management (BCM) professionals in the world, with more than 7,500 certified professionals in 90 countries. He was invited by DRII's Chinese Affiliate, DRI China, to speak at their Sixth Annual Business Continuity Management Forum, "BCM 2009, China," in Beijing November 9. His topic was "Empowering Business Resilience through BCM and Enterprise Risk Management." DRII has experienced tremendous growth in the Pacific Rim

countries of Japan, Malaysia, China, and Australia. Global companies operating in that part of the world are increasingly interested in improving their BCM plans.

Ginny Ellington, Family and Consumer Sciences, received the Outstanding Career and Technical Educator Award from the Association for Career and Technical Education Region II.

Jody Ensmen, Health & Wellness Program, was named the Work-Life Supervisor of the Year. The award is given to one supervisor each year who is highly regarded by his or her employees for consistently supporting the work-life needs of employees.

Diane R. Follingstad, Psychiatry and Center for Research on Violence Against Women, has received the American Academy of Forensic Psychology's Distinguished Contributions to Forensic Psychology Award for 2009. The award is given in recognition of long and distinguished history of both scholarly contributions and professional service to the field.

David W. Horohov and Amanda Adams, Veterinary Science, received a two-year U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural and Food Research Initiative grant for \$200,000 to study the effect of age on equine dendritic cell interactions with *Rhodococcus equi*.

Daniel K. Howe, Veterinary Science, received a three-year, \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service to study the genome sequence of *S. neurona*.

Wuyang Hu and Timothy Woods, Agricultural Economics, have been selected by University of Kentucky Experiment State to receive the 2009 Research/Extension Impact Award for their work on Kentucky Food Systems, Consumers, and Marketing.

Mikael D. Jones, Pharmacy Practice and Science, has been selected as the recipient of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy's 2010 New Educator Award. The annual award recognizes an ACCP member, who in less than six years since completing their training, has made outstanding contributions to the discipline of teaching and to the education of health care practitioners. The ACCP New Educator Award will be presented during the Opening General Session of the 2010 ACCP Spring Practice and Research Forum in Charlotte, North Carolina in April 2010.

Janet S. Kurzynske, received a \$700,000 grant from Cooperative State Research Education and Extension for Children, Youth and Families at Risk Capacity Building Program.

James MacLeod, Veterinary Science, received a three-year, \$500,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the exon splice pattern characterization of the whole mRNA transcriptome.

Lee Meyer and Jennifer Hunter, Agricultural Economics, in collaboration with Kentucky State University, have been awarded a three-year \$749,883 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative for development and implementation of an education program for beginning farmers and ranchers.

Reddy Palli, Entomology, was elected vice president-elect of the Integrative, Physiological, and Molecular Insects Systems Section of the Entomological Society of America. The society has more than 5,700 members worldwide and is the largest professional organization of entomologists in the world.

Ken Roberts, dean emeritus, Pharmacy, received the Kentucky Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (KSHP) Special Pharmacy Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the profession of pharmacy. The award was presented at the KSHP Fall Meeting in October.

Arturo Alonzo Sandoval, Art, took Best of Show honors for his artwork on exhibit as part of "Fiber Focus 2009" at Art Saint Louis. Sandoval was selected as the Best of Show winner for

his piece “Pattern Fusion No. 9.” The artwork is made from recycled auto industry Mylar and recycled library 35mm microfilm and was the result of research into new materials. Sandoval’s work took Best of Show honors over eight merit award winners at the exhibition selected by juror Alice Zrebiec, consulting curator of textile art for the Denver Art Museum. All awards were presented during the show’s opening reception held September 25. “Fiber Focus 2009” was on display through October 15 at Art Saint Louis.

Marianne Smith-Edge, Family and Consumer Sciences, received the American Dietetic Association Medallion Award.

Kumble Subbaswamy, Provost, was inducted into the UK Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi during ceremonies on campus in Memorial Hall November 2. Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society. Former Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins was also inducted.

Christopher Thompson, College of Agriculture Division of Regulatory Services, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Dairy Processors Association of Kentucky.

Peter J. Timoney, Veterinary Science, was inducted into the UK Gluck Equine Research Foundation Equine Research Hall of Fame.

Thomas Tobin, Veterinary Science, was awarded the 2008 Industry Service Award by the National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association.

Ann Vail, Human Environmental Sciences, received a \$442,686 grant from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services for SNAP-Ed, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education.

Ole Wendroth, Plant and Soil Sciences, was elected Fellow in the Soil Science Society of America.

Ronald J. Werner-Wilson, Family Studies, received a \$60,867 grant from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services for a Healthy Marriage Child Support Community Demonstration Project.

Bob Wiseman, Facilities Management, recently received an Environmental Commission Award from the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.