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1. UK Reduces Carbon Footprint with \$25 Million Retrofit

UK recently announced a \$25 million Energy Savings Project to retrofit 61 campus buildings with energy-efficient lighting, mechanical and plumbing technologies. The program will yield an annual emissions reduction of about 23,291 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. That is roughly the equivalent of taking 45,755 cars off the road, planting 62,257 acres of trees, or powering 5,251 homes every year. In addition, about 13,987,779 kilowatt hours and 37,673,020 gallons of water will be saved. The overall project is funded by UK-issued bonds and will produce anticipated annual savings of \$2,430,000.

2. UK Libraries to House Georgia Powers Papers

The university recently announced that UK Libraries will house important papers and oral history interviews related to former Kentucky state Senator Georgia Powers. Additionally, the university will endow a chair in the name of the trailblazing legislator and civil rights icon as part of the Center for Research on Violence against Women. Powers became the first African-American and the first woman to hold a seat in the Kentucky Senate in 1968. The papers donated to UK Libraries will encompass more than 2,000 newspaper clippings, photos, speeches and legal pads filled with the legislator's handwritten thoughts. Sen. Powers' oral history interviews, the Georgia Davis Powers Oral History Project, supplements her written memoir and offers new information about her life and work and will be housed in the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History.

3. CBER Releases Economic Report

The Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER), headquartered in the Gatton College of Business and Economics, released its 39th Annual Economic Report. Key findings include: because of continuing problems in the housing sector, Kentucky's economic growth in 2011 will likely be only slightly better than 2010 economic growth; Kentucky's poverty rate in recent years has increased at a faster rate than nearly every other state; narrowing the academic achievement gap could elevate Kentucky's national education rank and improve the state's economic future. The report is one of the ways CBER fulfills its mandated mission as specified in the Kentucky Revised Statutes to examine various aspects of the Kentucky economy.

#### 4. UK Ranks First for Creating Startup Companies for Third Consecutive Year

For the third consecutive year, University of Kentucky faculty, staff and student entrepreneurs have created more startup companies than their colleagues at UK's 19 benchmark institutions, according to a recently released report by the Association of University Technology Managers. UK also ranks fourth for startups among all public institutions and sixth among all public and private institutions in the 2009 report. During last fiscal year, UK received \$2.2 million in gross licensing income and managed 162 total licenses. Twenty new licenses were issued, including 10 new licenses to UK startup companies. UK's 19 benchmark institutions include universities such as Wisconsin-Madison, Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, Illinois and Florida.

#### 5. UK-Affiliated Companies Attract 60 Percent of \$65 Million in Venture Funding

In 2010, entrepreneurial companies in the Bluegrass Region attracted \$65 million in venture funding, according to the annual survey by the Lexington Venture Club. Companies affiliated with UK attracted 60 percent of that total. The 89 Central Kentucky early-stage companies that participated in the survey reported a total of \$94 million in revenue and 748 people employed with an average full-time salary of \$63,485. These companies hired 240 people for newly created jobs in 2010. UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. received the lifetime achievement award at the annual Lexington Venture Club celebration event for promoting entrepreneurship and economic development in Kentucky.

#### 6. UK Center Awarded \$5.5 Million Grant to Examine Childhood Hunger

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service is looking to the University of Kentucky's Center for Poverty Research (UKCPR) for help in devising effective strategies to confront the problem of childhood hunger. UK Gatton College Professor James Ziliak, Gatton Endowed Chair in Microeconomics and director of UKCPR, and Craig Gundersen, associate professor of agricultural and consumer economics at the University of Illinois, have been awarded a five-year, \$5.5 million grant to establish a *Research Program on Childhood Hunger*. The program to be funded through this grant is soliciting external research projects through UKCPR. When completed, Ziliak and Gundersen, as co-principal investigators, will review the findings and make recommendations to the USDA.

#### 7. Student Government Launches Cats Cruiser

Student Government Association (SGA) launched the Cats Cruiser program, a new initiative aimed at aiding student safety while supporting existing community transportation efforts. The Cats Cruiser service consists of four fixed-stop bus routes, with buses that circulate every 20-30 minutes and allow students and passengers to safely return to campus or surrounding neighborhoods Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. until 3 a.m. The Cats Cruiser program is in partnership with university administration and LexTran and comes after months of research and development.

8. Kentucky Geological Survey Installs Seismic Observatory

A new array of seismic instruments installed in a deep hole in rural Fulton County is now operational and providing valuable data on earthquake activity in the central U.S. The instruments were installed in a four-inch diameter, steel-cased borehole drilled 1,950 feet deep to bedrock at Sassafras Ridge by UK's Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS). The new vertical array is dubbed the Central U.S. Seismic Observatory (CUSSO) and joins the 25 other seismic monitoring stations in the Kentucky Seismic and Strong-Motion Network (KSSMN) operated by KGS. CUSSO is the deepest seismic observatory in the eastern half of the U.S. Data collected will help geologists and engineers better define the earthquake hazard in the region, and will be used to ensure that building codes and construction practices are appropriate for mitigating potential earthquake damages.

9. UK Pain Management Research Featured in Wall Street Journal

College of Pharmacy Professor Peter Crooks' study on a potential new drug to treat chronic and acute pain was highlighted in the January 11 edition of the Wall Street Journal. According to the paper, Crooks and his team tested their opioid morphine analog, morphine-6-O-sulfate, on laboratory rats and found it was at least 10 times as potent as morphine depending on how it was administered. Opioids are the most common treatment for pain, but can have undesirable side effects such as addiction. The UK morphine derivative showed fewer side effects in the study published in the European Journal of Pharmacology. Crooks is internationally known for his research work in drug discovery, delivery, and development, and is the founder/cofounder of six drug discovery companies.

10. Gatton School Accountancy Scores Get National Recognition

The August 2009 graduating class of Master's of Science in Accountancy (MSACC) students in the University of Kentucky's Gatton College of Business and Economics has received national recognition for pass rates among advanced degree programs on the CPA exam. UK placed sixth nationally in statistics released by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). This achievement was accomplished by the first graduating class since the MSACC program was reconfigured in 2008. The innovative MSACC program affords students the opportunity to prepare and sit for the CPA exam in lock-step with their rigorous graduate coursework.

11. Department of Art Launches First Public Art Smartphone Application

Students and faculty at the UK Department of Art and Gaines Center for the Humanities launched Kentucky's first public art smart phone application, "Take it Artside!," November 30 on iTunes. Created by the Central Kentucky Museum without Walls Project, the free application includes images of local public art along with a brief description of each piece, artist information, and its GPS location within Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Jessamine, Madison, Scott and Woodford counties. "Take it Artside!" currently can be downloaded on iPhone, iTouch and iPad wherever Wi-Fi is available. The application is set to migrate to the Android market in February.

Information for each art piece featured on "Take it Artside!" was collected by museum studies art students at UK and art students at Georgetown College.

12. Company Founded by UK Graduates Wins Award, Presents in New York

AwesomeTouch, a company formed by a group of University of Kentucky engineering and business students, recently was selected from more than 50 participating companies to present at Vator Splash NY, a business startup event in New York City. AwesomeTouch was the only company from Kentucky to be selected. The company is developing applications for large multitouch screens in public. Its first product, AwesomeMap, is a way-finding solution that allows visitors to quickly and easily discover dining, shopping, entertainment, and similar venues in a downtown area. It employs multitouch gestures like pinch-to-zoom to allow for intuitive use. The research was supported in part by an award from the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation under the Kentucky Innovation Act. Awesome Touch also was named first runner-up in the Business Innovation & Growth Center competition at Kentucky Highlands. The company will receive \$5,000 and six months of free rent in semi-private work space.

13. College of Nursing Promotes Smoke-Free Policy

Educational vignettes featuring advocates and policymakers of Kentucky smoke-free laws have been created by The Kentucky Center for Smoke-Free Policy (KCSP), housed at the UK College of Nursing . The eight vignettes, "Voices of Smoke-free Communities," were created in response to requests from local policymakers, advocates, and leaders desiring to learn from communities who have already gone smoke-free.

14. Pharmacy On-Call Program Recognized for Innovation

The on-call program that is a signature feature of the UKHealthCare pharmacy residency program has been recognized as an innovative approach to improving the quality of patient care. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) profiled the program in its November 24 AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange. The program is a long-standing component of the pharmacy residency program jointly offered by UK Chandler Medical Center and the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy.

15. Research Identifies Drug Target for Prion Diseases

Scientists at the University of Kentucky have discovered that plasminogen, a protein used by the body to break up blood clots, speeds up the progress of prion diseases such as mad cow disease. This finding makes plasminogen a promising new target for the development of drugs to treat prion diseases in humans and animals. The study's senior author is Chongsuk Ryou, a researcher at the UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging and professor of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics in the UK College of Medicine.

16. Patterson School of Diplomacy Uses iPad to Enhance Master's Program

The Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce has begun a major 18-month trial of the value of Apple's iPad in supporting professional graduate education. This will be the first instance where an entire professional school – faculty, students, and staff – will use the device. This major technology initiative will encompass student recruitment, admissions, seminars and graduation. In addition to Apple, the trial is being supported by software application developers, media companies, and hardware and accessory providers from the United States, Canada, and Europe. The goal is to transform the student learning experience, enhance overall school operations, and prepare graduates to advance diplomacy and international business in the digital age.

17. Nearly 600 Participate December Commencement Ceremonies

UK's first December Commencement was successful with nearly 500 participating in the undergraduate ceremony held in Memorial Coliseum and nearly 100 participating in the graduate ceremony held in the Singletary Center. The ceremonies were for students who received their degrees in August and December

18. UK Symphony Orchestra Features Competition Winners

UK Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of John Nardolillo, presented their annual concert featuring the winners of the UK Symphony Orchestra Competition on December 2, at the Singletary Center. The concert featured three UK School of Music students selected for their artistic excellence. This year's concert showcased graduate Julie Collins in an oboe solo; senior Melanie Erena in a French horn solo; and doctoral candidate Leah Hagel in a cello solo.

19. Photography Series Features War Photojournalist

The Art Museum at UK continued its 2010-2011 Robert C. May Lecture Series featuring noted photographers with a lecture by war photojournalist Kael Alford on December 3. Alford worked as an independent photographer during the invasion of Iraq, investigated the effects of oil production on America's Gulf Coast, and photographed the aftermath of the BP oil spill. The May Lecture Series, in its 14th year, is sponsored by the Robert C. May Photography Endowment, a museum fund established in 1994 for the support of acquisitions and programs relating to photography.

20. Retired Johnson and Johnson Vice President Delivers Eleventh Bowling Lecture

Williard "Bill" Nielsen, retired corporate vice president of Johnson & Johnson, delivered the 11th annual James C. Bowling Executive-in-Residence lecture in November. Nielsen spoke about the essential role of public relations, and hoped to inspire UK students who are planning on careers in the field. He also spent time with students during classes and at a luncheon as part of his visit. The lecture series is sponsored by the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications Alumni Association.

21. Department of Art Opens Studios to Public

The UK Department of Art presented its popular annual Open Studio event December 3 at Reynolds Building Number 1. The event marks the one evening a year that the public is invited to visit UK student and faculty artists' studios and see the various media of artwork created by undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty. The event also included the annual Carey Ellis Juried Art Exhibition featuring work by graduate and undergraduate art students at UK. This year's winners of the Carey Ellis show were selected by juror Franklin Spector, dean of the College and Graduate School of Art at Washington University in St. Louis. Awards include: Melissa Van Sandt, first place for the sculpture "Studio Crit"; Anna Cooper, second place for mixed media work "Why'd You Let Go"; Waylon Bigsby, third place for the sculpture "You have shown me a strange image, and they are strange prisoners"; Anna Cooper, winner of the Arturo Alonzo Sandoval Fiber Award and the Ross Zirkle Memorial Art Studio Award; Matthew Matsubara and Heidi Hastings, winners of the Theophilia Joan Oexmann Award.

22. UK Choirs Present "Collage" Concerts

UK Choirs presented the 13th annual "Collage" concerts December 4 and 5, at the Singletary Center for the Arts. A much anticipated holiday tradition throughout central Kentucky, the concert featured UK Chorale, UK Choristers, UK Women's Choir and UK Men's Chorus as well as UK Choirs' a cappella groups acoUstiKats and Paws and Listen, bluegrass ensemble GrassKats and the UK Steel Band. Joining the choirs were UK faculty members Dieter Hennings on guitar, Schuyler Robinson on the organ, and Scott Wright on the clarinet. The special guest artist for 2010's "Collage" was alumnus Gregory Turay. Conducting the concert was Jefferson Johnson, director of Choral Activities, and Lori Hetzel, associate director of Choral Activities.

23. College of Communications and Information Studies Completes Health Literacy Series

The UK College of Communications and Information Studies recently completed a colloquium series as part of its Health Literacy Initiative. The college held six public forums that brought together expert panelists to find solutions to improve health literacy throughout Kentucky. Panelists included UK President Lee T. Todd Jr., State Senator Julie Denton, State Representative Tom Burch, UK College of Medicine Dean Emery A. Wilson and more. The taped colloquium series was featured on the College of Communications and Information Studies' website and UK TV Cable Channel 16.

24. Alltech and UK Opera Theatre Present Popular Holiday Concert

Alltech and UK Opera Theatre presented the fifth annual "An Old Fashioned Holiday Celebration of Song" December 12 at Victorian Square. The popular holiday sing-along concert, directed by Everett McCorvey, featured the Victorian Square Orchestra; UK Opera Theatre vocalists; alumnus Gregory Turay; Endowed Chair, Professor of Voice Cynthia Lawrence; Alicia Helm; Alltech Vocal Scholarship Competition winners; Lexington Singers Children's Choir;

Alluring Community Handbell Ensemble; and Alltech Haitian Harmony (via video), a children's choir founded by UK opera students Eric Brown and Manuel Castillo.

25. UK Art Education Teams Up with Kohl's to Bring Art to Kids with Asthma

A partnership between a UK's Community Art Education course and the Kohl's UK Asthma Program at Kentucky Children's Hospital culminated with a new art installation and the presentation of scrapbooks featuring asthma awareness messaging at the UK Asthma Clinic in December. The scrapbooks and new artwork, which features a large bottle of bubbles designed and fabricated by UK students, hopes to lift spirits and ease the nerves of young patients being treated for asthma at the facility. The UK art education projects presented in conjunction with Kohl's UK Asthma Program were made possible by an ongoing grant from Kohl's Cares. Kohl's has donated \$862,153 to Kentucky Children's Hospital since 2001.

26. University Press of Kentucky Author Wins International Award

University Press of Kentucky author Albert W. A. Schmid was named the winner of the prestigious Gourmand World Cookbook Award for the United States in the category of cooking with beer, wine or spirits for "The Kentucky Bourbon Cookbook." The Gourmand World Cookbook Awards honor those who "cook with words" and are the most prestigious international cookbook awards. An overall winner in each category will be selected from the country winners at the awards ceremony scheduled for March 2, 2011, at the theatre at Le Centquatre in Paris, where the Paris Cookbook Fair will begin the next day.

27. Office of Undergraduate Admission Recruits Amid Record Crowds

The UK Office of Undergraduate Admission hosted record crowds for two special events that were designed to honor and recruit the best and brightest high school students. Fifty-four of the region's most academically talented students and 100 guests from across Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia traveled to Lexington for Kentucky Collegians' Day. Not only were students able to talk to faculty and staff, they were also honored for their achievements. Later in December, a record 475 Kentucky students (around 1,000 total guests) who participated in Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) or Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) came to campus for GSP or GSA Day. Students reunited with the friends they made over the summer, learned about special scholarship opportunities, and discovered how they could continue their academic and artistic success at UK.

28. University Press Books Receive Acclaim

Several books from University Press of Kentucky (UPK) received positive acclaim from foreign policy publications. Foreign Policy news magazine published a positive review of D.K.R. Crosswell's "Beetle: The Life of General Walter Bedell Smith." The book is the first full-length biography of the general, delving into his accomplishments as Chief of Staff to Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, director of the CIA and undersecretary of state. The article also salutes UPK for an "impressive performance" on publishing Henry Gole's "General William E. DePuy: Preparing the Army for Modern War," a biography of the important

figure who revolutionized military training and created a modern program for doctrine, education and combat development that is still used today, as well as Major General Ira A. Hunt Jr.'s "The 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam." Hunt's book details the innovative strategies of the 9th Division in their fight to overcome the Viet Cong. In addition to the coverage in Foreign Policy, Robert C. Doyle's "The Enemy in Our Hands: America's Treatment of Enemy Prisoners of War from the Revolution to the War on Terror" received a positive review in an essay in the Joint Force Quarterly.

29. SKY BLUE House Featured on KET

SKY BLUE House, which finished ninth of 20 competitors at the 2009 U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon competition, was featured on a program that ran on KET, KET2 and KET Kentucky through February 22. UK's solar house team was an interdisciplinary group comprised of students, faculty and staff from six colleges and 16 centers and departments within UK. The television program on the university's solar house was produced, shot and edited by the College of Engineering and the Center for Visualization and Virtual Environments at UK.

30. School of Journalism and Telecommunications Holds Alumni Symposium

The ninth annual Richard G. Wilson Journalism Alumni Symposium brought five graduates of the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications back to campus to discuss how graduates can find their first journalism jobs. Panelists included WKYT-TV reporter Angie Beavin, Knoxville News Sentinel reporter Megan Boehnke, WBKO-TV reporter Andrew Dawson, State Journal reporter Keren Henderson and Courier-Journal reporter Derek Poore.

31. Student Awards and Achievements

Jessica L. Anderson, international Studies, was selected to give the 17th annual Edward T. Breathitt Undergraduate Lectureship in the Humanities.

Natalie Baxter, art studio, was awarded a \$1,000 Artist Enrichment Grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women to document the stories of women who have grown up and live their lives in Appalachia.

Logan Bright, early education, has written six children's books, started a daycare center back in her hometown of Mason, Ohio, and most recently has started a 4 Paws For Ability chapter at UK.

Antonio Castillo-Ibarra, Juelan Brown and Jaquelyn Chance, School of Music, received Fulbright Awards to study in Berlin, Germany at the Freie Universität in summer 2011.

Jay Crutcher, Ph. D. student in music theory, had his film score for *Beneath the Rainbow Bridge* accepted in the Santa Barbara International Film Festival.

Holly Flack and Reginald Smith Jr., vocal performance, were among four district winners selected to advance to the regional level of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions held in Memphis, Tennessee. Mary Hollis-Hundley, arts administration and vocal performance, won the district contest's Encouragement Award.

Suzette Gehres, Department of Theatre, completed an internship in Las Vegas with Cirque du Soleil.



Jason Hobert, Ph. D. student in music theory, had his paper "Classifications and Designations of Metric Modulations in the Music of Elliott Carter" accepted for the annual meeting of the Music Theory Society of New York State.

Melissa Howard, College of Pharmacy, is the only recipient in Kentucky to have been awarded the prestigious Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Scholar Award for 2010-2011.

Enoch Jacobus, Ph. D. student in music theory, had a paper, "Toward a Modern 'Affektenlehre' in Music of Film and Television," accepted for the International Conference of the Society for Music Analysis at Lancaster University, United Kingdom, and another paper, "Circular Saws and Doughnuts: A Speculative Theory of Parsimonious Seventh-Chord Relationships," accepted for the Florida State University Music Theory Conference.

Clark Kebodeaux and Chris Harlow, College of Pharmacy, each received \$1,000 incentive grants from the American Pharmacists Association Foundation for 2011.

Mikolaj Milewski and Vidya Narayanaswami, College of Pharmacy, were recipients of the Peter G. Glavinovs Jr., Ph.D. Graduate Student Travel Award.

Andrei Ponta, College of Pharmacy, was awarded the Drug Development Division Pre-Quals Graduate Student Scholarship Award.

Joe Thomas, College of Medicine, was named the first UK College of Medicine student to be elected chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges Organization of Student Representatives (OSR).

Beth Willett, nutrition and food science, received the first place award for student biomedical research posters at the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Superfund Research Program 2010 Annual Meeting.

Students in UK Opera Theatre and UK Symphony Orchestra performed in New York City at the world premiere of Thomas Pasatieri's *God Bless Us Everyone* with Di Capo Opera.

The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) has recognized the University of Kentucky AAPS Student Chapter for outstanding performance during 2009-10.

Kentucky Kernel staff members won their seventh straight General Excellence award from the Kentucky Press Association (KPA), in addition to multiple individual awards from the KPA, the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association and the Kentucky News Photographers Association.

Eight music students won their divisions at the 2010 Kentucky District of the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition held in October: Jacob Waid, Freshman Men Division; Charles Calhoun, Sophomore Men Division; Monica Dewey, Junior Women Division; Matt Turner, Junior Men Division; Reginald Smith Jr., Senior Men Division; Melissa Snow-Groves, Advanced Intermediate Division; Jessica Pearl French, Advanced Women Division; and Adam VonAlmen, Advanced Men Division. Eight more UK students earned second and third place honors: Evan Johnson, third place Freshman Men Division; Elliot Lane, second place Sophomore Men Division; Francisco Bedoy Solarzano, third place Sophomore Men Division; Rebecca Farley, second place Junior Women Division; Philip Eschweiler, second place Junior Men Division; Ron Wilbur, third place Junior Men Division; Brittany Lewis-Williams, second place Senior Women Division; and Holly Flack, second place Advanced Women Division.

32. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

Jayakrishna Ambati, College of Medicine, has been selected to receive the 2011 Association of Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Foundation for Eye Research/Pfizer Carl Camras Translational Research Award. Ambati has also been selected to receive the Cless Best of the Best Award for his lecture at the 2010 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) annual meeting.

Michael Baker, School of Music, had his paper, "Voice Leading Issues in Cornelius's 'Ein Ton'," accepted for the International Conference of the Society for Music Analysis at Lancaster University, United Kingdom.

Beth Barnes, School of Journalism and Telecommunications, is one of five finalists for the Scripps Howard Foundation Journalism Administrator of the Year award.

Michael Barrett, College of Agriculture, was elected president-elect of the Weed Science Society of America.

Christopher Barton, Forestry, received a \$155,000 grant from the U.S. Forest Service for Phase III of the assessment of structure, function and stability in a gradient of disturbed SRS streams. Barton was also a recipient of the 2010 High Impact Research/Extension Program Award for integrated research and extension effort on streamside management zones in eastern Kentucky.

Sandra Bastin, Nutrition and Food Science, was recognized as Outstanding Dietetic Educator by the Bluegrass District Dietetic Association.

Aaron Beighle, College of Education, appeared in the KET program, "More Than Child's Play: Why Physical Activity Matters."

Paul Bertsch, Plant and Soil Sciences, was elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest general scientific organization.

George Boulden, School of Music, was named KMEA College/University Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011 and KMEA District 7 College/University Teacher of the Year for 2010. Boulden was also named editor of the *Bluegrass Music News*, the official publication of the Kentucky Music Educators Association.

Nicole Brogden, College of Pharmacy, has been awarded a National Research Service Award Fellowship from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

James Campbell, School of Music, has been invited to participate in the Ninth International Patagonia Percussion Festival in Argentina.

Joseph Chappell, Plant and Soil Sciences, received a five-year, \$1 million grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to study engineering high value oil production in biofuel crops.

Donald Collier, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, received \$131,225 from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet for ARRA: Design Professionals Code Expertise Development – Energy code training.

Alison Davis, Agricultural Economics, and Richard Maurer, Community and Leadership Development, were awarded a two-year \$680,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for SPARKT: Sustainable Planning Aimed at Regionalism in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Winston C. Dunwell, Horticulture, received the Porter Henegar Memorial Award from the Southern Nursery Association.

John H. Eichhorn, College of Medicine, has been named a recipient of the 2010 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award for Individual Achievement by the National Quality Forum (NQF) and the Joint Commission.

Linda J. Van Eldik, Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, has been awarded a \$750,000 grant to further her research into a possible treatment for Alzheimer's disease.

Herman Farrell, Department of Theatre, published an essay on Eugene O'Neill in the book "Intertextual Exchanges" (McFarland Publishing).

Stacey Greenwell, UK Libraries, is the 2010 recipient of the Special Libraries Association's (SLA) Dow Jones Leadership Award.

Robert Haven, Department of Theatre, had a DVD, "Introduction to Tambour Beading," produced by the Association of Sewing and Design Professionals.

Stephen Higgins, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, received \$188,814 from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet for livestock stewardship best management practices training and demonstration.

Patricia B. Howard, College of Nursing, was selected as a 2010 Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (AAN).

Jeff Huber, School of Library and Information Science, was appointed by Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry to serve a two-year term on the Lexington Public Library's Advisory Board.

Dewayne Ingram, Horticulture, is principal investigator on a two-year \$620,000 grant from the Kentucky Horticulture Council for a multidisciplinary team to deliver a cooperative extension program, fund field research and support market research and education.

Cliff Jackson, School of Music, received one of six university-wide Great Teacher Awards from the UK Alumni Association in 2010.

Andrew Kimbrough, Department of Theatre, published his book, "Dramatic Theories of Voice in the 20th Century" (Cambria Press).

Jane M. Kirschling, College of Nursing, was a co-recipient of the 2010 Kentucky Nurses Association Nurse of the Year Award.

Michael Lacki, Forestry, and Lynne Rieske-Kinney, Entomology, received \$400,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Joint Fire Science Program to study bats threatened by White-nose Syndrome at Mammoth Cave National Park.

Daniel Liput, College of Pharmacy, has been awarded a National Research Service Award Fellowship from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Tom Lindlof, School of Journalism and Telecommunications, won the Broadcast Education Association's 2011 Distinguished Scholar Award.

Stephan Locke, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, has been named president of the Association of Veterinary Microbiologists for 2011.

Kyle McLeod, Animal and Food Sciences, received \$131,950 from the Agricultural Research Service to study the impact of endophyte-infected fescue consumption on mammary development and function.

Luke Moe, David McNear and Seth DeBolt, Plant and Soil Sciences, are studying the plant-microbe communication in the Madicago truncatula rhizosphere under a four-year, \$452,000 grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Buck Ryan, School of Journalism and Telecommunications, was elected to the Board of Directors of Kentucky Advocates for Civic Education, Inc.

David Van Sanford, Plant and Soil Sciences, received a five-year, \$252,000 grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for a study to improve barley and wheat germplasm for changing environments.

Kim Spillman and Susan Michelman, Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles, are contributing authors to the "Encyclopedia of World Dress and Fashion." The encyclopedia was selected to receive the 2011 Dartmouth Medal for outstanding reference.

David Sogin, School of Music, was nominated for the Outstanding Achievement in String Research Award, which is to be presented for the first time at the National Conference of the American String Teachers Association in 2011.

Jeffrey Stringer, Forestry, was a recipient of the 2010 High Impact Research/Extension Program Award for integrated research and extension efforts on streamside management zones in eastern Kentucky.

Darrell Taulbee, Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER), made CAER history by receiving four grants simultaneously, from three funding agencies: CoalTek, the Center for Advanced Separation Technologies (CAST), and the National Institute of Homeland Security. The grants total \$1.3 million and support Taulbee's ongoing research on coal/biomass briquettes and fly ash to reduce the explosive power of ammonium nitrate.

Kathy Wagner and Melanie Hardin Pierce, College of Nursing, are co-recipients of the American Journal of Nursing 2010 Book of the Year award for "High Acuity Nursing" (5th edition). An earlier edition of the book won the same award in 1998.

### 33. Alumni Awards and Achievements

Jason Glass, College of Education and College of Arts and Sciences, was recently named the new director of the Iowa Department of Education.

Beth Partin, College of Nursing, was a co-recipient of the 2010 Kentucky Nurses Association Nurse of the Year Award.