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1. UK Gets \$6.9 Million Federal Grant to Study Biofuels

UK has received a \$6.9 million federal grant to help reduce America's reliance on imported oil, one of eight awards issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Energy. The purpose of this UK project is to improve the economics for biorefineries by using on-farm processing to convert biomass to a mixture of butanol, ethanol, acetone, and organic acids. The product can then be easily transported to a biorefinery for further processing. The project will integrate input from experts in a variety of disciplines, including plant and soil scientists, horticulturists, chemical engineers and economists. Principal investigator Sue Nokes, professor in the Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering department, says the bulk of the grant will be used to study the process of growing switchgrass and miscanthus to create biofuel for farm machinery. This grant will allow researchers to see whether switchgrass and miscanthus can be used on a large scale.

2. Tempur-Pedic to Build \$18 Million Headquarters at Coldstream Research Campus

Lexington-based Tempur-Pedic, an international company that manufactures and distributes mattresses and pillows made from its proprietary pressure-relieving material, will build an \$18 million world headquarters at UK's Coldstream Research Campus. Construction of the 100,000 sq. ft. building is expected to begin this fall and should be completed by December 2012. The company will add 65 new jobs over the next five years for a total of 300 jobs.

3. WUKY Brings StoryCorps to Lexington

WUKY is hosting a Lexington visit by StoryCorps, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to recording, preserving and sharing the stories of Americans from all backgrounds and beliefs. StoryCorps started recording interviews in Lexington May 19 and will continue until June 25 as part of its cross-country MobileBooth tour. StoryCorps' MobileBooth—an Airstream trailer outfitted with a recording studio—is parked near the Lexington History Museum. The StoryCorps/WUKY project plans to collect 180 interviews. WUKY will air a selection of the local interviews and create special programs around the project. Segments of selected interviews may also air nationally on NPR's "Morning Edition."

4. Fossil Shark Draws Attention From Around the Country

Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) investigation of the jaw structure from an ancient shark discovered in a Webster County coal mine in February became a media sensation. The

fossil, a specimen of a 307-million-year-old shark known as Edestus, drew attention from news media across the U.S. Many media outlets called or came to campus to interview KGS staff and Frank Etensohn (Earth and Environmental Sciences), and to photograph and shoot video of the fossil. It has been on display on the first floor of the Mining and Mineral Resources Building. After some analyses are done and a cast is made, the fossil will be returned to the miner who discovered it while bolting the roof in Webster County Coal's Dotiki Mine.

5. Kentucky Film Premieres on KET, Includes UK Faculty

"Kentucky—An American Story" premiered on May 24 on Kentucky Educational Television. The film was narrated by film star and UK alumna Ashley Judd, directed by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Paul Wagner and written and produced by former UK history professor Daniel Smith. It is a provocative and entertaining documentary about the revealing connections between Kentucky's and America's past. UK history professors Ron Eller and Tracy Campbell, along with prominent Kentucky authors Silas House, Erik Reece and Al Smith offered commentary as well.

6. UK-Connected Spinoff Equinext to Develop Medical Device for Equine Leg Injuries

Equinext LLC, a new biotech spinoff company, and Lexington-based Hagyard Equine Medical Institute will bring a medical device to the equine market to treat tendon and ligament injuries and Wobbler's Syndrome in horses and other animals. Equinext will use its chemically made injectable reagent device on these lower leg strains and sprains, which are very common in performance horses and have a high rate of reoccurrence. Equinext parent company, Orthopeutics-Intralink Spine, relocated from Austin, Texas to Coldstream Research Campus last year along with CSO Tom Hedman. Hedman, who developed the technology as a treatment for Degenerative Disc Disease and related lower back pain, has a joint appointment at UK in neurosurgery and biomedical engineering. Equinext is a client of the UK Office for Commercialization & Economic Development.

7. Black Women's Conference Hosted by UK African American Studies

The UK African American Studies and Research Program empowered activism throughout the Commonwealth at its 17th Annual Black Women's Conference. This year's conference, themed "Activism in the 21st Century," provided an opportunity for participants to look at past, present and future opportunities for community action. Local and regional guests included Spelman College activist Asha Jennings and former Black Panther Party member and human rights activist Ericka Huggins, a gender and women's studies professor at San Francisco State University and California State University-East Bay. Other conference speakers included Melynda Price, the Robert E. Harding, Jr. associate professor of Law in the UK College of Law and William Turner, the distinguished professor of Appalachian Studies and Regional Ambassador at Berea College.

8. Jazz Ensemble Invited to Perform in Switzerland, Netherlands

The UK Jazz Ensemble has been invited to perform at two major international jazz festivals this summer. The ensemble will be among a select group performing at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland, and the North Sea Jazz Festival in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Less than 10 percent of applicants to these two prestigious jazz festivals are selected to perform at the events, which showcase professional and legendary jazz musicians. The UK Jazz Ensemble will tour Europe June 28 through July 12 on the largest tour ever mounted by a UK School of Music ensemble. The ensemble performs under the direction of Miles Osland, director of jazz studies and professor of saxophone.

9. Confucius Institute Offers Camp, Classes

The University of Kentucky Confucius Institute organized its first Spring Break Chinese Language and Chinese Culture Camp for students from third to sixth grade, focusing on simple Chinese language and a wide variety of cultural activities. In addition to the camp, the Confucius Institute began offering a language and culture class series in January. Classes ranging from Martial Arts Tai Ji Fan and Sword Dance to Chinese music, art, language and connoisseurship have become popular with community members, as well as UK faculty, staff and students.

10. Anti-Apartheid Activist Visits UK

World-renowned anti-apartheid activist Ahmed Kathrada visited Lexington and UK as an honored guest of the College of Arts and Sciences yearlong initiative "Kentucky and South Africa, Different Lands, Common Ground." Kathrada's stay in Lexington included an honorary degree convocation from the university; the stateside opening of "Ahmed 'Kathy' Kathrada: A South African Activist for Non-Racialism and Democracy;" an event at the Freedom Center in Cincinnati; and a book tour stop for Kathrada's newly released memoir, "No Bread for Mandela," published by the University Press of Kentucky.

11. World Renowned Theoretical Physicist Visits UK

Leonard Susskind, one of the world's most influential theoretical physicists and the scientist who coined the term "cosmic landscape," combined cosmology and philosophy in an enlightening discussion at UK. Susskind discussed the cosmic landscape, and how it relates to what he termed the scientific explanations of the apparent miracles of physics and cosmology and its philosophical implications.

12. UK Faculty, Students Help Record Eastern State Hospital Remains

Kentucky Archaeological Survey (KAS) director and adjunct UK anthropology professor David Pollack brought together professional archaeologists and anthropology graduate and undergraduate students to properly record and analyze the remains of more than 125 Eastern State Hospital patients. Eastern State Hospital first admitted patients in 1824 and still houses approximately 150 patients. In 2008, it was agreed that the second oldest psychiatric hospital in

the nation would relocate to Coldstream Park and a new Bluegrass Community Technical College campus would be constructed on the existing hospital grounds. In January, crews preparing for the BCTC construction found additional graves when they began removing pavement. Hospital excavations began in late February, and the KAS team finished this month.

13. Enrollment Management Hosts Fayette County Magnet Students

UK's Enrollment Management team hosted a series of events for Fayette County Magnet students. Students from Dunbar's Math, Science & Technology Center (MSTC), the Liberal Arts Academy at Henry Clay, the Spanish Immersion program at Bryan Station, Lafayette's School for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCAPA), and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Tates Creek High School learned about undergraduate opportunities at UK, the admissions process and information on how to apply for financial aid and scholarships. Students also toured campus and enjoyed lunch at the Boone Center. Officials received positive feedback from attendees.

14. Women & Philanthropy Network Awards 43 Undergraduate Scholarships

The University of Kentucky Women & Philanthropy Network awarded \$186,810 in need-based scholarships to 43 UK undergraduate students this year, up from \$169,000 to 39 students in 2010. Scholarships are given to UK students involved in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, but also health, education, music, art and study abroad programming. In September 2007, President Lee T. Todd, Jr. and First Lady Patsy Todd established Women & Philanthropy at UK in order to increase these types of opportunities throughout campus.

15. UK Police Officers Wear Award-Winning Uniforms

The University of Kentucky Police Department uniform won the North American Association of Uniform Manufacturers & Distributors (NAUMD) 2011 Public Safety Uniform of the Year Award. The annual award is selected from an independent panel of judges on a variety of different factors, including innovation and professional design, excellence and attractiveness, fabric enhancements, and identifiable accessories that fit departmental requirements.

16. Art Work Celebrates New General Education Program UKCore

The University of Kentucky's W.T. Young Library is now hosting a major 10-panel art work titled "Nation of Nations," installed in recognition of a central theme of UK's new general education curriculum to be implemented in fall 2011. "Nation of Nations" is the work of Lexington artist Marjorie Guyon. A formal celebration of the exhibit will take place during the fall semester and will be open to both the UK and greater Lexington communities. The artwork serves as an emblem of the new UK undergraduate general education program, named UKCore. Some of the curricular components of UKCore will require all undergraduates to explore the arts and creativity through performative-based course work and embrace the ideas of citizenship in a contemporary context.

17. Gatton College of Business and Economics Inducts Six Into Alumni Hall of Fame

The UK Gatton College of Business and Economics celebrated the success and achievements of six of its graduates April 15 when it inducted these individuals into its Alumni Hall of Fame. The inductees are Carter Harris, founder of Knight Capital Partners; Mary Lassiter, Secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet and State Budget Director for Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear; Howard Lewis, founder of the Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America; Scott Smith, CEO of Coalition America Holdings, Inc., NPPN, and Lodestone Solutions, LLC; Sean Smith, Co-Founder of Coalition America Holdings, Inc., NPPN, and Lodestone Solutions, LLC; and, Darrell Williams, LECG Expert Services. A total of 72 men and women who have distinguished themselves in their business pursuits and in civic and community leadership have been recognized by the Gatton College with this honor since the inception of the hall of fame in 1994.

18. Faculty Entrepreneurs Hear From Angel and Venture Capital Investors

UK faculty and future entrepreneurs learned how to develop partnerships with angel investors and venture capitalists at the Bench2Business networking event hosted by the Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship. Experienced investors covered how and when faculty should seek financial partnerships, preparing presentations to investors, and what investors look for in new technology companies. Panelists represented the Bluegrass Angels, Triathlon Medical Ventures, Chrysalis Ventures, Allos Ventures, and Blue Chip Venture Company. In 2010, 89 Lexington-area early-stage companies attracted \$65 million in venture funding. The Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship is part of the UK Office for Commercialization & Economic Development.

19. CAER Organizes "World of Coal Ash" Conference

The Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) co-organized and ran the May 2011 World of Coal Ash conference in Denver, Colorado, along with the American Coal Ash Association. This is a biennial event that has become the conference to attend in the industry with more than 500 international attendees. CAER also offers a one-day, intense short course prior to the conference for those new to the ash industry. This successful melding of industry and academic participants is a model of cooperative learning.

20. Three More Visiting Scholars Take Part in Seismic Exchange with China

For the past six years UK and Chinese earthquake research institutions have exchanged scholars and research data. Three more Chinese visiting scholars, sponsored by the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) and the UK Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, arrived on campus this spring for six months. The visitors will take classes in geophysics and English during their stay and conduct research. Seven Chinese visiting scholars have visited UK since the exchange began in 2005. KGS researchers, as well as Earth and Environmental Sciences staff and students, have made several trips to China since the exchange began. They have participated

in seismic hazard assessments and research in the Lanzhou region, as well as university seminars and visits to historic and cultural sites in China.

21. Antibiotic May Prove Beneficial to Preterm Infant Lung Health

A study performed by University of Kentucky researchers shows promise for the use of azithromycin in treating Ureaplasma-colonized or infected premature infants to prevent bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD). The study, published in Pediatric Pulmonology, showed subjects colonized or infected with the Ureaplasma bacteria developed BPD or died 73 percent of the time in the azithromycin-treated group, compared to 94 percent of the time in the placebo group. Dr. Hubert O. Ballard, a UK neonatologist, is leading the study, which was performed on a group of 220 infants admitted to the UK Neonatal Intensive Care Unit from September 2004 to August 2008.

22. Civil War Exhibit Opens in UK Libraries Special Collections

"Our only hope was in Kentucky": The Civil War Sesquicentennial," exhibit opened in the Great Hall of the Margaret I. King Building. The exhibit, which runs through October, documents the lives of individual soldiers as well as women, divided families, publishing and the development of photographic processes in Kentucky, using material from UK Libraries' rare book, manuscript, photograph and oral history collections. "Our only hope was in Kentucky" was curated by Access Archivist Katie Henningsen, Curator of Books Jim Birchfield, and Oral History Collection Coordinator Sara Abdmishani Price, with assistance from Mark Wetherington, Sarah Piester, Courtney Murphy, Hannah Osborne, Lewis Warden and Jason Flahardy.

23. Markey Cancer Center Researching Benefits of Jin Shin Jyutsu on Cancer Patients

The UK Markey Cancer Center is studying the benefits cancer patients may experience from receiving Jin Shin Jyutsu treatments, an energy harmonizing modality similar to acupuncture. Thanks to a grant from the Lexington Cancer Foundation, all Markey patients are eligible for up to five free treatments from the Jin Shin Jyutsu practitioner on staff, Jennifer Bradley. As part of the criteria for receiving the grant, Jennifer and Markey Cancer Center director Dr. Mark Evers are keeping data about significant improvements in nausea, pain and stress in patients after receiving the treatment.

24. College of Engineering Inducts Five Into Hall of Distinction

The UK College of Engineering Hall of Distinction inducted its five newest members in a ceremony April 15. This is the 20th class of inductees. The inductees are: J. Steven Gardner, B.S. Agricultural Engineering and M.S. Mining Engineering, president and CEO of Engineering Consulting Services, Inc.; Joan E. Herbig, M.S. Computer Science, CEO of ControlScan in Atlanta; Clifford W. Randall, B.S. and M.S. Civil Engineering, who served on the faculty at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia; Steven S. Saran, B.S. Mechanical Engineering, chairman of the board of Saran Holding; W. Terry Strange, B.S. and M.S.

Chemical Engineering, site manager for a state-of-the-art semiconductor facility now under construction for Hemlock Semiconductor in Clarksville, Tennessee.

25. Postdocs Receive Introduction to Forming a Startup Company

UK postdoctoral scholars learned how to start their own companies from former postdocs turned successful entrepreneurs at an event hosted by the Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship. Former postdoc Mehdi Yazdanpanah talked about getting started with only \$200. He formed NaugaNeedles as a doctoral student, and has since raised more than \$2 million in capital, established a manufacturing facility and has more than 100 customers. Rajesh Khatri and Brock Marrs completed postdoctoral fellowships at UK and have licensed energy-related technology. Khatri is a research scientist with Topasol, and Marrs is research VP for NuForm Materials and co-founder of XtremeCarbons. Khatri and Marrs are also with the Center for Applied Energy Research. The Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship is part of the UK Office for Commercialization & Economic Development.

26. Beaux Arts Ball Foundation Has Record Fundraising Year

The Beaux Arts Ball Foundation has raised \$57,000 this year, surpassing all previous fundraising efforts by the foundation. Planned and organized by students from the UK College of Design, the Beaux Arts Ball is one of the largest student-run, non-profit organizations in the state. This year's ball drew an attendance of 3,500. Through the festivities, the foundation raised funds to help support three primary organizations, the Children's Advocacy Center, Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana and Lexington Children's Theatre. Each organization received a \$17,000 donation. In addition, 10 honorable mention charities split \$4,500 raised from event proceeds.

27. Department of Theatre Closes 100th Year

The UK Department of Theatre closed out its 100th year with enchanting tales from around the world, all included in the World Theatre Festival April 16-17 at the Downtown Arts Center. The festival included performances of "Round the World Tales," a selection of works for children inspired by Latin American, African, Asian and Native American folk tales; "Rosa y La Vaca Saltarina," or "Rosa and the Jumping Cow," from South America; the "Mahabharata Project," from Bali; "Treasury of Noh Drama," from Japan; Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein," from Europe; "Over the Rainbow," from South Africa, presented in conjunction with the South Africa Initiative at the UK College of Arts and Sciences; and "Arlequin Refined by Love," from France, a collaboration between the UK Program in French and Francophone Studies and UK Theatre.

28. College of Fine Arts Presents First College-Wide Fundraiser for Faculty Research

The UK College of Fine Arts presented its first college-wide event to raise money for faculty research April 29-30 at Guignol Theatre. The fundraiser featured a production of A. R. Gurney's "Love Letters," featuring local celebrities Alicia Helm and Everett McCorvey and directed by Dean Michael Tick. This was the first UK production directed by Tick. "Love

Letters" was presented in conjunction with art studio graduate student Dylan Dean's Master of Fine Arts Show at Tuska Center for Contemporary Art. "Connected: A Portrait of an Early Posthuman Society" explored societies' reliance on technology-based communication in the 21st century. In addition to the fundraiser's theatrical and art offerings, musical interludes were presented by musicians and ensembles from the UK School of Music throughout the evening's festivities.

29. UK Projects Highlight Energy Efficiency at Governor's Derby Festivities

Two UK projects focused on energy conservation were showcased as part of the governor's Derby festivities May 7 in Frankfort. The S•KY BLUE House and Houseboat to Energy Efficient Residency (HBEER) projects were featured as part of a preview of the state's new Capitol Education Center, which aims to educate and promote the state's energy conservation initiatives.

30. Student Veteran Play Selected for New York International Fringe Festival

"Bringing it Home," a production on the lives of UK student veterans produced by the UK Department of Theatre, under the direction of Associate Professor of Playwriting Herman Farrell III, has been invited to the New York International Fringe Festival. The production, created as part of an interdisciplinary project with the Veterans Resource Center and the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, will be staged in New York City in August.

31. Student Awards and Achievements

Adriana Lia Arbeláez-Moutz, Music; Matthew Feinberg, Hispanic Studies; and Jon Otto, Geography, were awarded Fulbright scholarships for 2011-2012.

Ebony Blackmon, Health Sciences, received the Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship Award for 2011-2012.

Andrea Clark, Art Studio, was awarded an Undergraduate Research and Creativity Grant for the Summer 2011 for her project titled "Figuring out the Figure." Clark will also attend a figurative workshop at Penland School of Arts and Crafts in North Carolina.

Matthew Elliot, Arts Administration, received first place for "Take it Artside" in the Fine Arts division of the 2011 Oswald Creativity Awards.

Elias Gross, Art History, presented a paper on "The Fist as a Symbol of Unified Resistance in South African Poster Art" at the conference Southern Interdisciplinary Roundtable on African Studies, held at Kentucky State University on April 7.

Kathi Harp, Sociology, was awarded a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Research Training Award Program, the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellows.

Cassidy Herrington, Journalism, was named a finalist in the Society of Professional Journalists' Mark of Excellence Awards, and also placed third in the Hearst Journalism Awards Program, for her Kentucky Kernel column "'Undercover' in hijab: unveiling one month later."

Joanna Hoch and Carl Mattacola, Health Sciences, were awarded a \$5,000 research grant from the American College of Sports Medicine.

Philip Houtz and Taylor Lloyd, Agriculture, were named Goldwater Scholars and will receive scholarships worth approximately \$7,500 per year for up to two years of undergraduate study.

Caitlin Latimer, Medicine, placed second in Disney's Princess Half Marathon in Orlando, Florida with a time of 1:22:26.

Dominique Luster, Theatre, received a full scholarship to the O'Neill Theatre Center's National Playwrights Conference.

Radu Mihail, Computer Science, has been selected as the first-ever Halcomb Fellow in Medicine and Engineering. He will be awarded up to \$50,000 toward developing an interactive decision aid for patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

Catherine Clark Nardolillo, Music, sang the lead role of Mimi in UK Opera Theatre's 2010 production of Giacomo Puccini's "La Bohème" at the Lexington Opera House.

Veronica Polinedrio, Interior Design and Art History, received second place in the Humanities: Critical Research division of the 2011 Oswald Creativity Awards.

Richard Sellnow, International Studies and History, will visit China this summer as the winner of the 2011 National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) International Scholar Laureate Program Award.

32. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

Ruth Adams, Art Studio, was a featured artist in SKIRT magazine in May.

Kristin B. Ashford, Nursing, won the Excellence in Research/Scholarship Award at the 2011 College of Nursing Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony.

Richard Ausness and Sarah Welling, Law, had their legal research cited by U.S. Supreme Court justices. Justice Sonia Sotomayor cited Ausness, while Justice Samuel Alito cited Welling.

Dibakar Bhattacharyya, Center of Membrane Sciences, had a paper titled "Reactive Nanostructured Membranes for Water Purification" accepted for publication in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

John Cody Birdwell, Music, was elected to serve as vice president of the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) Southern Division.

Benjamin Braun, Mathematics, received a College of Arts and Sciences Award for Outstanding Teaching for 2010-11.

Dorothy A. Brockopp, Nursing, won the Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award at the 2011 College of Nursing Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony.

D. Allan Butterfield, Center of Membrane Sciences, was ranked as the 21st most influential proteomics scientist in the world, according to the proteomics laboratory, based on publication citations. Butterfield also was appointed as chair of the Neural Oxidative Metabolism and Death Study Section (NOMD) of the Center for Scientific Review (CSR) of the National Institutes of Public Health (NIH). The CSR is the portal for all NIH grant applications and their review for scientific merit.

Sarah Campbell, Health Sciences, received the Award for Continuing Education (ACE) from the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The ACE is a formal recognition of professionals who have demonstrated their commitment to lifelong learning by earning 7.0 CEUs (70 contact hours) within a 36-month period.

Lisa A. Cassis, Dr. Philip A. Kern, Craig R. Rush, Dr. Lumy Sawaki and Daret K. St. Clair, Medicine, have been appointed by the National Institutes of Health to serve on national study sections for multiple-year terms, beginning July 1. NIH study sections review grant applications submitted to the NIH, make recommendations on these applications to the appropriate NIH national advisory council or board, and survey the status of research in their fields of science.

Angela Co, Design, was awarded the prestigious Rome Prize by the American Academy in Rome. Co is one of only two recipients to receive the Rome Prize in architecture this year. The other recipient of the Rome Prize in architecture is a 1992 graduate of the UK College of Design, Lonn Combs.

Jennifer Collins, UK HealthCare, was appointed Director of Clinical Contracting in the Office of Clinical Contracting for the UK HealthCare Enterprise.

Audrey K. Darville, Nursing, won the Excellence in Clinical Practice Award at the 2011 College of Nursing Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony.

Nathan DeWall, Psychology, received a College of Arts and Sciences Award for Outstanding Teaching for 2010-11.

Susan Effen, Health Sciences, received a 3-year research grant for \$851,822 from the Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences.

Susan Frazier, Nursing, won a Mentor Recognition Award at the annual Center for Clinical and Translational Science Spring Conference.

Mary E. Gregory, Nursing, won the Employee of the Year Award at the 2011 College of Nursing Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony.

Phil M. Hampton, Nursing, won the Gloe L. Bertram Award at the 2011 College of Nursing Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony.

Dr. Wendy Hansen, Medicine, was chosen to participate in the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women at Drexel University College of Medicine. ELAM is the only national program dedicated to preparing senior women faculty for positions of leadership at academic health centers.

David Hardesty, Business and Economics, was honored as the 2011 recipient of the Kenneth N. and Carol Lee Robertson Faculty Research Leadership Award.

David Hildebrand, Plant and Soil Sciences, received a two-year \$110,228 grant from the Consortium for Plant Biochemistry Research, Inc. to study the branch chain fatty acid production in plants.

Krista Jacobsen, Horticulture, is principal investigator for a \$53,500 grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, to develop diversified high tunnel systems to enhance food security and specialty crop production in Kentucky.

Dr. Paul A. Kearney, Jr., Medicine, won the Teaching Excellence in Support of Professional Nursing award at the 2011 College of Nursing Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony.

Patrick Kitzman, Health Sciences, was awarded the College's Distinguished Research Award.

Paul Koester, Mathematics, received a College of Arts and Sciences Award for Outstanding Teaching for 2010-11.

Linda Kraus-Worley, German Studies, received a College of Arts and Sciences' Award for Outstanding Teaching for 2010-11.

Hui Chi Lee, Art Studio, was honored as a 2011 Teachers Who Make a Difference.

Drs. James Y. Liau, Brian D. Rinker, Daniel H. Stewart, Henry C. Vasconez and Lesley Wong, Medicine, have been selected as the top plastic surgeons in Lexington by the International Association of Healthcare Professionals (IAHCP). They will be spotlighted in the publication, *The Leading Physicians of the World*.

Wanda F. Lovitz, Nursing, won the Louise J. Zegeer Award at the 2011 College of Nursing Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony.

Gurney Norman, English, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Berea College.

Matt Page, Art Studio, was honored as a 2011 Teachers Who Make a Difference.

Suba Palli, Entomology, is principal investigator on a \$456,000 grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for molecular analysis of xenobiotic response in the Colorado potato beetle.

Rita Patel, Health Sciences, was awarded the College's Young Investigator Award.

Ebony G. Patterson, Art, won the 2011 Young Alumni Award from the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis.

Helen Pushkarskaya, Agricultural Economics, has received the following grants: \$20,000 from the UK Research Foundation, \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation Interface Between Computer Science and Economic and Social Sciences Program, and \$15,000 from the UK Cognitive Science Program. She has also been awarded a three-year fellowship at Yale University Department of Diagnostic Radiology Bioimaging Sciences, to begin July 1.

Brad Schwarz, Health Sciences, was named a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA).

E. Allen Sizemore, Nursing, won the Excellence in Part-Time Teaching Award at the 2011 College of Nursing Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony.

Karen O. Skaff and Samuel Powdrill, Health Sciences, were awarded the Richard D. Kingston Award for Excellence in Teaching.

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

Hunter Stamps, Art Studio, has been invited by the Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts to co-teach a kiln-building workshop this summer in New Castle, Maine. Stamps recently exhibited artwork at the Four Bridges Arts Festival in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Stamps also received a \$157,730 grant for equipment and scholarships, to be used for new electric wheels, electric and gas kilns, a wood kiln and structure, as well as other equipment and student scholarships. Stamps also has received a Faculty Scholarly Leave to accept an invitation to be the Visiting Artist/Instructor during the 2011 fall semester at the West Virginia University Campus in Jingdezhen, China. He will conduct research and work at the Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute, considered to be China's finest ceramics art and design school.

Dr. Margaret M. Szabunio, Markey Cancer Center, was appointed associate medical director for Markey's Comprehensive Breast Care Center.

M.B. Visona, Art History, gave a presentation on "Defining Modernisms and Modernities in African Art" for a roundtable on the Visual Arts at the annual meeting of the African Literature Association at the University of Ohio in April.

Kathy Wagner, Nursing, won the Dean's Recognition Award at the 2011 College of Nursing Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony.

Jennifer White, Entomology, received a \$150,000 grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to study the effect of an aphid bacterial symbiont on interactions among soybean aphids.

The College of Health Sciences was given the Patriot Award by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense organization which serves to promote cooperation, understanding and support between members of the Guard and Reserve and their employers. Dean Lori Gonzalez accepted the award on behalf of the College.

33. Alumni Awards and Achievements

Brian Archinal, Music, was awarded first prize at the International Gaudeamus Interpreters Competition held April 17 in Amsterdam.

Robin Baker, Fine Arts, won third prize in LexArts' 6th Annual University Open.

Yuen "Amie" Chan, Biology and Economics; Megan Collins, International Studies; Jordan Covvey, Pharmacy, recipient of the three-year Fulbright-Strathclyde Research Award; Sarah Kachovec, International Studies and Spanish; Rachel Philbrick, Classics; and Brandon Chase Stamper, German Studies, received Fulbright scholarships for 2011-12.

Lonn Combs, Design, was awarded the prestigious Rome Prize by the American Academy in Rome. Combs is one of only two recipients to receive the Rome Prize in architecture this year. The other recipient of the Rome Prize in architecture is College of Design faculty member Angela Co.

Matt Matsubura, Art Studio, won second prize in LexArts' 6th Annual University Open.

Rachel Philbrick, Arts and Sciences, was awarded one of only 33 Jacob K. Javits Fellowships from the U.S. Department of Education. The fellowship is awarded to students of superior academic ability who plan to undertake graduate study in the selected fields of arts, humanities and social sciences.

Gregory Turay, Music, sang the lead role of Rodolfo in UK Opera Theatre's 2010 production of Giacomo Puccini's "La Bohème" at the Lexington Opera House.

Lindsay Warnick, Theatre, is the recipient of an internship with Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas.