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1. Alumni Drive Reconstruction Project Promises Safer, Better Transportation Artery

Governor Steve Beshear, University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto, Senator Reginald Thomas, Representative Kelly Flood, and Lexington Mayor Jim Gray participated in a groundbreaking May 4 for the reconstruction and realignment of Alumni Drive between Tates Creek and Nicholasville Roads. The \$5 million project is slated for completion by the end of August. Thomas and Flood were instrumental in securing state funds for the project in the 2014 legislative session.

2. UK HealthCare at Turfland Opens

A ribbon cutting ceremony April 20 marked the official opening of UK HealthCare at Turfland, a new outpatient center on Harrodsburg Road in Lexington on the site of the former Turfland Mall. UK HealthCare has leased and renovated the former Dillard's location for consolidation and relocation of some of its primary care and specialty outpatient clinics and is the anchor tenant for the first floor of the building utilizing approximately 85,000 square feet.

3. Twenty-three Inducted Into UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni

The UK Alumni Association honored 23 former UK students — leaders who have impacted the Commonwealth, the nation and the world through their work — with induction into the 2015 Hall of Distinguished Alumni on Friday, April 17. This year's class includes Joyce Hamilton Berry; Amy L. Bondurant; Stephen B. Bright; Timothy A. Byers; Jennifer Burcham Coffman; L. Berkley Davis Jr.; Brady J. Deaton; Thomas B. Deen; Holloway Fields Jr.; Ernest Lee Fletcher; John R. Guthrie; Ardis D. Hoven; Robert Milton Huffaker; Terence Hunt; Howard L. Lewis; Thomas W. Lewis; James W. May Jr.; W. Rodney McMullen; Jeffrey P. Okeson; Beverly Moore Eaves Perdue; Peter Perlman; Theodore Strickland; and Richard E. Whitt.

4. Kentucky Primary Care Association and UK HealthCare Announce Partnership Benefiting Rural Care Practitioners

The Kentucky Primary Care Association (KPCA) and UK HealthCare announced May 7 a groundbreaking partnership aimed at providing more than 800 patient care providers access to UK HealthCare support services such as supply chain contracts, medical professional placement services, practice transformation support/training and an after-hours pediatric call triage center. The partnership provides KPCA members access to services at heavily discounted rates or at no charge to the facilities. One of the prominent features of the partnership is the recognition of

KPCA organizations as “affiliate” sites under UK HealthCare's group purchasing contract, which will result in significant savings.

5. Gill Heart Institute Receives Grant to Study Role of Genes in Heart Disease

Researchers at the University of Kentucky's Gill Heart Institute have been awarded a four year, \$2.85 million grant from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute to study the mechanisms by which diet and family history increase the risk of heart attacks. Gill researchers Andrew Morris and Susan Smyth, institute director, will provide further study of a gene called PPAP2B. The gene is responsible for a process that confers substantial protection against the development of heart disease.

6. Markey Launches App for Cancer Clinical Trials

Markey Cancer Center recently launched a new iPhone app featuring a searchable database of the open clinical trials at Markey. The app gives Markey patients and their treatment teams an easier way of identifying the clinical trials currently offered that might be beneficial for the patient's treatment plans. The new app allows users to search for clinical trials by the site of the disease, the drugs used in treatment, the trial's identification number (protocol number), the phase of cancer being treated, or by the trial's principal investigator — the researcher, often an oncologist, who is the leader on the research being performed.

7. College of Nursing Study Transitions Patients, Families to Low-Sodium Diet With Electronic Salt Spoon

Faculty members in the UK College of Nursing are helping patients and their families monitor the amount of sodium in their foods through the use of an electronic salt spoon. The device, which can be used in everyday cooking, measures the exact amount of salt in foods. Misook Lee Chung, an associate professor in the College of Nursing, is leading the Family Sodium Watchers Program, which educates patients and families about low-sodium diets through the use of the salt spoon. The study was awarded funding from the National Institute of Nursing Research. A three-month pilot study found individuals and family members who used the salt spoon were successful in decreasing the amount of salt in their diets.

8. UK Receives Grant to Empower Urban, Homeless Youth

A team of researchers led by experts with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment are reaching out to homeless or unstably housed young people in Louisville with the opportunity to develop essential life skills. Janet Kurzynske, Kerri Ashurst and Ken Jones received a five-year grant from the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk program in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

9. Gill Heart Institute Honored by American Heart Association

UK HealthCare's Gill Heart Institute has received the "Get With The Guidelines-Resuscitation Gold Quality Achievement Award" for maintaining specific quality measures outlined by the

American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer cardiac arrests in the hospital. This year marks the second year that Gill has received Gold designation.

10. Eastern State Hospital, Managed by UK HealthCare, Earns KHA Award

The Kentucky Hospital Association presented a 2015 Quality Award to Eastern State Hospital May 8 during a special awards presentation held as part of the Kentucky Hospital Association Annual Conference in Lexington. The Quality Awards are presented in six categories with Eastern State honored in Psychiatric Care. Managed and operated by UK HealthCare through an agreement with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Eastern State Hospital, opened its new facility in September 2013 providing an extensive range of inpatient mental health services to adults living within the 50 counties surrounding and including Fayette County.

11. The Art Museum at UK Eliminates Admission Fee

The Art Museum at the University of Kentucky is now offering free admission to the public thanks to the generosity of several anonymous donors. While donations are encouraged, there will be no required fee to view the temporary exhibitions and the permanent collection at the museum. The new admission policy began with the three new exhibitions that opened May 9, "Chester Cornett: Beyond the Narrow Sky," "Vivian Maier: On the Street" and "Other Streets: Photographs from the Collection."

12. Earthquake in Nepal Prompts UK Students to Mobilize

A group of University of Kentucky students from Nepal is helping to relieve the suffering in their home country caused by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that took place Saturday, April 25, and subsequent aftershocks. The students have started a fundraising initiative, "Nepal, I am with you," to obtain food, medical supplies, and rebuild broken communities. The initiative is an online GoFundMe fundraiser: <http://www.gofundme.com/NepalIamwithyou>. Jennifer Cotton, a student in UK's College of Medicine, visited Nepal three months before the earthquakes to provide critical care ultrasound training to local doctors, and now she is also fundraising to support medical resources for Nepali doctors responding to the disaster. She is in the process of establishing a nonprofit foundation to support the Nepali doctors long term.

13. Ziliak Working to Battle Kentucky's Poverty, Improve Nutrition

University of Kentucky Gatton Endowed Chair in Microeconomics James Ziliak, who also is director of UK's Center for Poverty Research, is playing a leading role in trying to figure out some of the challenges of poverty in this nation, including Kentucky, and how best to address those challenges. Results were released in April from a national study on food insecurity and senior citizens that Ziliak and a colleague conducted based on 2013 statistics. The study showed the greatest threat of senior hunger is in Arkansas at 26.1 percent of the over-60 population and the lowest in Minnesota at 8.3 percent. Kentucky ranked 16th at 15.82 percent.

14. UK Arts Administration Students Help At-Risk Kids Capture 'A Beautiful Life'

A class of arts administration students developed real life arts workshops for children who witness domestic violence or struggle with illness at an early age. The group partnered with Greenhouse 17 and The Kidz Club. The resulting artwork is the focus of a book published by the class that will raise money for the organizations and future community art programs from the class. The enterprising UK arts administration students presenting these art workshops are part of a spring course first presented in 2014 that created an initiative called Art in Unlikely Places. The class is led by Mark Rabideau, adjunct assistant professor and director of undergraduate studies in the Arts Administration Program.

15. 65 UK Student-athletes on SEC Academic Honor Roll

Sixty-five University of Kentucky Wildcats earned a place on the 2015 Winter Sports Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll announced by SEC Commissioner Mike Slive. UK's total of 65 honorees is the fourth-most among the 14 league teams. UK has eight representatives from the men's basketball team, six from women's basketball, 12 from gymnastics, 10 from rifle, 10 from men's swimming and diving and 19 from women's swimming and diving.

16. Women and Philanthropy Provides More Than \$1 Million in Support of UK Community

The Women and Philanthropy Network at UK, now in its sixth year, has provided more than \$1 million in grants for scholarships, fellowships, education abroad, special programs and research at the University of Kentucky. This year's contribution officially surpasses the \$1 million mark, at \$1,044,265. The organization honored its 2015 grant recipients on April 10 at a reception at Maxwell Place.

17. UK, Gatton Help KIN Capture National Award

The Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship and Lexington Office of the Kentucky Innovation Network, part of UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics, played a role in the state of Kentucky's success in receiving another national award for supporting small businesses. Business Facilities magazine, a leading national business publication, presented the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development and its Kentucky Innovation Network with the magazine's annual Achievement in Innovation Hubs Award.

18. UK Professor Helps Develop Online Assessment for Stalking Victims

TK Logan, professor in the UK Department of Behavioral Science and the Center on Drug and Alcohol Research, and a team of researchers recently launched an online assessment for victims of stalking and harassment. The Stalking and Harassment Assessment and Risk Profile (SHARP) is a confidential, 43-item assessment developed from research, clinical literature, stories from stalking victims, and case studies. According to the website, the goals of SHARP are to assess the "big picture" of a victim's stalking situation by examining conduct, concern for safety,

unwantedness, and potential harms, and also educating victims about risks and offering safety suggestions.

19. Students Partner With Kentucky Refugee Ministries to Give Family New Home

Students enrolled in a College of Communication and Information course, Allyson Beutke DeVito's section of CIS 112, worked with the Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) to provide a fully furnished apartment for a refugee family from the Congo as part of their class project this semester. Students collected donations of money, furniture and other items for the home through a Facebook group. They used the donations to furnish the home and make it comfortable for the new family and helped the family settle into their new apartment on the night they arrived in Lexington.

20. Grant Funds Continue Study of Aging and Alzheimer's Disease in Down Syndrome

Sanders-Brown Center on Aging researchers Elizabeth Head and Frederick Schmitt have received a \$2.5 million National Institutes of Health grant renewal to unlock the mysteries of Alzheimer's disease (AD) and brain aging with the help of people with Down syndrome (DS). Dozens of people with DS have volunteered for the research, which involves annual visits for brain imaging, blood work, and neurocognitive testing. The grant renewal will allow Head and Schmitt to continue following their initial cohort of 45 participants and add up to 50 more to the group.

21. Markey's Bradley Receives Komen Grant to Develop Jin Shin Jyutsu Self-Help Videos

The University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center's Jin Shin Jyutsu Integrative Medicine program recently received a grant of more than \$10,500 from the Lexington affiliate of Susan G. Komen to produce 10 Jin Shin Jyutsu Self-Help videos for patients and families. Jennifer Bradley, who heads the program, and her staff provide up to five free Jin Shin Jyutsu sessions for patients. The self-help videos will teach simplified versions of the techniques Bradley uses in her sessions for viewers to use at home. Jin Shin Jyutsu is an ancient form of touch therapy similar to acupuncture in philosophy.

22. UK Certification Program Targets Wine, Brewing, Distilling Industries

In a new undergraduate certificate program in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, students will be prepared for careers in the growing economic sector of wine, beer and distilled spirits industries. Seth DeBolt, professor of horticulture, and colleagues have been consulting with these industries within the state to ensure the program will be a positive experience for their students as well as meet industry needs. In the near future, they hope to award between 100 and 150 certificates per year. In addition to training and knowledge in the field, these certificate holders will have an appreciation for the history and traditions behind Kentucky's distillation, wine and brewing industries.

23. St. Claire Regional Medical Center Joins Markey Cancer Center Research Network

The University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center has joined the Markey Cancer Center Research Network, a newly launched initiative conducting high priority cancer research through a network of collaborative centers with expertise in the delivery of cancer care and conduct of research studies. The team at St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead was invited to participate based on their previous experience in conducting oncology research. St. Claire has participated in research with Markey for more than 10 years, enrolling more than 120 patients from seven surrounding counties in nearly 20 different cancer clinical studies in that time.

24. UK MANRRS Three-peats With National Honors

The University of Kentucky Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) chapter has pulled off a three-peat as National Chapter of the Year at the recent 30th annual conference for Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences. The chapter, housed in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, also brought home honors for students and Kentucky 4-H agents.

25. UK Students Named Among Global Health Case Competition Winners

A multidisciplinary team of five University of Kentucky students took second place during the 5th annual Emory Global Health Case Competition held March 27-28 at Emory University. Teams were given one week to develop strategies for reducing gun violence in Honduras and presented their proposals to a panel of judges at the Rollins School of Public Health. In addition to placing second in the competition, UK students won \$3,600 and were also selected by their peers for the Participant's Choice Award for the best executed presentation and solution. The UK team included Joshua Gwinn, Patterson School of Diplomacy & International Commerce; Ryan McElhose, College of Arts & Sciences; Kevin Chen, College of Pharmacy; Nneka Udechukwu, College of Medicine; and Sindhu Nimma, College of Medicine.

26. New Digital Portal Expands Global Visibility for Kentucky Research

The University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University (WKU) launched the Kentucky Research Commons, a new digital portal that presents and provides access to the breadth and depth of research being conducted in at several universities in Kentucky. The portal features a real-time readership map that visualizes when and where content is being downloaded. The site illuminates the global reach and significance of the outstanding research from Kentucky institutions.

27. Town Hall Showcases UK's Designs for West Liberty's Future

In a town hall on April 30, students from the UK College of Design presented their concepts to aid in the rebuilding of West Liberty, as well as their work on a farm-to-table restaurant that will lay the foundation for an emerging fabrication partnership for the community ravaged by a tornado in spring of 2012.

28. UK Undergraduates Present Research at 2015 Showcase

The University of Kentucky Office of Undergraduate Research and the Society for the Promotion of Undergraduate Research (SPUR) hosted the Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars April 29 in the Student Center Grand Ballroom. Approximately 200 undergraduate students presented projects, including 190 poster presentations, eight oral presentations and two table displays. Ten high school students from Paul Laurence Dunbar, Sayre and Lexington Catholic High Schools also presented.

29. First Postdoctoral Research Symposium Highlights Research From UK, Other Schools

The UK Society of Postdoctoral Scholars held its first Postdoctoral Research Symposium June 12 at the William T. Young Library. The symposium allowed for the exchange of ideas across a broad range of fields, and abstract submissions were accepted from all disciplines. The symposium featured interim Vice President for Research Lisa Cassis as the keynote speaker, as well as oral presentations given by postdoctoral scholars from numerous fields represented on UK's campus and from other Kentucky universities.

30. UK Has First Faculty-directed Full Semester Program Abroad

The College of Education launched the University of Kentucky's first ever faculty-directed semester-length program, Kinesiology and Health Promotion in Valencia, Spain, directed by Joaquín Fenollar, lecturer in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion. His semester-length curriculum offered an array of kinesiology, health promotion, and Spanish course opportunities for academic credit. The session ran from January 8 to June 5.

31. Strategic Plan Town Halls Take Feedback From Campus

The University of Kentucky campus was given the opportunity to participate in a series of town halls focusing on the UK Strategic Plan. They were held May 6, 7 and 13 in various locations on campus and were live streamed on UKNow. The leadership team took feedback used in making final edits to the plan before presenting it to the UK Board of Trustees.

32. Faculty and Staff Achievements

Michael Bardo (Psychology) has been awarded a 2015 Southeastern Conference Faculty Achievement Award.

Mitch Barnhart (Athletics) was named the Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year.

Matthew J. Beck (College of Engineering) received the Provost's Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award.

David M. Brown, (College of Education) received the Provost's Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

Heather A. Campbell-Speltz (College of Arts and Sciences) received the Provost's Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award.

Gang Cao (Physics) received the 2015 Albert D. and Elizabeth H. Kirwan Memorial Prize.

Julie Cerel (College of Social Work) presented her team's research results from Military Suicide Research Consortium-funded data at the National Suicidology Conference.

Aaron Cramer (Engineering) received a Young Investigator Program award from the Office of Naval Research.

Jason DeRouchey (Chemistry) received a prestigious five-year National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Award.

Holly S. Divine (College of Pharmacy) received the Provost's Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award.

Mark Evers (Markey Cancer Center and Department of Surgery) has been elected treasurer for the American Surgical Association. Evers will serve as treasurer through 2020.

Amanda R. Ellis (College of Arts and Sciences) received the Provost's Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

Mike Farrell (College of Communication and Information) has been awarded both the Kentucky award for Region Three Outstanding Advising Award in a Faculty Role and a national Outstanding Advising Award for Faculty Academic Advising from the National Academic Advising Association.

Beth Guiton (Chemistry) received a prestigious five-year National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Award.

Ellen Hahn (Nursing) is an invited panel speaker for the first of three annual statewide community roundtables with the Northeast Kentucky Area Health Education Center and George Washington University Cancer Institute. The initiative's goal is to advance integration of cancer control and chronic disease management by addressing tobacco use in Eastern Kentucky.

Fran Hardin-Fanning (Nursing) received a \$627,000 grant for the MedVet-BSN Option program, which transitions student veterans with military medical training into civilian nursing.

Debby L. Keen (College of Engineering) received the Provost's Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award.

Sarah E. Kerckmar (College of Communication and Information) received the Provost's Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award.

Daniel S. Morey (College of Arts and Sciences) received the Provost's Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award.

Jerrod M. Penn (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment) received the Provost's Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

Robert Shapiro (Medical Center Library) will serve as chair of the Public Health/Health Administration section of the Medical Library Association (MLA).

Eugenia Toma (Martin School of Public Policy and Administration) received the 2015 William E. Lyons Award.

Mark A. Williams (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment) received the Provost's Outstanding Teaching Faculty Award.

Thomas R. Zentall (Psychology) was awarded the 2015 William B. Sturgill Award.

Stacey Greenwell and Jennifer Bartlett (UK Libraries) were recently elected to serve in the Information Literacy and Knowledge Management sections, respectively, of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

### 33. Student Achievements

Ann Baillie (UK Libraries Learning Lab Internship) is the author of an article, "Spell Bound," recently accepted to *The Reading Room: A Journal of Special Collections*.



Kelsey Brosseau (Integrated Strategic Communication), of Naperville, Illinois, was chosen as runner-up in a national logo design competition held by the Visual Communication Division of the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Emily Furnish (Chemistry and Music Performance), of Louisville, Kentucky, was selected for an internship with Space Camp Turkey and will serve among a select group of Turkish and American counselors at the facility in Izmir, Turkey.

Max Godby (Kinesiology and Health Promotion), of Louisville, Kentucky, received the Senior Man Sullivan Medallion Award.

Slavina Goleva (Biology), of Lexington, Kentucky, recently received the highly competitive David S. Bruce Award for Undergraduate Research Excellence from the American Physiological Society.

Charlene Harris (Family Sciences) is one of only three recipients of the American Society of Criminology's 2015 Graduate Fellowship for Ethnic Minorities. Harris, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, is the first UK doctoral student to receive this national award.

Jake Ingram (Mechanical Engineering), Nicholasville, Kentucky, was awarded the Otis A. Singletary Outstanding Senior Male Award.

Damir Kocer (Economics and Marketing), of Versailles, Kentucky, was selected for an internship with Space Camp Turkey and will serve among a select group of Turkish and American counselors at the facility in Izmir, Turkey.

Hannah Latta (Biology), of Mayfield, Kentucky, has been awarded a summer internship through the Research Internships in Science and Engineering (RISE) program of the German Academic Exchange.

Allysonn Lough (Integrated Strategic Communication), of New Market, Virginia, placed fifth in a national logo design competition held by the Visual Communication Division of the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

James "Wes" Morris (Natural Resources and Environmental Science) received a government-funded National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Tamas Nagy (Chemistry and Mathematics), of Lexington, Kentucky, received a government-funded National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Joe Papp (Chemical Engineering), of Nicholasville, Kentucky, received a government-funded National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Derrick Quarles (Kinesiology), of Russellville, Kentucky, was awarded the University of Kentucky International Studies Abroad Diversity Scholarship.

Sibi Rajendran (Biology), of Frankfort, Kentucky, received a \$20,000 Charles T. Wethington Jr. Fellowship from the UK Graduate School.

Miyana Sarver (Human Communications) was awarded the University of Kentucky International Studies Abroad Diversity Scholarship.

Grace Trimble (Agricultural Biotechnology), of Winchester, Kentucky, received the Otis A. Singletary Outstanding Senior Female Award and Senior Woman Sullivan Medallion Award.

Colleen Wagoner (Music Education), of Lexington, Kentucky, was named to the All-American College Band in Disneyland.

Lee Zamos (College of Dentistry), of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, received first place in the clinical science category at the 28th annual DENTSPLY/Caulk Student Research Group Award Competition for original research.

The team of Joanna Foresman, Andrew Wachs, Jeremy Madigan, and Qianwen Zhao (Gatton College of Business and Economics) placed third in the business plan competition at Idea State U and won \$10,000.

The Gatton College of Business and Economics Master of Business Administration team of James Davey, Jordan McMurtrey, Lauren Scanlon and Luke Williams placed second at the 2015 Southeastern Conference MBA Case Competition.

Annie Griggs (Biology), Faith VanMeter (Psychology) and Marcel Roman (Political Science and International Studies) are the recipients of the Undergraduate Research Abroad Scholarship, which will support their international independent research projects during the 2015 summer session.

#### 34. Alumni Achievements

Linda Gorton (College of Nursing) received the 2015 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion Award. Gorton is former vice mayor of Lexington.

Mitch McConnell (College of Engineering, 1967) has been named to Time's 100 Most Influential People list. McConnell represents Kentucky in the U.S. Senate

George C. Wright (History) received the 2015 UK Libraries Medallion for Intellectual Achievement. Wright, a Lexington native, is president of Prairie View A&M University.