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1. UK Kicks Off \$2.1 Billion Comprehensive Campaign

The University launched the largest fundraising campaign in the history of the Commonwealth September 14. The \$2.1 billion goal will create thousands of scholarships to expand access to education at UK and to dramatically accelerate UK's efforts to solve the Commonwealth's most challenging health and economic issues. The effort, with the theme "Kentucky Can: The 21st Century Campaign," was announced at a special event attended by hundreds of friends of the University at the Gatton Student Center.

2. UK HealthCare Ranked No.1 Hospital in Kentucky

UK HealthCare's University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital remains the No. 1 hospital in Kentucky and the Bluegrass Region for the third consecutive year, according to the 2018 U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals Rankings released on August 14. In addition, four major health care areas achieved Top 50 national rankings, including 33rd in Diabetes and Endocrinology, 38th in Cancer, and 45th in both Ear, Nose and Throat, and Orthopedics. Along with the Top 50 rankings, UK HealthCare is ranked as high-performing in five other adult specialties – Geriatrics; Nephrology; Neurology and Neurosurgery; Pulmonology; and Urology. Additionally, the health care system was designated high performing in six common adult procedures and conditions: Heart Bypass Surgery, Heart Failure, Colon Cancer Surgery, Hip Replacement, Knee Replacement, and Lung Cancer Surgery.

3. UK HealthCare Recognized Nationally for Promoting Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation

UK HealthCare was among a select group of hospital systems recognized for promoting enrollment in state organ donor registries in a national campaign sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administrations (HRSA). The campaign has added more than 443,000 donor enrollments to state registries nationwide. UK HealthCare conducted awareness and registry campaigns to educate staff, patients, visitors, and community members about the critical need for organ, eye, and tissue donors and, by doing so, increased the number of potential donors on the state's donor registry. The hospital earned points for each activity implemented between October 2017 and April 2018 and was awarded platinum recognition through the HRSA Workplace Partnership for Life Hospital Campaign.

4. Barnstable Brown Derby Gala Donates Over \$1 Million to Diabetes Center

On September 10, the Barnstable Brown Gala, the premier Kentucky Derby Gala, donated over \$1 million from proceeds from its 2018 Gala to the University of Kentucky Barnstable Brown Diabetes Center. Since 2008, the Barnstable Brown family has donated more than \$15 million to the center from proceeds from the annual event held in Louisville, Kentucky, including this year's 30th Gala. The 2018 U.S. News & World Report ranked diabetes care at the Barnstable Brown Diabetes Center 33rd in the nation. The center, which expanded and moved to its current Turfland location in 2017, treats more than 7,500 adult patients and 2,500 pediatric patients each year in the management and treatment of diabetes and related diseases.

5. UK's First Center for Student Philanthropy Opens

A new center on campus aims to spread the joy of philanthropy throughout campus and the Lexington community through its innovative programming and events. The Center for Student Philanthropy is among the first of its kind in the United States and will serve as the basis for teaching students the value of philanthropy — whether it is giving charitably, volunteering, or helping to organize philanthropic events. The center officially opened on September 7, with a ribbon cutting in the Gatton Student Center.

6. PNC Opens Branch in Gatton Student Center

The University of Kentucky and PNC Bank N.A., a member of the PNC Financial Services Group Inc. (NYSE: PNC), officially opened its new financial services center on UK's campus with a ribbon-cutting August 23. It is the first PNC University banking branch in Kentucky. Located in the Gatton Student Center, the 645-square-foot branch is staffed with two full-time consultants to assist customers with completing transactions. On campus, customers will have access to interactive financial planning tablets and advanced function ATMs.

7. UK Partners With Habitat, PNC on Big Blue Build for Lexington Family

On August 24, Antoinette Scretch came one step closer to her dream of home ownership when volunteers from Lexington Habitat for Humanity were joined by University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto and John Gohmann, PNC Bank regional president for Lexington, at Scretch's build site, 1823 Russell Cave Road in Lexington. Employees from UK, PNC Bank, and Turner Construction also participated. This house-building project is known as "Big Blue Build." It began in February when former UK Wildcat basketball player Jack "Goose" Givens hosted a fundraiser as a way of giving back to the community that supported the 1978 UK Men's Championship Basketball Team, of which he was a member. Funds raised from the event, along with contributions from PNC Bank, Smith and Nephew, and The Pat Smith Habitat for Humanity for Endowment Fund were used to sponsor the Habitat home.

8. New Initiative Offers Virtual Support for Kentucky Adoptive/Foster Parents

Research indicates that caregivers often struggle to find support, especially in rural communities. On top of that, the number of children entering foster care in the Commonwealth continues to increase. In response to these challenges, the College of Social Work Training Resource Center (TRC) has launched a new initiative. Adoption Support for Kentucky – Virtual Interaction Program (ASK-VIP) is now available at two pilot sites in Eastern and Northern Kentucky. The online platform offers support for caregivers who are unable to attend traditional meetings. Jay Miller, associate dean for research; Missy Segress, director of the TRC; and Jessica Fletcher, associate director of the TRC, oversee the program. Karen Bowman administers the initiative. Group and individual sessions are offered. There are plans to strategically roll-out ASK-VIP statewide over the next 12 months.

9. \$200,000 Available for Campus Sustainability Projects

University of Kentucky students, faculty, and staff once again have the opportunity to create and implement sustainability-driven projects through the Sustainability Challenge Grant Program, which is funding projects this year with \$200,000 available to interdisciplinary teams. Funded projects will be announced on December 6. For the past four years, Sustainability Challenge Grants have engaged multidisciplinary teams from the UK community to protect ecological and human health, advance economic vitality, and ensure social equity with creative projects on and off campus. Since its inception, \$700,000 has been invested in 26 projects, each driving collaboration and student engagement. From designing a new site and program for the UK Solar House to funding curriculum development stipends, the projects have addressed a range of opportunities.

10. UK "Passes on Plastic" With New Campaign

University of Kentucky Sustainability, Dining, and Recycling are teaming up to make a difference on campus by joining the global conversation on plastic use. Together, they have created a campaign called UK POPs (Passes On Plastic). The campaign's goal is to reduce the impacts of single-use plastic items by encouraging reuse and new habits on and around campus. UK POPs plans to hand out 2,500 sets of reusable cotton bags, aluminum water bottles, and stainless-steel straws by the end of September. Students must pledge to help UK reduce plastic pollution to receive the items. Attached to the pledge is a survey which collects information on existing habits relative to reusable items. A follow-up survey will be sent one month after the items are distributed. The information gathered through the campaign will be part of an undergraduate research project set to explore which item helped reduce the most plastic usage. More than 600 individuals have taken the pledge.

11. UK's Bicycle Friendly University Status Goes Gold

The University of Kentucky's Bicycle Friendly University status has gone gold. UK was notified by the League of American Bicyclists that it has been awarded the first gold level designated university in not only the Commonwealth, but in the entire Southeastern Conference (SEC). Most recently, the university entered into a partnership with Spin, a station less bike share

service, to help increase mobility across campus. The League of American Bicyclists, a nonprofit organization, grants universities' their bicycle-friendly status. The program evaluates each application based on the institution's efforts to promote bicycles based on the five E's: engineering, encouragement, education, enforcement, and evaluation/planning. The goal of these evaluations is to recognize higher education institutions for making campus more bicycle-friendly.

12. Celebrating a Century of Music at UK

For a century, University of Kentucky music faculty, staff, and students have embraced an ever-changing musical world as an opportunity for personal and professional growth. This year, the UK School of Music is setting the stage for a second century of success. Music was thought to fill the campus as early as 1881, but performance groups began to form on campus in 1902 with a Kentucky State College Glee Club and 1903 with Captain George L. Byroade's military band — precursors to today's seven celebrated choral ensembles and the Wildcat Marching Band. It wasn't until 1918, however, that music became a program of study in the Department of Art and Music. That same year, the critically acclaimed UK Symphony Orchestra began its musical journey to becoming the powerhouse program it is today. UK School of Music is internationally recognized for excellence in performance, music education, and research in music and offers Kentucky's most comprehensive array of educational programs devoted to musical arts.

13. Faculty and Staff Achievements

Tiffany Barnes (College of Arts and Sciences) has been selected to receive the Emerging Scholar Award from the American Political Science Association's Legislative Studies Section.

Kim C. Carter (UK Research) has been elected president of the Society of Research Administrators International.

Kirk Hanselmann, (Athletics) has won an Emmy at the 54th Annual Ohio Valley Regional Emmy Awards for his feature on Courtney Love, which chronicled the life story of the UK linebacker.

Jing Li (Center for Health Services Research) has received a \$1 million grant award from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for a study which aims to address difficulties and inefficiencies in the diagnosis and approach to syncope, a temporary loss of consciousness.

Justin Miller (College of Social Work) is the 2018 recipient of the Sunny Andrews Award for Outstanding Commitment to Social Work Regulatory Board Service.

David Nemer (College of Communication and Information) received the IAPP Privacy Award at the Fourteenth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security.

Crystal Wilkinson's (College of Arts and Sciences) novel, "The Birds of Opulence," has been named the winner of the 2016 Appalachian Writers Association's Appalachian Book of the Year for Fiction.

14. Student Achievements

The Department of Agricultural Economics' Academic Bowl team earned their third national championship at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association's annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

The University of Kentucky Panhellenic Council is among the 43 College Panhellenic Associations recently recognized by the National Panhellenic Conference with awards for excellence and achievement in their work to advance the sorority experience throughout 2017-2018.

15. Alumni Achievements

Veronica Abt (Modern and Classical Languages/Japan Studies Education), Laura Birdsong (Social Studies Education), Catherine Cornelius (Political Science Education), Monica Donovan (Modern and Classical Languages/Japan Studies Education), Kayla Edwards (Secondary Education), Glen Gerth III (Agricultural Economics Education), Arais Meteyard (Art Studio Education), and Daniel Persigehl (Modern and Classical Languages/Classics Education) have been selected to participate in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, which provides them with the opportunity to live and work in Japan as assistant language teachers or as coordinators for international relations as interpreters/translators.