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1. Initiatives Announced to Address Health Disparities in Appalachia

President Eli Capilouto joined U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers and Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Hazard for an open, public "Health Impact Series" sponsored by SOAR (Shaping Our Appalachian Region). At the meeting, President Capilouto announced the UK Appalachian Cancer Patient Navigation Project, a \$1.5 million, five-year project funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission and the CDC to improve standardization of patient navigation and coordinate cancer navigation programs in the Appalachian region. He also announced the Community Leadership Institute of Kentucky (CLIK), a three-week intensive leadership development program for those who play a key role in using data and decision making related to health and health care.

2. Four UK Students Receive Fulbright Scholarships

Four UK students have been selected as recipients of Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarships. The UK recipients are among approximately 1,800 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2014-2015 academic year through the prestigious program. The UK students awarded Fulbright grants for graduate study, research or teaching assistantships are: Hannah Christine Drake, a 2014 political science graduate, who will teach in China; Chia Hong, a 2014 psychology and international studies graduate, who will teach in Taiwan; Tanner Jones, a doctoral candidate in ethnomusicology, who will do research in South Korea; and Ryan Voogt, a doctoral candidate in history, who will do research in Romania.

3. Superfund Research Center Receives \$12.2 Million Federal Grant

In June, the National Institutes of Health granted the University \$12.2 million to continue its work to better understand and minimize negative health and environmental impacts from hazardous waste sites. The Nutrition and Superfund Chemical Toxicity grant is funded through the NIH's National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and administered through the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. It supports the efforts of more than 50 scientists and students from 15 departments within the colleges of Agriculture, Food and Environment; Arts and Sciences; Engineering; Medicine; and Public Health. UK is one of only four programs funded in 2014. The University has received funding for its Superfund work since 1997.

4. CAER Part of Kentucky's First Megawatt-scale Carbon Capture Pilot System

UK's Center for Applied Energy Research is helping to design and build the Commonwealth's first megawatt-scale carbon capture pilot unit at an operating power plant, at Kentucky Utilities

Company's E.W. Brown Generating Station, near Harrodsburg. The \$19.5 million project is made possible through a \$14.5 million competitive financial assistance award from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory. President Eli Capilouto joined Gov. Steve Beshear, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Len Peters, LG&E and KU Chief Operating Officer Paul Thompson and other dignitaries on July 21 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the facility.

5. Four From UK Awarded Critical Language Scholarships

Three University of Kentucky students and an alumnus have been awarded scholarships through the U.S. State Department's Critical Language Scholarship Program. The program offers intensive summer language institutes overseas in 13 critical-need foreign languages. Jordie Gamble, a marketing and media arts and studies sophomore, will study Arabic in Morocco. Naomi Hayes, a biology senior, will study Japanese in Japan. Lydia Roll, an anthropology doctoral student, will return to Turkey for her second consecutive year of Turkish coursework. Wade Wilson, a 2013 Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce graduate, will study Arabic in Jordan.

6. CDC Grants \$3.75 Million for Community-Based Rural Cancer Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has awarded the UK Rural Cancer Prevention Center (RCPC) a \$3.75 million, five-year grant renewal to promote screening and prevent death from colorectal cancer in Central Appalachia and other rural areas. Over the next five years the center will develop, implement, and disseminate an intervention to promote a simple, at-home screening test. The RCPC team will leverage key community partnerships that supported the center's successful efforts over the previous five years, which focused on human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination and cervical cancer screening.

7. Nursing's Moser Awarded \$2.1 Million to Reduce Heart Risk in Appalachia

Debra Moser, professor at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing, has been awarded a prestigious Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Grant (PCORI) to advance her research in risk-reducing interventions for cardiovascular disease in Kentucky's Appalachian region. The \$2.1 million grant will be distributed over the next three years.

8. \$1.5 Million Awarded for Youth Substance Abuse Program

The University of Kentucky was awarded a \$1.5 million grant in May by the state of Kentucky to develop a comprehensive plan for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse by adolescents. The money comes from a \$19 million fund administered by the Substance Abuse Treatment Advisory Committee, created to distribute monies garnered from settlements with two pharmaceutical companies. It will be used to create and implement "UK Kentucky Kids Recovery," a program that addresses every stage in the continuum of adolescent substance abuse, including community and physician outreach and education, treatment plans, and outcomes measurement.

9. Kentucky to Receive \$1.08 Million to Address Prescription Drug Overdose

The Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, housed in the University of Kentucky College of Public Health, is one of just five awardees in the nation to receive a \$1.08 million “Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Boost” grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The award, provided over a three-year period, targets states “poised to make immediate progress reducing prescription drug overdose.”

10. Lung Cancer Patients Could Benefit from Innovative Informatics Project

Dr. Eric Durbin, assistant professor in the Division of Biomedical Informatics at the UK College of Public Health, is heading up a team to design, develop, pilot, and evaluate an innovative, electronic informatics system to automatically identify lung cancer patients who are eligible to participate in clinical trials for novel treatments. The automated system could dramatically increase the speed, completeness and efficiency of identifying patients for lung cancer clinical trials.

11. Fifteen UK Students Win NSF Research Awards

Three UK students have been selected to receive Graduate Research Fellowships funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The fellowships will present the students with more than \$100,000 to use toward research-based masters or doctoral degrees. Additionally, 12 UK undergraduates will receive funding for undergraduate research opportunities through NSF's Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program. UK's newest NSF fellows are: Benjamin Currens, a graduate student studying Earth and environmental sciences; Josiah Hanna, a 2014 computer science and mathematics graduate; and Jacob Welch, a 2013 anthropology graduate. REU recipients are: Robert Cass, a mathematics senior; Evan Castle, an electrical engineering and mathematics senior; Steven Chapman, a chemistry junior; Paige Clark, a chemical engineering junior; Jonathan Coburn, a chemical engineering junior; Andrea Eastes, an agricultural biotechnology and chemistry senior; Jonathan Elliott, an economics and mathematics senior; Matthew Fahrback, a computer science and mathematics junior; Jordan Jorgensen, a computer science and mathematics senior; Sarah Patterson, a chemical engineering junior; Kimberly Stevens, a chemistry student in UK and Bluegrass Community and Technical College's BCTCblue+ program, who plans to eventually transfer to UK; and Emily VanMeter, a political science and French senior.

12. Statewide Dialogue Initiated to Address Childhood Obesity and Academic Achievement

The University hosted a Kentucky Summit on Childhood Obesity and Physical Activity on July 30, in partnership with Kentucky Youth Advocates and Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, and in conjunction with a health policy grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The meeting convened a diverse array of stakeholders and experts to discuss strategies for addressing the state's high rate of childhood obesity and its impact on academic achievement. The UK colleges of Education, Public Health and Agriculture, Food and Environment were involved, along with several state and local officials in the Kentucky K12 public school system and related health interest organizations.

13. Kentucky Office of Rural Health Hosts State's First Rural Health Clinic Summit

More than 100 participants came to Kentucky's first Rural Health Clinic Summit, hosted by the Kentucky Office of Rural Health on May 16. Attendees from 28 Kentucky counties, along with a few from Tennessee and North Carolina, traveled to Hazard for a full day of networking and learning at the University of Kentucky Center of Excellence in Rural Health.

14. Sanders-Brown Selected for Major Clinical Trial of Alzheimer's Preventive

The Sanders-Brown Center on Aging is participating in a landmark, multi-center clinical trial of an experimental drug that has the potential to prevent Alzheimer's disease. The A4 Study will recruit 1,000 participants ages 65-85 to test an amyloid antibody that may prevent memory loss caused by Alzheimer's disease. Amyloid is a protein normally produced in the brain that can build up in older people, forming plaque deposits in the brain. Scientists believe this buildup of deposits may play a key role in the eventual development of Alzheimer's. Sanders-Brown is the only center in Kentucky and the only center within 200 miles of Lexington participating in the study.

15. Pharmacy Professor Develops New Tool to Prevent Heroin Deaths

A new, life-saving product aimed at reducing the death toll from heroin abuse — developed by a professor at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy — has completed its final round of clinical trials and has received Fast Track designation by the Food and Drug Administration. The product, a nasal spray application of the anti-opioid drug naloxone, was developed by Daniel Wermeling, UK professor of pharmacy practice and science, through his startup company AntiOp Inc. In May, AntiOp partnered with Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals to accelerate production and worldwide marketing of intranasal naloxone.

16. NASA Awards Grant to Kentucky Engineers and Scientists for Space Research

NASA has awarded a grant to the University of Kentucky for a research project that will take place, in part, aboard the International Space Station. The project, a collaboration with scientists and engineers from the University of Louisville and Western Kentucky University, will conduct fundamental physics experiments on colloids. The project has a \$750,000 award contribution from NASA's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) with \$300,000 additional matching funds from the NASA Kentucky EPSCoR Program. This is the fifth year in a row that a Kentucky-based research team has been selected among the recipients of NASA's EPSCoR Research Awards.

17. Guo Lab Reports Finding of Revolution Biomotors in Many Bacteria and Viruses

Researchers led by UK nano-biotechnologist Peixuan Guo have made some critical discoveries over the past year into the operation of biomotors, the molecular machines used by viruses and bacteria in the packaging of DNA. Last year, Guo's team reported the discovery of a new, third class of biomotor, unique in that it uses a "revolution without rotation" mechanism. In three recent journal publications, Guo's team reported that these revolution biomotors are widespread

among many bacteria and viruses. Guo hopes the current findings will generate new momentum in the viral-assembly field among young scientists.

18. CAER, China Collaborate on Large-Scale Carbon Capture Project

The University in July entered into an agreement with a major Chinese petrochemical conglomerate to jointly develop technologies to capture, utilize and store one million tons of carbon dioxide per year from a coal-fired power plant in Dongying, Shandong, China. The collaboration, between UK's Center for Applied Energy Research and the Sinopec Corporation's Shengli Oilfield Company and Petroleum Engineering Construction Corporation, is to develop a series of technologies to capture, transport, store and monitor carbon dioxide, along with technologies for by-product stream cleanup and carbon dioxide enhanced oil recovery. The project, with an estimated Chinese investment of \$320-400 million, will also provide basic data and operational experience to promote industry application process development.

19. UK Delegation Visits Shanghai University to Teach and Collaborate

Fifteen UK faculty members taught students at Shanghai University in China in June through the UK Confucius Institute's "UK Faculty China Short-Term Teaching Program." The program fosters global literacy throughout UK's multiple disciplines by embedding UK faculty members for one week in SHU departments, where they teach students, meet professional colleagues, identify shared research interests and gain key insights into China that they can then share with their students in Kentucky.

20. Office of China Initiatives Established

The Office of China Initiatives, located in Bradley Hall, is an outcome of the strategic planning conversations convened by the UK International Center during Spring 2013. Building on the success of the UK Confucius Institute, director Huajing Maske will continue that leadership and will also serve as executive director of the new office, focusing on UK's strategic interests.

21. UK Researcher Helps Prepare Paraplegic Patient to 'Walk Again' at World Cup

UK spinal injury researcher Dr. Lumy Sawaki was on hand for the start of the 2014 World Cup on June 12 in Brazil, where a paraplegic Brazilian drove the first kick using a robotically controlled leg controlled by his brain. Sawaki has served for the past two years as the lead clinician for the Walk Again Project, a research initiative aimed at developing brain-machine interface technology to give paraplegic patients mobility. She worked closely with the kicker and seven other patients who participated in intensive modulation training to prepare for the 40-second demonstration.

22. Doctor Competes in Triathlon to Benefit His Cancer Patients

The Louisville Ironman, a triathlon consisting of a 2.4-mile swim in the Ohio River, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run, is a competition that would test even the toughest of wills. But for University of Kentucky radiation oncologist Dr. Jonathan Feddock, the competition is about

more than achieving a personal goal. Feddock, an accomplished triathlete, wanted to use his athletic talents to raise money to pay for renovations and updates to the brachytherapy program at the UK Markey Cancer Center. The total estimated cost for the brachytherapy project is approximately \$1.2 million dollars. Feddock set a goal to raise \$200,000 competing in the August 24 Ironman, with the remaining \$1 million coming from the University, independent philanthropists and department funds.

23. Campus and Lexington Communities Invited to New Residence Hall Open House

The campus community and the broader Lexington community were invited August 14 to tour the Champions Court I residence hall on Avenue of Champions, next to Memorial Coliseum. The new building includes 740 beds, along with a high-tech classroom and community space. Champions Court II includes 427 beds. The complex, officially open for the fall semester along with the new Haggin Hall and Woodland Glen I and II, will also be home to Common Grounds Coffee Shop; Haggin Hall will be home to the new K-Lair dining facility, a popular destination for students.

24. UK CAFE Alumni Plaza Celebrates College Mission

The new College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Alumni Plaza, adjacent to the W.P. Garrigus Building, was formally dedicated June 24. President Eli Capilouto, Dean Nancy Cox and former dean Scott Smith were on hand June 24 to cut the ribbon. The diversity, beauty and seasonality of Kentucky's agriculture inspired the plaza's design. The plantings, in raised beds, are not just aesthetically pleasing, but have the practical function of providing spatial separation and controlling surface runoff. Along with agricultural plantings, a "demo forest" was planted, using 13 potentially blight-resistant sapling American chestnut trees.

25. \$1.9 Million Awarded to Improve Retention of STEM Majors

The University of Kentucky was awarded a \$1.9 million grant in June to improve retention of students in the STEM disciplines: science, technology, engineering and mathematics, through a collection of initiatives dubbed "STEMCats." UK is one of 37 research institutions selected by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) to receive an award, from among 170 institutions competing for a share of \$60 million in total funding. The five-year awards, ranging from \$1.2 to \$2.4 million, are intended to enable schools to focus on "significant and sustained improvement in retaining students" in the STEM disciplines.

26. Cardiovascular Program Receives \$1.2 Million to Prepare Scholars for Leadership

The National Institutes of Health has renewed a 5-year, \$1.2 million grant to help the University prepare clinical scholars for leadership positions in cardiovascular research. The UK Training Program for Clinical Scholars in Cardiovascular Science, led by co-directors Dr. Leigh Ann Callahan and Gill Heart Institute Director Dr. Susan Smyth, prepares clinical and postdoctoral fellows in medicine, nursing and pharmacy to direct multidisciplinary research in the field.

27. Capilouto Discusses Campus Assault Issue on National Television

The University of Kentucky's efforts to combat sexual assaults on campus were characterized as a national "model" on May 18, during a nationally televised interview on ABC's "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos, featuring UK President Eli Capilouto. Capilouto said UK began working diligently on the issue 10 years ago as it was among the first universities in the country to conduct a campus-wide climate survey. The issue of sexual assaults on campus has garnered recent national attention in the wake of a White House Task Force on the issue.

28. New Class Registration System Easier to Use, Supports Retention Efforts

Underscoring the University of Kentucky's efforts to place students first, a sophisticated new course registration system was introduced in June to make it easier to sign up for classes and assist efforts in degree planning. The new system, which was in development by Enrollment Management and the Enterprise Application Group and its Mobile Portal Workflow Team for more than a year, offers several powerful tools and insights for students and advisors.

29. 'Kentucky Treasure' Documentary Features Nunn Center Oral Histories

Rare footage, oral histories and commentary from notable Kentuckians chronicled the story of the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts in a documentary that aired in May on Kentucky Educational Television. "A Kentucky Treasure: A Center For All," created by Joanna Hay with oral history interviews from the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky Libraries, took viewers on a journey examining the artistic legacy of the Commonwealth's first and largest performing arts center.

30. Annual Markey Research Day Showcases Cancer Research

The University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center held its annual Markey Cancer Center Research Day on May 22, highlighting the work of UK students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty from the past year. This year's event featured 141 posters; one student and two postdoctoral fellow oral presentations; and faculty oral presentations. Markey Center Director Dr. Mark Evers presented his annual State of the Cancer Center Address, and Dr. Harold Varmus, Nobel Laureate and director of the National Cancer Institute, gave the Susan B. Lester Memorial Lecture.

31. Gill Heart Institute Offers 'Walk with a Doc' Program

UK HealthCare's Gill Heart Institute began offering an innovative, fun and free exercise program in May. "Walk with a Doc," a program brought to UK and led by Dr. Alison Bailey, is a bi-weekly campaign that encourages physical activity and reverses the consequences of a sedentary lifestyle. Each time the group meets, a physician will share information about exercise and heart health before the 30-minute walk begins.

32. Ensemble Jazzes Up China's Music Scene

The UK Jazz Ensemble, composed of 17 undergraduate and graduate students, packed up their instruments and departed for Beijing June 4. During their 14-day stay, the group performed at the Beijing Contemporary Music Institute in Beijing, the Xi'an Conservatory of Music in Xi'an, and the JZ Club and Shanghai University in Shanghai. At the last concert, the ensemble performed with students from Shanghai University's music program during "UK Week" at the institution.

33. AdvoCats Encourage Literacy by Supplying New Books to Family Care Center

A storybook serves as a healthy distraction for children during doctor visits at the University of Kentucky Family Care Center located on Red Mile Road. The 19 UK medical residents who provide pediatric care at the center offer children ages 6 months to 5 years a book to take home as part of a routine check-up. Statistics show that when a doctor encourages reading, children and parents are more likely to sit down together with a book. As an added benefit, the gift of a book leaves children with a positive impression of the clinical experience.

34. Markey Hosts Inaugural 'Expressions of Courage' Celebration

The Markey Cancer Center in June hosted "Expressions of Courage," a creative exhibit to honor those who have been affected by cancer. Featuring the creative work of more than 30 participants, exhibits included visual art, poetry readings, dance exhibitions, and vocal and instrumental performances by patients, survivors, friends and family.

35. Tractor Team Reclaims National Top Spot

A team of students from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has reclaimed the top spot in the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers International Quarter Scale Tractor Student Design Competition. The UK team won its first championship in 2012 and placed second in 2013. In addition to winning the overall competition, this year's team took home category wins in manufacturability, safety (tied), first-time-through tech (tied), report, second place presentation, three out of four pulls, and the overall pulling award.

36. UK Named a Top Five Fashion School in the South

The Fashion Schools website recently ranked the University of Kentucky Department of Retailing and Tourism Management among the top five fashion merchandising schools in the South. Schools were ranked based on academic reputation, admission selectivity, depth and breadth of program and faculty, value as related to tuition and student debt, and geographic location. The website ranked the department No. 28 nationwide.

37. High School Sophomores 'GEAR UP' to Become Future UK Students

In June, 85 high school sophomores from across the Commonwealth visited campus for three weeks as part of the "GEAR UP Kentucky Summer Academy@UK." In partnership with the Council on Postsecondary Education and the UK Division of Undergraduate Education, this college and career readiness initiative aims to develop a college transition path to UK for the students by showcasing the skills and attitudes needed to succeed at the state's premier research university.

38. New MOOC Prepares Students for College Success

The University of Kentucky's newest MOOC (massive open online course) launched on July 15, focused on skills students need to transition into college. Thousands of individuals signed up to take the free, open college-preparatory course online. "How to Succeed in College" was the University's second offering on Coursera, a leading platform for MOOCs. The five-week course was designed to help students think about the differences between high school and college, including class environment, studying techniques, exams structures and social encounters.

39. Nine Incoming Honors Students Named Lewis Scholars

The Honors Program has selected nine incoming freshmen to receive the T.W. Lewis Scholarship. Representing Fayette County and a select group of Appalachian counties in Kentucky, these "Lewis Scholars" will serve as the first cohort of Honors students to receive the prestigious award. The recipients were selected on the basis of their academic achievement, demonstrated leadership potential and financial need. Each will receive \$5,000 toward tuition, room and board for the 2014-2015 academic year.

40. UK HealthCare Recognized for Safety Initiative by National Hospital Association

America's Essential Hospitals, a national organization, awarded UK HealthCare a 2014 Gage Award honorable mention in June for the development of an internal process called SWARMING to help the hospital improve overall patient safety. A SWARM is initiated shortly after the occurrence of an adverse incident or undesirable event, and the people directly involved are empowered to "stop the line" when they observe a problem.

41. BBNunited Campaign Garners CASE Circle of Excellence Award

The University of Kentucky's "BBNunited" campaign was awarded the Silver Award in the advocacy campaigns category from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's Circle of Excellence program. "BBNunited" was launched as a campaign to gain support from the state legislature and the Big Blue Nation to self-finance the renovation and expansion of the Gatton College of Business and Economics Building, Commonwealth Stadium and the E.J. Nutter Training Facility, and the construction of a new academic science building.

42. WUKY in Paste Magazine's Top 10 Public Radio Stations

WUKY, 91.3 FM, was named one of Paste Magazine's "top 10 public radio stations you wish were in your town." The online magazine describes the 10 stations as having "consistently great programming, great hosts, and even some local flavor." The only public radio station in Kentucky to make Paste's top-10 list, WUKY is listed among public stations in major markets such as Pittsburgh, Seattle, New York, Kansas City and Denver.

43. UK Named in CIO Magazine Top 100

CIO magazine has named the University of Kentucky as a recipient of a 2014 CIO 100 Award. The awards program, which began in 1987, recognizes "the top 100 organizations around the world that exemplify the highest level of operational and strategic excellence in information technology."

44. UK's Google+ Ranked Fifth

The University of Kentucky's Google+ account has been ranked fifth on the Most Influential Colleges on Google+ list created by CollegeAtlas.org, published May 28. CollegeAtlas.org evaluated the social media efforts of major U.S. colleges and universities. The 2014 rankings focused on each school's activity, reach and engagement on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn and Instagram.

45. Entomology Research Results in Mosquito Control Technology

Stephen Dobson, professor of medical and veterinary entomology, and his former graduate student Jimmy Mains have developed technology that uses male mosquitoes to effectively sterilize females through a naturally occurring bacterium. Mains, who earned his doctorate from UK in 2012 while working in Dobson's lab, is now a medical entomologist with Dobson's recently formed company MosquitoMate. Mains has received a grant from the National Institutes of Health to begin field trials.

46. Grant Allows Jewish Studies Program to Offer New Scholarships

The Interdisciplinary Jewish Studies Program in the College of Arts and Sciences has received an \$85,000 grant from the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence to fund five undergraduate scholarships for students who minor in Jewish studies.

47. Two Appalachian Regional Hospitals Join Markey Affiliate Network

Two hospitals in the Appalachian Regional Healthcare system —ARH Hospital in South Williamson, Ky. and Harlan ARH Hospital — have announced affiliation with the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center. The UK Markey Cancer Center Affiliate Network began in 2006 and now includes 11 hospitals across Kentucky. Evaluations are underway for four other hospitals, including two more outside the state of Kentucky, extending Markey's reach and establishing it as the destination cancer center for the region.

48. Supafunkrock, Jazz, Latin, Celtic and Classical Music on Tap at Singletary

Singletary Center for the Arts kicks off its 2014-15 Singletary Signature Series with the man behind the Supafunkrock sound, Trombone Shorty, in a season that also includes performances from Branford Marsalis, Diego Garcia, Tomaseen Foley's "A Celtic Christmas" and Joshua Bell. Bell, one of the world's most celebrated violinists, will join Conductor John Nardolillo and the acclaimed UK Symphony Orchestra on April 3 to perform a program that includes Max Bruch's Violin Concerto #1 in G Minor Op. 26 and Camille Saint-Saëns' Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28.

49. Sorority Receives Top Academic Honors

The University of Kentucky's Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta was given the Rose Bowl Honor Roll Award at the sorority's international convention held recently in Indianapolis. The award was given to the UK chapter for consistently achieving a high chapter GPA throughout the two years between convention meetings.

50. OPSVAW Supports Five Students

The Office for Policy Studies on Violence Against Women in the College of Arts and Sciences recently announced that it will support the largest number of graduate and professional students within its relatively short history. One of the top priorities of the OPSVAW is the support of students, and the 2014-2015 academic year will see the program support five individuals through graduate fellowships and research assistantships. The students being supported during the 2014-2015 academic year include two doctoral students in the Department of Psychology, Jennifer (Jenna) Jewell and Kellie Lynch; two doctoral students in the Department of Political Science, Dakota Thomas and Kathleen (Katie) Clark; and a professional student from the College of Law, Molly Coffey.

51. Documentary About UK HealthCare Patients Wins Local Emmy

A documentary about eight UK HealthCare organ donation recipients who expressed their transplant stories through artwork has received a regional Emmy award. Filmmaker Thomas Southerland's "Body Maps: Transplantation Inside and Out" received an Ohio Valley Regional Emmy award in the category of best documentary. The documentary, a collaboration between the Lexington Public Library and Kentucky Organ Donation Affiliates, follows eight UK HealthCare organ donation recipients as they recount their transplant experiences through a "body mapping" exercise at UK's Tuska Center for Contemporary Art. Earlier this summer, the film received a bronze Telly Award.

52. Faculty and Staff Achievements

Adam J. Banks (Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Studies) recently received the 2014 Rhetorician of the Year Award at the Young Rhetoricians Conference.

Mark D. Birdwhistell (UK HealthCare) received the Seven Counties Services Health Advocacy Award at the eighth annual MediStar Awards, the region's premier venue for recognizing excellence in the business of health care.

Alison Davis (Agricultural Economics) was recently installed as president of the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals.

Steve Estus, Harry LeVine and Paul Murphy (Sanders-Brown Center on Aging) were each awarded Bright Focus grants for 2014 by the Bright Focus Foundation in recognition of their research on Alzheimer's disease.

James Harwood (Entomology) will be the first editor of the peer-reviewed journal Food Webs, published by Elsevier.

Robert Mock, Jr. (Vice President for Student Affairs) recently received the Wendell Thomas Award from the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education.

Prabhakara R. Nagareddy (Saha Cardiovascular Research Center) has received a prestigious K99/R00 award from the National Institutes of Health, also known as the "Pathway to Independence" Award.

Dr. Peter T. Nelson (Sanders-Brown Center on Aging) and David Fardo (Biostatistics) have been awarded the 2014 Asao Hirano Prize from the American Association of Neuropathologists for the best paper presented on neurodegenerative diseases at its annual meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Douglas Scutchfield (Public Health) has been appointed to the editorial board of the American Journal of Public Health for a three-year term.

Dr. Mikel Smith (Cardiology) has been given the American Society of Echocardiography's 2014 Richard Popp Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Diane Snow (Neuroscience) was recently chosen by her colleagues to serve as president-elect of the National Neurotrauma Society. Snow will hold the position of president in 2015-2016.

Dr. Carol Steltenkamp (UK HealthCare) received the Hall Render Leadership in Healthcare Award at the eighth annual MediStar Awards.

Dr. Henry Vasconez (Surgery) has been elected the 2014-15 president of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

Frank X Walker (English) was recently honored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) as the recipient of the 2014 Honor Book for Poetry for his "Turn Me Loose: The Unghosting of Medgar Evers: Poems."

Charles Wright (Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences) has received The Loris and David Rich Postdoctoral Scholar Award from the International Retina Research Foundation.

Tetsuhiro Yasuma (Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences) has been selected to receive the 2014 Fight for Sight Postdoctoral Award from Fight for Sight, a nonprofit organization that promotes eye research by providing pilot funding to promising new researchers.

53. Student Achievements

Caroline Beaulieu (Pharmacy) has been named the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists summer intern. Only one student nationally is selected for this program each year.

Michelle Bolduc (Mathematics), Ashley Bourgeois (English) and Brad Fox (Geography), all graduate students, have received the fellowship award from the Association of Emeriti Faculty. Each award includes a stipend of \$2,000.

Matthew Fahrbach and Samuel Saarinen (Computer Science) have each been awarded the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

Arin Gilliland (Women's Soccer) was presented with the 2014 Honda Inspiration Award at the Collegiate Women Sports Awards.

Max Godby (Football) has been named one of 182 nominees to the 2014 Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team.

Allie Rhodes (Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation) was chosen by the UK Human Development Institute as its 2014 Burberry Award Winner.

54. Alumni Achievements

Aleksey Graboviy and Jake Persky (Accounting) were selected by the Educational Foundation of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants to receive the CPA Deloitte 2014 Scholarship.

Georgia Heise (Public Health) began her term as president of the National Association of County and City Health Officials at the organization's annual meeting in July. Fellow college alumna Swannie Jett will serve as president-elect.

Rachel Watts Webb (Communication and Information) was selected to receive the 2014 Joseph T. Burch Young Alumni Award by the University of Kentucky Alumni Association.