

Office of the President
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1. UK Receives \$23.5 Million Clinical and Translational Science Award from the NIH

The University of Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) has received a \$23.5 million, four-year award from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) at the National Institutes of Health. This is the third time the CCTS has successfully competed for the prestigious Clinical and Translational Award (CTSA), with continuous funding since 2011 totaling \$65.4 million in research dollars.

2. UK Junior Kayli Bolton Named Astronaut Scholar

University of Kentucky Office of Nationally Competitive Awards has announced biology and Lewis Honors College junior Kayli Bolton is one of 2021's 60 recipients to be awarded a scholarship of up to \$15,000 from the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, which is presented annually to outstanding college students majoring in science, technology, engineering or math.

3. UK Partners with Starship to Bring Robot Food Delivery to Campus

Starship Technologies rolled out its robot food delivery service on the University of Kentucky's campus. UK's partnership with Starship makes it one of 18 schools across the nation to use the robots. A fleet of 30 autonomous, on-demand robots will deliver from seven campus eateries including Starbucks, Subway and Auntie Anne's. UK's students, faculty and staff can now use the Starship Food Delivery app (iOS and Android) to order food and drinks from local retailers to be delivered anywhere on campus, within minutes. The service works in conjunction with UK Dining.

4. Pigman Scholars Camp Puts UK, Lexington on Display for Eastern Kentucky High School Students

From July 27-31, 51 rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from Eastern Kentucky made the University of Kentucky their home for the Pigman Scholars Camp. Over their four-day stay, campers received a good look at UK's campus, the College of Engineering and the city of Lexington. For many in attendance, the trip afforded them their first-time visiting UK. Students came from Belfry High School, Floyd County School of Innovation, Harlan County High School, Johnson Central High School and Pikeville High School. The camp was funded by alumnus L. Stanley Pigman (BSMNG

1981) and his wife, Karen. Both were on hand for various events and activities during the camp.

5. UK HealthCare Ranks No. 1 in Kentucky, Cancer Care Again Ranks Nationally in U.S. News & World Report

The University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital at UK HealthCare remains the No. 1 hospital in Kentucky and the Bluegrass Region by the 2021-2022 Best Hospitals rankings and ratings from U.S. News & World Report for the sixth consecutive year. In addition, the UK Markey Cancer Center maintains its U.S. News Top 50 national ranking for cancer care.

Additionally, UK HealthCare was ranked as high performing in four U.S. News adult specialties: Gastroenterology and GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Orthopedics and Urology. Ten common adult procedures and conditions also received a high-performing designation: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), colon cancer surgery, heart attack, heart bypass surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, kidney failure, lung cancer surgery, pneumonia and stroke.

6. UK Grad Student Among 11 Recognized by International Sculpture Center

Recent University of Kentucky School of Art and Visual Studies graduate Amalia Galdona Broche is one of 11 students awarded the prestigious International Sculpture Center's Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award for 2021. The International Sculpture Center (ISC) established the annual award program in 1994 to recognize young sculptors and to encourage their continued commitment to the field. It was also designed to draw attention to the sculpture programs of the participating universities, colleges and art schools.

7. NSAC Team Makes National Finals for 2nd Time in Recent UK History

For the second time in recent University of Kentucky history students in the College of Communication and Information's Department of Integrated Strategic Communication's National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC) team have made it to the national finals.

This year's team ended their incredible season with a fifth-place finish in the nation with their presentation and plans book for 2021 NSAC client Tinder, the world's most popular dating app. The NSAC provides college students from across the nation the opportunity to create a comprehensive strategic marketing/advertising/media campaign for a corporate client, offering a real-world experience that students can earn while still in the classroom.

8. UK Earns Highest-Ever National Rankings in Hearst Intercollegiate Journalism Awards

The School of Journalism and Media in the University of Kentucky's College of Communication and Information has earned its highest-ever rankings in the prestigious Hearst Intercollegiate Journalism Awards by garnering a fifth-place finish in Intercollegiate Photojournalism and a 10th place overall finish. Contributing to the overall photojournalism finish were Kentucky Kernel photographers Arden Barnes and Michael Clubb who won individual Hearst Awards with portfolios containing sports, news and feature photographs from assignments published in the student newspaper and the KRNL Lifestyle + Fashion magazine. Also, former Kernel editors-in-chief Natalie Parks and Bailey Vandiver both had top-five individual writing awards for student publication work in the Kernel and KRNL. Finally, Akhira Umar, the former lifestyle editor for KRNL, placed in the top 20 in multimedia for her work in KRNL.

9. UK Solar Car Team Wins Formula Sun Grand Prix

The University of Kentucky Solar Car Team accomplished a feat never achieved in its 22-year history — they won a national solar car competition. The independent, student-led organization was formed in 1999 and designs, builds, and races solar electric vehicles. Undergraduate and graduate students of any major and skill level come together to gain hands-on experience with mechanical, electrical, and computer science design; racing strategy and logistics; and business marketing/fundraising. Every summer, collegiate solar electric vehicle teams across the country gather for a track race, the Formula Sun Grand Prix (FSGP) and every other year for a road race, the American Solar Challenge (ASC).

This year, team members arrived in Topeka, Kansas, on July 27, with Gato del Sol VI, the team's sixth custom-made solar electric vehicle which has been operational since 2018. The team was the first through the three-day technical scrutineering, a rigorous evaluation to ensure all built aspects of the car satisfy strict regulatory requirements. After finishing scrutineering first, they started first on the track and completed the most laps at Heartland Motorsport Park over three days to win the Formula Sun Grand Prix (FSGP).

10. Music Patrons Pledge Largest Ever College Donation to UK Fine Arts

Ben C. Kaufmann and Janet Zusman have supported the UK College of Fine Arts for 30 years and now have pledged the largest gift to the college to date. As longtime supporters of the UK College of Fine Arts, they have committed to establishing the Ben C. Kaufmann and Janet Zusman Music Fund in the School of Music.

In over 30 years of philanthropic support to UK, the couple's nearly \$400,000 in lifetime giving and new pledge commitments will now include a \$6.6 million deferred gift — the largest gift in the history of the UK College of Fine Arts and among the largest donations to the arts in Central Kentucky.

11. National Leader Named UK Vice President for Institutional Diversity

A national leader with more than 25 years of experience at some of the country's leading institutions has been selected as the University of Kentucky's next vice president for institutional diversity, UK President Eli Capilouto recently announced. Katrice A. Albert, Ph.D., will begin her duties as vice president for institutional diversity on Sept. 27.

Highlights of Albert's more than 25-year career in leading diversity and education efforts include serving as the top diversity officer and a senior executive at Louisiana State University and the University of Minnesota system as well as the NCAA, where she also led Human Resources. As well as authoring two volumes of work around issues of race, racial equity and mental health. She is the author of a forthcoming work on leadership in intercollegiate athletics.

12. UK's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging Receives \$14.5 Million to Continue Alzheimer's Disease Research and Outreach

The University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging (SBCoA) has received \$14.5 million in renewed funding for its Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) program from the National Institute on Aging (NIA), a division of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The five-year award will allow UK to remain among the leaders in Alzheimer's disease research and associated neurodegenerative disorders. It will support research, teaching, outreach and service activities and a multidisciplinary team involving 26 faculty members from 14 academic departments, and 29 postdoctoral and staff members.

13. Wildcats Bring Home School-record 12 Olympic Medals

From the start of the delayed 2020 Olympics, Kentucky Wildcats were breaking records with a school-record 22 athletes participating in the Games. The number of UK athletes alone was larger than delegations from 106 countries, territories and principalities vying for medals in Japan.

14. UK Selected as Site for COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Study

Building on its success with previous COVID-19 vaccine studies, the University of Kentucky has been selected as a site for a trial to assess dose levels of a Johnson & Johnson booster shot.

Currently authorized vaccines remain overwhelmingly effective against severe illness from COVID-19, but the virus' evolution requires us to understand if and when boosters will be needed, and if we can mix vaccine types in the process. By including people who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and people who received Pfizer, this Phase 2 study will begin to provide answers about the best vaccine regimens for

keeping us safe. Approximately 660 participants will be enrolled at sites across the country.

15. UK HealthCare, King's Daughters Celebrate New Partnership

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear recently joined officials from King's Daughters Health System (KDHS) and UK HealthCare, the clinical health system of the University of Kentucky, in officially celebrating their new partnership in Ashland. Several other state and local lawmakers, dignitaries and community leaders also attended the event hosted by KDHS.

The partnership, which went live April 1, creates new opportunities for both organizations to better serve patients throughout Kentucky, southern Ohio and West Virginia by expanding the delivery of specialty health care services throughout the region.

16. Kentucky's Madison Lilley Named 2020-21 SEC Female Athlete of the Year

Kentucky Volleyball setter Madison Lilley was recently named the 2020-21 Roy F. Kramer Southeastern Conference Female Athlete of the Year. She is the first-ever volleyball player to win the award in the history of the SEC.

17. UK, UT-Knoxville, Army Collaborating on \$50 Million Project to Advance US Manufacturing

The University of Kentucky, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UT) and the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command's Army Research Laboratory (DEVCOM ARL) have announced a five-year, \$50 million collaboration directed toward improving manufacturing capabilities in the United States. Under this three-way partnership, UK's project, "Next Generation Materials and Processing Technologies" (NextGen MatProTech), will receive approximately \$23.8 million from the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).

18. Faculty and Staff Achievements

Akinbode Adedeji (CAFE) received the John Clark Award from the Canadian Society of Bioengineering.

Kristin Ashford (Nursing) was named to the 2021-2022 class of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows by the Robert Wood Foundation and the National Academy of Medicine.

Nancy Cox (CAFE) was awarded The Jockey Club Medal.

Beverly May (UK-CARES) received the 2021 Community Engagement Award in Environmental Health from the UK Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Sciences, in partnership with the Center of Excellence in Rural Health.

Tiffany Messer (CAFE) received the National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Award.

Zim Okoli (Nursing) was selected to be inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing.

Evelyn Parrish (Nursing) was named the 2021 psychiatric nurse of the year by the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA).

Eduardo Santillan-Jimenez (CAER) received the Fulbright Specialist Program award from the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Deirdre Scaggs (Libraries) was recognized as 2021 Willis Award Recipient.

Veronica Taylor and Baron Wolf (Research) were honored in the inaugural "Future of the Field" recognition program by the Society of Research Administrators (SRA) International.

Susie Thiel (Theatre and Dance) was named to the American College Dance Association's Board.

Martina Vasil (Music Education and Music Therapy) was named president of the Association for Popular Music Education.

Julian Vasquez Heilig (College of Education) was appointed to the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Board of Directors.

Crystal Wilkinson's (Arts and Sciences) poetry collection, "Perfect Black," was named as one of four poetry books to read by the New York Times list.

19. Student Achievements

Evisa Bogdani (Gatton) had her research featured in Forbes and published in The Accounting Review.

Kayli Bolton (Biology) was one of 2021's 60 recipients to be awarded a scholarship of up to \$15,000 from the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF).

Isha Chauhan, Lewis Honors College freshman, and Haley Shaver, dance freshman, were recognized with the 2021 Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Scholarship.

Madeline Dunfee (Pharmacy), Emma Kiser (Arts and Sciences) and K.C. Vick (Arts and Sciences) received the 2021 James S. Brown Graduate Student Award for Research from the University of Kentucky Appalachian Center.

Dylan Gentry (CAFE) was selected to represent the United States as part of the Global 4-H Network.

Zachary Hackworth (CAFE), Courtney Martin (Arts and Sciences), Benjamin Rhodes (CAFE), Briana Snyder (CAFE) and Sarah Tomke (CAFE) received the 2021 Eller and Billings Student Research Award from the University of Kentucky Appalachian Center.

Lee Kiefer (Medicine) won gold in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Women's Foil competition.

Jessica Lamb (Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology) was one of only five students nationally to receive a Jo Anne J. Trow Scholarship from the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Gerek Meinhardt (Medicine) won a bronze medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Foil competition.

Will Shaner (Economics) won gold in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics men's 10-meter air rifle competition. Shaner placed sixth overall in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics mixed air rifle competition.

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Mary Tucker (Kinesiology) won an Olympic silver medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics mixed air rifle competition.

20. Alumni Achievements

Amalia Galdona Broche (School of Art and Visual Studies) was among 11 students awarded the International Sculpture Center's Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award for 2021.

Madison Lilley (Integrated Strategic Communication) was named the 2020-21 Roy F. Kramer Southeastern Conference Female Athlete of the Year.

Akhira Umar (Journalism) tied for 13th place in the Multimedia Narrative Storytelling Competition of the 2020-2021 Hearst Journalism Awards Program.