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“I had the distinct honor of knowing Peggy professionally and personally — She leaves a deep and lasting mark on my heart and life. To her family and many friends, I know you will join me in saying, we are better because of knowing you.”

“Peggy will be greatly missed. What a great representative of the University of Kentucky.”

“I remember the wonderful conversation we had when I first met her. A remarkable woman.”

“Peggy was always so nice to me. A great loss for UK and VT family.”

“Sad news. The UK Alumni Association has had so many great presidents and Peggy was certainly among them.”



# In Memoriam

## Peggy S. Meszaros

UK Alumni Association President

During the week of our spring board of directors meeting, we lost a special university friend, our UK Alumni Association President Peggy Meszaros. She passed away in her hometown of Hopkinsville following a brief illness. Meszaros earned her master's degree from the University of Kentucky in 1972, held a bachelor's degree from Austin Peay University and a doctorate from the University of Maryland. She led a notable career in higher education and her work, both professionally and as a volunteer, at the University of Kentucky was extensive.

If you knew Peggy Meszaros, you knew you were in the presence of someone great, an inspired individual who wanted to leave the world in a better place. She was a remarkable woman who embodied terrific leadership ability, held a passion for education and respected others.

Some of our alumni had the opportunity to meet Meszaros personally, while others knew her through her connections to the University of Kentucky. The cover story from the winter 2013 issue featured Meszaros and her work mentoring students and paying it forward. The story profiled her career and her goal to find ways to apply the knowledge in order to make positive impacts on the lives of others. In her early days, she realized that one's family life played an important role in academic success. Her assumption intrigued her and she dedicated her career research to family studies, ultimately retiring as the William E. Lavery Professor of Human Development and director of the Research Center for Information Technology Impacts on Children, Youth, and Families at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State College (VT). In the article, she said, “I believe so much in the land-grant mission which is, we don't just do research in isolation. The land-grant mission is to take that research out to make positive improvements in communities.”

It's only fitting that Meszaros spent the majority of her working years at two land-grant institutions: the University of Kentucky and Virginia Tech. She came to the University of Kentucky in 1985 to serve as dean of the College of Home Economics and professor of Family Studies. While at UK she also served as the assistant director of the Kentucky Agriculture Experiment Station, assistant director of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, was acting chairwoman of the Nutrition and Food Science Department, and acting chairwoman of the Family Studies Department. During her tenure at UK, she was instrumental in changing the name of the College of Home Economics to the College of Human Environmental Sciences to better reflect its mission.

She was inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 1995, was a founding member of the UK Erikson Society, a member of the UK Fellows Society and Women & Philanthropy, as well as a Life Member of the UK Alumni Association. From 1993 to 1994 she was dean of the College of Human Resources at VT and from 1994 to 2000 served as senior vice president and provost, the highest-ranking female in the history of that institution. At the time of her passing, Meszaros held emerita titles for two positions at Virginia Tech, the William E. Lavery Professor Emerita of Human Development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and provost emerita.

Meszaros displayed astonishing leadership skills, an enthusiastic spirit, strong respect for others and a sincere smile. She had a tremendous loyalty to the University of Kentucky and the UK Alumni Association and held a number of leadership roles within the association. She served 12 years as a UK Alumni Association board member, chairing five different committees during her tenure and ultimately serving as president in 2016-17. She was recognized in 2011 with the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. Susan V. Mustian, previous president-elect of the UK Alumni Association, said, “I've had the honor of working closely with Peggy the past two years and the privilege of her friendship. Her dedication to the University of Kentucky Alumni Association was tireless, and her support of our great university was immeasurable.”

It was a privilege and an honor to know Peggy Meszaros. Her presence within the association will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. To view additional information and her obituary, visit [www.ukalumni.net/peggymeszaros](http://www.ukalumni.net/peggymeszaros).



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## What do we get for \$31 billion?

More than 33,000 people die each year from prescription and illicit opioid-related drug overdose. More than 1,000 people are treated for overdoses in emergency rooms each day. The numbers are stark and especially devastating in Kentucky, where, every day, someone's son or daughter, husband or wife, grandchild, niece or nephew loses the opportunity to see another day, achieve another goal or reach his or her potential.

Those are the numbers I think about when the inevitable questions arise about federal funding of research that takes place at institutions like the University of Kentucky. Research is expensive — \$31 billion was appropriated last year to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) alone — but it yields some of the most promising results for our future.

Through competitive grants, institutions in Kentucky — UK being the largest recipient by far — received nearly \$164 million last year for research into cancer, diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's, and opioid addiction along with other debilitating diseases and afflictions.

Research doesn't always yield instant results. In fact, it rarely does. Researchers often spend years, huddled in labs, asking basic scientific questions, not sure what the result will be, much less not knowing whether something groundbreaking will occur.

Research is a bet on our future. It's the idea that our brainpower and intellect, harnessed in common cause and against uncommon and insidious disease, can find answers. We can find solutions to the most insoluble and devastating of challenges — challenges that afflict every family and torture every community.

We know because of our past and what is happening today. For more than a century, the NIH has engaged in the important work of improving health outcomes that save lives.

Medical science's understanding of vital life processes and chronic illness, the creation of new medical devices like the MRI, and procedures that improve care and detect health maladies earlier, represent only a small fraction of breakthroughs in biomedical research supported by the NIH.

Close to home, Kentucky families face, at rates far higher than the national average, incidences of heart disease, cancer, obesity, diabetes, Alzheimer's and stroke, to name just a few.

With the support of NIH, UK is seeking solutions to these pressing health challenges. And we are making a difference. Recently, in an effort to better understand the energy mechanisms that fuel cancer cell development, a team of researchers from UK received an \$11.2 million grant from the Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence, part of NIH.

Additionally, UK faculty converged in March with policymakers and researchers from across the nation for the National Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit in Atlanta. The summit brought together stakeholders from all levels of government, business, academia, treatment and community leadership to address the scourge of opioid abuse. This is another critical Kentucky question — our rate of overdose deaths far exceeds the national average.

Much of our work is supported with federal grants from agencies within the NIH. Last year, UK investigators received

\$9.6 million to address substance abuse and addiction from the National Institutes on Drug Abuse. With those dollars we are examining the causes of addiction and what treatments work best to turn the tide against it.

Big, eye-popping numbers like \$31 billion are, in some ways, impossible to get your mind around. But everyone has been touched by — or knows someone touched by — the insidiousness of chronic illness and addiction. Everyone knows the human cost of these diseases of despair.

When I think about the impact of federal research and the investments being made, I don't think in billions. I think about the lives lost to opioid addiction, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's and chronic illness.

These numbers haunt me. They should haunt you, too. The challenge should embolden all of us. But we have to be willing to continue to invest in research — research that saves lives and changes communities — research that says we won't accept the loss of another life from these diseases of despair.

Sincerely,



Eli Capilouto  
President



### On the passing of Peggy Meszaros

The UK family collectively mourns the passing of alumna and UK Alumni Association President Peggy Meszaros. The Hopkinsville native and lifelong Wildcat was a proud representative of her alma mater and devoted higher education leader for many years. Her extraordinary career helped shape the direction of Human Environmental Sciences education and research at UK and Virginia Tech, where she also served as provost. In recognition of her loyalty and contributions to her alma mater, Peggy Meszaros was awarded the Distinguished Service Award and was inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni. The UK family is honored by Peggy Meszaros' legacy, and she will be greatly missed.

## Feist-Price named vice president for institutional diversity

Photo: UK Public Relations & Marketing



UK President Eli Capilouto has tabbed a longtime UK scholar and academic administrator as vice president for institutional diversity.

Sonja Feist-Price began her new duties in March. She has been at UK for nearly 25 years as a leading teacher and scholar in the College of Education. She also has served as academic ombud and most recent as a senior assistant provost for faculty affairs.

“Dr. Feist-Price brings a wealth of personal and professional experience to this essential work, along with decades-long and heart-felt commitment to our university’s success,” Capilouto said. “Having served on the faculty of our College of Education and embracing challenging responsibilities across a wide spectrum of administrative roles, she possesses the right combination of credentials, experiences, skills, and personal

relationships necessary to help lead us forward to an even more welcoming and diverse campus.”

“Words cannot begin to express how excited I am about the opportunity to work with President Capilouto to lead the University of Kentucky in the area of diversity and inclusion,” Feist-Price said. “The ability to positively impact the lives of students, faculty and staff as it relates to inclusive excellence is consistent with my purpose and passion for life, and aligns with the university’s strategic plan. I look forward to expanding the great work of the Office for Institutional Diversity.”

Capilouto also praised Terry Allen, who has served as interim vice president for much of the last two years.

“We are indebted to him for this most recent work,” Capilouto said, “but also for his admirable record of service to our university across so many years.”

Feist-Price was named to the vice president’s position following a search that began this fall. A broad-based search committee, chaired by College of Public Health Dean Donna Arnett, reached a consensus with Capilouto on Feist-Price as the preferred candidate for the position. Feist-Price also appeared in campus forums with students, faculty and staff to discuss her vision for the position. She also met with senior administrators and direct reports to Capilouto. ■

## Feast on Equality raises more than \$37,000 for LGBTQ\* Resources

The UK Office of LGBTQ\* Resources hosted its inaugural Feast on Equality dinner in December. Feast On Equality is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a sole purpose to raise funds for at-risk LGBT youth by hosting signature fundraising events to engage the community and create awareness surrounding the issues that LGBT youth face.

Through the event, the Office of LGBTQ\* Resources raised \$37,000. The funds that were raised through Feast on Equality will be used to:

- Fund up to eight student scholarships.
- Create and support a paid student internship program with academic credit.
- Launch a partnership with the Graduate School to provide two graduate and professional student grants up to \$1,500.
- Enhance regular programming including Pride Week.

“The UK Feast on Equality partnership has been a game changer for our advocacy and education work at the university. The funds raised at this event are helping us expand our scholarships and strengthen our programming in key ways to support an inclusive campus environment,” said Lance Poston, director of LGBTQ\* Resources. ■

## Office of the Provost and Information Technology Services launch new collaborative site

The UK Institutional Research and Advanced Analytics team, a collaborative effort between the Office of the Provost’s Institutional Research team and Information Technology Services’ Advanced Analytics team, unveiled its newly redesigned website, [www.uky.edu/iraa](http://www.uky.edu/iraa).

The website serves as an important portal for distributing university data to both members of the UK community and the public. The goal of the redesign was to provide enhanced online resources and improved access to institutional data.

The most important feature of the new design is the Interactive Fact Book, which significantly enhances visitor’s ability to access information, visualize trends and analyze data in meaningful ways. The new site also includes numerous other enhancements, including improved customer support information, explanatory videos and easier access to campus resources.

The Institutional Research and Advanced Analytics team studies past trends, completes detailed analyses, delivers interactive data visualizations and dashboards, and provides official institutional data to external stakeholders. ■

## AFE revamps Kentucky snake ID website

The UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment updated snake ID website has enough information to satisfy just about any question a person could have concerning the snake cutting across their patio or field.

The new website ([kysnakes.ca.uky.edu](http://kysnakes.ca.uky.edu)) was updated by Steven Price, assistant professor of stream and riparian ecology in the UK Department of Forestry, and Andrea Drayer, UK forestry research analyst. It highlights life histories, color patterns, physical characteristics and ecological roles of the animal Price terms as “perhaps the most maligned” in Kentucky. It also provides the user with the information needed to identify snakes they might encounter in their yards, on their farms, or out and about in wetlands and rivers, woodlands and prairies.

Users can search for species by geographic region, as well as body characteristics such as head or body shape, color or pattern. The site brims with photographs of the different snake species found in Kentucky, as well as information about their habitat and natural history.

“I’m hoping this will be widely used by general citizens interested in snakes, as well as students, teachers and Extension agents,” Price said.



Eastern garter snake

Photo: Jake Hutton

## UK opens interfaith prayer and meditation room



Photo: UK Public Relations & Marketing

After members of the UK Board of Trustees met with a group of students who represent the rich tapestry of diversity across the campus, an idea emerged to open a new interfaith prayer and meditation room on campus available to students, faculty and staff from all backgrounds, perspectives and religions.

A space in room 76 of McVey Hall is the temporary home of the room

until permanent space can be located in the new UK Student Center next year.

“We are committed to a campus community where everyone who calls this special place home feels a sense of belonging. A key element in creating that community is a range of initiatives and programming that provides and promotes rich, diversity-related experiences for the entire campus community — whether a cultural exchange, global experiences with food and entertainment or a simple space like this one that provides an opportunity for quiet reflection across faith traditions,” UK President Eli Capilouto said. “The dedication of this space in McVey Hall as an interfaith prayer and meditation room is another illustration of our commitment to community.”

During the space’s grand opening, UK freshman Yousuf Al Mamari was excited to see the room he plans to utilize as part of his everyday life on campus. “I think it’s a great place for Muslim students especially because we have five prayers a day. We have class but when we have a break we can come here and pray,” Al Mamari said. “It’s easy for us. I would like to thank UK.” ■

## UK Libraries and partners launched search tool for African-American history

UK Libraries has partnered with Umbra Search African American History at the University of Minnesota — a program that makes African-American culture and history more broadly available through a freely available search tool ([www.umbrasearch.org](http://www.umbrasearch.org)), strategic digitization and public events and workshops.

Digitized rare and unique materials from the UK Libraries that document African-American cultural history have been made available for aggregation and are now discoverable in Umbra Search, alongside over 400,000 materials from libraries and archives across the country. These include the Jim Curtis photograph collection on Civil Rights in Kentucky, the Alexandra Soteriou photographs, the Jouette Shouse Collection of American Liberty League pamphlets and publications from the Federal Writers’ Project of the Kentucky WPA. ■



Photo: ExploreUK

As part of the Umbra Search partnership, UK Libraries is sharing items from the Jim Curtis photograph collection on Civil Rights in Kentucky like this photo of, left to right, Frank Stanley Jr., Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King Jr. and Gov. Edward T. Breathitt.

## Engineering Lab renovated to accommodate increased enrollments

Photo: UK Public Relations & Marketing



UK College of Engineering students have a new laboratory space. A renovation of the Chemical Engineering Unit Operations Laboratory in the F. Paul Anderson Tower will accommodate the recent increase in undergraduate chemical engineering class sizes.

Over the past year, the laboratory underwent a full renovation, including upgrades of the utilities, lighting, lab benches and floor. The overall size of the lab increased by 30 percent, and a number of new experimental modules were added.

“The undergraduate laboratory experience in engineering is one of the most formative elements of the curriculum, as our students are called upon to apply and extend classroom knowledge, function effectively in teams and grapple with observations and data sets that don’t always come out textbook perfect,” said Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering Chairman Douglass Kalika.

The renovation of the lab was made possible by financial gifts from engineering alumni Michael Marberry and S.J. Whalen. The flooring was donated by chemical engineering alumnus Rick Crouch.

Juniors and seniors use the facility to conduct experiments that explore the core concepts of fluid flow, heat and mass transfer, reaction engineering and separations, and range from traditional operations, such as distillation to bioprocessing and membrane separation technology.

“Outstanding facilities breed creativity and collaboration,” said UK College of Engineering Interim Dean Larry Holloway. “They are critical for attracting the best faculty and students to our program, as well as allowing our faculty, staff and students to achieve their fullest potential.” ■

## Gatton College adds professional finance master’s degree

If you have a passion for the business world, in particular a desire to work in the finance industry, yet wonder how you can obtain and develop the skills needed for such a career, the UK Gatton College of Business & Economics has some very good news for you.

The Gatton College is launching a new professional Master of Science in Finance (MSF) degree and will welcome its first class in fall 2017.

“The MSF degree program broadens students’ career opportunities in the finance and banking industries by providing rigorous and focused training in finance, and sharpening their skills for the fast-changing and competitive world of modern finance,” said Mark Liu, associate professor of finance in the Gatton College, who will direct and teach in the MSF program. “Job candidates with MSF degrees are highly desired in finance-specialized industries, particularly investment banking and asset management companies, and are sought after by corporate treasury departments. The job opportunities in these industries are substantial, intellectually stimulating and high-paying.”

Beginning each fall, the MSF program consists of a 10-month, 30-credit-hour, 10-course curriculum. The MSF program is not just for finance or business majors. There are no specific course prerequisites other than college-level math and introductory statistics. Work experience is not required for admission. All applicants are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships.



Photo: UK Public Relations & Marketing

All MSF classes will be offered in the brand new state-of-the-art Seale Finance Learning Center in the new Gatton College building, which opened in October 2016. MSF students will also gain firsthand asset portfolio management experience by participating in Gatton’s \$5 million student-managed investment fund.

“This unique program is the only MSF program in the Commonwealth, and serves an important regional and national need for educating skilled and qualified financial management professionals,” said Gatton College Dean David W. Blackwell. “This program leverages Gatton’s nationally recognized strength in finance to train students for these critical careers.” ■

## UK awarded \$11.2 million grant to launch new Center for Cancer and Metabolism

UK has received a prestigious Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence grant to study the metabolism of cancer from the National Institutes of General Medical Sciences, part of the National Institutes of Health. The \$11.2 million grant will fund the UK Center for Cancer and Metabolism over the next five years.

Kentucky has disproportionately high incidences of both cancer and metabolic disorders – our state leads the nation in cancer deaths and is in the top 10 for highest obesity rates in the country. While scientists have long known of a direct link between obesity and cancer, the need for further research into this field is a necessity for Kentuckians.

The CCM will bring together highly complementary disciplinary strengths at UK in cancer, metabolism and data sciences, coupled with sophisticated metabolomics tools and advanced cancer imaging capabilities, to strengthen the university's cancer research enterprise by providing a thematically focused multidisciplinary infrastructure dedicated to defining the role of metabolism in the development and treatment of cancer.

The CCM is co-led by program directors Daret St. Clair, professor and James Graham Brown Foundation Endowed Chair in the UK department of toxicology and cancer biology, and Peter Zhou, professor in the UK department of molecular and cellular biochemistry.

## UK CAER receives \$1.2 million for algae-based carbon utilization project

The UK Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) Biofuels and Environmental Catalysis Group has received a \$1.2 million U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) grant for its novel work in utilizing carbon dioxide from coal-fired power plants to develop bioplastics.

The DOE Office of Fossil Energy (FE) has selected seven projects to receive \$5.9 million to focus on novel ways to utilize carbon dioxide. All of the selected research projects will directly support FE's Carbon Storage program's Carbon Use and Reuse research and development portfolio. This portfolio will develop and test novel approaches that convert carbon dioxide captured from coal-fired power plants to useable products. The projects will also explore ways to use captured carbon dioxide in areas where high-volume uses, like enhanced oil recovery, may not be optimal or the use

could partially offset the cost of carbon capture technologies.

The UK project is led by Mark Crocker, CAER associate director and chemistry professor, and is entitled "CO<sub>2</sub> to Bioplastics: Beneficial Re-Use of Carbon Emissions from Coal-Fired Power Plants Using Microalgae."

The UK CAER team has become a global leader in developing technology to capture carbon dioxide from coal-fired flue gas using microalgae, with subsequent conversion of the resulting algal biomass to bioplastics, chemicals and fuels. This DOE funding allows CAER to investigate a combined photobioreactor/pond cultivation process to decrease the cost of algae cultivation while developing a strategy to maximize value from the algal biomass.

## Study finds flag football may be no safer than tackle football for young athletes

There has been significant focus recently on injuries athletes sustain while playing sports. Much attention has been paid to rates of concussion in American football and the long-term effects of repeated head injury. These reports have led many parents to wonder if putting their children in contact sports at an early age could be detrimental to their health by potentially putting their children at risk for injury.

Eliminating tackling from football would seem like an alternative that could reduce exposure to injury in young athletes. Dr. Andy Peterson at the University of Iowa and Dr. Kyle Smoot, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery and sports medicine at UK, lead a study to prove or disprove the hypothesis that the rate of injury, including concussion, would be lower among young athletes competing in flag football compared to those in tackle football.

The results of that study, published in the *Orthopaedic Journal of Sports Medicine*, were unexpected. Injury was more likely to occur in youth flag football than in youth tackle football.

Though safety of football has been called into questions recently, there has been little research on the injury rates in youth sports, and previous studies that aimed to focus on the issue used small samples or suffered from methodological limitations.

In the United States, approximately 2.8 million young people, ages 6 to 14, participate in youth football, and sports-related injuries are the leading cause of injury among children and adolescents.

Smoot, senior author on the study said, "This study questions what many parents may assume, that flag football is safer."

By knowing the true risk of injury, athletes and their parents can decide if the benefit of participating in a sport outweighs the risks. Smoot said, "This study provides information so that parents and athletes can make informed decisions."



**Compiled from news reports about research at UK.**

For more information about research taking place at UK, visit [www.research.uky.edu](http://www.research.uky.edu)



**When we think of research universities, it's easy to fall into the trap of assuming they are all alike — educational facilities mainly interested in offering a place for professors and graduate students to participate in research projects in a wide variety of disciplines. The ultimate goal of all that research is to add to a knowledge base and develop new products and treatments that can benefit society.**

# UK RESEARCH

## *Engaging students for success*

Focusing on graduate research may have been the case years ago, but the University of Kentucky moved beyond that model to encourage undergraduate students, as well as high school students, to pursue research projects as a way of broadening their education, furthering science and ultimately making them more marketable in their chosen professions.

“I don't think I've ever turned away an undergraduate that wanted to do a research project. For undergrads, they have a lot of curiosity, are eager to learn the very basics, and I think it's a lot of fun for them and for us as faculty,” said Lisa Cassis, vice president for research and professor in pharmacology and nutritional sciences in the UK College of Medicine. “Research is really important for students, not only because it helps them be marketable in their chosen profession, but it also helps them learn problem solving and critical thinking outside of the classroom.”

UK professors are reaching out to Kentucky high school students to get them excited about science. For example, high school freshmen in Lewis County are integrating physics, health, communication and technology subjects and skills through a collaborative, web-based project with scientists and students at UK.

The project is a joint venture of Robin Cooper '12 NUR, associate professor of biology at UK since 1966, and Sara Poeppelman, a 16-year science teacher and department chairwoman at Lewis County High School. The two educators met through their work with the Partnership Initiative for Math and Science Education Reform. Cooper, who has a nursing degree and a passion for public health, is demonstrably committed to engaging young people in science, including helping to establish the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair.

Cooper and Poeppelman devised a web-based collaboration that gets students to use social media, smart phones

and iPads — all while learning the physics and consequences of obesity and cardiovascular disease. The project was supported by a community grant from the UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science, which aims to accelerate discoveries for human health and focuses specifically on health disparities in Appalachia.

The project involves two freshman physics classes at Lewis County High School. Led by Poeppelman and another teacher, Summer Hampton Behrendt, students are divided into groups and work through a “case study” about a fictional patient named Cindy, who is middle-aged, overweight and has high blood pressure.

Each group must build a visual model — using tubes, water and pumps — to demonstrate to Cindy the physics of what is happening within her blood vessels and why hypertension is dangerous for her health. The students then make videos to demonstrate their models and

**Lisa Cassis, standing, vice president for research and professor of pharmacology and nutritional sciences in the College of Medicine, leads a team that is investigating angiotensin (a hormone that raises blood pressure) as a link between obesity and hypertension. Pictured in the foreground, left to right, are members of her lab team Yasar Al-Siraj and Erin Jackson.**

*Photo: UK Research Communications*



address with Cindy a holistic approach to her health, including lifestyle changes, available medications, and possible outcomes like cardiovascular disease. The videos are uploaded to a secure online platform called Acclaim, and UK science faculty and students then provide feedback and engage the Lewis County students in conversation about the case.

“I thought it was interesting to do something hands-on like that in class,” said Caleb Voiers, a Lewis County freshman who’s interested in nursing. “It was fun — it was wet and messy and out of

the ordinary and stuff that you wouldn’t normally do in a physics class.”

This out-reaching health-based initiative has now spread with faculty in the UK College of Education through the Department of STEM (Rebecca Krall) and with the UK College of Health Sciences (Gilson J. Capilouto). UK undergraduates in the STEMCats program and graduates are also now participating as mentors for the distant learning experiences which is growing to other counties in Kentucky.

From Cooper’s perspective, “If we

don’t get these younger kids interested in science, we’re going to end up with a public sector that doesn’t appreciate science. The only way to reverse that is to get kids to realize that we need to be science literate to advance our state as a whole.”

### **BY THE NUMBERS**

Research at the University of Kentucky is growing. In FY 2016, UK was awarded \$316.5 million in external grants

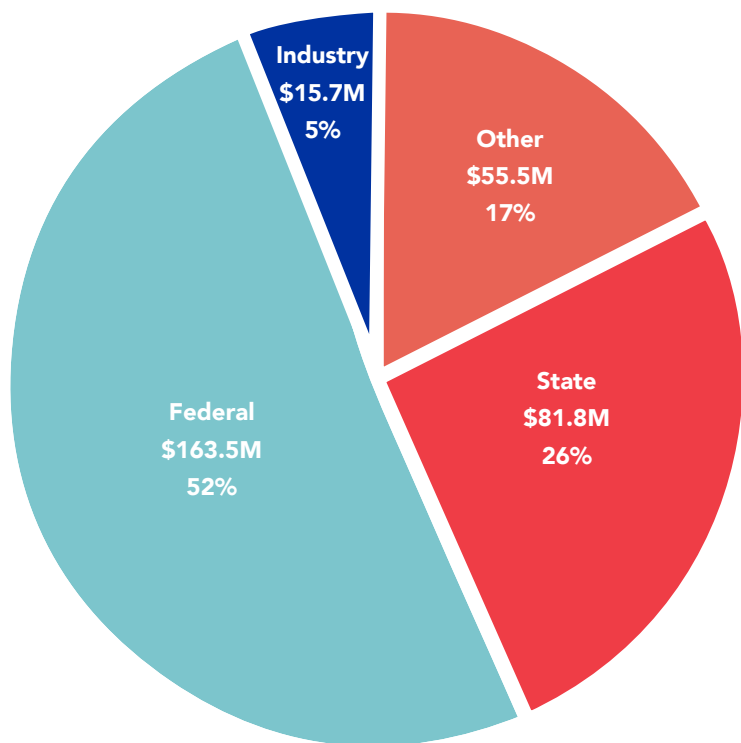
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*Photo: Ben Corwin, UK Research Communications*

**Robin Cooper '12  
NUR, University of  
Kentucky Associate  
Professor of Biology**





**University of Kentucky**  
**SPONSORED PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES**  
**FY 16 Grant & Contract Awards = \$316.5 Million**



and contracts. This was an increase of \$31.4 million — 11 percent — from FY 2015.

In the past three years (FY 2014 to FY 2016), all external grants and contracts to UK increased by 22 percent, and federal grants and contracts increased by 7.2 percent.

In FY 2016, federal agencies awarded UK \$163.5 million. Grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) were \$92.4 million — 57 percent of all federal awards received by the university. Since 2011, the NIH has awarded UK more than \$543.9 million in grants and contracts.

The university has seen significant gains in funding from federal sources, including the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and Department of Energy (DOE). Between FY 2011 and FY 2016, NIDA funding increased 53.1 percent, and DOE funding increased by 96.5 percent.

## UK'S COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

UK is one of only eight universities across the country with the full range of undergraduate, graduate, professional and medical programs on one campus.

That proximity leads to ground-breaking discoveries and unique cross-disciplinary research and scholarship.

In addition, UK is currently one of only 22 public institutions in the country with a “trifecta” of federal designations of excellence in research: for aging, in cancer and in translational science.

**On Aging:** In July 2016, the UK Alzheimer’s Disease Center at the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging was awarded an \$8.25 million, five-year grant from the NIH to continue research and clinical initiatives geared toward treating Alzheimer’s disease. Currently, only 30 designated Alzheimer’s Disease Centers (ADCs) exist in the United States. In 1985, Sanders-Brown was among the first 10 ADCs funded by the NIH and has been continuously funded since the designation was launched. Over the past 30 years, the UK center has developed a vigorous program in the clinical, neuropathological, educational and research aspects of Alzheimer’s disease that serves as a critical resource for the university, community, state and nation.

**On Cancer:** The UK Markey Cancer Center is the only National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated center in Kentucky. As a result of this designation, patients have access to new drugs, treatment options and clinical trials

offered only at NCI centers. The UK Markey Cancer Center is able to apply for federal research grants available only to NCI-designated cancer centers, and Markey clinicians and researchers can communicate and collaborate on new advances in cancer care with other NCI-designated cancer centers across the country. Locally, Markey has increased community engagement, including volunteers, patient advisory groups, and education and intervention programs. As the major referral center for Central and Eastern Kentucky, the designation also strengthens UK Health-Care’s overall mission of ensuring no Kentuckian will have to leave the state to get access to top-of-the-line health care.

**Translational Science:** In October 2016, the UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) received its second four-year, \$19.8 million Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) from NIH. The mission of CCTS is to accelerate the translation of basic science discoveries into tangible improvements in public health. Through funding, training, infrastructure, and community engagement, the center facilitates and supports innovative team science. The center also supports a two-year career development program, called KL2, that provides funding, research training,



Construction is continuing on the new 300,000 square-foot research building that adjoins the Lee T. Todd Jr. Building (formerly the Biological-Pharmaceutical Building) and the Biomedical Biological Sciences Research Building.



Photo: UK Research Communications



The building will bring together researchers across numerous fields: health care (both basic and clinical), public health, behavioral sciences, agriculture outreach and extension, economics and engineering. It's expected to open in 2018.

conference travel support and mentorship designed to help junior investigators obtain grant funding. As the CTSA hub for Central Appalachia, CCTS focuses on addressing health disparities in the region and collaborates with universities and hospitals in Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Tennessee. Through the Community Leadership Institute of Kentucky, CCTS has provided grants and research training to 14 community-based health partners.

## A TEAM APPROACH TO RESEARCH

As vice president for research, Cassis said she is frequently asked what it's like to be a researcher at UK. "Well, to be honest, I have only known one research environment as a faculty member performing academic research for the past 29 years, and that environment is UK. While this might be construed as making me shortsighted, I believe that one of the primary reasons I have remained at UK throughout my academic career is the col-

laborative nature of research," she said.

"Nowhere that I have visited, or been recruited to, has the team-based approach to research that I have experienced at UK," Cassis added. "I even like to think that I have contributed to that collaborative research environment, through interaction with programs including the National Institutes of Health Center for Biomedical Research Excellence, NIH Superfund Basic Science Research Program, and by serving as director of a multidisciplinary graduate and research center focused on nutritional sciences for 10 years."

She said each of these programs includes students, postdoctoral fellows, staff and faculty across department and college boundaries that come together to target an area of research. "The power of their interdisciplinary approach is evident in grants and contracts, honors and awards, scholarly publications and translational outcomes that arise from collaborative teams," Cassis said.

Research is conducted in all 16 UK colleges — with varying number of

projects each year — and in 60-plus campus research centers, such as the Kentucky Transportation Center, the Institute for Biomedical Informatics, the Institute for Rural Journalism & Community Issues, and the John Jacob Niles Center for American Music.

## NEW RESEARCH BUILDING WILL BRIDGE HEALTH GAPS

A new multidisciplinary research building — scheduled to open in 2018 — is a \$265 million project, funded half from the state of Kentucky and half from university resources, including private gifts. Located on the west side of campus near Virginia Avenue, the building will bring together researchers across numerous fields: health care (both basic and clinical), public health, behavioral sciences, agriculture outreach and extension, economics and engineering. The goal is to bridge health gaps in areas such as a cancer, cardiovascular disease and stroke, drug abuse, obesity and diabetes. Kentucky leads the nation in incidence rates in these complex health conditions.



The University Research Professors Program recognizes excellence in scholarship, creative endeavors and research across the full range of disciplines and in every college at UK. Each college sets their own nomination criteria for the one-year, \$10,000 award, to be used to further the research, scholarship and creative endeavors of the awardee. Seventeen faculty were named University Research Professors for 2016-2017. Those include, left to right: Chang-Guo Zhan (Pharmacy), Edward Hall (Medicine), Thomas Zentall (Arts & Sciences), Brent Seales (Engineering), Terry Bunn (Public Health), Esther Dupont-Versteegden (Health Sciences), Mary Davis (Law), Ellen Hahn (Nursing), Jeffrey Ebersole (Dentistry), Eugenia Toma (Martin School of Public Policy and Administration), Arthur Hunt (Agriculture, Food and Environment), Sherali Zeadally (Communication and Information), Gary Rohrbacher (Design) and Bret Smith (Medicine).

Not pictured are Stephen Borgatti (Gatton Business & Economics), Diana Hallman (Fine Arts) and Qiang Ye (Arts & Sciences).

## JOIN UK IN RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY

UK alumni and friends of UK can make a difference in research that advances health care and in other disciplines, for example, the humanities and social sciences.

Researchers are working hard to identify new treatments and strategies to improve health and to understand the diseases that make us sick, but to succeed they need healthy research participants and participants with medical conditions. Participating is an opportunity to learn more about your own health.

There are many ways to get involved, as health research ranges from simple questionnaires and screenings to clinical trials of investigational drugs and devices.

For more information about participating in research, including participant and research stories, visit [UKClinicalResearch.com](http://UKClinicalResearch.com). There you'll find a list of current studies at UK.

To connect with studies nationwide, join [ResearchMatch.org](http://ResearchMatch.org), which helps match willing volunteers with research opportunities that might be of interest. It promotes participation on UK research projects that UK is collaborating on with other universities across the country. This means UK alums don't have to be living in Kentucky to help with UK research.

You CAN make a difference!

**"Making a difference can be from improving cardiovascular health or from writing a poem that elevates someone's soul. All types of research and activity we do can make people's lives better." — Lisa Cassis**

"To solve complex problems, you have to use a multi-pronged approach," Cassis said. "Some of my colleagues tell me that obesity is about economics. I am approaching the problem from a very basic, biomedical research perspective. This building will allow us to put people like me in close proximity to someone that is studying obesity from an economic perspective. The real power of research is realized in bringing different groups of experts together. This building will give us a vehicle, and my job is to promote that culture here at UK.

"It gives us the space and resources that we need, and it's a great time right now to do that, when we're competing for very tight funding

across the nation," said Cassis. "We're engaging the best and brightest here, and we hope to also use this as a recruitment tool to bring even more people here who can add dimensions to what we're currently able to do. In my experience that is really how you do the best work."

In addition to building and optimizing infrastructure to support all types of research and creative work, Cassis said a critical part of the UK 2015-2020 Strategic Plan is community impact and engagement.

"Making a difference can be from improving cardiovascular health or from writing a poem that elevates someone's soul," she said. "All types of research and activity we do can make people's lives better." ■

# RECENT NEWS IN UK RESEARCH Photos: UK Research Communications



Jon Thorson, left, and Madan Kharel, at that time a research associate in Thorson's College of Pharmacy lab, collected soil samples from the Truman Shepherd coal fire site.

## Researchers look in Appalachia for exotic microorganisms that could yield blockbuster drugs

This collaborative project between the College of Pharmacy, Center for Applied Energy Research and Kentucky Geologic Survey at UK and Rice University and the University of Oklahoma made new — and in some cases more effective — versions of the antibiotic daptomycin using an enzyme from a soil bacterium found in smoke vents of the Ruth Mullins coal fire. This project uses the unique geologic environment of Kentucky to look for new drugs.

> > Watch a video at [reveal.uky.edu/natural\\_products](https://reveal.uky.edu/natural_products).

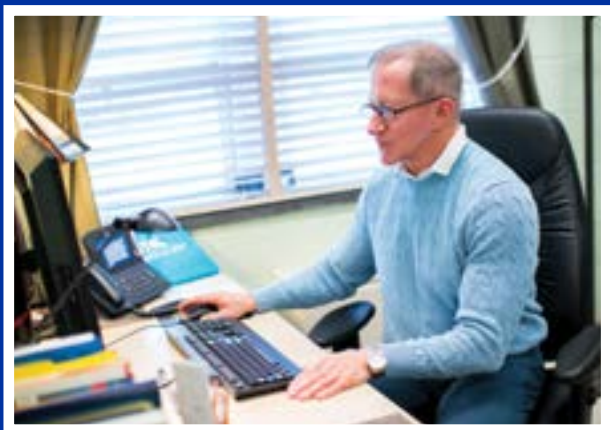
## Pioneering research to create new organic compounds for applications in electrochemical energy storage systems

Susan Odom '03 AS began her career in research at UK as an undergrad researcher. Her pioneering work in electrochemical energy storage includes applications for lithium-ion batteries, which are utilized in portable consumer electronic devices. Her additives have been demonstrated to protect these batteries from overcharging conditions longer than any other electrolyte additive reported to date.

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Susan Odom, an assistant professor of chemistry in the UK College of Arts and Sciences, creates new organic compounds for applications in electrochemical energy storage systems.

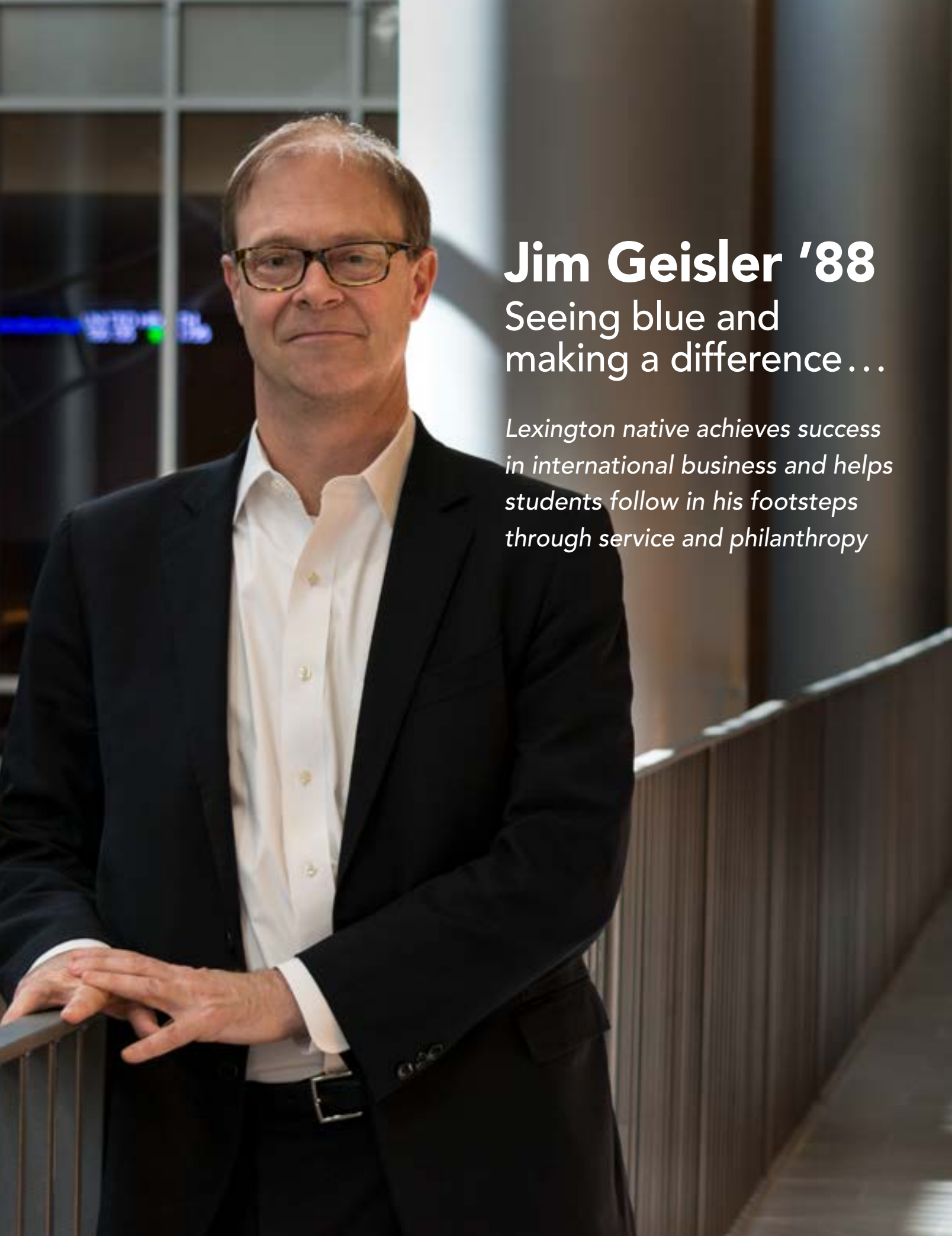


Thomas Guskey is a professor of education psychology in the UK College of Education and studies teachers grading practices.

## Helping educators help students

Grading practices used in most schools aren't based on proven effectiveness from research, but rather on tradition, simply because it's always been done that way. Thomas Guskey's research shows that basing a student's grade on their relative standing among classmates, otherwise known as grading on the curve or norm-based grading, can have negative consequences. These include detrimental effects on students' relationships with their teachers and peers. Standards-based grading is one method he is helping teachers implement. It measures a student's proficiency on specific course objectives, breaking subject areas down into various components.

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## **Jim Geisler '88**

Seeing blue and making a difference...

*Lexington native achieves success in international business and helps students follow in his footsteps through service and philanthropy*

“Jim Geisler is the only person I know who commutes between his home in Lexington and his office in New York on a weekly basis,” observes Mike Richey ’73 ’79 AFE, UK vice president for Philanthropy.

“When this Lexington native graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a minor in finance, he had no idea of the success he would achieve working with multiple international corporations.

“He has lived in many different places around the globe, but his passion for Kentucky led him to relocate here after 21 years of being away. That passion also drives him to use his unique business experience and insight to advance his alma mater and the Commonwealth in a variety of ways through volunteerism and philanthropy.”

Richey continues, “Jim’s phenomenal success, his heart for helping others, and his generosity of time, talent and treasure make him one of UK’s most outstanding graduates.”

## Growing up in Lexington

Geisler was born in Lexington and grew up in the Gainesway neighborhood. He attended Bates Creek High School and graduated in 1984.

He says he was greatly influenced by his mother who obtained her law degree while raising a family as a single parent.

“I learned many life lessons by observing my mom,” he shares. “Such things as ‘Never give up on your dreams. Some days are sunny and some are not. Keep putting one foot in front of the other. Make today better than yesterday. Soldier on.’”

UK was a family tradition that Geisler learned early in life. Both his parents were graduates of the university, and his mother was the director of admissions for the UK College of Law. Geisler also has many memories of attending Wildcat games during his childhood.

When it came time for him to choose where to go to college, he remembers, “It was just natural for me to go to the University of Kentucky. UK was in my blood.”

## Coming of age at UK

Geisler could have lived at home while attending classes at the university, but he chose to live on campus as an important part of his educational experience. He spent one year in Holmes Hall, and the other three years in Keeneland Hall. He was elected president of Keeneland Hall his senior year.

Geisler worked to help pay for his education as a student manager of Alumni Gymnasium. In this position he met many people as he checked student IDs, handed out basketballs and sent students home at closing time.

He recalls, “The College Work-Study Program helped me with my expenses. I worked 12 to 15 hours per week, and I received a \$98 check every other week. That seemed like a lot of money on payday back then.

“Working while attending college also helped me organize my time. I realized that I had to divide my daily schedule between work, class and socializing. And because the university was a large institution, there were many things to do on campus.”

Geisler highly values the education he received. He confides, “I always wanted to be a business major and learn the skills required to earn a good living. But some of my most informative classes at UK were in other areas that took me outside my

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*“The University of Kentucky changed my life like no other institution could.”*

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comfort zone. Studying history, creative writing and other electives gave me a lifelong thirst for learning that transcends the pursuit of a degree and a livelihood.

“UK enabled me to grow up. I became more responsible and I made better grades in college than I did in high school. UK provided me a training ground and a safe place for learning.”

He adds, “Education changes and improves lives. There are many institutions that do good things for society, but the University of Kentucky changed my life like no other institution could.”

## Beginning his career

Geisler sought assistance from UK’s career placement services, and two weeks after his college graduation, he accepted a position with General Electric’s financial management program. He moved to Utica, New York.

“This was a big step for a boy from Kentucky,” he reflects. “I had been hired with eight or nine other young college grads with degrees from universities in the northeast. Their accents were noticeably different from mine, and although they would say hello and be friendly, I felt like I didn’t belong. I felt like I didn’t measure up to them. I was therefore slow to voice my opinion in group discussions.

“Through this experience,” he continues, “I discovered that sometimes we bring the low rankings and stereotypes of our state with us. As I progressed in my career, I learned that there is absolutely no cause for that. As Kentuckians, we should never feel that we are not as good as anyone else. And I surely don’t want today’s University of Kentucky students to be held back by any preconceived notion in their pursuit of education and success.”

Geisler stayed with General Electric for three years and took assignments which required him to live in Philadelphia and Hong Kong.

He then pursued and earned his MBA degree from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. This included a summer internship in Poland.



Geisler worked at Alumni Gym to help pay for his education.

## Achieving phenomenal success

In 1993, Geisler began a 16-year tenure with United Technologies Corp. and relocated to Hartford, Conn. He held a series of positions with increasing responsibilities, including director of financial planning and analysis, director of investor relations, and director of corporate strategy and development.

In 2004, he moved up to become co-chief financial officer and vice president for strategy. In this role, he led a global finance organization for United Technologies, which at that time had over \$50 billion in revenue and 222,000 employees operating in six industries in all but six countries worldwide. At age 38, Geisler held the distinction of being the youngest chief financial officer in the 50 largest U.S. public companies.

In 2010, he became the chief operating officer, chief financial officer and board member of CreoSalus Inc., a rapidly growing pharmaceutical research and pharmaceutical manufacturing company based in Louisville. Here he led the commercialization of SucroMate Equine, the first FDA approved drug developed and manufactured in Kentucky and one of only nine new animal health drugs to receive approval in 2010.

In 2014, Geisler became executive vice chairman of Cerberus Operations and Advisory Co., a private investment firm based in New York with affiliate and advisory offices across the United States, Europe and Asia, with \$30 billion under management.

Geisler also has several corporate board responsibilities. He is chairman of the board of DynCorp International and a member of the board of Remington Arms, PaxVax, Keane Group, and Renovalia Energy. These companies account for over \$4 billion in revenues and \$250 million in operating profit. He is also a member of the board of Your Community Bank.

In recognition of his career achievements, Geisler was inducted into the Gatton College of Business and Economics Hall of Fame in 2009.

## Loving his native Kentucky

After he graduated from UK, Geisler's work took him away from Kentucky for the next 21 years. During that time, he lived in New York, Virginia, Connecticut, Europe and Asia.

"This long absence made me grow more fond of my home state and my alma mater," he reflects. "Even though I lived in several different places, Kentucky was always my home.

"But I never felt like a Kentuckian until I moved out of state,



Geisler and his family all enjoy attending UK football games.

and I never felt like an American until I lived abroad."

Geisler's affection for the Commonwealth has influenced his three daughters. "They consider themselves to be Kentuckians, even though they were all born in Connecticut," he says with a smile. "They like attending Wildcat football games, and one recently told me she had downloaded a UK app 'to help with her Kentucky-ness.' They are also considering the university as a college choice."

In 2009, when Geisler left his position with United Technologies Corp., he decided to move back to his home state. He first located in Louisville, and later moved to Lexington.

However, his current position with Cerberus requires him to commute to New York or other locations on a weekly basis.

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*"The University of Kentucky is the greatest force for good in the Commonwealth. And when I do something to help UK, I know I'm helping the whole state."*

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"I try to get back to Lexington every weekend," he shares. "It takes time, but it's a privilege to live in Kentucky and be close to UK. I'm from here, and I take great pride in being a Kentuckian."

## Supporting his alma mater

Geisler began making gifts to the University of Kentucky soon after he graduated. His philanthropy includes longtime support for the Gatton College of Business and Economics and UK Athletics. More recently, he made a major gift commitment to the Gatton College building renovation and expansion project, which is now complete.

He explains the motivation behind his philanthropy at UK, "I received a great gift by attending and graduating from the University of Kentucky, and because of that, I feel I have a debt to repay. I also want to give back out of gratitude.

"I realized that the Gatton College building was something that would impact students for a long time, and it was a need that I could help meet. The project has resulted in a very accommodating space that students want to occupy."

He continues, "Philanthropy has become a tangible, critical element for UK, and it has provided the Gatton College with a magnificent building."

Geisler was one of many donors making major gifts to this \$65 million capital project, totally funded with private gifts.

"Philanthropy also makes a better life for those who give," he adds, "as well as for those who are on the receiving end."

Geisler has likewise been generous to the university with his time and expertise. He currently serves on the Gatton College Dean's Advisory Council, and he was a member of the college's Business Partnership Foundation Board.

He has also hosted multiple dinners in support of the Gatton



In 2008, Geisler co-taught a class in the Gatton College of Business and Economics with Professor Dan Stone, right.

College building campaign, and to introduce UK President Eli Capilouto to his business colleagues and fellow UK alumni.

Geisler was the keynote speaker for the first class of MBA students in 2007, and in the 2008 fall semester, he took on an even greater challenge.

### Co-teaching a class

Although it involved making the trip to Lexington from where he was living in Connecticut for six consecutive Mondays, Geisler was pleased to teach a class with Professor Dan Stone in the Gatton College of Business and Economics.

“Accounting 624: Bargaining and Negotiating” gave students a glimpse into the corporate world from the context of traditional classroom instruction.

Each class session was divided in half with Geisler presenting actual case studies during the first part, and Stone then giving a brief lecture and noting discussion points from the case studies.

Geisler shares, “It was a very interactive experience with the students as they were called upon to actually negotiate from the examples presented. Everyone negotiates every day in life, both professionally and personally. I tried to give them the frame-

work to think about these things in a very practical way.

“It was a real privilege for me to be in the classroom,” he adds. “It also gave me the opportunity to tell the students, ‘Don’t sell yourself short. If I can be successful, then so can you.’”

President Capilouto observes, “I am grateful for all the ways that Jim Geisler advances his alma mater. Whether he is sharing his wisdom with students in the classroom, serving on an advisory board, introducing us to new friends or generously supporting major campus improvement, Jim is helping us be the University *for* Kentucky.”

### Advancing UK and the Commonwealth

From his executive business management perspective, Geisler offers insight on the university and its future.

“There are individuals serving at UK who are dedicating their lives to the university and the Commonwealth,” he says.

“President Capilouto is determined. He brings a lot of energy and a can-do spirit to campus. I’m appreciative of his leadership of the university.”

He continues, “Going forward, a challenge for UK will be attracting and retaining the best students in our Commonwealth, realizing that some are inclined to go out of state for higher education. I believe we are making strides in this area.

“Another challenge will be keeping tuition affordable and not backbreaking for students and their families, particularly as state funding provides a smaller portion of UK’s operating budget each year.

“And of course, as the Commonwealth’s flagship university, UK’s challenge is always to improve the lives of everyone in the state. Through the Gatton College of Business and Economics, the medical center, and through all other aspects of the university, UK bears the responsibility to make our state better.”

Geisler concludes, “That’s why I want to support UK in all the ways I can. The University of Kentucky is the greatest force for good in the Commonwealth. And when I do something to help UK, I know I’m helping the whole state. I want to be a part of making a better university and a better Commonwealth.” ■



Geisler confers with Dean David Blackwell, left, of the Gatton College. Geisler serves on the Dean’s Advisory Council.

*Virginia Bell returned to college after 40 years for a second career that helped change dementia care worldwide.*



# A BEST FRIEND TO ALL

By Christina Noll

Photo: Tim Webb

Growing up on a farm outside Cynthiana, Virginia Marsh Bell '82 SW learned early the importance of community. "Our farm actually was almost a self-contained little community because everybody had to work together," says Bell. It is this background of community that she credits for helping her career later in life.

Bell went on to become a pioneer in the dementia care field, opening one of the first dementia-specific day centers in the country, now known as the Best Friends Day Center. This model center has just celebrated 33 years of a new way of being with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia — a relational, Best Friends approach. This approach has expanded nationally and internationally for the joy of families, volunteers, staff and most of all, persons living with dementia.

## A LIFE OF LEARNING

When Bell's parents were older and she was cleaning out the family home, she found calendars that her mother had saved over the years. On one calendar, on June 30, 1922, her mother had written, "22 hen eggs, 5 turkey eggs, baby girl born." Bell laughs, "Well, I made the calendar!"

From her mother, Bell learned she could do anything she put her mind to, with effort. Bell's mother graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1908, when it was not common for a woman to have a college degree. She taught school for a few years before pursuing a nursing degree. "My mother was sort of a suffragette," she says.

Bell's father taught her the value of hard work and having a plan of action. As the second of seven children on a working farm, Bell



often worked alongside her father. “My father would say, ‘We’re going to get this job done. Now don’t give up. We can do this,’” relates Bell. This sentiment would guide Bell throughout her life.

Bell’s parents ensured that all of their children went to college. In 1944 Bell graduated with a degree in math and biology from Transylvania University, where she later received an honorary doctorate. It would be 40 more years before she enrolled in college courses again, this time at the University of Kentucky.

Bell was married to the late Wayne Bell, a minister, and made a career of being a minister’s wife and raising their five children. They lived in Nashville, Tennessee, and later returned to Lexington when Wayne Bell became president of the Lexington Theological Seminary.

This move coincided with Bell’s own parents increasing age and

was also inducted into the UK Social Work Hall of Fame. In 2010, Bell was inducted into the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

## SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE WINTER OF ALZHEIMER’S

Growing up, Bell recalls, older adults suffering from dementia were often sent away to live in a psychiatric hospital. “I can remember my father saying, ‘I can’t believe they put him away.’ As a child, I didn’t know what that meant, but the tone says it was bad news,” explains Bell. At that time, it was thought by many that there was nothing that could be done about dementia. The goal



Surrounded by her grandchildren on a special day, Virginia Bell received her master’s degree from the UK College of Social Work in 1982.



Virginia Bell received the UK Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010 from Scott E. Davis, left, then president of the association, and Lee T. Todd Jr., then UK president.

her concern for them as they continued to live on the farm. Bell, who had always had a desire to work with people, thought she could learn something about caring for aging adults.

So in 1979, she went to the Multidisciplinary Center on Aging, (now the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging) and met Dr. William Markesbery, director. She then enrolled part time at the UK College of Social Work. She finished her master’s degree in 1982 at the age of 60. “I was at UK to get my masters at the same time our youngest son was in medical school at UK,” she says.

“The community of professors, administrators and students with whom I spent many hours while a student and the many contacts, honors and friendships throughout these last 35 plus years have added support and joy to my life,” she says. “My experience during my three years at the UK College of Social Work set me on a wonderful fulfilling life for the next over 35 years. I owe a lot to the professors, administrative staff and students who helped me along the way.”

In 2004, she returned to UK to receive the Sullivan Award, a humanitarian award meant to recognize those who have selflessly given to others or served others in some way. That same year, she

was to keep the person with the disease safe and contained. According to Bell, it was “the winter of Alzheimer’s.”

Later, when Bell was asked to develop a day center for persons with dementia, she recalled her childhood and the lack of engagement provided for persons with dementia. “It’s interesting how sometimes your past surfaces, and I thought, you know there has to be a new day,” she says.

How she came to create the Best Friends Adult Day Center (formerly the Helping Hands Adult Day Center) was luck. “I just happened to be there,” she says. “UK had just received a big Alzheimer’s disease research grant, and part of UK’s outreach efforts included a support group for families living with dementia.”

Bell, who was finishing her practicum as a student, was asked to sit with a group of persons with dementia while their family members met with Dr. Markesbery. Bell, however, had been hoping to be in the meeting. “I often say that sometimes the things we are asked to do that we don’t want to do are the best learning experiences,” she relates. It was during this time that she learned so much about the individuals who needed the dementia care programs. “The more I got to know them — their life stories, what



Gelena Meade, right, who participates in the Best Friends program (part of Christian Care Communities) near Brannon Crossing, chats with her friend, Virginia Bell, while looking at a book together.

Photo: Tim Webb

they enjoyed, their joys and their sorrows — life was better for all of us,” she says.

She determined right then and there that she wanted to develop a way to help individuals with dementia enjoy a more dignified life. Soon after, Bell finished her master’s degree and took a position as a family counselor at the center, where she helped create support groups across the state and served as director of the Helping Hands Adult Day Center. The center was renamed the Best Friends Adult Day Center on its 20th anniversary.

Linda Kuder ’94 GS, then head of the Council on Aging and associate director at Sanders-Brown at the time, was her partner in making the program a reality. “There was nothing printed on the subject, and there were only four places in the United States that we could find that had dementia specific programs,” explains Bell. Together, Bell and Kuder visited these programs to gather information. They found that although the facilities were keeping people safe and secure, the engagement level was lacking, and the staff turnover was high.

Bell and Kuder set out to create a program that acknowledged the medical facts of dementia, while also shedding light on the person as a whole. “If you would just lift the dementia, and look underneath, you’d find an amazing person,” says Bell. “Individuals with lots of strengths and abilities, still.”

## THE BEST FRIENDS APPROACH

A British researcher popularized the idea of “person-centered care” to build on a person’s remaining strengths and individualize care approaches to support happiness and reduce behaviors that are challenging to families.

“Person-centered care was an important first step, but most people

don’t want the emphasis only on them,” she says. “They want a friend and a relationship.”

Bell drew on the importance of community she had learned from her earliest years. “You can do everything just right for a person, but if they sense you’re not connected, it won’t work,” she says. “So we say relationship-centered care.”

This was the birth of the Best Friends approach to dementia care, one rooted in the belief that friendship is therapeutic. “Our Best Friends Center has been a model

program all over the world because it shows what is possible,” says Bell.

Through the program, volunteers and staff are encouraged to get to know persons with dementia as a best friend, not a patient. Being called by name and treated as a person, one who still has something to offer, makes all the difference. The key is activity and engagement. It works for the person experiencing dementia, it works for families who love them and it has also reduced turnover of staff working with the individuals because it enables them to have successes on a daily basis.

## CHANGING DEMENTIA CARE WORLDWIDE

The Best Friends approach is now recognized as a model of care for persons with dementia in all types of worldwide settings. Bell has attended and spoken at 27 international conferences on the Best Friends philosophy, as well as trained many long-term care workers in other countries.

Together with co-author David Troxel, who worked at Sanders-Brown from 1986-1989, Bell has written six books detailing the approach to dementia care. Troxel, who is a recognized expert on best practices in Alzheimer’s care, has spent much of his career with the Alzheimer’s Association and today works as a speaker and consultant to organizations and companies serving people with dementia.

Troxel remembered meeting Bell and forming an instant bond. “We



Virginia Bell stands with her co-author David Troxel at a conference regarding dementia. In 2016, Bell and Troxel also presented the Best Friends approach at the Alzheimer’s Disease International conference in Budapest, Hungary.

Virginia Bell, standing at center, was in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1999 to lead a workshop about best practices with the Best Friends program.



were both so taken with the people we were meeting — the families, caregivers and people with dementia — and trying to understand how we could give support and dignity to this very challenging disease,” he says.

Bell and Troxel decided to write their first book, “The Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer’s Care,” published in 1996, to share what they had learned. They also have a website at [www.bestfriendsapproach.com](http://www.bestfriendsapproach.com).

Bell credited Troxel with the creativity to fashion the Best Friends approach to a worldwide audience. He, in

turn, gave the credit to her. “Virginia is a bold thinker,” he says. “She was always the one pushing to say, ‘Let’s recreate a voice and message.’” The book is now available in seven languages and used around the world as a benchmark for Alzheimer’s care.

More recently, Troxel and Bell have written “The Best Friends Approach to Dementia Care,” a new edition for professionals and “A Dignified Life,” written especially for families.

In addition, two books focus on how to engage people in unstructured times, as well as planned activities.

Two other co-authors helped with the recent books on engagement: Robin Hamon ’89 ’91 SW, caregiver support coordinator, UK Alzheimer’s Disease Center at the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, and Tonya T. Cox ’98 SW, administrator of Homeplace at Midway in Midway.

The Best Friends program has won numerous awards and grants, including being funded as one of the first 17 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Respite Care and Dementia Services sites.

Bell’s impact on dementia care has been widely noted. “Virginia Bell is a great inspiration to caregivers of persons with dementia,” says Hamon. “Her enthusiastic spirit and powerful example has raised the bar on dementia care internationally.”

Dr. Nori Graham of London, England, geriatric psychiatrist and past president of Alzheimer’s Disease International, recalls, “When I visited Lexington in 2014 ... I was particularly struck by the enormous number of volunteers who had been inspired by Virginia to give the very best of themselves over many, many years.” She went on to say, “Virginia is the most extraordinary woman in so many different ways — her energy, her enthusiasm, her vision and imagination, her compassion and, above all, her capacity to make things happen, to make dreams come true.”

Bell received the prestigious Ruth Von Behren Award from the National Council on the Aging for the person who had done the most for adult day care in 1994. She received the Senior Award from the American Society on Aging in 1999. In addition to membership in many professional organizations, including the American Society on Aging, Bell has served twice as a member of the

Governor’s Task Force on Alzheimer’s disease for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

“She’s become a worldwide figure and a thought leader,” says Troxel. “She was one of the first people to really say there’s a person beneath this cloak of dementia — a person of value and dignity. And she’s taken her mission all over the world.”

## LOOKING FORWARD

In these last 35 years, Bell has had an entirely new career, something she never envisioned when she first married. “Wayne and our family have been very supportive with a wife and mother who has had a late life career,” she says.

Despite her official retirement in 1993, Bell is still helping others and volunteers at the Best Friends Center near Brannon Crossing (part of Christian Care Communities) as program consultant, training volunteers and as a best friend for persons with dementia.

“Virginia has been, and continues to be, a mentor and Best Friend for our Adult Day Health and Residential Memory Care Centers across the Commonwealth,” says Mary Lynn Spalding, president and chief executive officer of Christian Care Communities. “We are so grateful to be able to call her our friend.”

When she’s not working toward continuing to improve dementia care, Bell stays busy with her growing family, which now includes grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Each morning, she attends classes at the YMCA in Lexington, rotating between high impact aerobics, Pilates and yoga.

When it comes to care for aging adults, “I don’t feel as negative about the future as a lot of people do,” she says. She notes that many large assisted living and nursing home chains are changing to a more engaging approach because families are looking for this aspect when choosing where to place a loved one. Indeed, thanks in a large part to Bell, the future in dementia care looks brighter. “Now we’re not where we need to be, but we really have a new day for memory care, and I don’t think we’ll ever go back to the old ways of thinking,” she says. ■

*If you are interested in learning about the UK Alzheimer’s Disease Center at the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, visit [www.uky.edu/coa/adc](http://www.uky.edu/coa/adc)*



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## **WILL CASH '09 BE, '10 GS:** *Serving sweets to countries around the world*

By Linda Perry

**“Looking at graduate programs at the time, I liked that the MBA at Gatton was a rapid immersion, one year, full-time program, and I liked that in the relatively short period of two years I was able to attain two master’s degrees through the Gatton College and Patterson School.”— Will Cash**

**N**o matter where you may travel overseas, when you find yourself on the receiving end of a Krispy Kreme doughnut, you have Will Cash '09 BE, '10 GS to thank for that indulgence.

Cash is the director of international supply chain at Krispy Kreme based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is responsible for sourcing the ingredients and packaging necessary to create Krispy Kreme's wide variety of doughnuts, specialty drinks, and coffee sold around the globe. Getting those items into the hands of franchisees and restaurant owners is his focus, but he also helps roll out new products, and leads new market expansion efforts worldwide.

"One of the things that I like about my job is that no day is the same. There is always something brand new that I get to see and do because we have business operations in 30 different countries. I work with people and suppliers on six continents, and I'm helping bring the joy that is Krispy Kreme doughnuts to customers all over the world," Cash says.

Will Cash is part of a UK legacy family. His parents, Dr. James B. Cash '77 MED and Cynthia Ruth Cash '78 ED, have roots in Princeton and lived in Lexington for many years before moving to North Carolina, where Will Cash was born. His brother James Cash '10 LAW also earned a degree at UK. Will did his undergraduate work at Elon University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in international studies and Spanish in 2007, before enrolling at UK.

"Looking at graduate programs at the time, I liked that the MBA at Gattton was a rapid immersion, one year, full-time program, and I liked that in the relatively short period of two years I was able to attain two master's degrees through the Gattton College and Patterson School," Cash says.

"The dual program that I did was the perfect combination for what I do now. When I started, I didn't have much work experience or a great deal of business background, and it really set the foundation and a solid platform for doing business," he says. "The Patterson School gave me an international perspective about international commerce, and the combina-

tion of those two programs really helped launch my career. There were many great professors who helped me along the way, and Tom McGinty particularly comes to mind because his deep knowledge of international commerce provided a great background for my current path."

After earning his MBA in 2009 from the Gattton College of Business & Economics, and in 2010 receiving a master's in diplomacy and international commerce from the Patterson School, Cash moved to Atlanta and began working for Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen in the International Department. A large company with over 400 restaurants in more than 25 countries, he gained experience working in supply chain and international logistics in diverse markets. The challenge of managing global supply chains was exactly what he wanted to pursue as a career path. Over subsequent years at Popeye's, he was promoted to supply chain manager and dealt mostly with Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean. He also provided supply chain support for certain markets in Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

In 2014, Cash returned to his home state of North Carolina when Krispy Kreme tapped him for his current position as director of international supply chain.

"My job ensures that all the Krispy Kreme stores around the world have the ingredients that they need ... Our goal is that our restaurants have the right ingredients at the right time at the right price. So, we get ingredients there on time because we can't have any shortages of doughnuts, that's for sure," Cash says.

One of the perks of his job is that he has an opportunity to travel the world visiting franchise partners and suppliers. His travel time is consumed by work, but he says he has learned to plan an extra day to get some sightseeing in and visit some of the major cultural attractions in each country.

"I've been to the Middle East, India, Southeast Asia, Mexico, and we've begun opening Krispy Kreme stores in South America. You'd be surprised at where we have stores," he says.

Working with people around the world always presents new twists and turns in

the doughnut industry for Cash.

"When we recently opened a store in Iceland — they are extremely environmentally friendly in that country — we were using paper cups for our coffee and hot beverages," he says. "Within a week, we realized that we needed to switch to ceramic mugs to comply with customer expectations."

Also, tastes vary from country to country.

"In Japan, we launched a green tea doughnut. That's a regional preference that might be unusual in the United States," Cash says. "The dulce de leche in Latin American, a caramel-type doughnut, is very popular there, and there's a mango-filled doughnut sold in Asia, so there are definitely varied regional preferences. But that being said, our original glazed doughnut is almost always our No. 1 seller."

One interesting aspect of a store opening in a new country is the enthusiasm on the part of the local customers. "When we open a Krispy Kreme store in a new country, people will camp outside the store and spend anywhere from two to three days sleeping in tents because they have a chance to win a year's supply of doughnuts if they are among the first people in line," he says. "Our doughnuts speak a universal language."

Like people everywhere, Cash loves doughnuts, and being immersed all day in a doughnut business culture has not changed that.

"I've been here over two years, and I still eat our original glazed doughnuts on a regular basis, because, let's face it, at Krispy Kreme, doughnuts are what we do. Our original glazed is pretty much the exact same recipe as when it was first created, and I may be a bit biased, but I'd say that they are the most delicious sweet treat that you can find anywhere in the world."

Next time you are traveling to a distant part of the world and you look up and see the familiar Krispy Kreme logo, in honor of the Wildcats, stroll in and order a doughnut. Will Cash is keeping the "hot light" burning for BBN all around the globe. ■



ARENA

# They did it!

The University of Kentucky honored its newest alumni at the beginning of May during its largest Commencement in UK's history. Commencement ceremonies were held across four ceremonies in Rupp Arena to accommodate the dramatic increases in the number of graduates and families and friends attending. More than 2,500 undergraduates and 600 graduate and professional students participated in the ceremonies. Overall, 3,680 undergraduate and 1,767 graduate and professional degree candidates had their degrees approved by the UK Board of Trustees.



# UK TRAVELERS UNDERGO A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY

By Linda Perry

In March, the UK Alumni Association and Lyman T. Johnson African American UK Alumni Constituent Group, in partnership with the UK Office of Lifelong Learning, made possible a trip to Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama, to experience a powerful journey beginning with the history of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and culminating with the human rights struggles of today. Almost 50 “seekers” which included UK alums, participants from the Office of Life Long Learning, faculty from regional colleges and the Kentucky Community & Technical College System, currently enrolled UK students and friends of UK, took advantage of a four-day bus trip to learn more about the story of the African-American struggle for freedom, democracy and transformation. Some of the iconic sites visited were the Rosa Parks Museum, Martin Luther King Jr. Parsonage, Southern Poverty Law Center and the Equal Justice Initiative, among many others.

The tour, dubbed the Hope & History Study/Travel Tour, was planned and coordinated by Chester Grundy, '69 AS, '02 ED, and his wife, Ann Grundy.

Chester Grundy is the retired special projects coordinator for the UK Alumni Association. He also founded and directed the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center for over 30 years, among other accomplishments. In 2014, he was inducted into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame. This project marked the finale of his 45-year UK career.

As a native of Birmingham, Ann Grundy provided unique insight via her commentary, having lived through some of the

major moments that marked the early Civil Rights Movement in that area.

“Based on the feedback I’ve received thus far, I believe that the ‘seekers’ who participated in the Hope & History Study and Travel Tour were deeply affected by the experience of this project,” Chester Grundy said. “I’ve heard terms like ‘transformative, enlightening, and life-changing’ used in some of the feedback. I had hoped that our participants would engage this project with inquiring minds and open hearts. With that attitude, we could examine this period of our racial history, which is oftentimes horrifying and shameful, in an honest, forthright way. I believe we achieved that and our seekers now have a much deeper appreciation for the importance of understanding this troubled history if we are ever to get beyond it.”

Chester Grundy says it’s difficult to single out one experience that emotionally impacted people the most. “I think that every aspect of the project helped contribute to its impact — the tours of museums, the teach-ins on the bus, the dialogue that took place throughout the trip and the many ‘teachable moments,’ sometimes planned but sometimes spontaneous and unplanned, that happened during our travels. For me, personally the experience at the Martin Luther King Jr. parsonage and our visit to the Equal Justice Initiative will forever stand out in my memory as absolutely profound,” he said.

The detailed stories that the Grundys were able to relate provided much-appreciated information to the tour participants and enriched the experience.

“Our trip was made better because of Chester and Miss Ann. Ann was from Birmingham and the 16th Street Baptist Church

Trip participants paused on the steps of Birmingham’s 16th Street Baptist Church after touring the building.



Photo: Toni King





where those four little girls got killed — her father was previously the pastor of the church,” said Darlene Simpson, one of the travelers. “The way she told these stories, you felt it. You could actually visualize it, sense it and feel it. She is a real storyteller.

The trip included every opportunity to be instructive, even while on the bus. “Chester Grundy’s wife Ann would have us sing spirituals, and she would talk about the history behind the spirituals,” says Brenda Bain ’15 AS, who signed up for the trip. “Everywhere we went, there was some little piece of history that if you had been on a regular tour, you would not have learned.”

There were somber highlights on the trip, and many travelers professed wonderment over the impact it had on their lives.

“One of the things that touched me so much and made me cry was at the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached ... The visitor guide at the church put her hands on five people in our group and said we could go up to his pulpit. We got to touch it,” said Bain. “It was important to me because one of the classes I took at UK was on the life and history of Dr. Martin Luther King and everything he stood for. I also read his writings. It was inspirational knowing that he was for civil rights and to finally walk a little bit in his footsteps.”

Sandy Emerson ’66 AS, ’94 AFE, a Life Member of the UK Alumni Association, reached out to the Grundys and expressed her appreciation for the in-depth commentary that was provided. “Words do not adequately describe the enlightening magnificence of the Hope and History Tour. It brought to life the struggles that I had only heard and read about, and gave me a new perspective on the real lives and deaths of those who sacrificed to make our country more tolerant ... Y’all set the tone of the trip with your easy going, open heart approach,” she said.

She also added, lightheartedly, “I think this group of seekers may have set a Guinness-type record — 47 people together on a bus for four days with no squabbling.”

Judy L. Johnson of Lexington said she was still talking and thinking about the Hope and History Tour well after the trip ended — a trip, as she pointed out, that was an unusual mix of races, ages and attitudes that also added rich texture to the overall experience.

“Your (Chester Grundy) preparation and organization and Ann’s wonderful storytelling and sharing of personal memories left an indelible impression,” she said.

Johnson was emotionally moved by her visit to the parsonage at Dr. Martin Luther King’s church. “We walked through the rooms — living, dining, guest bedroom, bath, master bedroom, study, kitchen — a modest but comfortable home still furnished with the King belongings,” she said. “As I touched the dining table where so much planning for the fight for civil rights took place, I thought perhaps my fingerprint could be a connection to so much wisdom, patience and courage.”

Chester Grundy said he thinks it is important for the UK Alumni Association to offer access to a trip like this that takes people through the history of the Civil Rights Movement. “I am a deep believer in the power of the historical knowledge. Unfortunately, the history of slavery, racial terrorism, and Jim Crow is something most Americans have limited knowledge of,” he said. “Our unwillingness to acknowledge, confront and reckon

with this past only adds to our current racial crisis and the likelihood of repeating these historic tragedies. Author James Baldwin said it best, ‘Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.’”

*This type of tour was the first of its kind offered through the UK Alumni Association. If you are interested in other upcoming tours, please visit [www.ukalumni.net/travel](http://www.ukalumni.net/travel).*

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— Sandy Emerson



## Kentucky men advance to Elite Eight

By Hal Morris

The Kentucky men's basketball team gave fans another thrilling season with an equally thrilling, but heartbreaking, ending.

The Wildcats reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament for the sixth time under Coach John Calipari, but dropped a 75-73 nail-biter to eventual champion North Carolina in the South Regional championship game in Memphis, Tennessee.

Kentucky finished 32-6, won its 48th SEC regular season and 30th tournament title. The Wildcats opened the season 10-2, including wins over Michigan State and North Carolina before opening SEC play. The Wildcats rolled through conference play with a 16-2 record and beat Texas A&M in the SEC Tournament championship.

Kentucky earned the No. 2 seed in the South Regional, and beat Northern Kentucky and Wichita State in the first two rounds. The Cats downed UCLA 86-75 in the regional semifinals before falling to North Carolina in the regional final.

Freshman Malik Monk collected a slew of postseason honors. He averaged 19.8 points per game to become UK's all-time freshman scoring leader with 754 points, which was the fourth-best scoring season in school history.

Among his numerous honors, Monk was named SEC Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year by the Associated Press (AP) and SEC Freshman of the Year by coaches. He was named to the NCAA consensus All-America Second Team after being named a second-team All-American by the AP, the National Association of

Basketball Coaches, the U.S. Basketball Writers Association and Sporting News.

Fellow freshman De'Aaron Fox, who averaged 16.7 points, 4.6 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 1.5 steals, was named the most valuable player of the 2017 SEC Tournament. In addition to All-SEC First Team honors by the Associated Press and the league's coaches, Fox was named a third-team All-American by USA Today and CBS Sports. He posted the second triple-double in school history when he had 14 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in a win over Arizona State.

Kentucky lost seven players off this year's squad. Seniors Derek Willis, Domonique Hawkins and Mychal Mulder graduated, while three freshmen (Monk, Edrice "Bam" Adebayo, Fox) along with sophomores Isaac Humphries and Isaiah Briscoe decided to turn pro.

But Calipari is bringing in yet another stellar recruit class that will help UK battle for its ninth national title. ■



Photo: Chet White, UK Athletics

**Malik Monk set UK's freshman scoring record and was named SEC Player of the Year.**

## UK women reach eighth straight NCAA Tournament

By Hal Morris

The Kentucky women's basketball team made history in the WNAB Draft and continued its tradition of success under Coach Matthew Mitchell.

Senior Evelyn Akhator was selected third overall by the Dallas Wings, becoming the highest draft pick in school history and third player in program history to go in the first round. Makayla Epps was taken 33rd overall to the Chicago Sky.

They helped the Wildcats reach the NCAA Tournament for a program-best, eighth-straight year. But UK fell short

in the second round of tournament, rallying from a 15-point deficit against Ohio State to cut the lead to one point late in the game before falling 82-68 at Memorial Coliseum.

Epps capped off her remarkable UK career by scoring 21 points in her final game as the Wildcats finished 26-11. Epps averaged a team-high 17.7 points per game and handed out a team-best tying 118 assists this season. Epps was the only Southeastern Confer-

ence player to end the regular season ranked top 10 in the league in points, field goal percentage and assists. She finished her career with 1,790 points (13.5 ppg) and 408 assists (3.06 apg), all of which ranked in the top 10 in UK history.

Epps was named All-SEC by the league coaches and Associated Press (AP), and was named to the All-SEC Tournament Team and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-Region Team. She was named an honorable mention All-American pick by the AP for third-straight year and was on the national watch lists for the Nancy Lieberman Award, Naismith Trophy, Wade Trophy, John R. Wooden Award and Dawn Staley Award.

Akhator had 14 points and a career-high 23 rebounds against Ohio State and posted 31 double-doubles in her career. After averaging 15.9 points and 10.8 rebounds a game, she was named first-team All-SEC by the coaches and second team by the media. Akhator made the SEC All-Tournament Team and WBCA All-Region Team, was an AP honorable mention All-American and was named fourth team All-America by CollegeSportsMadness.com.

Kentucky went 11-5 in the SEC and reached the SEC Tournament semifinals to earn the No. 4 seed in the Lexington Regional for the NCAA Tournament.

Kentucky does return a good deal of experience next season, led by guard Maci Morris (11.8 ppg, 53 3-pointers) and Taylor Murray (12.2 ppg, 118 assists). UK also returns center Alyssa Rice and guards Makenzie Cann, Paige Poffenberger and Jaida Roper. ■



Photo: Britney Howard, UK Athletics

**Makayla Epps is ranked in the top 10 in scoring and assists at UK.**

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## UK baseball breaks ground on new stadium

The University of Kentucky Athletics Department officially broke ground on the construction of a new baseball stadium in March.

“We’re excited,” Head Baseball Coach Nick Mingione said. “I do believe this: We’ll by far have the best college baseball facility in the state of Kentucky, and it will be one of the premiere college baseball facilities in all of our country. Will it be the biggest? No, it won’t be the biggest, but it’ll be the right one.”

Construction is expected to take 18-20 months, meaning the stadium will open in late fall 2018 in time for the 2019 UK baseball season. The groundbreaking follows final approval for the project given by the UK Board of Trustees, continuing the ongoing \$2.2 billion transformation of the campus.

The cost of the stadium, which will give UK baseball a state-of-the-art home on par with its peers in the Southeastern Conference, is \$49 million. The new stadium will be located off Alumni Drive between the new Kentucky Football Training Facility and the Wendell and Vickie Bell Soccer Complex, adding to the cluster of UK Athletics facilities in the area.

“We’ve created a little bit of a village on this side of campus for our student-athletes,” UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said. “It’s a really, really special place for us. It gives us a chance to be our best version of who we want to be.”

The baseball stadium is being relocated from its current site to accommodate the university’s South Campus Master Plan. The move will allow for the development of additional student recreation spaces and

a substantial expansion of parking spaces on South Campus.

The stadium will feature permanent seating for nearly 2,500 fans with additional space on grass berms to accommodate a total of more than 4,000 fans for regular-season games. Beyond the outfield wall, temporary bleachers can be installed for NCAA Tournament games to bring the seating capacity to more than 7,000. Fan amenities also will include suites and a new club area.

The new stadium will replace Cliff Hagan Stadium, which has been home to UK baseball since its opening in 1969. Once the new stadium opens, Cliff Hagan Stadium will be demolished to make way for a new facility for UK’s men’s and women’s tennis programs. Additionally, a new soccer practice field replacing the one located at the site of the new baseball stadium will be built at the current site of the club practice field off College Way. ■



Photo: UK Athletics

This artist rendering shows what the Wildcats’ \$49 million baseball stadium will look like in 2018.

## Commonwealth Stadium becomes Kroger Field

The University of Kentucky, JMI Sports and Kroger have announced a comprehensive and unprecedented partnership that expands Kroger’s commitment to UK Athletics and UK, including the renaming of UK’s football stadium to Kroger Field.

The agreement — which is between Kroger and JMI Sports, UK’s multimedia rights partner — is effective immediately. It begins at approximately \$1.85 million annually with a term of up to 12 years.

To avoid any confusion and in consultation with the Newton family, the football playing field will be renamed to C.M. Newton Grounds at Kroger Field. The playing field was named C.M. Newton Field in honor of the former UK athletics director in 2000.

“Three years ago, we had this day in mind when we reached our new multimedia rights agreement with JMI Sports,” UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said. “We are proud to have a partner in

Kroger that shares our commitment to making this state and university the best they can be. This partnership goes well beyond the naming of Kroger Field, and we are excited to see the good it will do for years to come.”

The Kroger Field name will be reflected on interior, external and directional signage, as well as collateral materials related to the football stadium.

UK’s multimedia rights agreement with JMI Sports, signed in June 2014, grants naming rights to athletic facilities and expanded opportunities to market campus media rights like those included in this partnership with Kroger. The multimedia rights agreement pays UK Athletics \$210 million over 15 years, including a signing bonus of \$29.4 million built in to help fund important capital projects like the baseball stadium currently under construction. ■

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Jay Hornback catches a wave in southern California.

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The **Upstate SC UK Alumni Club** held a Game Watch Party during the SEC Tournament championship game and had a good turnout for the event.



Members of the **Jacksonville UK Alumni Club** posed for a photo just before the men's basketball game in Gainesville against the University of Florida.



Members of the **Central Virginia UK Alumni Club** held a Game Watch Party for the UK vs. Florida men's basketball game in February. Front row, left to right, Lexie Groessler, Karen Finch; middle row, Sarah White, Joan Gordineer, Janet Groessler, Riley Campbell, Mary Ann Withers, Hilton Withers; back row, Andrew Walters and son, Brian Campbell, and Tom Groessler.



The **Greater Houston UK Alumni Club** was proud to honor Bam Adebayo, center, with its Player of the Game Award in March after the UK vs. Texas A&M game in College Station. Club members greeting Adebayo are Ashley Wassler, the Houston club's social chairwoman and Reese Terry, District 18 Board of Directors representative.



The **Greater Ashland UK Alumni Club** held a Game Watch Party at Shooter's Bar and Grill in Cannonsburg. Left to right are Ed Miller (director), Debbie Miller (president), Rusty Fletcher, Deena Fletcher (president-elect), Ish Stevens, Janice Christian (director), Mike Christian (UK Board of Trustees), Mike Miller (director), Roger Potter, Tammy Wellman (director), Pam Potter, Judy Griffith and Andrew Potter.



The **McCracken County UK Alumni Club** has had two Game Watch Parties in recent months, and members proudly displayed the beloved "K" in this photo.



Members of the **Las Vegas UK Alumni Club** held a spirited basketball Game Watch Party for the game against Wichita State.



A bicycle was provided by members of the **Big Sandy UK Alumni Club** and given away to one of the children in attendance at the Child Abuse Awareness Fun Day. The club participated as part of its Cats for a Cause event.

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Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) members Austin Kennedy, Brittany Hayes and Colton Thayer enjoy an alumni event at Kroger Field, formerly Commonwealth Stadium.

## STUDENT PROGRAMMING

"I have made so many friends through my involvement with STAT and TEAM WILDCAT! Being far from home, the opportunity to make such close connections with like-minded students has made my college experience so special ... And knowing I can always turn to alumni association staff for guidance and advice has been a valuable resource. I look forward to giving back after I graduate!"

—*Brittany Hayes, UK sophomore and STAT member*

## SCHOLARSHIP

"The scholarship I receive from the UK Alumni Association allows me to learn bountifully inside and outside of the classroom. It gives me peace knowing that I can concentrate on my studies and extracurricular activities while building my professional network without worrying about school being paid for. I understand how costly it is to achieve a post-secondary education, and not everyone has the opportunity to pursue or keep pursuing it. With this in mind, I recognize that I must make the most of my education and ultimately share what I learn throughout this collegiate journey at the University of Kentucky and beyond!"

—*Jevincio Tooson, UK junior and UK Alumni Association scholarship recipient*



Jevincio Tooson receives his certificate of recognition from UK Alumni Association Board of Directors President-elect Susan Mustian at the 2016 Scholarship Celebration.



Elinor and Wells Downing get in the Big Blue spirit at the 2016 Legacy Big Blue Santa event.

## LEGACY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

"We are proud and grateful for our time at UK and want to instill our passion for our alma mater in our children. Being part of the Legacy Initiative program makes it easy to do that! Attending Legacy events is becoming a fun tradition for us, and we love connecting with fellow alumni families. The twins really enjoy getting birthday mail from the alumni association. Every time they see anything UK they exclaim, 'Go Cats!' Thanks to the UK Alumni Association for helping us raise future Wildcats!"

—*Scott '05 & Allison '05 Downing, UK Alumni Association Life Members Since May 2008*

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Honored alumna Anna Bacon Tinsley '91 LAW was a guest speaker at **UK College of Law's** first Dean's Scholars Fireside Chat. The event gave an invited group of admitted students a look at UK Law from the alumni perspective. Students also attended a class, interacted with faculty and participated in a Q&A session with current law students.



The **UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment** recently inducted four new members into its Hall of Distinguished Alumni. They are the late Charles E. Boyd '64 AFE, a Kentucky beef breeder; Brady J. Deaton '66 AFE '68 GS of Columbia, Missouri, previously a university chancellor; Harold Love '49 '63 AFE of Lexington, an agricultural economist; and Rupert G. Seals '56 AFE of Reno, Nevada, college dean and advocate for African Americans in agriculture. Left to right are Love, Seals and Deaton.



Photo: Dana Rogers

The **UK Gatton College of Business and Economics** inducted three exceptional alumni into the college's Hall of Fame in April. Left to right with Gatton College Dean David W. Blackwell are Samuel N. Hazen '82 BE, president and COO, HCA, the nation's largest investor-owned health care provider; Blackwell; J. Michael Schlotman '79 BE, executive vice president and CFO, The Kroger Co.; and Charles M. "Chuck" Sonstebly '75 BE, vice chairman (ret.), The Michaels Co. Inc.



The **UK College of Engineering** Hall of Distinction held its induction ceremony in April. Pictured are Interim Dean Larry Holloway; Javaid Masoud '82 EN; Mark D. Whitley '75 EN; William Todd Johnson '79 EN; Peggy Lee Comer, accepting on behalf of her father Elmer T. Lee '49 EN; Allan W. Brown '87 EN; and UK President Eli Capilouto.

The **UK College of Health Sciences** recently welcomed two new inductees into its Alumni Hall of Fame. The latest inductees are Col. Scott W. Shaffer '07 HS and Ann Smith '77 HS '90 GS.

Shaffer is an associate professor and director of the U.S. Army Baylor doctoral program in physical therapy and is dean of the Graduate School, Academy of Health Sciences, in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He also serves as a physical therapy consultant to the U.S. Army Surgeon General; as chief of the Army Physical Therapy Section, and assistant corps chief, Army

Medical Specialist Corps.

Smith is currently the senior vice president of inpatient services with UC Health. Until recently, Smith had been chief of enterprise academic service lines for UK HealthCare, a position focused on developing and implementing patient-centered care models.

Additionally, the College of Health Sciences honored Nicole Etter '09 '14 HS with its Young Alumni Award.

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Harlen Wheatley University of Kentucky, Chemical Engineering '94

# CLASS NOTES

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# Eric Scott '08 CI:

## Going from the field to the force

By Hal Morris

When Eric Scott '08 CI saw his football career come to an end after two years in the National Football League, he knew two things: He wanted to finish his master's degree, and his future career was not going to have him stuck behind a desk.

He had no idea that mission would lead him to where he is now as a lieutenant in the UK Police Department.

Scott, who played football at UK from 2003-2007 and then played two seasons for the NFL's Tennessee Titans, has been with the department for eight years. He says it has been the best career he could have hoped for. Scott did not know it at the time, but his interest in law enforcement began during his playing days at UK. Kevin Franklin, a captain on the force, was one of the officers assigned as security to accompany the football team on road trips.

Scott says Franklin became a good friend and mentor at UK, and they reconnected when Scott returned to Lexington to finish working on his master's degree.

"When I got hurt I decided to come back to Lexington. I went to a career fair because I was looking for a graduate assistant job to pay for the second half of my master's. As soon as I walked in the door I saw this giant FBI banner. All the investigative stuff they did drew my attention," he says.

"I had done internships with Wells Fargo, and I was completely miserable behind a desk. When I saw that FBI banner, it intrigued me. Next to the banner was the UK Police Force banner, and behind it were Captain Kevin Franklin and Major Nathan Brown. So

when I saw those two there, I kind of hit it off with them."

Scott told Franklin he was looking to finish up graduate school and the police force interested him. He found out the force was hiring, which meant Scott could pay for his schooling as a UK employee.

"For me, it was kind of a sign. I could not only come here to get school paid for, but they'll give me a salary, as well. I had never thought about applying for a law enforcement job before, but as soon as I saw them I knew this what I was supposed to be doing," Scott says. "I was basically looking for the complete opposite of a desk job, and policing was that for me."

Scott's athletic career prepared him for what law enforcement entailed.

"You have to stay fit. Teamwork is involved. There are a lot of characteristics in athletics that are similar to policing," he says. "It was an immediate attraction. I will say it does take a lot of patience. In football, every play lasts about three-and-a-half seconds. So if you are frustrated, you have three-and-a-half seconds to take out that frustration. In law enforcement, you have to remain patient and professional and understand no matter the situation, you have to remain cool. That's one of the differences from sports."

That patience was tested once Scott joined the force. He tended to be a little too recognizable, especially when dealing with students, many having been his friends just a few years earlier.

"It's quite the scene when it's me at 6-4, 280 pounds, hopping out of a cruiser and walking toward

a person and telling them to stop whatever they're doing," Scott says. "And then a buddy sees me and goes, 'Hey, how you doing, Eric?' It can ruin the whole presence of being professional and firm."

Scott, who has three daughters, says he is happy with his life and career in Lexington now, but he is looking ahead. He has thought about joining the FBI or U.S. Marshal's Service in the future.

"Their age cutoff is 37. I'm 31 now, so if I'm going to do something, I have to do it within that time," he says.

Scott has also been able to give back to an athletics program that he credits with helping him become the man he is now. From 2009-2016, Scott traveled with the football team full time and part time with the basketball team on road trips. Aside from providing security for the head coach, Scott says he tried to show players different sides of the police than some of them were used to seeing.

"I was a resource for players, kind of an advisor, and gave them guidance," he says. "With my background, the players trusted me. Those guys, it's hard for some of them to trust the police with their backgrounds. It was one of the coolest details I've had at the university.

"UK Athletics has bent over backward for me in my career and has been an awesome resource. I'll forever be in its debt. They took a kid from Atlanta at age 18 and helped turn him into a man. With Rich Brooks, Joker Phillips and Mitch Barnhart and their guidance, I'll forever be indebted to them for helping me grow and get to where I am today." ■

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## Before 1960

**Robert E. Robbins '54 AS** is a retired doctor living in Elizabethtown. He received the 2017 Hardin County Distinguished Citizen Award from the Lincoln Trail District of the Lincoln Heritage Council, Boy Scouts of America.

## 1960s

**Linda Alvey Mayhew '62 '64 AS, '94 ED** retired as a professor of math at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College after a 52-year career at the school.

**Linda Fortner Burke '68 NUR** is a registered nurse and manager at the Kentucky Cabinet for Public Health in Frankfort. She was named to the International Nurses Association in the publication *Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare*.

**Michael R. Buchanan '69 '71 BE** is director and chairman of the Piedmont Office Realty Trust Board of Directors. He also serves as director of D.R. Horton Inc., a residential development company.

**Joe Westerfield '69 AS** is a retired teacher living in Owensboro. Westerfield, who retired in 2002 after a 33-year teaching career in the Daviess County Public Schools, was inducted into the Louie B. Nunn Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame.

## 1970s

**Craig E. Royce '70 ED** is an educator at Pinnacle Canyon Academy, a charter school in Price, Utah. He was recognized by the Utah State University Eastern Prehistoric Museum for his discovery of a 100-million-year-old dinosaur eggshell site in Utah.

**Rickey D. James '71 EN** is a managing member of A.C. Riley Cotton Co. LLC in New Madrid, Missouri. He was appointed as a commissioner on the Mississippi River Commission by former President Barack Obama.

**Edward I. Steckel '71 LAW** is an attorney in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He received the Franklin County Bar Association Edmund C. Wingard Jr. Award.

**Thomas R. Snyder '72 BE** is the senior managing director of private banking and chief lending officer at Truxton Trust, a private bank and trust company in Nashville, Tennessee. He was previously executive vice president of private banking at National Bank of Commerce.

**Douglas D. Tough '72 BE** lives in Naples, Florida, and is chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer of International Flavors & Fragrances Inc., a subsidiary of Molson Coors Brewing Co.

**Rachel Ryan White '73 AS** retired as the executive director of the Housing Authority of Danville after a 30-year career with the organization.

**George N. Casey '74 BE** is an attorney and certified public accountant who lives in Charleston, West Virginia, and is chief of staff for West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice. He was previously managing partner at Lewis Glasser Casey & Rollins PLLC.

**Marc D. Shapiro '74 MED** is chief neuroradiologist, president and founder at Neuro Imaging Institute of Winter Park Ltd. in Winter Park, Florida. He was included in the publication *Leading Physicians of the World* by the Interna-

tional Association of Health-Care Professionals.

**Robert A. Yeager '74 EN** is the chief district engineer for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 6 office in Covington. He had been the district's acting chief district engineer and was the branch manager for project development.

**James C. Duff '75 AS** is director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in Washington. He was previously president and chief executive officer of the Freedom Forum and CEO of the Newseum and Newseum Institute.

**Gary T. Huffman '75 BE** is president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of directors of Ohio National Financial Services Inc. in Cincinnati. He received the Boy Scouts of America, Dan Beard Council Silver Beaver Award for volunteer service to the Boy Scouts.

**Mary Rocap Rouse '75 AFE** is an associate professor of clinical pediatrics at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Bloomington. She received an Indianapolis Business Journal Health Care Hero Award for her work in eating disorders. She earned her medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine.

**Gregory R. Carmichael '76 '79 EN** is the Karl Kammermeyer Professor of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering in the University of Iowa College of Engineering in Iowa City. He is also the co-director of the UI Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research and director of the University of Iowa Informatics Initiative.

**Anthony V. Dallas '76 AS, '79 MED** is a physician and chief medical officer at CareHere, which manages patient-centered care and wellness centers nationwide and is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Michael D. Dykes '76 '78 AFE** is president and chief executive officer of the International Dairy Foods Association in Washington.

**Gary E. Martin '76 PHA** is a senior principal scientist at Merck Research Laboratories in Rahway, New Jersey. He received the 2016 Eastern Analytical Symposium Award for Outstanding Achievements for his work in nuclear magnetic resonance.

**Ronald H. Bowman '77 AFE, '80 ED** retired as the Nelson County Cooperative Extension agent for agriculture in Bardstown. He was a vocational agriculture teacher in Daviess and Garrard counties before joining the Cooperative Extension Service.



**William J. Kehoe '76 BE** is a William F. O'Dell Professor of Commerce at the University of Virginia McIntire School of Commerce in Charlottesville. He was named Citizen of the Year by the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce.

**David K. Jarboe '77 BE** is a certified public accountant who lives in Doral, Florida, and is the president of Alignment Healthcare's Florida market.

**John D. Minton '77 LAW** is chief justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court in Frankfort. He was appointed to the board of directors of the State

Justice Institute by former President Barack Obama.

**Thomas A. Arcury '78 '83 AS** is a professor of family and community medicine and program director of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine Translational Science Institute in Winston Salem, North Carolina. He is also director of the school's Clinical and Community Research Unit. He received a North Carolina Defender of Justice Award for work on migrant farmer worker rights and conditions.

**John D. Stewart '78 MED** lives in Lexington and retired after a 32-year career as a surgeon. He became the fifth generation chairman of the Stewart Home & School, a private year-round boarding school for adults with intellectual disabilities and special needs in Frankfort.



**Paul L. Whalen '78 AS** is an attorney living in Fort Thomas. He was named secretary of the Gateway Community & Technical College Board of Directors.

**Isaac S. Scott '79 BE** is manager of pricing for the East Kentucky Power Cooperative Inc. in Winchester.

## 1980s

**Mark B. Carter '80 BE** is the chief executive officer of Passport Health Plan in Louisville. He was previously chief financial officer of Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Healthcare and prior to that was a partner with Ernst & Young. He lives in Prospect with his wife Kellie Phelps Carter '81 AFE.

**Augustine M.K. Choi '80 AS** is the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine and Cornell Universi-

ty's provost for medical affairs. He had been the medical college's interim dean.

**Howard E. Davis '80 BE** is executive vice president, chief administrative officer and chief information officer of Transocean Inc., an offshore drilling company headquartered in Houston. He had been senior vice president and CIO at National Oilwell Varco Inc.

**Brian D. Malthouse '80 BE** lives in Cincinnati and is president and chief executive officer at VonLehman CPA & Advisory Firm, which has offices in Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Fort Wright.

**Bonita K. Black '81 AS** is an attorney and managing member at Steptoe & Johnson LLP in the firm's Louisville office. She was named to the University of Louisville Board of Trustees by Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin.

**Charles E. Brymer '81 CI** is the president and chief executive officer of DDB Worldwide advertising agency in New York.

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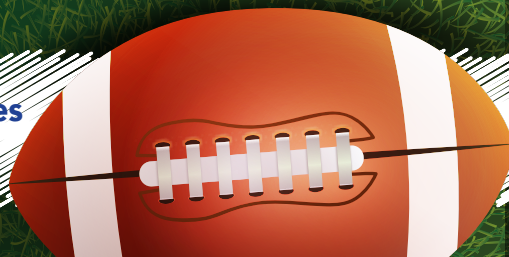
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**Troy M. Cox '86 BE** is chief executive officer and a member of the board of directors of Foundation Medicine Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He had been senior vice president and officer at Roche-Genentech.

**Kimberly Scott McCann '86 LAW** is a partner at VanAntwerp Attorneys PLLC in Ashland. She was named to the board of directors of Eastern Kentucky PRIDE.

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## 1990s

**Robert A. Hans '90 EN** lives in Fort Thomas and is a senior project manager at CT Consultants Inc., which has offices in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He was previously chief district engineer for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

**Jennifer Highberger Krampe '90 EN** is a senior project engineer for Exxon Mobil Corp. in the firm's Doha, Qatar, office.

**Julie Mix McPeak '90 BE** is the commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance in Nashville, Tennessee. She is also president-elect of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. She was previously secretary-elect of the association.

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**George L. Atkins '92 CI** is the chief executive officer of Clarkson Insurance Agency LLC in Louisville. He was elected chairman of the Independent Insurance Agents of Kentucky.

## A horizontal career move



**Caroline Francis**

Professionals previously had hierarchical career paths often symbolized by ladders. Many companies, similar to the military, had clear advancement tracks and timelines. It was easy to know your next job title or promotion and three to five year plan. Employment trends for the new economy reflect that organizations are not only more volatile, but much flatter. This is coupled by the fact that over the past 10 years, hiring has been more stagnant, especially for larger organizations. Thus, horizontal career moves have become a new norm.

Derrick Chesser '09 BE, a human resources manager at Whayne Supply Co., says, "Lateral moves within an organization may provide a variety of advantages for individuals' careers and can often be advantageous to their organization, as well. Lateral moves give individuals the opportunity for new challenges and to build skillsets with different responsibilities, ultimately boosting their resume. Lateral transitions also give organizations opportunities for cross training, deepening succession planning options, improving continuity among work groups and ultimately improving employee engagement through greater understanding of the broader organization."

Some possible reasons for a lateral career move:

- Gain new or critical skills, experiences or competencies
- Expand your network and connect with more people
- Achieve more work-life balance
- Work with a well-respected supervisor or mentor
- Bored or not challenged in your current role
- Layoffs on the horizon

According to Regina Wheat '84 BE, director of human resources for a benefits company, "A career path may go in different directions. Upward progression is not always immediate or the most successful route. Early in my career at a Fortune 100 insurance company, I embraced a horizontal move from an insurance claims representative to a human resources representative. I always wanted to work in human resources. The horizontal move was a great introduction to many disciplines within the human resources function and allowed me time to assess and develop my skills. Today, I am enjoying my personal mastery as a human resources professional, due in part to my horizontal career opportunity."

Before making a lateral career move, be sure to assess the principal reason for the move. Will you be able to positively describe it on resumes? Focus on what you want next in your career and what price you're willing to pay to get there. Do you need to retrain or take on more responsibility when making your next move? Sometimes even a slight backward career move can position you for a better future.

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**Jason E. Glass '94 '07 AS, '96 ED** is superintendent of the Eagle County School District in Eagle, Colorado. He was appointed to the board of directors of the National Board of

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## 2000s

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## 2010s

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**Jacob S. Ball '11 AFE** is a food science instructor at Locust Trace AgriScience Center in Lexington and is in charge of the new middle school agriculture programs in Fayette County. He won the Association for Career and Technical Education New Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year Award while an agriculture teacher and FFA sponsor at Nelson County High School in Bardstown.

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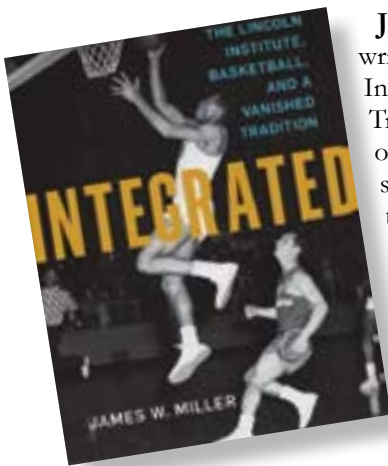
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# Creative Juices



**James W. Miller '70 CI** has written "Integrated: The Lincoln Institute, Basketball, and a Vanished Tradition," a book that explores an often ignored aspect of America's struggle for racial equality. It relates the story of the Lincoln Institute, an all-black high school in Shelby County where students prospered both in the classroom and on the court. In 1960, the Lincoln Tigers men's basketball team defeated three all-white schools to win the regional tournament and advance to one of Kentucky's

most popular events, the state high school basketball tournament.

Featuring accounts from former Lincoln Institute players, students, and teachers, the book not only documents the story of a fractured sports tradition but also addresses the far-reaching impact of the civil rights movement in the South. The book is also enriched by tales of individual courage from men who defied comfort and custom, and tells of how one coach at a white high school convinced his administrators and fans that playing the black schools was not only the right thing to do, but that it was also necessary.

University Press of Kentucky  
[www.kentuckypress.com](http://www.kentuckypress.com)

**Evelyn B. Christensen '73 '76 '80 ED** has written "The Twelve Days of Christmas in Kentucky," a book about a child visiting the state and being introduced to favorite places, activities and foods during the winter holidays.

Sterling Children's Books  
[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

**Kelly McDaniel '13 AFE** is a coauthor of "Lexington's Lost Architecture: Places and People," a book featuring many never before published photos of some of Lexington's finest old buildings that are now gone.

Createspace  
[www.createspace.com](http://www.createspace.com)

**Willie L. Hiatt III '86 BE** is the author of "The Rarified Air of the Modern: Airplanes and Technological Modernity in the Andes," which examines technology, modern identity, and history-making in Peru by telling the story of the surprising success of Peruvian pilots. The book focuses on how their achievements generated great optimism that this new technology could lift the country out of its self-perceived backwardness.

Though poor infrastructure, economic woes, a dearth of technical expertise, and a ghastly number of pilot deaths slowed the project after the first flights over Lima in 1911, by 1928 three commercial lines were transporting passengers, mail and merchandise from Lima to other parts of the country and South America. The expansion of Peruvian aviation illuminates how a Eurocentric modernizing vision has served as a powerful organizing force in regions with ambivalent relationships to the West. The fitful development of Peru's aviation venture underscores the important role that technology plays in larger, complex historical processes.

Oxford University Press  
[www.oup.com](http://www.oup.com)

**Katherine J. Black '78 CI, '96 AS** has written "Row by Row: Talking with Kentucky Gardeners," a collection of interviews with vegetable gardeners from a variety of backgrounds that shows connections between land, people, culture and home.

Ohio University Press  
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## 81 *years ago ...*

Hundreds of spectators turned out to see the newest May Queen on the University of Kentucky campus in 1936.

## 75 *years ago...*

Left to right: Ben Williams; J. B. Faulconer, 1939 journalism graduate and creator of the first UK sports information and broadcast network; and Bernie Shively, UK Athletics Director, are pictured in a press box during a game in 1942.



## 66 *years ago...*

Reflecting the pride and sense of ownership while in the new Grehan Journalism Building, a group of 1951 seniors demanded that they have a class in their uncompleted building before graduation. They settled on the floor of a classroom and listened to a lecture by Niel Plummer, director of the School of Journalism.

## 52 *years ago...*

Four members of Upsilon Kappa Psi cleaned up a Ford Fairlane during a car wash for the organization in 1965.



# HBD2U!



*Photo: Dr. Michael Huang*

The Wildcat Alumni Plaza and “Bowman,” the Wildcat sculpture, celebrated five wonderful years with an ice cream party for UK students and a reception for UK alumni in April. Four individuals who were officers of the UK Alumni Association during concept and construction of this project posed for a snapshot in the plaza during the recent festivities. They are, left to right, Diana Massie, Chicago; Dr. George A. Ochs IV, Louisville; Cammie D. Grant, Winchester; and Brenda S. Gosney, Butler. The inset photo is the same group visiting artist Matthew Gray Palmer’s studio during the creative process six years ago. ■



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