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Beckman Scholarship
Megan R. Culler
Kathryn Schweri
Recipients for 2006-2007. Established in 1987, The Beckman Scholars Program is an invited program for accredited universities and four-year colleges in the US. It provides scholarships that contribute significantly to advancing the education, research training, and personal development of selected students in chemistry, biochemistry, and the biological and medical sciences. The sustained, in-depth undergraduate research experiences and comprehensive faculty mentoring are unique in terms of program scope, content, and level of scholarship awards. ($19,500 for two summers and one academic year. (See pages 83-87 for reports from this year’s Beckman Scholars)

Goldwater Scholarship
Elizabeth Scoville
A UK junior, majoring in Agricultural Biotechnology and Chemistry won a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship worth $7,500. Elizabeth was one of 323 students selected from a field of 1,081 mathematics, science, and engineering students. The recipients were selected on the basis of academic merit nationwide. The scholarship covers expenses for tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of $7,500. Elizabeth submitted an essay on manufacturing natural host defense proteins for use as therapeutic agents, and their potential to reduce the need for traditional chemotherapeutic agents such as antibiotics.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship
Yuriy S. Bronshteyn
Yuriy Bronshteyn is the second UK recipient of the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship award, one of the largest and most prestigious scholarships in the U.S. A chemistry major, Yuriy will use the scholarship to pursue an MD/PhD degree at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tennessee. Seventy seven students were chosen out of a nationwide pool of 1,079 applications. Each award covers a portion of educational expenses, including tuition, living expenses, required fees, and books for the graduate degree chosen. The amount and duration of awards vary by student based on the cost of attendance and the length of the graduate program as well as other scholarships or grants received. The maximum available per student per year of study is $50,000, and the maximum length is six years. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is a private, independent foundation established in 2000 through the will of Jack Kent Cooke. When he died on April 6, 1997, Mr. Cooke left most of his fortune to establish the Foundation. The mission of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential.

2005 Otis A. Singletary Outstanding Senior Award
Monica Hobson
This award is presented to graduating students who have demonstrated superior leadership, academics, and service to the community. UK faculty members decided to begin the award for graduating seniors. They named the award after former UK president, Otis A. Singletary.

Astronaut Scholarship for Research
Ryan Fischer
Ryan Fischer, a double major in Agricultural biotechnology and biology, was 1 of only 18 astronaut scholars named and awarded a $10,000 scholarship by the Astronaut Scholarship foundation (ASF). The scholarship is presented to dynamic undergraduates or graduate students who exhibit motivation, imagination, and exceptional performance in the fields of science and engineering. Ryan plans to pursue his studies in the area of health sciences after graduation in 2007. The money will be used to attend graduate or medical school. His ultimate goal is to be involved in cutting-edge biomedical research and to become a practicing physician/surgeon. ASF honors students whose talent foreshadows a career leading to advancement of scientific knowledge and technology. Established by the original astronauts in 1984, the foundation has grown to include more than 50 astronauts from the Gemini, Apollo, and Shuttle programs. The foundation is dedicated to helping the U.S. retain its world leadership in science and technology by providing scholarships to students pursuing careers in those fields.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering
Grant Wonderlich
Monetary award given to the highest achieving Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering Student

Family & Consumer Sciences
Monica Leigh Hobson
Sullivan Award
The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award is an annual award presented to an undergraduate male and female at graduation in recognition of their community service activities. Daniel Stephen Turner of Kevil, Kentucky, (Ballard County), was selected for his extraordinary commitment to community service as a leader in UK’s Honors Program and as president of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, while also spending summers teaching disadvantaged children. Monica Leigh Hobson of Hi Hat, Kentucky, (Floyd County), a member of the second graduating class in UK’s Robinson Scholars Program, served as a mentor to other Robinson Scholars and as a student ambassador for the College of Arts and Sciences, while also working closely with children and their families during two internships with the Floyd County Family Court.

The Sullivan Awards were established by the New York Southern Society in 1925 in memory of Mr. Algernon Sydney Sullivan, a southerner who became a prominent lawyer, businessman, and philanthropist in New York in the late nineteenth century. The award seeks to perpetuate the excellence of character and humanitarian service of Mr. Sullivan by recognizing and honoring such qualities in others and demonstrating the spirit of love for helpfulness to other men and women through their heart, mind, and conduct. The first medalion was presented in June, 1925, at the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee, now a part of Vanderbilt University. The University of Kentucky is one of several southern universities that present the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award — sponsored by the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation.
in the 1930s but didn’t begin competing until 1948. Traditionally, UK has their arguments. This year’s topic was based on the U.S. April), and the year is spent researching and fine tuning a week preparing and practicing for competitions. A debate consists of 8-12 debaters. They spend between 20-25 hours at Wake Forest in November of 2005. Typically the team cal science majors, placed second in the novice division at Suneet Gautan and Bryan Gort, both freshman and politi-Competition

Bryan Gort               Franklin Shirley

Erin Wyatt and Aaron Fairn both received The American Physiological Society (APS) Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships program for the summer of 2005 from a pool of 200 applicants nationally and internationally. The program funds 12 fellowships each summer and awards each student a $3,000 stipend (10 week’s support) and an unrestricted $300 grant to the faculty sponsor/advisor. Student awardees also receive a travel grant ($1,000 maximum) to allow them to present their research data at the following year’s APS annual meeting (Experimental Biology 2006) or a 2006 APS fall Conference. These fellowships support full-time undergraduate students to work in the laboratory of an established investigator. The intent of this program is to excite and encourage students to pursue a career as a basic research scientist. Selection of participants is based upon academic merit, the perceived quality of the proposed experience, and the availability of appropriate faculty mentors. Special consideration is given to applicants whose socioeconomic background, access to educational opportunities, and other life experiences suggest that they would especially benefit from this type of program.

Department of Geological Sciences

John Wesley Buchanan

Tarr Award

A National award presented to an Outstanding Senior Geology student for high academic and service accomplishments in the department. The recipient receives the Geology Hammer.

Travis Richards

Pirtle Scholarship

A $1000 cash award to the academically outstanding junior Geology Major.

Department of Political Science

Suneet Gautan

Bryan Gort

Second place in the Franklin Shirley Invitational Debate Competition

Suneet Gautan and Bryan Gort, both freshman and political science majors, placed second in the novice division at the Franklin Shirley Invitational debate competition held at Wake Forest in November of 2005. Typically the team consists of 8-12 debaters. They spend between 20-25 hours a week preparing and practicing for competitions. A debate topic is chosen at the beginning of the season (August-April), and the year is spent researching and fine tuning their arguments. This year’s topic was based on the U.S. Government’s policies toward China. Traditionally, UK has a long history of successful debaters. Its first team formed in the 1930s but didn’t begin competing until 1948.

Jamie Brown

Judicial Intern at the U.S. Supreme Court

Jamie Brown, a junior majoring in political science, was the first UK undergraduate in over 30 years to be selected as a judicial intern at the United States Supreme Court. The Judicial Intern Program provides advanced undergraduates a unique opportunity to work in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice. Responsibilities of this office are to assist the chief justice of the U.S. in his overall management of the Supreme Court and to serve as a liaison for the chief justice within the federal judiciary and also the executive and legislative branches. In addition, the office assists the chief justice in his ceremonial duties and provides background materials and research for his public addresses and publications.

Department of Sociology

Laura Barry Calloway

Coleman Award

The Coleman Award is presented at the end of each spring semester to a graduating senior and carries a certificate and cash prize. Professor Coleman (1913-1995) was a long-time faculty member in the Sociology Department at UK and was particularly concerned with instructional activities. He conducted groundbreaking research on the diffusion of agricultural technology and promoted the cause of civil rights in Kentucky and the south. The selection process is based on scholarship, leadership, and involvement in sociological activities in research. Eligibility requires nomination by a faculty member or student, a GPA of 3.50, and submission of an application and example of an independent research project or course paper from a sociology course.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Department of Economics

Terry J Clayton

Adelstein Award

The Adelstein Award is named for the late Carols S. Adelstein, wife of retired UK English professor Michael Adelstein. Carol, who used a wheelchair because of polio, was an inspiration to persons with disabilities by leading a meaningful, successful life at a time when individuals with disabilities were not encouraged to be independent and contributing members of society. The Adelstein Award is given by the UK Disability Resource Center to students with disabilities who are inspirations to others.

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION STUDIES

School of Journalism and Telecommunications

Brittany Clark, Glenn Goodman, Ryan McCorry, Amanda Parrish, Aimee Smith

Student Advertising Team Finishes Among the Top in the Nation

Ryan McCorry, Amanda Parrish, Aimee Smith

UK’s 5-person Integrated Strategic communications (ISC) team took 9th place honors over 16 other district team winners in the American Advertising Federation National Student Advertising Competition in San Francisco, CA, June 13, 2006. More the 6,500 students at 215 colleges and universities participated in the challenge to develop a strategic communications campaign for Postal Vault, a curbside locking mailbox designed for home use. Judges praised UK for being the only team among the finalists to recommend the use of radio. Considered to be the premier student advertising competition in the nation, the NSAC has become the proving ground for 80,000 students who have participated and an imperative for an increasing number of ad industry recruiters seeking new talent.

Brittany Clark, Glenn Goodman, Ryan McCorry, Amanda Parrish, Aimee Smith

1st Place Winners American Advertising Federation Student Advertising District Competition

Andrea Coates, Angeline Durbin, Jocelyn Eve, Kyle Fertig, Heather Finocchio, Rachel Kirkwood, Joanna McLean, Sara Poots, Jacqueline Ridge, Brittnie Riley, Laurie Schulte, Nicole Stinson, Christy Studer, Jenny Wells

The American Advertising Federation Student Advertising Competition is the premier college advertising competition. It provides more than 3,000 college students with real-world experience by requiring a strategic advertising/marketing/media campaign for a corporate sponsor. Schools from each district are selected to present their campaigns to a panel of industry executives at the AAF National Conference.
**Undergraduate Awards and Honors** (CONT.)

**School of Journalism and Telecommunications**

**Amanda Duckworth**  
1st UK Student to Win Joe Hirsch Scholarship

A senior journalism major, Amanda Duckworth, is the first UK recipient of the Joe Hirsch Scholarship. The Hirsch Scholarship pays full tuition for the 2005-2006 academic year and includes an internship. Amanda hopes to intern with either the Blood-Horse or the Thoroughbred Times.

Financial support is provided through the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, Daily Form, and other industry groups. The scholarship honors the retired columnist of the Daily Racing Form after a career of 55 years, Joe Hirsch. Hirsch founded the National Turf Writers' Association and was its first president. He won numerous awards and is the author and co-author of 5 books, including In the Winners Circle: The Jones Boys of Calumet Farm and Kentucky Derby: The Chace of a Lifetime. He is considered the "dean of Thoroughbred racing writers" and was well-known for his willingness to help journalists new to the racing beat.

**Megan M. Powell**  
**Dustyn N. Bowman**  
**James C. Bowling Scholarships**

The Bowling scholarship is award in conjunction with the James C. Bowling Executive-in-Residence program in the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications. The scholarship and a lecture series was established through a generous endowment from the late Joseph M. Cullman III, former chairman of the board at Philip Morris. As part of the series, a nationally recognized public relations professional visits the UK campus each year.

**Marc K. Blevins,**  
**Chaplin Scholarships**

The Chaplin Scholarship, named for a popular Lexington radio talk show host, was established in 1998. The scholarship is awarded to incoming freshman and or undergraduate students. The students must be diagnosed with a certified disability, qualify for financial need, declare a pre-major or major in journalism and have 2.8 or higher GPA. Chaplin, remembered most by radio listeners as Herb Oscar Kent, was a radio host for the “The Herb Oscar Kent Show” that ran 25 years on Lexington station WLAP 630 am. The scholarship honors Chaplin, who despite being born with a deformed foot and contracting polio at 6, overcame impairments to have a successful broadcasting career.

**Ben Roberts, Adam Sichko,**  
**Outstanding Ashley Davies,**  
**Performances by Crystal Little,**  
**UK Students at the Hearst Megan Boehnke,**  
**Writing Competition Tricia Spaulding,**  
**Whitney Watered, Keith Smiley**

UK had top 20 finishes in 5 of the 6 competitions making up the overall new writing score in the Hearst Journalism Awards Program. Three UK student photographers finished in the top 20 in two of the three separate photo competitions. Ben Roberts placed 1st in Sports writing, while Megan Boehnke took 11th place and Keith Smiley also placed in the top 20. Adam Sichko tied for 11th place in In-Depth writing and tied for 18th place in Personality/Profile Writing. Ashley Davies placed 17th in Radio News Feature; Crystal Little took 12th place in Feature Writing; Tricia Spaulding was 4th in the Picture Story/Series Feature; and will compete in the national semi-finals; Whitney Watered placed 17th in the Picture Story/Series.

The Hearst Journalism Awards Program is presented annually under the auspices of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication (ASJMC) with full-funding by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The program’s mission is to encourage and support excellence in journalism and journalism education in America’s colleges and universities. This is the 43rd year of competitions, in which more than $400,000 in scholarships and grants will be awarded to students and schools. There are six writing, three photojournalism, two radio broadcast news, and two television broadcast news competitions each academic year, beginning in October and ending in April. The monthly competitions honor the top ten winners with awards ranging from $500 to $2,000, with the schools receiving matching grants. The competition year culminates in June with the National Writing, Photojournalism and Broadcast News Championships, and is open to selected winning students from the monthly competitions who also received additional awards.

**Papers Accepted from UK Undergraduates at the Southern States Communication Association Undergraduate Honors Conference, Dallas, Texas, April, 2006**

- **Katie Arrow**  
  "Parent’s Marital Relationship: No Difference of Child-Parent Communication"

- **Katie Burgbacher**  
  "A Study of Adderall Use Among College Students: A New Upcoming Trend"

- **Melissa Cowart**  
  "Does What You Watch Influence How You Think? The Relationship Between Media Exposure & Political Attitudes"

- **Susanna Y. Dailey**  
  "What Happened When Harry Met Sally?: Intimate Self-Disclosure and Attraction in Cross-Sex Friendships"

- **Erin Kathleen Day**  
  "The Effects of Occupational Stress on Marital Self Disclosure"
Matt Emery  Paper Presentation
“Perceived Uncertainty in Athletes: Is it Related to Autocracy in Coaches?”

John Gillispie  Paper Presentation
“Rebel With A Rebel Yell, Raise Hell, We Gon’ Let ‘Em Know:” Comprehension and Perceptions of Eminem’s “Mosh”

Lynn Anne Gower  Paper Presentation
“Love is in the Air: Self Disclosure and Text Messaging”

Heather Hourigan  Paper Presentation
“The Impact of Appearance on Perceptions of Trustworthiness”

Brian K. Inman  Paper Presentation
“Looking to Become a Leader: Correlation Between Eye Contact and Self-Perceived Leader”

Lauren Keller  Paper Presentation
“Do Junky Kids Make Chunky Kids?: Media Exposure and Children’s Sugar Preference”

Danielle J. Lovejoy  Paper Presentation
“How Long Will We Last?: Self-Disclosure Effects on the Longevity of Romantic Relationships”

Lindsay Lurding  Paper Presentation
“The Effect of Self-Disclosure on Romantic Relationship Satisfaction”

Brady McDowell  Paper Presentation
“The Long Term Effects of Exposure to Video Game Violence on Adult Aggressive Behavior”

Erin Melchior  Paper Presentation
“College and University Differences in Defining Sexual Assault Policy”

Julia Perin  Paper Presentation
“Like Father Like Daughter: Father and Daughter Communication Competence”

Sarah Renfro  Paper Presentation
“Should I Call You Reverend?: The Effects of Disclosure of Religiosity on Romantic Conversations Style”

Brittany Rose  Paper Presentation
“Working on Small Talk: Looking at Small Talk in the Workplace and Employees with Disabilities”

Gary W. Williams  Paper Presentation
“When Situation comedies Go Bad: Negative Depictions of Women on Television”

David Woolley  Paper Presentation
“Sports Watching Habits and Alcohol Consumption in the Greek Community”

COLLEGE OF DESIGN
School of Architecture
Department of Architecture Design
Brandi Berryman
Amanda Hardaway

Both Brandi and Amanda received top honors and a $2000 scholarship each in the first JELD-WEN Student Door Design Contest. In addition, they were sent to the International Builders’ Show in Orlando, FL. Both were selected from among a pool of student design contestants from 44 colleges and universities. JELD-WEN, the world’s leading manufacturer of windows and doors, invited students to submit designs on-line in the fall of 2005. JELD-WEN and a panel of experts chose 3 winners. Brandi and Amanda tied for first place. Brandi designed her door with the idea of luck in mind and the visualization of crossed fingers. Amanda wanted her doors to be simple, and chose a door made of wood and glass with very clean lines. The statement from the panel of judges said: “The students captured elements in their designs that are both unconventional and refreshing.” JELD-WEN, Inc., is based in Oregon and began as a small millwork plant; it has grown into a company with more than 150 divisions and 20,000 plus employees worldwide. The winning designs are shown here and on the inside cover.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Teach for America (TFA) is a national program in which outstanding college graduates commit to teach 2 years in disadvantaged urban and rural public schools. TFA places its recruits in the nation’s lowest income communities, both urban and rural, in an effort to close the achievement gap between economically advantaged and disadvantaged children. A holistic profile is sought in recruitment — a combination of characteristics that includes: perseverance, organization, achievement, critical thinking, the ability to motivate, and a desire to commit to the classroom. “Often times selected applicants have strong GPAs/academic achievement and have achieved measurable results as campus leaders” says Jessica Berg, TFA’s recruitment officer. TFA recruited on more than 500 college campuses and received over 19,000 applications. The number of recipients will be between 2,100 and 2,500 with a GPA of 3.5 and 93% having held leadership roles on their campus. TFA participants receive a 1st year salary and are awarded a sum of $4,725 from AmeriCorps for each year of participation, which can be applied to loans or the pursuit of further education.
## Undergraduate Awards and Honors

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
#### Department of Chemical Engineering

**20th Consecutive Year UK’s Kentucky Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers has been named “Outstanding Chapter”**

The University of Kentucky chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) has been named an “Outstanding Chapter” for the 20th consecutive year. “This award is in recognition of the membership and participation of UK’s students and faculty, the quality and quantity of their meetings and activities, and their involvement in local, regional, and national events,” stated Marvin Borgmeyer, chairman of AIChE awards committee. Only about 10% of chapters nationwide are selected as outstanding chapters.

### COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
#### Department of Art

**Kristen Furlong**

**UK Senior Theatre Major**

**Took 1st Place in the Southeastern Theatre Conference Competition**

Kristen Furlong, a senior in theatre took 1st Place in the Craft and Technology competition at the Southeastern Theatre Conference held in Orlando, FL, March, 2006. The project consisted of constructing a mid-19th century garment from an original design by Professor Fields. The assignment included evaluating the design, researching the period of cut and construction, as well as creating the proper silhouette through the construction of the garment and various undergarments. The silk dress was a large check print that had as its centerpiece a bodice front that is cartridge pleated and detailed with smocking. The cartridge pleated skirt sat over 4 petticoats and a bustle providing the necessary shape for the period. In addition to winning the competition, she received a job offer in the costume shop at the Utah Shakespeare Festival for the summer of 2006, extending well into the fall. Kristen’s dress is featured in the Oswald Awards section of this issue on page 111.

**Matthew Herron**

**LEAP’s First Two Commissioned Works of Art by UK Students**

Two UK Fine Art students, Patrick White and Matthew Herron, are the first winners of the ‘Inaugural Lexington Extraordinary Art Project’ (LEAP) sculpture competition held in February. The artists garner public recognition for their work, funding to complete art pieces, and hands-on experience in the art commissioning process. Matthew’s sculpture “Angelic Form” is a 12’ high outdoor sculpture that is a steel abstraction of the healing angel, Raphael. Patrick’s sculpture, an indoor work titled “Comfort,” a 5’ high female form, represents the care provided by Family Practice Associates of Lexington (FPA) physician and artist, David P. Dubocq, the sponsor of both works. LEAP facilitates artwork through the funding of art in sculpture competitions such as the one sponsored by FPA. Pieces may be commissioned by businesses, groups, or individuals with an interest in public art. LEAP is a project envisioned by David Dubocq with the help of Garry R. Bibbs, head professor of the Sculpture Program at UK. The goal of LEAP is to enrich the Lexington community with privately funded, publicity displayed artwork. Beyond LEAP’s mission, Dubocq’s wish is to facilitate the construction of fifty public works of art throughout the Lexington community. Sponsoring organizations get positive publicity while supporting UK and acquiring outstanding works or art.

**Michael Martinez**

**Awards at the first University Open**

Two Art Students took honors at the first University Open, a juried competition between undergraduate fine art students at Kentucky colleges and universities that attracted more than 190 entries. Libby Purcell placed 2nd and Michael Martinez took third. Winners were chosen from 33 finalists. Submission represented 11 public and private colleges in the state. The top 3 artists received cash prizes of up to $500. Over all, UK had 17 finalists who displayed their work at ArtsPlace from April-June, 2006.

### OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP, AND INVOLVEMENT
#### (Student Volunteer Center)

**Frederic J. Pollock**

**Darrell VanMeter Award**

Frederic J. Pollock, a Biology major, received the Darrell VanMeter Award. A selfless spirit award. For fourteen consecutive years, UK has recognized a student with The Darrell VanMeter Award in honor of Darrell A. VanMeter. Darrell, (a sophomore at the time of his death in 1991), was recognized by the University community and his home community for his positive contributions dedicated to serving others. The impact of his “good Samaritan” approach to helping others was apparent to faculty, staff and students alike. He touched the campus community with his selfless heart and continual acts of service.

### OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**Liria Morrell**

**2005 President’s Award for Diversity**

Liria Morrell, a Pharmacy major, received the 2005 President’s Award for Diversity. The Strategic Plan of the University of Kentucky recognizes the importance of institutional diversity and has established a definitive goal for the University to nurture diversity of thought, culture, gender, and ethnicity. In recognition of that objective, the University established the President’s Award for Diversity in honor and appreciation of those who have demonstrated outstanding efforts toward advancing the University’s mission of embracing diversity while maintaining academic excellence. The 2007 call for nominations will be issued in early spring.