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Beckman Scholarship
E. Megan Flynn  Anna M. Rothert
Recipients of the Beckman Scholarship for 2003-2004
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 select students in chemistry, biology, 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 ($17,600 for two summers and one academic year). For articles by last year’s Beckman Scholars, see page 55.

E. Megan Flynn  Published article Co-author of an article entitled “Mechanism of Multiple Lysine Methylation by the SET Domain Enzyme Rubisco LSMT” in the prestigious journal Nature Structural Biology, 10:7, July, 2003, pp. 545-552.

Singletary Awards
Julie Murray  Steven Whitson
Awarded Otis A. Singletary Outstanding Senior Awards
This award is presented to 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.

Fulbright Fellowship
James “Jay” J. Verellas III
Received Fulbright Fellowship Grant
The Fulbright Fellowship Program is a national grant competition for U.S. citizens or permanent residents to work and/or study abroad during the course of their studies or after graduation. The grants cover travel and living costs for the academic year and necessary tuition at overseas universities. Jay plans to study at either the University of Cambridge Department of Social Anthropology or the University of Sussex, Department of International Relations and Politics. According to the Fulbright Commission, the U.S.-United Kingdom award is the most difficult Fulbright to obtain. Out of 600 applicants, only 20 awards are given, and it is the only Fulbright that requires an interview for finalists.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships
Brandon Conley (A&S)  Natalie Aronson (Engineering)
Received NSF Graduate Research Fellowships
The National Science Foundation (NSF) awards about 900 fellowships in March of each year to the nation’s most promising young mathematicians, scientists, and engineers who show the potential to make significant contributions to research, teaching, and industrial applications in science, mathematics, and engineering. The award carries a stipend of $27,500 for one year and an annual cost-of-education allowance of $10,500. Awards are renewable for up to three years.

Brandon will continue his studies this fall at MIT in Cambridge, MA. He has not determined the nature of his funded research.

Natalie will continue her studies this fall at the University of Pennsylvania researching the physiology that underlies autoimmune diseases.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
Jason Dale McClure
Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Senior, College of Ag Highest National award given to a Senior. Jason graduated in May with a degree in Forestry.

Department of Ag Economics
Mary McCain
Recipient of the Maurice A. Clay Award
The Maurice Clay award is sponsored by the UK Chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), presented to a graduating senior in each UK college, and based on leadership among the student body.

Brandon Doggett
Participated in the Minorities in Agriculture and Natural Resources and Related Sciences Annual Conference held in Atlanta

Department of Biosystems & Ag Engineering
Wanda Jones
Frank Woeste Award
Monetary award given to the highest achieving Biosystems & Ag Engineering Student.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
Department of Anthropology
Papers presented at the Central States Anthropological Society 80th Annual Meeting, April 17-19, 2003, Louisville, KY:

Myrissa Byrd  Paper Presentation: “Alliance Theory in Eastern Kentucky”
Cindi Gardner  Paper Presentation: “There is No Place Like Home”
Holly Points  Paper Presentation: “Exploring Human-Pet Relations: Is Fido a Friend or Family Member?”
Carrie Russ  Paper Presentation: “Through the Eyes of the Sons: An Assessment of the Importance of the Family in Lebanon”
Courtney Stoll  Paper Presentation: “Edward S. Curtis’s Photographs: Post-Modernism, Re-enactment, and Contextual Value” Winner-First Place in the Undergraduate Student paper Competition. Published on page 4 of this issue of Kaleidoscope.

Department of Aerospace Studies
(Air Force Reserve Officer Training Center)
Michael Elliott  Steven Whitson
Distinguished Graduate Award for Class of 2003
The Distinguished Graduate Award is limited to only one award for every ten commissionees and recognizes excellence in military training, academic achievement, and leadership.

Department of English
Amanda Sue Brower
O.J. & Ruby Wilson Scholarship
Award for the Outstanding Senior English Major.
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Department of Geology
Sarah M. Mardon  Tarr Award
A National award presented to an Outstanding Senior Geology student for high academic and service accomplishments in the department.

Published Abstract and Oral Presentation:

Timothy R. Nelson  Pirtle Scholarship
A $1000 cash award to the academically outstanding junior Geology Major.

Michael Caudill  Presentation of Research Project:
"Interpreting a Dinosaur Trackway in East Texas". A Poster Session at the Capital Bldg in Frankfort, KY at the presentations highlighting undergraduate research in KY.

Department of Russian and Eastern Studies
Phillip Stosberg  1st Place (Gold Medal) in the national Russian Essay Contest for University students.
Phillip was the sole winner in his category and beat out students in Russian programs from all over the country.

Spanish and Italian Department
Sarah Clay  Megan Flynn  Joyce Lanham  Recipients of the Zembrod Award
The Zembrod Fellowship Award is presented annually by the Spanish & Italian Department to an upcoming Junior or Senior and carries a monetary value of $1,000 to be used for tuition, education-related expenses, or foreign travel or study.

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION STUDIES
School of Journalism and Telecommunications
Emily Hagedorn  Finalist in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's National Writing Championship by virtue of taking 2nd place in the features category and 8th place in the spot news category.

The Hearst Journalism Foundation awards more than $400,000 in scholarships and grants annually to students and schools under the auspices of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communications with full funding by the Hearst foundation. This program is described as the "Pulitzer Prize of Collegiate Writing Competitions." Emily competed in June against other student journalists in the Foundation's National Writing Contest in San Francisco.

Writers from the Kentucky Kernel scored enough points in the six monthly William Randolph Hearst Awards Program contests during the year to tie with the University of Iowa for 5th-place nationally.

Scott Sloan  Categories: 8th place in in-depth reporting and 6th place in spot news

Andrea Udhe  4th Place in personality profile category.

Sandra Schomaker  American Advertising Federation Scholarship Scholarship valued at $2,500.

Andy Ottnay  Emily Ho  Skip Burke  Kaci Prunty  Niki Parsons  1st Place Honors over 8 other regional schools at the American Advertising Federation 5th District Student Advertising Competition in Cincinnati, OH, April 26, 2003. These students are members of the Integrated Strategic Communications (ISC) Capstone/Campaign course. The AAF's National Student Advertising Competition provides more than 3,000 college students with real-world experience by requiring a strategic advertising/media campaign for a corporate sponsor. Sixteen schools are selected to present their campaigns to a panel of industry executives at the AAF National Conference.

Papers presented at the Southern States Communication Association Undergraduate Honors Conference, held April 3-6, 2003 in Birmingham, AL.

Emily Duncan  Paper Presentation: "Organizational identification: An insight into Republic Bank and Trust"

Jami Fielding  Paper Presentation: "Feeling the pressure: Parental versus mass media influence on young girls' body image"

Teresa Frazee  Paper Presentation: "Looking deeper from the inside out: An ethnographic application of the relational dialectics theory occurring before and after rape"

Tommy Fraze  Paper Presentation: "What's the big secret?: The effects of gender on self-disclosure avoidance"

Tara Lewis  Paper Presentation: "A look at women's need for inclusion and self-disclosure: An integration of the social penetration theory and interpersonal needs gratification theory"

Molly Longenecker  Paper Presentation: "Organizational identification: An analysis of the United Way of the Bluegrass"

Kristi Martin  Paper Presentation: "NIKE on the move: Elaborating on the impact of effective message targeting on gender in advertising"

Rosalie Miller  Paper Presentation: "Did she just say 'Holly Shi?': The interaction of gender and profanity on perceived interpersonal attraction"

Erin O'Brien  Paper Presentation: "Sex on television: A content analysis of Will & Grace"

Ashley Richardson  Paper Presentation: "Interpersonal solidarity between children and parents and the role that it plays in shaping children's political beliefs"

Trish Roskam  Paper Presentation: "The apple does not fall far from the tree: Studying the relationship between parental verbal aggression and children's willingness to communicate"

Brooke Tackett  Paper Presentation: "A critical multicultural analysis of nonverbal communication as seen in the deaf and hearing communities: An application of mutated group communication theory"

Gordon Tyler  Paper Presentation: "Cohesion as a small group context: A critical analysis of leadership styles and group cohesion on college sports"

Ashley Watson  Paper Presentation: "Liking and perceived offensiveness as mediators of involvement"
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Department of Computer Science

Andrew Lane Summer Research Award
Stipend in the amount $6,576 to participate in Summer Research at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Only 30% of the applicants received this award.

Jesse Andres Ryan Gabbara Andy Martin
Ranked 43rd in the World Finals Programming Competition.
The Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest is the largest and most prestigious programming event for students. This year, the 27th Contest attracted teams of programmers from sixty-eight countries. From the pool of more than 23,000 contestants forming 3,850 teams competing in the regional rounds all over the world, only 263 top student programmers representing 70 universities (26 countries) advanced to the World Finals. The University of Kentucky was among the twenty-four teams that advanced from the United States and Canada. During the contest, students were working on a semester’s-worth of programming problems with the goal of solving as many as possible in one morning. In the last five years UK programming teams advanced three times to the World Finals. This year, UK’s Programming Team competed on March 22-25, 2003 in Beverly Hills, CA.

Department of Mechanical Engineering

David Christian
One of the nation’s top three engineering co-op students listed by the National Cooperative Educational Division of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) David worked at DuPont Washington Works in Parkersburg, WV, in the polymer research division, on projects involving process and product development. The legal staff at DuPont is investigating a patent disclosure covering the intellectual property that Christian’s team generated in extrusion process modification. One of his larger projects involved developing a scope of work for an in-house product migration. During this third co-op tour, David developed physical testing methods for approval of raw material change to an in-house source. The CEO made the project a “top priority.”

John C. Holloway Best Paper Award:

Robert “Sam” West
Carol S. Adelstein Outstanding Student Award
Honors students with disabilities who have inspired the University community through academic achievement, leadership, extracurricular activities, or social and personal qualities.

Jeremy D. Slade Best Student Presented Paper Award:

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Aaliyah El-Amin Darrell VanMeter Award
A selfless spirit award. Each year UK recognizes a student for 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.

Junis Baldon Rodericka O’Bannon Albert Shumake
Megan Thomas
2003 Spirit Award
This award is dedicated to recognizing students who excel academically and contribute to the quality of student life through exemplary leadership and their achievements and contributions at UK and in the greater community.

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Jessica J. Miller Kevin J. Moser McKinley A. Neal
Kimberly J. O’Donnell Patrick R. Thomas Emily J. Youatt

Awarded Gaines Fellowships
The Gaines Center for the Humanities is an academic unit created to offer exceptional opportunities to undergraduates for study of the humanities and for advanced research in them. These students are the latest fellows named by the Center. Articles by two current Gaines Fellows based on their theses are published on page 4 and page 23 of this issue of Kaleidoscope.