Help for Haiti: Raising Funds and Awareness

Following the devastating earthquake that rocked the Port-au-Prince region of Haiti on January 12, students, faculty and staff at the University of Kentucky came together to offer their support.

Coach John Calipari and the men’s basketball team raised over $1 million with their “Hoops for Haiti” telethon, an event that was pulled together in approximately 48 hours and received special recognition from the White House.

Other students and faculty members focused on both monetary and
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Twenty-Five UK International Students Receive Awards

Twenty-five of UK’s international students have been recognized for outstanding achievement.

Fifteen undergraduate students and nine graduate students received the UK Office of International Affairs International Student Scholarship. Each recipient will receive $1,000 toward their Fall 2010 tuition.

In addition, UK civil engineering student Chrispin Gabriel received a $1,000 emergency assistance grant from the Institute of International Education. Gabriel was one of three students nominated by the UK Office of International Affairs and will use the financial support to complete his final semester of undergraduate work.

Since he arrived at UK in 2004, Gabriel has made frequent trips back to Good Shepherd Orphanage in Carrefour, Haiti, where he lived before coming to the United States. In recent years, he has made many trips to Haiti, often taking groups of UK students back to assist. UK art education major Lauren Buswell visited the orphanage and brought artwork back to campus for a recent exhibit titled “Art of the Children of Haiti.”

Immediately following the January 12 earthquake, Gabriel returned to take supplies in from the Dominican Republic, but he was only able to stay for one week due to his financial and academic obligations.

A television interview with Gabriel can be viewed on the WLEX Web site.

The Good Shepherd Orphanage was damaged beyond repair in the earthquake. The 60 children of the orphanage were spared, but they were without food and shelter. (CNN has described the devastation of the orphanage and surrounding area in the article “Orphans have no food: home destroyed.”) Buswell, Gabriel and other students from UK’s Wesley Foundation are planning to travel to Haiti for spring break 2010 to work on the rebuilding of the orphanage.

See page 6 for a complete list of OIA International Student Scholarship recipients.

Associate Professor Horace Bartilow, Visiting Professor Bryan Coutain and Professor Jeremy Popkin addressed a standing-room-only crowd during “Backdrop to the Haitian Crisis.” Kerling Israel, a graduate student from Haiti, also spoke during the panel discussion, which covered Haiti’s unique history, as well as the challenges the nation faces moving forward.
Michael Speaks, Dean of the College of Design, travelled to Taipei, Taiwan, in late January to serve as a juror on a panel to select the design for the Taipei Pop Music Center (TPMC), a $120 million dollar building complex scheduled for completion in 2014.

Speaks was joined on the panel by a number of distinguished architects and educators including Chris Yao, principal of Artech in Taiwan and Shanghai, and Brett Steele, Director of the Architectural Association in London.

The open competition, sponsored by the Taipei City Government, garnered entries from offices around the world. The winner, New York based Reiser + Umemoto RUR Architecture, was selected from among three finalists, including Studio Gang from Chicago and Office da in Boston. When completed, TPMC will be the premier venue for pop music performance in the Mandarin-speaking world. Speaks also discussed exchange programs with several Taiwanese universities, including the prestigious National Chiao Tung University Institute of Architecture. In addition, he gave a series of lectures including keynote addresses for Taipei City Mayor Hau Lung-bin’s Forum on City Branding and a lecture for the Archculture Forum in Taichung. Speaks noted that the College of Design is discussing exchange agreements with a number of universities in China including Shanghai University and the Architecture Design and Research Institute at Tongji University, also in Shanghai.

“It is important for our students to travel to Taiwan and to China,” he said, “because these are among the most exciting and rapidly transforming urban areas in the world today. It is equally important to have Chinese and Taiwanese students and professors spend time with us here in Kentucky; indeed, these kinds of exchanges and collaborations are the future of architecture, urban and design education and we are very pleased to have the opportunity to work with such prestigious schools.”

Malaysian Alumni Bleed Blue

Big Blue pride remains strong in Malaysia where a large number of UK alumni reside. Since the 1990s, UK alumni have gotten together nearly every year, usually coinciding with the faithful visits of Drs. Douglas Boyd and G.T. Lineberry.

Malaysian alumni showed their UK pride at a recent gathering with Dr. G.T. Lineberry (seated, left) and Dr. Doug Boyd (seated, third from left).
For University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy student Josh Elder of Loretto, Ky., traveling abroad was an important educational experience he believes will help him care for patients in his future career, no matter where it is that they call home.

Elder, a 2010 doctor of pharmacy (Pharm.D.) candidate who recently spent four weeks in Edinburg, Scotland, is one of 16 UK pharmacy students who have participated in an international Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) during the past two academic years. “I was interested in participating in an international APPE rotation to get a different perspective on health care,” he said. “I believe learning about other health care systems will allow me to become a well-rounded clinician as I progress into my future career.”

As part of the professional pharmacy program offered at UK, students complete 10 month-long rotations during their fourth year of pharmacy school. The rotations, or APPEs, are supervised by preceptors and allow students to gain valuable experience by working in a variety of pharmacy and health care-related environments. The majority of APPEs offered are located in community pharmacies or hospitals in Kentucky. However, in 2007, Melody Ryan, Pharm.D., associate professor, was named the College’s first director for International Professional Student Education, and charged with further establishing relationships with the College’s international partners and increasing opportunities for international and multicultural educational experiences for UK pharmacy students.

Zhiyun Wang, vice director of Division of Education, Peking University Third Hospital, meets with UK College of Pharmacy students Teresa Tan, Douglas Oyler, Cassandra Beyerle and Professor Fang Hu after completing their Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences at Peking University Third Hospital in Beijing.

“The goal is for students to receive experiences they can’t get in Kentucky and see firsthand the pharmacist’s role in other health care systems,” Ryan said. “We also hope they get a broader perspective of health care and experience what it means to be a global citizen.”

During the 2008-09 academic year, six students participated, and this academic year 10 students are scheduled or have completed international APPEs. To date, international relationships have been established and preceptor sites established in Ecuador, Scotland, China, Canada, and Haiti.

“You have our first student scheduled to go to the northern region of Haiti in April,” Ryan said. “At the present time there are still travel warnings so we will have to wait and see but I know that the student planning to go is very excited about the opportunity.”

APPE rotations in Haiti and Ecuador offer students the opportunity to work with patients in underserved populations. In Scotland, students have assisted in National Health Service research projects at the Western General Hospital and the Information Services Division in Edinburg, and in Canada they have worked on projects with the Pharmaceutical Services Division for the British Columbia Ministry of Health in Vancouver.

And while the students are gaining valuable experience and knowledge, the preceptors also benefit from the relationship with UK. “The program offers us an opportunity to host good students who can contribute to our service development program by helping to collect data and producing a report from their work,” said Moira Kinnear, head of Pharmacy Education, Research and Development in the Department of Pharmacy at Western General Hospital in Edinburgh. “The students we hosted in 2009 willingly undertook project work and were keen to be challenged in a new learning environment and subjects and their output made a contribution to our research and development work plan.”

The UK College of Pharmacy is ranked among the top five pharmacy schools in the nation and students graduating from the program have consistently had the highest first time pass-rates in the United States on the national licensing board exam (NAPLEX). The college is an international leader in pharmacy education, clinical care and pharmaceutical research and currently enrolls 514 students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program as well as 72 students in the UK Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Program (Ph.D.).
Education Abroad at UK has received $25,000 for scholarships to support student travel from the UK Women & Philanthropy Network. This is the first year this new women's organization has awarded funds; five other programs on campus also received funding from the Network.

The membership felt strongly that study abroad is an important component of higher education and they wished to help make international travel possible for UK students.

Each Women & Philanthropy Network member contributes $1,000 annually and the members vote to determine how the organization's funds will be distributed. First Lady Patsy Todd and Mrs. Nawanna Privett are co-chairs of the group.

The purpose of Women & Philanthropy encourages women to become advocates for UK, and to support the University financially. Membership in this exciting new endeavor is open to all women, and contributions may be made in honor or in memory of a loved one. For information, contact the UK Development Office or Linda Machan in the Office of the President or visit www.uky.edu/WomenAndPhilanthropy.

Associate Provost for International Programs Susan Carvalho is part of a delegation of U.S. higher education leaders to India led by Dr. Allan E. Goodman, President and CEO of the Institute of International Education (IIE), and Under Secretary of Education Dr. Martha Kanter to promote U.S. higher education and to enhance and expand linkages with institutions in India. The weeklong visit will take place from February 28 to March 6.

In addition to Carvalho, presidents and senior officials from the following colleges and universities will participate in the delegation: Bryn Mawr College, Case Western Reserve University, Chatham University, City University of Seattle, Lehigh University, Louisiana Community and Technical College, Miami Dade College, Michigan State University, New York Institute of Technology, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rollins College and Washburn University.

Since 2001-2002, India has been the leading place of origin of international students in the United States, representing slightly more than 15 percent of the total international student population in the United States, according to IIE's annual Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange, which is supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State. In 2008-2009, there were more than 103,000 international students from India studying in the United States, an increase of 9 percent from the previous year.

The number of students from the United States studying abroad in India has also increased rapidly in recent years, although from a much smaller base. In the 2007/08 academic year, more than 3,000 students from U.S. colleges and universities received credit for study abroad in India, an increase of almost 20 percent over the previous year.

Given this growth in exchanges and study abroad among U.S. and Indian students, colleges and universities from both countries are looking to each other for innovative and effective ideas as they seek to develop institutional partnerships.

IIE India Director Ajit Motwani welcomed the delegation and delivered an introductory briefing on higher education in India. According to Motwani, “Recent changes in India point to a new era of higher education development for the country, which will be accomplished through various forms of international partnerships such as twinning, exchanges, internships and the presence of credible foreign providers. This delegation will make a significant contribution to the process.”

To learn more about IIE and its Center for Academic Partnerships, visit www.iie.org/cip.
The 2+2 undergraduate engineering program between UK and the China University of Mining and Technology (CUMT) gives students like Zhengwang “Lisa” He the chance to excel at the undergraduate level.

The program operates as a credit-transfer relationship, similar to many such relationships that the College of Engineering has with other colleges and universities, both in-state and out-of-state.

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- CUMT/UK Student Zhengwang “Lisa” He

Engineering has with other colleges and universities, both in-state and out-of-state.

“With this type of program, you have two times the friends, two times the professors and different kinds of experiences. You just can’t imagine how much you can gain,” says Lisa, who is majoring in chemical engineering.

CUMT, which is located about 500 miles from Beijing in Xuzhou province, has had a working relationship with the UK College of Engineering since about 2002. Approximately 30 students have participated, and the program continues to grow.

After Lisa completed two years of undergraduate work in China, she boarded a plane -- for the very first time -- with fellow CUMT classmates to come to the United States.

She credits the personal approach taken by Dr. G.T. Lineberry, the College of Engineering’s Associate Dean for Commonwealth & International Programs, and CUMT’s Dr. Chuwen Guo, former Vice-Dean of the International Education College, for the program’s success. The two schools work together to create an environment of encouragement and support.

Participating students meet with Lineberry several months before coming to UK, which helps them and their families feel comfortable. “We knew that CUMT was a good school. We knew that UK was a good school. We saw pictures of the beautiful campus, and we felt secure,” Lisa said when asked what led her to choose UK.

She says the most valuable aspect of her time at UK has been the opportunity to connect with professors and do undergraduate research. This would not have been possible in her home country. “In China, we always have 200 students in one classroom, but here there are smaller classes. Professors have office hours, and you are encouraged to ask questions,” she explains.

In addition to the trusted relationship between the two schools, the UK College of Engineering’s ability to secure even nominal scholarships for students is essential. Like all international students, CUMT transfers pay non-resident tuition. They are not eligible for federal funding, and their work hours are restricted by government regulations, so they rely predominantly on their families for meeting their college expenses.

The credit-transfer model allows students to pay local tuition in China for half of their program, and competitive UK scholarships make the program more affordable. “My parents saved their entire lives for my education, but four years in the United States would be very, very expensive,” admits Lisa.

Lineberry says the program is a good example of the College of Engineering’s mission to prepare students for their future. “International students enrich our campus, and we are able to give all of our students a better understanding of the global reach of engineering. The benefits are immeasurable,” he said.

What’s Next?

New technology will soon enhance the CUMT/UK experience. Thanks to the Teaching & Academic Support Center and a platform called “ConferenceMe,” plans are underway for a videoconference that will allow Lineberry and several members of the UK staff to interact with students, parents, faculty and staff in China.

Representatives from the College of Engineering, TASC, the Office of International Affairs, Undergraduate Admissions, ESL and Housing will all contribute by offering advice and answering questions. Current engineering students from CUMT will talk about their experience at UK.

“These videoconferences will add to students’ confidence in choosing the University of Kentucky, allowing them to see and speak with UK staff and faculty and know more about what to expect in Lexington,” said Lineberry.
OIA International Student Scholarship Recipients

These outstanding students received $1,000 each from the UK Office of International Affairs.

**Undergraduate Students**

- Derrick Baah, Ghana (Finance/Pre-Pharmancy)
- Hao Xiang Beh, Malaysia (Mechanical Engineering)
- Catherine Breretin, Britain (English/Gender and Women’s Studies)
- Hanling Chen, China (Electrical Engineering)
- Zhengwang He, China (Chemical Engineering)
- Ziyu Jia, China (Electrical Engineering)
- Mohamed Kenawey, Egypt (Mechanical Engineering)
- Parmita Lad, Canada (Middle School Education)
- Bing Li, China (Finance/Mathmatics)
- Jiawei Liu, China (Mechanical Engineering)
- Veronica Polinedrio, Italy (Interior Design/Art History)
- Parahita Rachmani, Indonesia (Interior Design)
- Yu Shao, China (Electrical Engineering)
- Zijing Zhang, China (Agricultural Biotechnology)
- Yue Zhao, China (Electrical Engineering)

**Graduate Students**

- Mehmet Ascigil, Turkey (Computer Science)
- Leen El Srouji, Palestine (Secondary Education)
- Hongli Huang, China (Accounting)
- Rohan Kalathia, India (Medicine)
- Kireet Pola, India (Computer Science)
- Byron Schneider, Canada (Medicine)
- Armin Shivazad, Iran (Medicine)
- Sarita Shukla, India (Educational Psychology)
- Anna Solka, Poland (Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles)

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Participants included Jeremy Popkin, professor, UK College of Arts & Sciences Department of History and author of “Facing Racial Revolution: Eyewitness Accounts of the Haitian Uprising;” Horace Bartilow, associate professor, in the College of Arts & Sciences Department of Political Science and author of several articles addressing U.S. foreign policy and military intervention in Haiti; Bryan Coutain, a visiting professor in Political Science, who was able to draw on his own Caribbean-American heritage; and Kerling Israel, a graduate student in the College of Public Health. Israel is a native of Haiti, as well as a physician. Israel offered the valuable perspective of a Haitian citizen, as well as that of a health professional.

UK students from Haiti were also featured by the Kentucky Kernel, WKYT Channel 27 and other media outlets.

**Passport Applications Accepted on Campus**

The WildCard UKID Center now accepts passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State.

U.S. citizens planning international travel may apply for their passports Monday-Thursday (by appointment) in room 107 of the University of Kentucky Student Center.

For more information, please visit www.uky.edu/UKID or contact Karen Doyle at 859-257-1378 or kdoyle@email.uky.edu.