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Beckman Scholarship
Nicolas Badre
Jason Passaflume
Recipients for 2005-2006. 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, 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. ($19,300 for two summers and one academic year.) See pages 88-92 for reports of this year’s Beckman Scholars.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship
Brandon Edward Leo Fenley
Brandon is the first-ever UK Undergraduate to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship. Seventy-six students were chosen from a nationwide applicant pool of nearly 1,300. Brandon will use the scholarship to pursue combined masters degrees in economics and public policy at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. 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 through education. The foundation focuses in particular on scholarships for outstanding individuals with financial need. To fulfill its mission, the Foundation identifies and supports young people of exceptional promise, application, department, and character who have financial need and demonstrated excellence in academic endeavors and extracurricular activities. The Foundation awards scholarships that total as much as $50,000 per year for up to six years of graduate study, and receives more than 1,000 nominations for each program, making them among the largest and most competitive scholarships in the country. The foundation also offers scholarships for students from community colleges who want to earn four-year degrees, to high achieving students in high school, and grants designed to increase education access for outstanding students with financial need.

Truman Scholarship
Ryan F. Quarles
The Truman Scholarship recognizes college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the non-profit or advocacy sectors, education, or elsewhere in the public sector, and provides them with financial support for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service. The award carries a $30,000 cash stipend for graduate studies. Ryan is a native of Georgetown, KY and UK’s 12th Truman Scholar. Ryan has a triple major in two colleges, Agricultural Economics and Public Service & Leadership in the College of Agriculture, and Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

2005 Otis A. Singletary Outstanding Senior Award
Jennifer Yue
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.

National Science Foundation Research Fellowships
Michael T. Davidson
Karla G. Conn
Recipients for 2005. 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 $30,000 for one year and an annual cost-of-education allowance of $10,500. Awards are renewable for up to three years. Michael Davidson is from Pendleton, Kentucky, and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. He will attend graduate school at the University of Florida. Karla is a 2003 graduate of Electrical and Computer Engineering at UK and is attending graduate school at Vanderbilt University, working in the Robotics lab.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering
Ester Dittert
Frank Woeste Award
Monetary award given to the highest achieving Biosystems & Ag Engineering Student
Team Members: Brian Luck, Katherine Christian, Ben Clark, Ester Dittert, Brian Raney
Nick Pendley, and Shaz Husain
Third place in AGCO National Student Design Competition
A combined effort between the Departments of Biosystems and Ag Engineering and the Department of Computer Science took third place in the AGCO National Design Competition in July of 2005. The competition was part of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers Annual International Meeting. The team’s problem was to design and test individually controllable nozzles used for applying chemicals for pest control or providing nutrients
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for plants. The purpose of the Student Design Competition, sponsored by AGCO Corporation of Independence, Missouri, is to encourage undergraduate students to participate in the basic design of an engineering project useful to agriculture and to provide an arena of professionalism in which the students can experience peer recognition of a well conceived and executed design project.

Department of Agricultural Economics
Brandon Edward Leo Fenley
Algeron Sydney 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. Brandon was selected for his efforts to create community forums to address the issues of Lexington's indigent population. He also volunteered at the Catholic Action Center in service to the homeless and led groups of volunteers at the Hope Center and the Women’s Hope Center. 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.

Department of Family Studies
Mallory V. Emerson
The Cleveland Scholarship
Established in 1987 through the estate of Ernest Lynn Cleveland, '38 — BA Physics and '40 — MS Physics, in memory of his aunt, Bess Cleveland, who was employed by the University and with whom he lived during his undergraduate years. The $1,500 award is made to a senior.

Department of Landscape Architecture
Ryan Bandy, 1st Place
National Low Impact
Christopher Barkley, 2nd Place
Student Design
Christian Comer, 3rd Place
Competition
The Daniel Corporation, developer for the community of Ross Bridge, in partnership with the Alabama Center for Regional Planning and Design, held their 1st annual award of excellence competition. The competition introduced the planning of a green space master plan for the community of Ross Bridge. Over 40 entries were submitted by graduates and undergraduates from seven universities.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Department of Aerospace Studies (Air Force Reserve Officer Training Center)
Natalie Schick
2005 Air Force Association Cadet of the Year
Chosen from a pool of 2400 juniors in 144 detachments from the US and Puerto Rico, Natalie was selected on the basis of her academic, athletic and military performance. She won the Southeast Region Air Force Association W. Randolph Love lace Memorial Award, which qualified her for the national honor. She will be a senior this year and plans to apply for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (an equivalent of the FBI), for which only 10-15 cadets are selected.

John K. Bryden
Distinguished Graduate Award for the Detachment 290 class of 2005
The Distinguished Graduate Award is limited to only one award for every ten commissionees, and is recognition for excellence in military training, academic achievement, and leadership.

Department of Biology
Tara Ann Mattingly
The Whitlow Scholarship
The Myrtle M. and Orvan R. Whitlow Scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman student who is a native Kentuckian with a minimum 3.5 GPA, 30 ACT Composite, and demonstrated financial need. This $2,500 annual award is renewable and becomes available periodically.

Department of English
Sophia Davies
O.J. & Ruby Wilson Scholarship
Award for the Outstanding Senior English Major.

Department of Geological Sciences
Rachael Von Mann
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.

Cora Anderson
Pirtle Scholarship
A $1000 cash award to the academically outstanding junior Geology Major.

Brooke Bennett
KY Section of American Institute of Professional Geologists Student Award
A $300 cash award provided to an all-around geology student by the Kentucky Professional Geologists Association.

Department of Hispanic Studies
Margaret Ringe, 1st Place
The Zembrod Award
Emma Paez, 2nd Place
The Zembrod Fellowship Award is presented annually by the Spanish and 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.

Department of History
John W. Keefe, IV
The Maddie Lee Walker Scholarship
The Maddie Lee Walker Scholarship was established in 1984 by Mrs. Mary Walker Fenley in honor of her sister, Maddie Lee Walker. This scholarship is a $2,000 award to an outstanding student in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Department of Mathematics
Ashley K. Ray
The Susan Belmore Scholarship
Established in memory of Dr. Susan Belmore, Associate Professor in Psychology, this $2,000 award is made annually.
Department of Political Science
Christy L. Foster  The Andrew Jackson
Gardner Scholarship
Established in 1987 by Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Gardner in memory of his brother. Mr. Gardner, ‘35 — AB mathematics, was a naval aviator who died as he flew over the Pacific Ocean in WWII. The award is $1,500.

Department of Sociology
Jodi Treadaway  The Coleman Award
Christy Freadtreacca  The Sullivan 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 longtime faculty member in the Sociology department at UK and remained active in 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 at least 3.50, and submission of an application and an example of an independent research project or course paper from a sociology course.

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GATTON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
School of Management
Megan Sonya Thomas  Sullivan Award
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Department of Economics
Team members:  Enterprise Creation
John Williamson,  Competition:
Nicholas Solon, John Harbison,  Most Innovative
and Michael Porter  Concept Award
The Enterprise Competition is the premier national competition for undergraduate students designed to educate them about the entrepreneurial process. The experience better prepares students to address the issues of scrutinizing their business strategy and raising capital. The competition is co-sponsored by Ball State University, Indiana University, and Syracuse University.

C. Miguel Carlin  The 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
Rachel Fribert  Associated Press Broadcasting Award
Elizabeth Green  Top 10 Finalist in the National Hearst Foundation Competition
Kentucky Associated Press Awards is part of the Associated Press newswire service. Each year all broadcasters in the state may enter their work that has aired either on radio or television in a competition. The awards are given for either best reporter, best sports story, best spot news, etc. There is also a college-level competition so that students whose work has aired on radio or television may enter and compete against peers from other colleges and universities. This is the first time UK has been invited to enter the competition. Rachel and Elizabeth both placed first in television. Elizabeth also placed second in the radio division.

Elizabeth Green  Top 10 Finalist in the National Hearst Foundation Competition
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 receive additional awards. Elizabeth was a top ten finalist in broadcast journalism.

Jennifer Spence  Paper Presentation
Among the Top 4 Undergraduate Papers. "Topic Avoidance and Secrecy in Regards to Relationship Satisfaction." At the Southern States Communication Association Undergraduate Honors Conference held in Baton Rouge, LA. Of the 120 papers submitted, 93 were selected for presentation at the conference. No other university had as many papers competitively selected as UK — a remarkable total of 25 papers.
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### COLLEGE OF DESIGN

#### School of Architecture

**Department of Architecture Design**

- **Stefan Erick Eilmsteiner**, medalist
- **Henry Adams**, Robert Clinton Sedgwick, certificate
- **Medal of the American Institute of Architects**

Each year the American Institute of Architects awards an engraved medal to the top-ranking graduating student in each architecture program accredited by the National Council of Architectural Accrediting Board. A certificate of merit is also awarded to the second-ranking graduating student. These awards are provided as a part of the AIA/AAF Scholarship Program. The award is given for "general excellence in architecture throughout the four-year course to graduating students of architecture schools recognized by the Institute."

#### Nominees for the prestigious Skidmore, Owens and Merrill Traveling Fellowship

- **Amanda Janet Potter**
- **Alan Brandon Cooke**

First awarded in 1981, the Skidmore, Owens & Merrill Traveling Fellowship programs have become benchmarks for academic and professional excellence. The purpose of the Fellowships is to allow gifted graduates the ability to pursue the knowledge and experiences of the built environment through independent travel. The Foundation works with Chairs and Deans of various accredited college architecture, interior, urban design, and engineering departments who identify and nominate their best candidates in a variety of processes individual to each institution. Successful nominees are those who distinguish themselves in their academic experience while also presenting compelling plans for travel.

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

#### Department of Computer Science

**Stephen M. duBarry**, Paper Presentation

Richard A. Duncan  Paper Presentation

Nick Mattei  NASA Internship
Internship at the NASA Ames Research Center located near San Jose, CA, home to a dynamic cadre of world-class scientists and engineers conducting cutting-edge research and technology development in support of NASA’s missions and the Vision of Space Exploration.

Team members: Isahiah Damron, ACM Programming Contest Winners
Joseph W. Ibershoff, Victor Ivanov, Levon Ter-Isahakyan, Pete Wilson, Eren Turgay, and Steven Walter
The team won at the satellite site of the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest and placed in the top group of the Mid-Central, region solving the same number of problems as the winners. The contest draws students from colleges and universities throughout Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois (including the Greater Chicago Metropolitan Area in Indiana), Missouri, and Arkansas. Winners selected from regional contests on six continents advance to the ACM Programming Contest World Finals to compete for bragging rights and scholarships.

OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP, AND INVOLVEMENT
Student Volunteer Center
C. Miguel Carlin  Darrell VanMeter Award
A selfless spirit award. For fourteen consecutive years, UK has recognized 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.

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
LaFarin R. Meriwether  Spirit Award
Jeremiah K. Muwanga
Megan S. Thomas
Rosalind R. Welch
Darryl E. Whitley
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 the greater community.

C. Miguel Carlin  President’s Award for Diversity
Geethani Delogda
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 this 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.

UK ATHLETICS
Jeff Hamberg  ESPN Magazine Academic All-District IV At-Large team
John Holmes  University Division At-Large team
Jeff Hamberg was named to the 1st team of the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV At-Large in the rifle category. John Holmes was named to the 2nd team in the golf category. District IV is comprised of colleges and universities in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee.

ALL UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES
Maurice A. Clay Award
The Maurice A. Clay award is sponsored by the UK Chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), and is presented to the graduating senior in each UK college, based on leadership among the student body.

Keith D. Barbour  College of Social Work
Jessica R. Fowler  College of Education
Allison K. Hensley  College of Arts & Sciences
Jessica L. King  College of Health Sciences
Lissa M. Landsdale  College of Nursing
Rebecca A. Liford  College of Fine Arts
Andrea K. Lunsford  College of Agriculture
Janelle C. Merritt  College of Engineering
Amanda V. Potter  College of Design
Megan S. Thomas  Gatton College of Business & Economics
Rachel L. Watts  College of Communications and Information Studies

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