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Beckman Scholarship
Nicolas Badre
Jason Passafiume
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, dedication, 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
Algernon 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 days. The $1,500 award is made to a senior.

Department of Landscape Architecture
Ryan Bandy, 1st Place
National Low Impact
Christopher Barkley, 2nd Place
Development
Christian Comer, 3rd Place
Student Design
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.

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 Lovelace 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 commissioned, 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 outstanding 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.

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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 Treadway
The Coleman Award
Christy Freadreaca
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 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.

GATTON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
School of Management
Megan Sonya Thomas
Sullivan Award
The Algrenon Sydney Sullivan Award is an annual award presented to an undergraduate male and female at graduation in recognition of their community service activities. Megan was selected for her service to the Lexington Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Relay for Life, and God’s Pantry, in addition to being a leader in many other capacities. The Sullivan Awards were established by the New York Southern Society in 1925 in memory of Mr. Algrenon 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 Economics
Team members:
Enterprise Creation
John Williamson, Nicholas Solon, John Harbison, and Michael Porter
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 Friberth
Associated Press Broadcasting Award
Elizabeth Green
Kentucky Associated Press Awards is part of the Associated Press wire 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 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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Jonathan Bennett  Paper Presentation
"Christian Fundamentalism and Social Judgment Theory: How Modern American Attitudes Relate to Evangelical Christianity"

Amanda Brewer  Paper Presentation
"Social Support and the Cohesiveness Between Friends"

Katie Burgbacher  Paper Presentation
"College Students' Perceptions of Long Distance Relationships: A Study of Communication, Intimacy, Self-disclosure, and Dialectical Tensions"

Kristin Carter  Paper Presentation
"Plane Crashes in the Media and Viewers' Perceptions of Flying"

Katie Cranfill  Paper Presentation
"The Positive Effects of Self-Disclosure and Honesty on Litigation"

Lindsay George  Paper Presentation
"Are We Close?: A Study of the Relationships Between Same Gendered Siblings"

Ashleigh Hall  Paper Presentation
"Effects of Media Exposure and Involvement on Perceptions of the Kentucky Equine Industry"

Allison Hartley  Paper Presentation
"The Long Term Effects of Viewing Television Violence on Adult Aggressive Behavior"

Ashley Hatcher  Paper Presentation
"The Effects of Viewer Characteristics on Aggression"

Jodi Hurt  Paper Presentation
"The Impact of Self-Disclosure on Consumer Compliance"

Colleen Irwin  Paper Presentation
"Differences in Leadership Behavior between Male and Female Coaches at the University of Kentucky"

Sarah Luttrel  Paper Presentation
"An Investigation of Gender Differences of Sports Coaches' Leadership Styles"

Melissa Manning  Paper Presentation
"Beliefs in a Just World as a Predicting Variable in Determining Responsibility Attribution and Emotions in Helping Contexts"

Lindsey Preston  Paper Presentation
"Mother-Daughter Relationships in Relation to Appearance and Self-Esteem"

Vanessa Purdom  Paper Presentation
"A Comparison of Home Video Game Usage and Relationship Satisfaction"

Wendy Reagan  Paper Presentation
"Self-Esteem and Relationship Competence: A Look into Physical Appearance and the Ability to Begin Relationships"

Mindy Schweickhardt  Paper Presentation
"Sex Differences in Media-Induced Fear: Influence of Empathy"

Schyler Simpson  Paper Presentation
"'You're Driving Me Crazy!': Evaluating the Differences Between Initial Impressions and Final Impressions in Roommate Satisfaction"

Michael Slawter  Paper Presentation
"Evaluating the Effectiveness of Army ROTC Advertisements"

Lauren Staun  Paper Presentation
"Extreme Cases of Violence: Do Exemplars of Crime in Television News Stories Induce Fear of Victimization?"

Josh Tucker  Paper Presentation
"Intertwining Media: A Study of Stress, Self-Esteem, Group Affiliation, Aesthetic, and Escape Motivations of Sports Fans’ Internet and Television Use"

COLLEGE OF DESIGN
School of Architecture
Department of Architecture Design
Stefan Erick Elmisteiner, medal  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."

Amanda Janet Potter  Nominees for the prestigious Skidmore, Owens and Merrill Traveling Fellowship
Alan Brandon Cooke
First awarded in 1981, the Skidmore, Owens & Merrill Traveling Fellowships 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:** Isaiah Damron, ACM Programming Contest Winners

Stephen duBarry, Joseph W. Ibershoff, Victor Ivanov, Levon Ter-Isahakyan, Pete Wilson, Eren Turgay, and Steven Walter

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

**UK ATHLETICS**

**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

**C. Miguel Carlin**  
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 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.

**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.