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Welcome, spring!

It's with great pride that we bring you the 2016 spring issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine. Let's welcome spring and its splendor. Let's also welcome another issue of our favorite magazine.

The cover story for this issue is about one of my all-time favorite Wildcats, Tayshaun Prince. He had many incredible moments during his stellar UK career, but who can forget when he blistered North Carolina with 3-pointers? Not me. Has Rupp Arena ever been louder? I have always admired the way he handled himself on and off the court. While known for his laid-back demeanor, Prince is and always has been a fierce competitor. His success at UK transferred to the NBA, where he won a championship with the Detroit Pistons. He has also won an Olympic gold medal. But life is about more than just basketball for Prince. He's a family man. And, he's very involved in helping kids reach their potential.

Meet Andrew Deane, UK associate professor of anatomy and neurobiology. A global team of more than 30 paleontology experts were tasked with studying the fossilized remains found in a cave in South Africa. The remains represent a new fossil human species – *Homo naledi*. Deane was recruited to help describe the extensive sample of fossils associated with the hand and foot. How cool is that? We also introduce you Laura Roche Youngworth, who was recently honored with the Kentucky World Language Association Outstanding Teacher Award in French.

Speaking of outstanding teaching, be sure to check out the photo of our 2016 UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award recipients. We are pretty proud of this program. The Great Teacher Award was started in 1961 and is the longest-running UK award for teaching. The award recipients are nominated by students. Congratulations to this year's award recipients. Keep up the "Great" work.

Turn your radio on! WUKY radio is celebrating 75 years. From its beginnings as WBKY to WUKY 91.3 FM, the station is a campus and community institution. Soon, the station will be moving into a new location. After being housed on the third floor of McVey Hall on UK's campus in studios originally built in 1939, the station will soon be moving into a new facility in Lexington, more than doubling its space. Kathy Johnson of UK Public Relations and Marketing does a great job telling the history of the station.

The UK Alumni Association has many wonderful volunteers that give freely of their time. A great example of this is Cats for a Cause National Service Week. Started in 2008, association club members across the country organize and participate in a week of service activities in their local communities. Activities vary, including food drives, volunteering at schools or helping with community building projects. The week was inspired from an annual day of community service for UK students known as UK FUSION (For Unity and Service in Our Neighborhood) held at the beginning of each school year in Lexington. Over 30 clubs and over 400 volunteers have participated each year in Cats for a Cause. We really are the Heart of Big Blue Nation.

In a continuing effort to make sure you are getting the full value of your UK Alumni Association membership, this issue includes more information about our Wildcat Loyalty Rewards program. Be sure to check it out and thanks for your membership! We truly appreciate it.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine as much as I enjoy sharing it with you. As always, I welcome your feedback.

With Pride in Blue,

Kelli Elam '11
Editor



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Because of you, we have over the last several years experienced a 15 percent growth in enrollment and some of the highest graduation rates in our history. Who are these students?

They are promising young scholars like Tony Kao, a student from Georgetown whose family immigrated to the United States from Cambodia at age 5. Tony was a first-generation college student, who pursued a degree in mechanical engineering. As a student, he interned with Toyota and Marathon Petroleum. He led a student organization on our campus, built friendships with his fellow students, and found mentors in our faculty and staff. Today, he is working for the company where he was a past intern, Marathon.

Our story is manifest in UK's creative research and discovery, where pioneering faculty and staff are on the frontlines of the questions of our day. Last year, our research enterprise earned \$285 million in competitive external grants and contracts, helping propel us toward the top echelons of the nation's research universities.

These grants support the groundbreaking research of faculty like Stephen Dobson, Ph.D., and Grayson Brown, Ph.D. As the world confronts the dangers of Zika virus, two UK professors may have a clue in combating this potential global epidemic.

Dobson and his former doctoral student turned business partner, Jimmy Mains, Ph.D., developed technology that uses male mosquitoes to effectively sterilize females through a naturally occurring bacterium and without using chemical pesticides that can negatively impact beneficial nontarget insects like bees and butterflies.

With the help of the National Institutes of Health, the Kentucky Science and Technology Corp. and the Gatton College of Business and Economics Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship, Dobson and Mains have commercialized their research and launched MosquitoMate, which is currently conducting field trials of their product.

This critical discovery may hold a key to unlocking a solution to deadly diseases transmitted by mosquitos — not just Zika virus, but also diseases like yellow fever, dengue fever and malaria, to name a few.

These aren't the only health maladies that confront our state, nation and world, and UK is providing more complex care close to home than at any point in our history. Over the

last decade, patient discharges have grown by more than 95 percent to more than 37,000 annually.

Included in that number are the record 43 heart transplants UK performed in 2015; the most performed by a Kentucky medical center in a single year. This number places UK among the top 20-25 medical centers nationally that perform more than 30 heart transplants each year.

Two of those hearts went to Stan Burch and Dennis Hamilton, who received their new hearts within five days of each other.

Burch, a 64-year-old Louisville resident who dealt with a heart murmur as a child and more recent episodes as an adult, came to UK in 2014 after what seemed like a series of hopeless dead ends.

Hamilton was the fifth person in a family with an intractable history of heart disease. He did everything right, exercised, had regular, pre-emptive checkups and maintained a healthy diet. However, genetics caught up with him.

Today, both families are walking the post-transplant recovery path together.

These three stories — a first-generation college student whose education opened doors to success, two faculty members finding creative solutions that have potential global implications and two lives transformed by quality care — represent countless others who have been served by Kentucky's flagship university.

Their stories are our stories. They are Kentucky stories.

Because of you, we are continuing in our capacity as Kentucky's indispensable institution. Your partnership is more critical today than at any point in our history.

On behalf of the entire UK family, thank you for taking this important journey with your university. Thank you for being a part of this magnificent story.

Sincerely,



Eli Capilouto
President



Charting the future of UK

The University of Kentucky plans to significantly increase graduation rates, expand its research into the state's biggest challenges and join the ranks of the country's best public research institutions.

To that end, the UK Board of Trustees recently endorsed UK's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, which includes five strategic objectives and the related strategies and metrics for the plan:

- Undergraduate Student Success – To be the university of choice for aspiring undergraduate students, within the Commonwealth and beyond, seeking a transformational education that promotes self-discovery, experiential learning and life-long achievement.
- Graduate Education – Strengthen the quality and distinctiveness of our graduate programs to transform our students into accomplished scholars and professionals who contribute to the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world through their research and discovery, creative endeavors, teaching and service.
- Diversity and Inclusivity – Enhance the diversity and inclusivity of our university community through recruitment, promotion, and retention of an increasingly diverse population of faculty, administrators, staff, and students, and by implementing initiatives that provide rich diversity-related experiences for all, to help ensure their success in an interconnected world.
- Research and Scholarship – Expand our scholarship, creative endeavors, and research across the full range of disciplines to focus on the most important challenges of the Commonwealth, our nation and the world.
- Community Engagement – Leverage leading-edge technology, scholarship, and research in innovative ways to advance the public good and to foster the development of citizen-scholars.

Some key goals and initiatives in the strategic plan include, among many others, increasing UK's six-year graduation rate to 70 percent — an increase of nearly 10 percent over recent figures — and similar increases to retention rates. Also a key goal is closing the achievement gap — retention and graduation rates — that exists between the general student population and students of color, first-generation students and students eligible for Pell grants. In addition, the strategic plan looks to aggressively grow research expenditures between now and 2020. ■

December 2015 Commencement

UK celebrated nearly 1,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students in Rupp Arena as they became UK graduates in December. Approximately 830 undergraduates and nearly 200 graduate and professional students participated.

Overall, a total of 1,788 undergraduate, 936 graduate and 113 professional degrees were conferred for August and December 2015. These graduates will join the May 2015 graduates in receiving special diplomas that honor the university's sesquicentennial. All 2015 diplomas bear a seal commemorating 150 years of UK's dedication to research, education and service.

During the undergraduate ceremony, Matt Cutts, a 1995 UK graduate and software engineer for Google, received an honorary doctorate of engineering. Cutts is one of the first 100 employees of Google and is known for writing the first version of "Safe Search," the company's family filter feature. ■



Matt Cutts

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la Madeleine opens at The 90

UK welcomed la Madeleine Country French Café to campus at The 90, UK's new 82,000-square-foot student dining facility. The decision to bring la Madeleine to UK came as part of a student dining survey, from which strong student interest resulted in support of bringing the country French bakery café to Lexington.

Each la Madeleine café is built to provide a relaxing "home away from home" with a modern country French design. UK's café reflects the classic la Madeleine atmosphere with wood floors, hearth fireplaces, rustic beams and unique dining rooms. The bakery café is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, featuring 76 made-from-scratch menu items using classic French techniques, including the brand's signature Tomato Basil Soupe, Caesar Salade, Country French Breakfast, Croque Monsieur and Chicken la Madeleine. ■



Office of Development transitions to Office of Philanthropy

The UK Office of Development has been renamed the Office of Philanthropy, making it perhaps the first major public research institution in the nation to do so.

“Philanthropy is assuming a greater leadership role at the University of Kentucky as it has played a significant part historically funding the Markey Cancer Center and more recently the Gatton College of Business Building, Student Center, Academic Science Building, the future Lewis Honors College and many more capital projects and academic programs, and will provide noteworthy and measurable resources toward funding UK’s recently approved Strategic Plan,” said UK President Eli Capilouto.

“In light of this enhanced role, UK’s philanthropy program is evolving as a voice of philanthropy for the university, our community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky,” said Capilouto. “Becoming the Office of Philanthropy allows UK to create and encourage a new culture of private investment in our mission. Philanthropy unifies us as a community of scholars as we embrace our Commonwealth and its dreams, needs, challenges and opportunities. At UK, philanthropy provides opportunities throughout the lifetime of our alumni — from cradle to grave — and creates roaring advocates for our institution and state.”

During 2015, UK received its two largest gifts from philanthropists and UK alumni Bill Gatton and Tom Lewis, amounting to nearly \$44 million. Last fiscal year, 54,275 donors made 101,277 gifts to UK, the first time the university has topped the 100,000 mark. UK secured record results in both gift receipts of \$118.2 million and in new commitments received more than \$168.3 million. ■

UK HealthCare is an Equality Leader in 2016 Healthcare Equality Index

UK HealthCare is being featured as an Equality Leader in the 2016 Healthcare Equality Index (HEI), sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation based in Washington. The HEI was created to give health care facilities, like UK HealthCare, the resources they need to ensure LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) patients have access to patient-centered care.

UK HealthCare’s achievement was granted based on four core criteria: patient nondiscrimination policies, visitation policies, employment nondiscrimination policies and training in LGBT patient-centered care. This achievement indicates UK HealthCare’s status as an official leader in LGBT health care access and nondiscrimination. The distinction is shared with only two other facilities in Kentucky, one of them being the UK HealthCare-managed Eastern State Hospital. UK HealthCare is the only academic medical center in the state to earn this distinction. ■

UK School of Interiors ranked in top five regional programs

The UK School of Interiors was recently ranked in “America’s Best Architecture & Design Schools” survey as one of the top five interior design schools in the South for its graduate program. The survey is conducted annually by DesignIntelligence on behalf of the Design Futures Council. The research ranks undergraduate and graduate programs from the perspective of leading practitioners.

Schools were ranked in four key disciplines: architecture, landscape architecture, interior design and industrial design.

“For our School of Interiors to be ranked among the elite programs in the South is a true honor of distinction for us,” said Mitzi Vernon, dean of the UK College of Design. “This serves as an impetus to guide our efforts in advancing the college even further.”

The rankings were based on responses from 2,237 U.S. firms and organizations employing architecture, design, and landscape architecture professionals participated in this year’s research. ■

UK HealthCare transplants record number of new hearts in Kentucky

The UK Transplant Center performed 43 adult heart transplant in 2015, setting a record for the most heart transplants performed by a Kentucky medical center in a single year and easily eclipsing the previous state record of 27 heart transplants performed in a single year.

The 2015 numbers place the UK Transplant Center in elite company. Historically, only 20-25 medical centers in the country perform more than 30 heart transplants in a single year. With a heart transplant team comprised of multiple cardiothoracic surgeons, cardiologists and nursing staff working together, UK has adeptly managed to handle the ever-increasing demand of patients who require transplantation.

More heart transplants could not be performed without a corresponding increase in the number of organ donors. Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates have worked tirelessly to encourage more Kentuckians to sign up for the organ donor registry, enabling more patients to receive the gift of life.


The surgical transplant team works in conjunction with the UK Gill Heart Institute Advanced Heart Failure Program, offering a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to treating heart disease. While some patients will receive a left ventricular assist device (LVAD) as a destination treatment, some patients with advanced heart failure will receive a ventricular assist support device to serve as a “bridge” to transplant, enabling them to be more mobile — and thus healthier and stronger — by the time a matching donor heart becomes available. UK has implanted 29 durable LVADs in 2015, maintaining a balanced program between circulatory assist devices and transplants.

“At UK, we’re able to offer a wide range of services for heart problems, from the very common heart bypass procedures for blockages to the more difficult, intricate procedures like VADs or transplants for advanced heart failure,” said Dr. Michael Sekela, surgical director of the UK Gill Heart Institute. ■



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\$6 million awarded for treatment of cocaine abuse

UK College of Pharmacy Professor Chang-Guo Zhan, along with fellow UK Professors Fang Zheng and Sharon Walsh, and Professor Mei-Chuan Ko from Wake Forest University, recently received \$6 million in funding over five years to further develop a potential treatment for cocaine abuse. The project is funded via the National Institute on Drug Abuse Translational Avant-Garde Award and will help push a promising new therapy for overdose and addiction closer to clinical trials.

There currently is no FDA-approved treatment for cocaine overdose or cocaine addiction. The team will evaluate a novel enzyme called CocH-LAF for its ability to neutralize cocaine in the bloodstream using molecular modeling technology. "We envision that this therapy could eventually become a viable treatment option for cocaine abuse," Zhan said.

In Kentucky, 70 or more people died from cocaine overdose in 2013 and 2014, up significantly from 24 cocaine-related deaths in 2011. ■

Nursing faculty awarded \$2.3 million grant for e-cigs effects in pregnant women

The United States has the largest and fastest growing market for e-cigarettes, and adult women of child-bearing age are the most common users. However, no data exists regarding the health effects of e-cigs on pregnant women or their babies.

UK College of Nursing associate professor Kristin Ashford and her team of researchers are working to generate this data through a four-year, \$2.3 million R01 grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The research aims to determine the effects of e-cigs on prenatal biomarkers and birth outcomes. The multi-site study represents collaboration between the UK College of Nursing and the UK Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, as well as researchers at Virginia Commonwealth University. ■

Ambati lab receives \$2.4 million grant for newly discovered source of DNA

The John Templeton Foundation, a philanthropic organization devoted to rigorous scientific research and scholarship, has awarded a three-year, \$2.4 million grant to Dr. Jayakrishna Ambati and his research team at the UK Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences to study the genetics of a new source of DNA they discovered.

The Ambati lab discovered a new ecosystem of genetic information that is separate from the traditional, well-known DNA in our genome. They plan to study the function and heritability of these newly discovered DNA molecules in this project.

"We are hopeful that these studies will shed new light both on organismal development and diseases of aging, such as Alzheimer's disease and macular degeneration," Ambati said. ■

Bottge and colleagues awarded \$1.6 million to improve math assessment

Brian Bottge, principal investigator (PI), along with co-PIs at UK (Xin Ma) and the University of Georgia (Allan Cohen, Laine Bradshaw and Hye-Jeong Choi), were recently awarded a four-year \$1.6 million grant from the National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER) to develop more sophisticated measurement tools for assessing the conceptual understanding and procedural skills of students with disabilities in math. Bottge is the William T. Bryan Endowed Chair in Special Education and a professor in the UK Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling.

Specific activities of the new research are to:

- Refine problem-solving assessments in ways that more adequately tap the knowledge and performance of students with disabilities in math.
- Design fractions computation measures so teachers of students with disability in math can more efficiently conduct their own error analysis.
- Develop more sophisticated statistical analysis methods to uncover subtle differences in student performance over the course of instruction. ■



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*UK alumni couple excel in corporate
world and give back to their alma mater*

“Rodney and Kathy McMullen are perfect examples of what can be achieved with hard work, determination and a University of Kentucky education,” observes Mike Richey '73 '79 AFE, UK vice president for Philanthropy. “Each of them was the first member of their family to attend college, and they paid their own educational expenses by working at a Kroger store.

“Rodney’s college job actually turned into a lifetime career. He worked his way up the corporate ladder at the nation’s largest grocery chain and became CEO of The Kroger Co. in January 2014 and chairman in January 2015.”

Richey continues, “Kathy has also had a remarkable corporate career in human resources management. She has held several positions of increasing responsibility with different corporations since her UK graduation, and today, she is vice president for Employee Engagement for Macy’s Inc.

“Individually, Rodney and Kathy are both outstanding graduates of the University of Kentucky. Together, they are an amazing UK alumni couple.

“I am very grateful for their corporate insight, which they are sharing with the university, and for their philanthropy, which is helping UK students follow in their footsteps.”

Growing up in Kentucky families

Rodney McMullen was an only child and was born in Pineville. Both his parents worked in factories and occasionally were laid off. His father also farmed on the weekends.

The family moved multiple times during his childhood.

“My parents didn’t have much money when I was growing up,” he remembers. “But they gave me tons of love and support. Everyone needs someone to give them encouragement and hope. Hope is one of the most important things a person can have in life.”

His parents started saving for his college education before he was born. Their goal was to save enough for one year of college, thinking that if he could go to college for one year, maybe there would be a way for him to continue and complete a degree.

Rodney McMullen’s grandfather could not read or write, but often instructed his grandson, “Get your education. That will be something no one will ever be able to take from you.”

Kathy McMullen spent her early life in Louisville as the youngest of three sisters.

“My father was a salesman and my mother stayed at home,” she says. “Both my parents grew up in the Great Depression and that had a huge impact on me. My mother was the original recycler. She never threw anything away. And many, many times she told us girls, ‘We’re not the electric company, so turn off that light!’ ”

Kathy McMullen’s parents encouraged her to attend college. She lived at home while attending the University of Louisville, working at a local Kroger grocery store as a cashier to pay her way through school. Her major



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was international studies.

In her family, there was no role model of a woman working outside the home, but soon after her college graduation, her father took her downtown one

morning at 8, told her he would pick her up at 5, and that she should give out resumes and come home with a job. And that's what she did.

She worked as a secretary for three years out of college. She shares, "Early on in the job, I discovered there wasn't much future in being a typist. I began saving my earnings to get a graduate degree in business so I could take charge of my own career. I continued living with my parents during this time and I gave my mother \$10 per week for room and board."

Eventually, with her savings in hand, as well as a loan she obtained, Kathy McMullen was ready to begin grad school. Tears fill her eyes as she recalls, "The day I left home to enroll at UK, my mother handed me a tattered envelope bulging with all the room and board money I had ever paid her. During all those months, she had been saving it to help me get my graduate degree and have a career."

Finding each other at UK

Rodney McMullen says he chose the University of Kentucky because it was the very best institution he could afford. He recalls that he paid about \$200 per semester for all his educational and living expenses when he was an undergraduate student, and about \$300 per semester during grad school.

By taking 18 to 21 hours each semester, he finished his bachelor's degree in accounting in two years and nine months, and his master's degree in accounting in 11 months, all while putting in 32 hours per week at the Kroger store in Eastland Shopping Center. Often, he

worked all night stocking the shelves and then went to class in the morning.

He was 21 when he finished grad school. He says, jokingly, "I tell people I went to college on a Kroger scholarship. I just had to work 32 hours a week to earn it."

Rodney McMullen lived off campus in a small apartment building. At the beginning of a fall term, he noticed a young woman moving into a furnished apartment down the hall. Kathy McMullen remembers with a smile, "Rodney was very friendly and offered to carry my moving boxes up the steps for me. I saw him later at registration, but I couldn't remember his name until I read it on the registration card in his hand. We went out to eat together that night."

Their friendship grew. Although they never had any classes together, they

helped each other with their coursework. She read and typed his papers, and he helped her with finance class and choosing stocks for her investment class.

After graduating, he entered a Kroger training program in Charlotte, North Carolina, and she returned home to work in Louisville. They stayed in touch. He later transferred to a Kroger job in Cincinnati to be within two hours of her in Louisville.

"Each person knows when it's right for them to get serious in a relationship,"

Rodney McMullen confides. "And I knew I had found my life partner."

They were engaged in the fall of 1985 and married in February 1986.

He adds with a chuckle, "Most things in my life that are important start with the letter 'K' – Kathy, Kentucky and Kroger."

Climbing the corporate ladder

While at UK, Kathy McMullen had a graduate school assistantship with a special program called Technical Assistance to Stimulate Kentucky's International Trade (TASKIT). She remembers, "I had my own office, I set my own hours and the job paid well. My task was to go through a big book of Kentucky's industries and match them to international trade possibilities."

After receiving her MBA degree from the University of Kentucky in 1982, she returned to Louisville and took a



McMullen, right, stands with his father in front of the Commerce Building. He completed his bachelor's degree in accounting in 1981 and his master's degree in accounting in 1982.

human resources position in a bank. When she married, she joined her husband in Cincinnati where he was working at Kroger corporate headquarters.

She continued her career in human resources at a hospital. “I decided to stay in this area because I love seeing people grow and develop,” she relates.

Through the intervening years, she moved to other positions in human resources at Union Central Life Insurance Co., Chiquita Brands International Inc., Fifth Third Bank and a consulting firm specializing in human relations.

Today, she is vice president for Employee Engagement for Macy’s Inc. The department store chain has 170,000 employees in 800 locations and corporate headquarters in both Cincinnati and New York. Macy’s Inc. was formerly known as Federated Department Stores Inc.

“Rodney has been with Kroger for over 37 years,” she says with a twinkle in her eye. “So he calls me a job-hopper.”

Rodney McMullen got his Kroger job in 1978 in a roundabout way. The cousin of a girl he dated in high school was a Kroger manager, and the manager hired him to work at the Eastland Shopping Center store. “I started working at Kroger purely to pay my way through college,” he shares. “But one thing led to another, and eventually it became my career.”

He began with the stock crew and then moved to work in every department in the store, substituting for other employees on vacation. “This gave me the love for people,” he says. “And eventually, I got to know about half our customers by name. The beauty of retail is that we get to help others have a better day.”

After graduation, he worked in a Kroger retail division office in Charlotte. In 1986, he was appointed financial

analyst at Kroger’s corporate headquarters in Cincinnati. He played a pivotal role in implementing Kroger’s leveraged restructuring in 1988 and was elected chief financial officer in 1995 at the age of 34. He led the integration of Kroger’s \$13 billion merger with Fred Meyer Inc. in 1999 and was elected executive vice president of strategy, planning and finance in 2000.

In 2003, he was elected vice chairman of The Kroger Co. Board of Directors. In 2009, he was elected president and COO, serving in those roles until becoming CEO in 2014 and chairman in 2015.

The Kroger Co. is one of the world’s largest grocery retailers with 3,600 supermarket, convenience and jewelry stores operating under two dozen names across the United States. Kroger also has 37 food processing plants and is comprised of 20 corporate divisions. Each division would be a Fortune 500 company if considered individually.

Another University of Kentucky grad working alongside Rodney McMullen at Kroger is J. Michael Schlotman ’79 BE, Kroger’s current CFO. “I didn’t know Mike at UK, but he and I have worked together for 30 years,” McMullen says. “He’s followed me in every job I’ve had. There isn’t any time on a 24-hour, seven-day clock that we haven’t worked together on some project.”

In recognition of his career achievements, Rodney McMullen was named to the University of Kentucky Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni and the Gatton College of Business & Economics Alumni Hall of Fame.

Helping others along the way

Rodney and Kathy McMullen have always been appreciative of the education they received at their alma mater. Rodney McMullen shares, “I spend a lot of my time with people who have MBAs from Harvard, Wharton, Stanford and other prestigious institutions. I have never felt

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– Kathy McMullen



disadvantaged because of the university I attended. I have never felt that someone knew more than I did because my diploma says 'Kentucky' on it. UK provided me with an incredible education, and Dean William W. Ecton [’52 ’60 BE], Dean Richard W. Furst and my other professors went out of their way to accommodate student needs. They saw something in me that I didn't see.

“For both Kathy and me, our parents gave us our values, our work ethic, and taught us to set goals and work toward accomplishing them. Because of their encouragement, we were able to pursue an education.

“We are huge believers in education because of what it does for people and the confidence it brings,” he continues.

“If you help someone get an education, you're having an impact on society.

“About 20 years ago, Kathy and I realized that the taxpayers of Kentucky had provided a substantial portion of the cost of our education. We decided to give enough to UK to pay back that subsidized amount. I probably spent too much time figuring out how much that would have been,” he says with a laugh. “But our hope was that the amount we gave would help someone else get an education who maybe wouldn't have that opportunity otherwise.

“We hoped that our gift might help one, two or three people, and we thought if everyone who had the same ability to give would help one, two or three people, then the world would be a much better place.”

A few years later, Rodney and Kathy McMullen decided to establish a scholarship fund in support of the Global Scholars Program in the UK Gatton College of Business & Economics. Kathy McMullen explains, “When I was in high school in Louisville, I met people from across town. When I was in college, I met people from other countries. And then I got to spend a summer studying in France. That experience expanded my horizons and gave me a better ability to understand people whose background was different from mine. We want to help provide similar opportunities for today's students.”

Most recently, the alumni couple made a major commitment to the renovation and expansion of the Gatton College building. “It's important to meet the changing ed-

ucational needs of the students with up-to-date facilities,” Kathy McMullen points out. “And from a competitive standpoint, it's important for Kentucky to be current and showcase its outstanding institutions. I am very impressed with the new Gatton building and with the total transformation of campus and the medical center.”

UK President Eli Capilouto observes, “Rodney and Kathy McMullen know from personal experience the difference that education can make in a young person's life. That's why their philanthropy at UK is marked by humility and grace. They are not only helping students attain

their dreams for a college degree, but by their example in giving, they are also helping shape the character of the next generation.”

Rodney McMullen serves on the Gatton College Dean's Advisory Council and the Business Partnership Foundation. Both Rodney and Kathy McMullen have served as guest speakers in Gatton College classes and are involved with the Global Scholars Program.

In addition to their alma mater, the McMullens extend their support to other worthy causes.

Rodney McMullen serves on the board of trustees of Xavier University and has chaired Cincinnati's Catholic Inner-city Schools Education Fund campaign. He has also been a member of the Salvation Army's advisory board in Cincinnati.

Kathy McMullen is a former member of the board of directors of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, and Cincinnati Works, an organization whose mission is to eliminate poverty in the community. She is a current member of the board of trustees at Mount St. Joseph University, and the board of directors of Easter Seals TriState, whose focus is on the dignity of work and helping disadvantaged individuals find employment.

Although their giving and volunteerism is making an impact on many individuals in many different ways, the McMullens say their philosophy of philanthropy is simple. Rodney McMullen articulates, “Someone paid it forward for us, so now we want to pay it forward for others because we can never, ever pay back those who paid it for us.” ■



Rodney McMullen, left, talks with UK basketball coach John Calipari at the grand re-opening of the Kroger store on Euclid Avenue in Lexington.

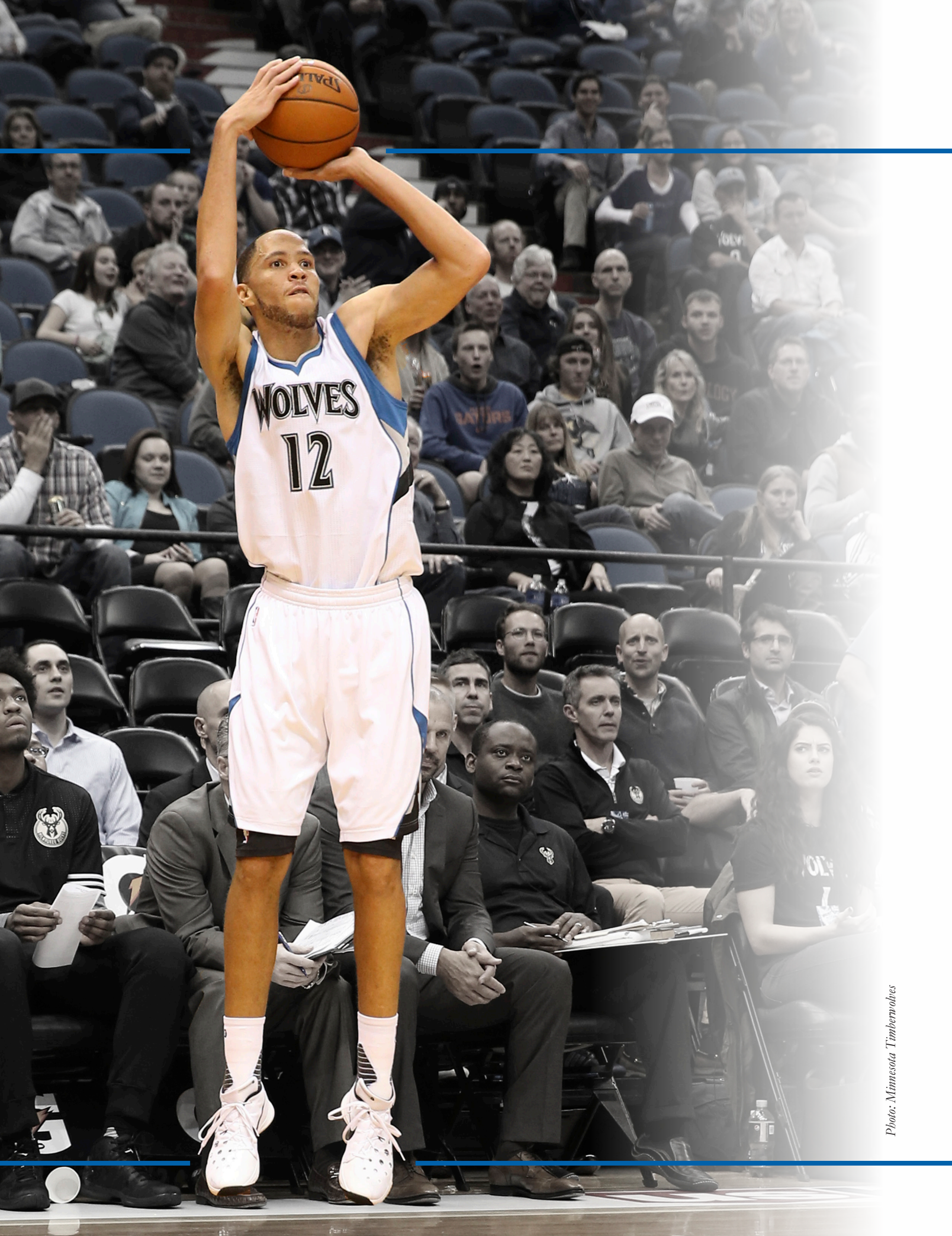


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WILDCAT LEGEND REFLECTS ON NBA LONGEVITY

PRINCE

By Robin Roenker

You don't get to be a 13-year NBA veteran, much less the owner of both an NBA championship ring and an Olympic Gold Medal, without raw, unquestionable talent. And while Tayshaun Prince's talent is undeniable — his celebrated court awareness and 7-foot-2 wingspan make him play much taller than his lanky, 6-foot-9 build — there's something else, too, behind his long, enviable basketball career.

Call it humility. Call it intellect. Call it integrity. Call it determination or love of the game — or all of the above. The package that Tayshaun Prince brings to the court is something special.

"As a kid I just set the bar to get to the NBA," Prince, 35, said by phone after a practice with his team, the Minnesota Timberwolves, earlier this season. "I didn't have the goal of, 'I want to do this or that.' I just wanted to get to the NBA. And when I got here, my main focus was just trying to be the best teammate I could be — whatever my role and whatever my opportunity was, to try to do it to the best of my ability," said Prince, a native of Compton, California, who graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

As a forward for Tubby Smith's Kentucky Wildcats from 1998-2002, Prince had a stellar career, snagging the title of SEC Player of the Year and SEC Tournament MVP in 2001, among numerous other accolades. Die-hard UK fans don't need to be reminded of Prince's epic game against the University of North Carolina in December 2001, in which he owned the scoreboard's opening minutes, sinking five consecutive 3-point shots.

"There's not a selfish bone in Tayshaun Prince's body, but when he's pressed to get the job done and it's on his shoulders, then he can deliver," Tubby Smith told the New York Times in 2004, two seasons into Prince's blossoming NBA career.

After his junior year at UK, Prince had considered entering the 2001 NBA draft, but ultimately withdrew his name, returning instead to finish his fourth season at UK and complete his sociology degree. In the 2002 NBA draft,

Prince was selected in the first round as the 23rd overall pick by the Detroit Pistons, where he played for 11 years. After shorter, subsequent stints with the Memphis Grizzlies and Boston Celtics plus a brief return to the Pistons last year, Prince joined the roster of the Minnesota Timberwolves — where fellow UK alum Karl-Anthony Towns also plays — in the 2015 season.

"There were two main reasons I decided to go back to school for my senior year," said Prince. "One of them was that my sister and my brother had both graduated from college, so I wanted to have that experience and also, for my parents' perspective, to be able to have all three of their children graduate from college. That was one reason. But the second reason I went back was the UK fans. They made me feel so comfortable and so at home. They were the other main reason I decided to go back."

Memories of his undergraduate basketball days wearing UK blue and white loom large in the career highlights reel within Prince's mind.

"My whole four years at UK was something special in itself, dating back to when I went to Midnight Madness and was able to experience the Kentucky fan base and see what it was all about. I felt something special in my heart and knew that Kentucky would be the place for me," he said.

Despite his signature low-key, composed nature both on and off the court, Prince is a competitor through and through, so nothing would have thrilled him more than winning an NCAA championship during his time at UK. Even without that title, his time at Kentucky is something he treasures.

"Obviously, everywhere you play, at every level, you want to win a championship. At Kentucky I didn't win a championship, but I can say that playing there was one of the fondest memories of my basketball career, not just because of everything on the basketball court, but also off the basketball court, as well. The way people treated me like I was one of their own. That was something really special," Prince said. "I will never be able to describe to people how special my four years at UK were to me."

Since leaving UK, Prince has made a career guarding against some of the biggest names in the NBA. His celebrated play against the Pacers' Reggie Miller in the 2004 NBA Eastern Conference Finals has been called one of the greatest blocks in NBA history. (See for yourself on YouTube.) And his much-lauded defense against the Lakers' Kobe Bryant in the 2004 NBA Finals was instrumental — some say the key factor — in the Pistons' NBA championship win that year.

"I've never played against somebody that long before," Bryant told reporters at the time, a nod to Prince's legendary, telescopic arm reach.

"It was a strange feeling, looking across and thinking that you're playing against the Lakers and guarding Kobe in the finals, especially for a young guy from LA. I had always rooted for him and respected his game before I got to the NBA, but you have to get over that quickly. You can show respect for him and at the same time take the challenge and realize you have a big responsibility there," Prince wrote in a June 2004 first-person article for *The Sporting News* after the Pistons' championship win.

In 2008, with Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Jason Kidd and other league all-stars, Prince had the honor of playing on the USA Olympic Men's Basketball Team, which took home the Gold Medal after five straight wins in the Beijing Olympics.

The rarity of having not one but two such crowning achievements — an NBA championship ring and an Olympic Gold Medal — as highlights of a professional career isn't lost on Prince.

"The opportunity to be on a championship team and a Gold Medal team — not too many players have that opportunity. I think there are only around 43 players in the history of the game to be able to accomplish that feat," said Prince. "That in itself speaks volumes, and I'm very appreciative of that."

Having spent so much of his career in Detroit, Prince was covered several times in the *Detroit Free Press* by the paper's sports columnist Mitch Albom, author of several best-selling books, including "Tuesdays with Morrie."

In 2009, Albom wrote: "I sometimes have this vision of Tayshaun Prince as a long, lean robot, a super cyborg sent from the future. He is already cut at sharp angles, neck to shoulder, shoulder to elbow, as if metal were welded just beneath the flesh. He rarely shows emotion. He doesn't sweat easily."

Now in his mid-30s, Prince is a decorated elder statesman of the NBA and a father. He and his wife of 10 years, Farah Prince, whom he met while at UK, have a four-year-old son, Tahj.

In 2007, Albom shared that Prince had let Farah choose the movie they saw on their first date in Lexington: It was the 1999 Disney animated version of "Tarzan."

"Which only proves that Tayshaun Prince does what he has to do — whether guarding the other team's biggest star, hitting key pointers or seeing a cartoon movie to win the right girl," Albom wrote.

Recognized as both a steady presence and a clutch player who knows how to execute on the court, Prince has earned high praise from his coaches and team execs throughout his NBA career.

Though Prince is in the midst of his second decade in the NBA, when the average length of an NBA career is just under five years, his 2015 stats in the early season with the Timberwolves prove he still has ample court prowess.

Last November, he played a season-high 38 minutes for the Timberwolves in a nail-biting overtime victory against the Bulls, and he had appeared in all of the Timberwolves' early season games, with an average of 19.5 minutes a game.

"It's just so hard to take [Prince] out of the game," Sam Mitchell, the Timberwolves' coach, told the *Minneapolis StarTribune* in November. "Defensively, he just knows where to be. He's talking and communicating. He's teaching our young guys the value of communication, and it's just hard to take him out."

For Prince, part of staying fresh is remembering why he's on the court in the first place.

"You have to embrace it. If you don't embrace it, you're not going to have fun. Any basketball player has got to enjoy the game of basketball," he told the *Boston Herald* in January 2015, during his time with the Celtics. "Whether it's 15 minutes a night or 25 minutes a night, I know I'm not a 40-minute guy anymore. But whatever the situation is, I'm going to impact the game in some form or fashion. I might not score a lot — obviously that's not something I do at this point in my career — but I will do some positive things on both ends of the floor."

TAYSHAUN PRINCE

LEAVING AN IMPACT

During the off-season, Prince is devoted to spending as much time as possible with his family at their home in Florida, he said. Since his wife's parents still reside in Versailles, he finds himself back in the Bluegrass State to visit fairly often.

"The toughest thing about in-season is not spending time with your family like you'd like to, just due to the busy schedules. So in the off-season my main hobby is just to do whatever my family wants to do," Prince said, coincidentally, just a few hours before his wife and son were scheduled to visit him in Minnesota. "It's a hard commitment for them to not be able to have me around for a seven- or eight-month period of time each year, so when I'm off, I like to just hang with the family, watch movies and relax together."

Prince is also passionate about community service. While with the Pistons, he established Tay's Town, a skybox within the Pistons' NBA home, The Palace, where children dealing with cancer can watch games from the vantage point of a unique, kid-friendly suite. Also, each summer he helps sponsor several youth basketball camps in Kentucky.

"Growing up as a kid in California, and not really having the opportunity to go to basketball camps, and just thinking back to all the things I had to struggle with, it makes me want to help kids out who are in similar situations," Prince said.

It was a goal of eventually working with youth, he said, that prompted him to select sociology as his college major while at UK.

"These kids look up to us (NBA players), and so what we say does mean a lot," Prince said, acknowledging and accepting the privilege, and responsibility, of being a positive role model to youth across the country.



Photo: Nathaniel S. Butler, NBAE

Prince was a member of the USA Olympic Men's Basketball Team that took home a Gold Medal in 2008.

"I just want to have the chance to leave a positive imprint. Obviously, my career is starting to wind down, but if I'm able to give these kids something special, something that can continue as they grow older, something that can encourage them if they want to play basketball or any other sport — or whatever their drive may be — then hopefully I've helped out in that sense."

As impressive as these off-the-court contributions are, anyone who knows Tayshaun Prince knows he's still got plenty left to give on the court, as well.

"I never was a guy inclined to try to score as many points as I can. I just wanted to go out and do whatever my teammates and my coaching staff needed me to do," Prince said. "Over the years, I've just tried to do whatever was needed to the best of my ability, so that therefore my teammates will trust me every time I step out there on that floor with them.

"And they know I have their backs."



Photo: UK Public Relations and Marketing

BAG OF BONES

By Linda Perry and Elizabeth Adams

Andrew Deane sits in his lab with fossil casts representing the last 5 million years of human evolution.

He got the email on what seemed like any normal day. But for Andrew Deane, an associate professor of anatomy and neurobiology in the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, this would turn out to be anything but a normal email. It told him his application was accepted to be one of about 30 researchers from around the world to take part in a most important study of fossil remains found in a cave in South Africa. The remains of as many as 15 individuals represent a new fossil human species – *Homo naledi*. This new species shares many features with early members of the genus *Homo*, the genus to which modern humans (*Homo sapiens*) also belong.

In an effort to describe the fossils found in the Rising Star cave system and disseminate the new information associated with this discovery, Lee Berger, the lead researcher at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg who heads the Rising Star Expedition, had

organized a global team of paleontology experts to study the fossils.

Deane spent about six weeks in 2013 at the University of Witwatersrand evaluating the extensive sample of fossils associated with the hands and feet. “I was on the hand team with six other people and the foot team with eight people. We all worked together to describe those bones,” he said. “They wanted people who had prior data sets — people who had done comparative work already, so that they could just fit these new fossils into existing data. I’m primarily interested in the shaft curvature of the bones of the fingers and toes, the phalanges.”

Deane says he already had a relatively large and extensive data set from years of his own research. “So the easy part was taking the finger and toe bones from *Homo naledi* and comparing them to my existing data. That was my primary qualification. I had already done a lot of that work, and I am one of only a few people who has worked extensively on finger

and toe curvature” said Deane.

“So they emailed me and said that sounds fantastic and on point with what we need. Why don’t you come to South Africa and help us out?”

Deane says he was surprised at how extensive the project was. “It is always great to be involved in the description of a new fossil species. I primarily deal with fossil apes that precede the divergence between the living great apes and humans. I don’t normally deal as much with the human fossil record. So I am excited to be involved in the description of a more recent human ancestor. I didn’t grasp how overwhelming this project was, and how much material there really was, until I go there and saw it all. Then it sunk in,” he said.

For paleontologists who study the morphological evidence of human evolution, this new discovery afforded the rare opportunity to study a nearly complete set of fossils belonging to a previously unknown human ancestor.

Andrew Deane had rare opportunity to study fossils belonging to a previously unknown human ancestor *Homo naledi*

With more than 1,500 fossils — the largest find of its kind ever — the discovery of *H. naledi* provides valuable new insights into the diversity within the genus *Homo*.

Deane's research uses 2-D and 3-D morphometric analyses to investigate hand and foot function to address questions about how these early humans might have used their hands and feet to navigate and interact with their environments. He was specifically interested in what their anatomy suggested about whether *H. naledi* climbed trees to find food and seek protection. His observations were part of the formal description of *H. naledi*, which identifies the species as possessing a unique mixture of anatomical traits, some similar to earlier human ancestors like Australopithecines and the earliest members of the genus *Homo*, and others that are much more similar to later members of that group and modern humans. The University of the Witwatersrand, the National Geographic Society and the South African National Research Foundation announced the new species in two papers published in the online journal *eLife*.

"Even famous fossils like Lucy, an early human ancestor in the Australopithecus group, are not nearly as complete and well represented as this species," Deane said.

At odds with romanticized version of paleontology seen in movies, Deane completed most of his research at the University of Witwatersrand using a computer equipped with a 3-D laser scanner to generate 3-D models of the *H. naledi* hand and foot bones. Special 3-D editing software enabled Deane to conduct detailed morphometric analyses of the hand and foot morphology. He found that the finger and toe bones were elongated and curved, which is consistent with the interpretation that *H. naledi* may have regularly climbed trees.

"The finger bones themselves, the

phalanges, do seem to be a little bit longer but specifically much more curved than we would normally see in a modern human. They are actually fairly close to living chimpanzees. The bones aren't exactly like chimp fingers — there are some important anatomical differences. But the curvature of the shaft is," Deane said. "We know that curvature is a response to the mechanical loading of the hands. Basically, if you are hanging or climbing all day, we know that your fingers tend to be more curved than if you are not hanging or climbing. The big question in human evolution is whether or not when we see curved fingers in early humans if that means they were indeed using them for climbing or alternatively is this a more primitive feature that hasn't yet worked its way out of the system. Stabilizing selection may be maintaining this feature, although they might not be actively using this. With the *Homo naledi* find, however, we have some juvenile phalanges that appear to be less curved than some of the adult counterparts. This is significant because we usually expect to see juveniles having more curved fingers because their smaller body size means they can climb more and smaller trees. This is what we've observed in living apes. The fact that the adults are the most curved suggests this is a functionally significant trait they were probably using."

Deane said these individuals would have lived at a time in South Africa when there were a number of apex predators — large feline carnivores primarily. "It doesn't make sense to me that they wouldn't go into trees now and then. There's shelter, there's safety from predators in trees, there's food in trees ... I think they were climbing. Is this conclusive, 1,000 percent conclusive evidence? No. It's a very difficult thing to demonstrate these kinds of things in the fossil records. But I think this is the most compelling evidence we have yet

that they were probably doing something related to climbing."

The wrist bones, thumb and the parts of the foot, aside from the toes, were distinctly modern and similar to modern humans. Deane describes the juxtaposition of the primitive finger and toe anatomy with the more modern wrist and foot anatomy as "mosaic."

"Mosaic evolution in the hominin lineage is the rule and not the exception," Deane said. "The transition from an ape-like to a modern human skeleton does not happen uniformly, and this new species is no exception. What is interesting here is the unique pattern of primitive and modern features which is unlike any other hominin we have seen before."

Other skeletal structures described for *H. naledi*, like the pelvis, cranium and upper limb, were also found to preserve a combination of primitive and modern traits.

"This demonstrates that the fossil record of our genus is a lot more complex and diverse than we once thought it was and that our evolutionary backstory has more morphological plot-twists and turns" he said.

Deane said this discovery will have significant implications for how scientists interpret the more recent evolutionary past of the human species.

"No matter how we slice it, this find means there are more species and there is more morphological variability in the fossil record of the genus *Homo*," Deane said. "This means that just like other animals, our evolution was a lot more like a bush with lots of branches. Some of these branches lead to other branches, but some of them are dead ends. Finds like this provide valuable new clues to help answer questions about why some of these branches were successful and some were not and which branches might have led to the origins of our own species." ■

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ALUMNI CLUBS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENT INVITATIONS

EXCLUSIVE ELIGIBILITY

UK Alumni Association members automatically receive membership in their local alumni club. Alumni clubs are formed on a geographical basis to help members stay plugged in to the university. Clubs are a great way to build your professional and social network and also offer volunteer opportunities.

"Great job hosting the golf outing! My foursome had a wonderful time and will, for sure, be back next year. From the players' standpoint — the event was flawless!"
— *Jacob B.*



FACILITY RENTAL

Members have special access to rent the King Alumni House, which has a number of rooms available for receptions, lunch or dinner events, educational seminars and overnight lodging.

Members are offered free or reduced admission to most UK Alumni Association and UK Alumni Club events. Whether you are coming back to campus for Homecoming or participating in a club event, as a member, you'll be on the invitation list.

"We wanted to thank you for including us and thinking of us for the luncheon and 'Conversation with the President.' We really enjoyed ourselves and the opportunity to meet the Capiloutos. The University of Kentucky is near and dear to both of us, so we really enjoyed the unique perspective and chance to be a part of something so special!"
— *Stephanie and Patrick M.*



RECREATIONAL AND AQUATIC CENTER ACCESS

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LOYALTY REWARDS

The UK Alumni Association Wildcat Loyalty Rewards program is our way of rewarding members for their loyalty to the association and the University of Kentucky. If you take advantage of your rewards, membership pays for itself! Check out some of your valuable rewards on these two pages and look for more rewards that will be spotlighted in the next upcoming issue of Kentucky Alumni magazine.



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Although I have graduated I still very much like to know what is going on at the University ... The UK Alumni Association makes it much easier to keep in touch ... I love getting the Kentucky Alumni Magazine and my calendar for the upcoming year!

— Abbie W.



Just some of your free member perks!

UK Wall Calendar

Take a walk down UK memory lane every day of the year by requesting your free annual wall calendar. The calendar includes lovely images of campus and marks important dates (like UK football and basketball games).

UK Personalized Address Labels, Member Card & Auto Decal

A fun freebie, members receive free personalized UK return address labels annually. It's a great way to let everyone know you're proud to be a Wildcat. Flash your UK Alumni Association membership card to receive discounts at businesses and for free or discounted admittance to alumni events. Your member auto decal is a great way to display your Wildcat spirit as you drive!

Campus Parking Visitor Pass

You are always encouraged to come back to campus, but we all know parking is a challenge. Whether for business or pleasure, members enjoy one complimentary visitor parking pass per year (two for Life Members.)

Athletics Schedules & Posters

C-A-T-S ! Cats! Cats! Cats! Let everyone know where your loyalty lies by displaying UK football and basketball posters in your home or office. Posters and pocket schedules are available to members upon request.



At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, 1940, WBKY radio, owned by the University of Kentucky, hit the airwaves in Beattyville. Fast forward exactly 75 years, and WUKY 91.3 FM (formerly WBKY) celebrated its anniversary in style with an event in WUKY's new facilities on Spurr Road in Lexington. The day's highlight included a visit from National Public Radio's Susan Stamberg, the first woman to anchor a national newscast on any network in the United States, as well as a recreation of the station's first broadcast.

After being housed on the third floor of McVey Hall on UK's campus in studios originally built in 1939, WUKY is more than doubling its square footage in the new facility, which had been a professional recording studio and living quarters. The property was acquired by Lexington businesswoman Ann Bakhaus, who in turn, with her family, made a gift of the building to UK for the benefit of WUKY and the UK Opera Theatre program in the School of Music in the College of Fine Arts.

"This is a beautiful facility," said Tom Godell, WUKY's general manager. "It's a tremendous space that provides a full recording studio and room for the station to grow. We've always been involved in the community, but having this new facility will enable us to bring more people to the radio station, and it allows us to have better access to Central Kentucky. Ann Bakhaus was able to see that this building would enable WUKY to have a much larger footprint in the community."

Although the anniversary celebration took place at the Spurr Road location, it will actually be sometime in midsummer before the staff can move in while renovations and technical work is done to accommodate the needs of a 21st century 100,000-watt radio station.

In contrast, a small 100-watt transmitter powered WBKY's first broadcast, making the station the nation's first university-owned noncommercial educational radio station. The plan was to build a network of stations in Eastern Kentucky focusing on the needs of individual counties in the area. Beattyville was chosen as the location for the first station, and it was staffed by one employee, Ruth Foxx, and several volunteers.

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75 years
'young'

By: Kathy Johnson



Two people work in the engineering department of WBKY radio in the early 1960s.

Godell, who has delved into the history of the radio station and read various communications between Foxx and her supervisors, said Foxx described the people of the Beattyville area as being “crazy for radio.” Ministers, law enforcement, musicians, educators and others wanted airtime.

The original plan of several radio stations in Eastern Kentucky was eventually altered, and the WBKY studios moved to UK’s campus in Lexington around 1945, operating as a public radio station with information and music programming for the Lexington area. In the early 1970s, a representative from WBKY and about 50 other public stations met in Washington about more ways to collaborate nationally. One of the outcomes of that meeting was NPR.

“We were there at the birth of National Public Radio,” Godell said. “The idea was to pool resources to not only provide local news to our listeners but also news from the U.S. and the world.”

WBKY became WUKY in 1989 to better reflect its association with the university. In 2007, the station became the first in Lexington to broadcast in HD — high definition digital radio. Today WUKY offers programming via HD, the WUKY.org website, and free iPhone and Android apps. The main broadcast channel, WUKY 91.3 FM (HD-1) provides an eclectic schedule of NPR and award-winning local news, Rock & Roots (Americana, blues and rock) music, humor and more. HD-2 is a 24-hour NPR news and talk channel and HD-3 is all jazz 24/7.

“It’s an exciting time to be in radio because of all the changes and new ways to engage the audience,” Godell said. “I am so proud of our station and our people. I was very impressed by the staff when I came to UK in 2004. Now that we’re entering our 75th year, I’m even more excited to be a part of the university and WUKY.”

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An individual who was instrumental in the creation of WBKY was Elmer G. Sulzer, who first came to UK as an instructor of music in 1926 and created radio broadcasts for WHAS out of Louisville. In fact, in 1947 he did not let a shortage of money hamper his quest for a new transmitter and got a grad student to build one as part of the student’s master’s thesis. When the cost for an antenna, tower and transmission line were added to the project, the total cost came in at less than \$1,000. Sulzer was fond of saying that the University of Michigan had a similar setup but that equipment had cost about \$80,000.

E. G. Sulzer conducted the radio studio band.



CATS FOR A CAUSE

By: Linda Perry

National Service Week

Wildcats around the country pitch in to help their local communities

Since 2008, UK Alumni Association club members have been organizing and participating in a week of service activities in their communities each fall. It's a simple way for Wildcats to help local nonprofit and charitable organizations by donating their time at churches, schools, food banks, etc., to enhance the lives of others who are less fortunate. Service activities range from collecting canned goods to volunteering at local schools or helping with community building projects.



During the 2015 Cats for a Cause Service Week, members of the **Sarasota/Suncoast UK Alumni Club** in Florida assisted counselors with equine therapy sessions for special needs individuals at the Sarasota Manatee Association for Riding Therapy.

“This was a wonderful experience that we would not have had if we had not been seeking service projects,” says Stephanie Harper, a volunteer member from the Sarasota/Suncoast UK Alumni Club. “I am personally grateful for it.”

The inspiration for the Cats for a Cause program came from an annual day of community service for UK students known as UK FUSION (For Unity and Service In Our Neighborhood) held at the beginning of each school year in

Lexington. According to Jill Smith, UK Alumni Association associate director for programs, “Cats for a Cause is not only a way for alumni to give back to their local communities, it also provides a meaningful engagement opportunity for UK families.”

Having just finished its eighth year, the combined efforts of the UK Alumni Association Cats for a Cause program — 30+ UK Alumni clubs and more than 400 volunteers each year — have resulted in a tremendous impact around the Commonwealth and across the country. While club members proudly represent Big Blue Nation, an added bonus is that members have the opportunity to enjoy each other's company and meet new people at the same time they are helping others.

During fall 2015 Cats for a Cause, the program included 34 community service projects in 15 states across the country. As another example, members of the **Greater Ashland UK Alumni Club** partnered with the Ashland Animal Rescue Fund to raise money to help pay for vaccinations and other medical care for animals in its rescue program. This nonprofit corporation tries to reduce the number of companion pets in the local dog pounds that will be euthanized by networking them to no-kill shelters, animal rescues and sanctuaries.

In another volunteer effort, members of the **Triangle Area UK Alumni Club** in North Carolina generously donated more than \$2,000 in goods and monetary gifts to the Ronald McDonald House of Durham and the Inn at Wake Medical Center.

"I learned through this activity how many of our members — including myself — have had personal experiences with the Ronald McDonald House Charities in one form or another with their own children at some point and time in their lives. This was really a very heartwarming experience for me," says Mimms Van Meter, club member and organizer of the donation drive for Ronald McDonald House.

Efforts of club members are greatly appreciated by the schools, organizations and charities that are on the receiving end of the Cats for a Cause program, and the house coordinator at the Ronald McDonald House was no exception, stating, "Thank you so much for the generous donation from Cats for a Cause ... So many families will have a warm cup of soup, a clean and safe space, a free night of stay and most importantly, will be able to stay close to their children during a difficult time because of your work."

Jack Gallt, UK Alumni Association program coordinator of the Cats for a Cause National Service Week, says it's clear that while organizations benefit from the generosity of club members time and energy, he repeatedly hears that members ultimately discover how personally rewarding giving back to the community while representing UK can be. He is looking forward to next year's week of service and to how that will benefit communities around the country.

"Every year we learn about UK alumni doing extraordinary things in their local communities and neighborhoods with very little fanfare. As the program continues to grow and more of our clubs participate, we intend to share their stories of service, compassion, pride and loyalty with the Big Blue Nation," says Gallt.

Some Club Highlights:

Danville/Boyle County
UK alumni in Danville/Boyle County collected more than 300 food items for the Salvation Army Food Pantry and even challenged local UofL alumni to match their efforts, with Cats' contributions totally overwhelming those from Cards' fans.

Hopkins County
Members of the Hopkins County club planted 100 "BLUEberry" bushes at a local park as part of a community garden initiative. Proceeds from the sale of the fruit will benefit the Growing Warriors Project.

Fayette County
Fayette County club members donated more than 195 pounds of food and toiletries in support of the Big Blue Pantry, in addition to taking part in a local Habitat for Humanity Build project.

New York City
Club members in New York City volunteered at a public school in Harlem as part of the New York Cares program and painted a 50-foot mural, cleaned the school garden and organize donated books in the newly renovated library.

Jacksonville
Jacksonville club members in Florida participated in a fundraising event for a local teenager awaiting a heart transplant. The Children's Organ Transplant Association Heart for Hunter Hoedown raised money to help families offset expenses.

Central Ohio
Central Ohio club members participated in the Light the Night Walk benefitting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and raised more than \$1,000.



San Diego
Volunteers from the San Diego club sorted, weighed, and bagged over 2,500 lbs. of oranges, pomegranates and apples for the Feeding America San Diego project.

Fulton County
Almost 50 individuals were fed and received fellowship from Fulton County club members who volunteered for the First United Methodist Church Free Lunch Program.

Dayton (Ohio)
Members of the Dayton club in Ohio raised almost \$900 by participating in a 5K walk/run sponsored by the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in memory of a former club president who passed away in 2014.

Chicagoland
Members of the Chicagoland club teamed up with other volunteers to repackage more than 15,000 pounds of food at the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Daviess County
Daviess County club members served food at the St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter on two consecutive weekends.

St. Louis
Members of the St. Louis club participated in the Pedal for a Cause event to raise money for pediatric cancer research.

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Great Teachers

2016

Reason to celebrate!

Six University of Kentucky educators were named recipients of the UK Alumni Association 2016 Great Teacher Award. The Great Teacher Award, started in 1961, is the longest-running UK award recognizing teaching. Educators must be nominated by a student. The UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award Committee, in cooperation with the student organization Omicron Delta Kappa, makes the final selections. Recipients receive an engraved plaque and monetary reward.

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National Signing Day brings on 25 new faces

The Kentucky football team signed 25 players during National Signing Day on Feb. 3.

The highlight of the class was offensive tackle Landon Young from Lexington Lafayette, who was rated a five-star prospect by Scout.com. He is one of five in-state players signed by UK Coach Mark Stoops. Mr. Football Kash Daniel, Drake Jackson, Zy'Aire Hughes and Davonte Robinson are the other in-state recruits.

"It's been a strong class led by the five guys in state. They're great football players, great leaders. We did, once again, very good in Ohio signing 11 players out of Ohio. Top to bottom, extremely strong group," Stoops says. "Great football players, but more importantly, great people, great leaders, great

families. They're going to be a great addition to the Big Blue Nation. Very excited about this group. Ready to get them in here and get them going."

The Wildcats' class was rated 29th by Rivals, 38th by Scout and 35th by ESPN.

This year's class includes: Jordan, Jaylin Bannerman, T.J. Carter, Ja'Quize Cross, Kash Daniel, Luke Fortner, Tobias Gilliam, Jordan Griffin, Gunnar Hoak, Dakota Holtzclaw, Zy'Aire Hughes, Drake Jackson, Stephen Johnson II, Tate Leavitt, Kordell Looney, Grant McKinniss, Naquez Pringle, Justin Rigg, Davonte Robinson, Asim "A.J." Rose, Kayaune Ross, Benny Snell, Roland Walder, Jamar Watson and Landon Young. ■

81 student-athletes make SEC Honor Roll

Student-athletes from all of UK's fall sports teams combined to earn a total of 81 spots on the Southeastern Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll. There were 1,002 student-athletes named to the 2015 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll.

Any student-athlete who participates in an SEC championship sport or a student-athlete who participates in a sport listed on his/her institution's NCAA Sports Sponsorship Form is eligible for nomination to the Academic Honor Roll. ■

Men's soccer wins C-USA title

The Kentucky men's soccer team captured its first Conference USA title and earned the program's seventh bid to the NCAA Tournament while senior goalkeeper Callum Irving raked in the postseason honors.

The Wildcats finished 12-5-2 overall and went 7-0-1 in C-USA and were ranked 17th in the country. Irving was named a first-team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. He is UK's first-ever two-time NSCAA All-American, as he earned third team honors last year. Irving was the lone goalkeeper on the first team and became the first men's or women's Wildcat to be named to the NSCAA first team. Additionally, Irving was named the C-USA Player of the Year and Coach Johan Cedergren earned conference Coach of the Year honors.

Irving was the Conference USA defensive MVP and was a first-team All-C-USA selection for the third year in a row. He also repeated as recipient of the Golden Glove Award, given to the goalkeeper who posts the most shutouts in C-USA play. Irving and Paul Sime were also named to the Conference USA All-Academic team.

Kentucky's season ended in the first round of the NCAA Tournament with a 2-1 loss to Drake. Kevin Barajas had the lone goal for UK.

The Wildcats clinched the C-USA title with a 1-0 win over Florida International, getting a goal in the 80th minute from Ryan Creel. It was UK's fifth regular season conference title, winning the Mid-American Conference in 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2004. UK won the MAC Tournament title in 1999, 2000 and 2001. ■



Photo: UK Athletics, Chet White

Kentucky senior goalkeeper Callum Irving was named a first-team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America in addition to his other postseason honors.

UK volleyball makes 11th straight NCAA Tournament

The Kentucky volleyball team qualified for its 11th straight NCAA Tournament, but was upset in the first round by American University in a 26-24, 25-17, 25-21 sweep in Columbus, Ohio. The No. 22 Wildcats finished the season 21-10, marking the eighth time in the last nine seasons that UK has reached the 20-win mark.

Several Wildcats earned postseason honors. Sophomore Ashley Dusek not only made the All-SEC team, she was named SEC Libero of the Year. Senior setter Morgan Bergren and sophomore Kaz Brown were both named to the All-SEC team as well, while freshman Brooke Morgan was named to the All-Freshman team. Bergren and Dusek were both named honorable mention All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

With Bergren and Dusek's All-America honors, Coach Craig Skinner has produced 21 All-America selections, in addition to five of the last six SEC Libero of the Year Award winners and 11 consecutive SEC All-Freshman selections. With Dusek earning Libero of the Year, the Wildcats' defensive specialists have won the award five of the past six years. With Morgan's All-Freshman selection, Kentucky has now registered 11-consecutive All-Freshman team members dating back to the beginning of the Skinner era. Bergren was named to the All-SEC team for the second consecutive season.

Dusek led the conference in digs from wire-to-wire, averaging 4.98 per set. Her conference season was highlighted by a 40-dig performance at Auburn, breaking a 22-year-old UK record for most digs in a single match. Her 40 digs were also the most in a single match for any player in the SEC this year, and the only 40-dig performance from a Power Five institution

Bergren also led all SEC setters in blocks per set with 0.98 in conference play. Bergren has been named SEC Player of the Week and SEC Setter of the Week once this season, while also being named a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award and a CoSIDA Academic All-District selection. Brown was second in the nation in blocks per set (1.63) and third in total blocks (178). Her 160 block assists were the second best in a single season. ■



Photo: UK Athletics, Elliott Fleas

Kentucky senior volleyball player Morgan Bergren was named All-SEC and was named honorable mention All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Raetzman earns ALL-SEC for UK women's soccer

The Wildcats finished 9-7-4 overall and 3-5-3 in the SEC, falling to LSU in the SEC Tournament.

Senior midfielder Courtney Raetzman earned first team All-SEC honors after leading the team with seven assists and netting three goals. Raetzman was a second team All-SEC pick last season.

Junior defender Alex Carpenter was named to the 12th annual SEC Community Service team. The team looks to highlight an athlete from each school who gives back to their community in superior service efforts. She attended an educational service trip to Ethiopia over the summer of 2015, where she helped to develop relationships with the

African people, and assist in their community.

Carter has also been actively involved in God's Pantry at UK, helping to pack and hand-deliver bagged lunches for children to local schools in the area. Carter is in her third year studying human nutrition and currently maintains a 3.79 GPA. Carter was named a team captain in 2015, and started in 17 of Kentucky's 20 matches this season as a centerback, playing over 5,000 minutes on the pitch.

The Wildcats' season ended with a 2-1 loss to LSU in the first round of the SEC Tournament at the Orange Beach SportsPlex in Orange Beach, Alabama. ■

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Wildcats



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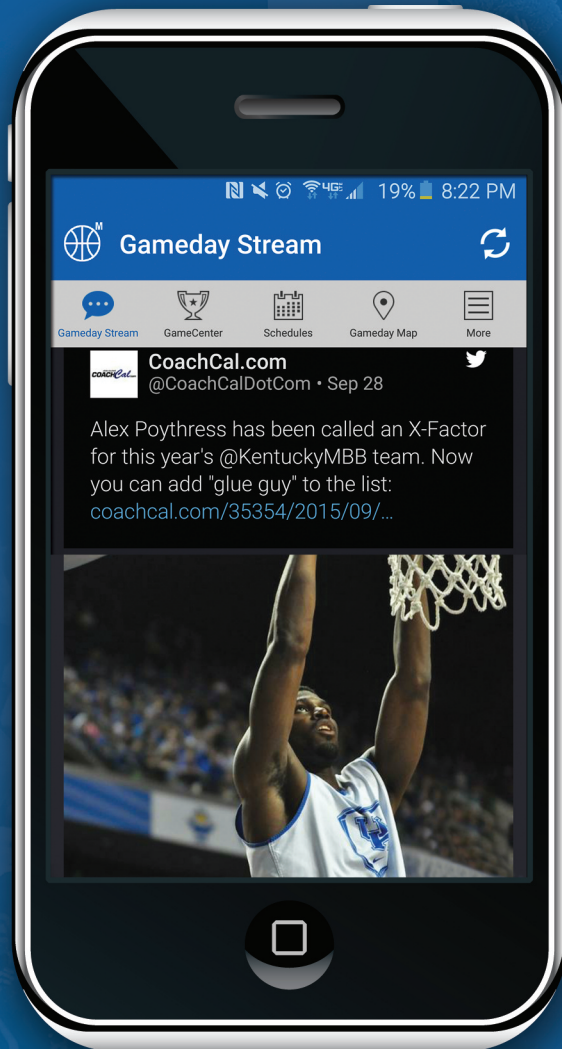
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Alumni Clubs

1. Members of the **Jacksonville UK Alumni Club** were happy to accept a check from Buffalo Wild Wings for last year's game watch parties, which will further help the club's scholarship efforts for UK students.
2. For Cats for a Cause, members of the **Charlotte UK Alumni Club** jumped in and helped the Isabella Santos Foundation with its event by parking cars as early as 6 a.m. and had a great time participating.
3. Members of the **Fulton County UK Alumni Club** held a community meal in October at First Methodist Church as part of Cats for a Cause Week.
4. **Dayton UK Alumni Club** members helped out at a foodbank as part of their volunteer efforts during Cats for a Cause.
5. Members of the **Greater Houston UK Alumni Club** participated in the club's Cats for a Cause event, which had a large number of members turning out to help fulfill special holiday wishes for children.
6. The **New York City UK Alumni Club** held its board meeting at Jack Demsey's to discuss its upcoming fall events and also brainstormed ideas for increasing club membership. Left to right are Bruce Bohman, Chet Gole, Erin Burkett, Sean Riddle, Jenn Stevenson, Laura Finn, Abby Baldwin and Laura McDonald.
7. Boom Williams was selected as the Most Valuable Player with his 115-yard running effort during the UK vs. Vandy football game in Nashville, Tennessee. Former UK player Antoine Huffman, left, and Chad Polk, president of the **Greater Nashville UK Alumni Club**, bestowed the club's trophy on Williams.





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Saturday, April 16

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Saturday, April 16

seeblue. Legacy Day Event

Tentative Schedule of Events:

- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. | Registration, Welcome and Brunch
- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. | Information Session
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. | Student Panel
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Guided Walking Tour

Register at www.ukalumni.net/seeblueday16.
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Saturday, April 16 Blue/White Scrimmage

Noon

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Join fellow Wildcat fans for the FREE spring practice finale as the blue and white squads face off to give fans a preview of the fall football season. Look for past Wildcats to participate, too. For more information, visit www.ukathletics.com.

Sunday, April 17

UK Alumni Association
Sprint for Scholarships 5K

1:00 p.m. - Registration Begins
3:00 p.m. - Race Starts

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CLASS NOTES

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LAURA ROCHE YOUNGWORTH '92 '00 '14 ED: Kentucky's best 2015 world language teacher

By Hal Morris

Laura Roche Youngworth '92 '00 '14 ED was the last to know she had been named Kentucky's best world language teacher.

She may also be the last one to think she is, as well.

Youngworth, who teaches French at Beaumont Middle School in Lexington, has earned that honor after winning the Kentucky World Language Association (KWLA) Outstanding Teacher Award.

"I was shocked. There are some amazing teachers in K through 16 (college). I really didn't expect to win. It was a great honor," Youngworth says.

Youngworth was at the KWLA annual awards ceremony with her fellow nominees, but each was saying the other person was going to win.

"I didn't hear them call my name. And I looked up and saw my face on the screen and thought, 'Oh, my gosh, that's me.' It was pretty moving, I must say."

Downplaying her moment was not going to happen either.

"The school made a big to-do about it. People saw it on the Web page, and students congratulated me. The principal came in with flowers and made an announcement," she says. "They were pretty excited about it, but to be truthful, I didn't try and talk about it too much."

She also competed at the regional competition against teachers from the southern United States in February for the national Teacher of the Year competition against four regional winners.

Youngworth is Kentucky through and through. Her father, James Roche, was a UK adjunct professor who taught computer programming.

"It was a natural fit to go there," she says.

Teaching French was not Youngworth's original plan, however.

"When I was in high school, French was really hard for me until my junior year when I had a phenomenal teacher. The way she taught, it just clicked. At UK, I wanted to be an architect, and I found out you had to take an exam. My dad looked at me and said no, you are already a year behind, choose something else," she says. "I majored in English and French, and I said I'd like to be a teacher and help others. It just kind of evolved."

Youngworth graduated with a triple major in English, French and secondary education and started her teaching career at Scott High School in Covington.

Next she taught at Anderson County High School in Lawrenceburg, where she stayed for 17 years.

"I absolutely adored teaching high school," she says. "But I had a son, and I needed to let him go to school in Lexington and not drag him with me to Lawrenceburg every day. I started looking for a job in Fayette County."

For the last six years, Youngworth has taught French at Beaumont Middle School.

"It's been a wonderful change. It's a pleasure teaching middle schoolers. They are so enthusiastic and engaged. They're wonderful to teach," she says.

At Beaumont, Youngworth is the French Club sponsor, as well as the co-sponsor of the summer World Language Immersion Camp. She is the chairman of the Department of Arts & Humanities and the facilitator of the Global Competency & World Language Program Review and District Feedback Team Lead. She also hosts the UK/KWLA Language Talk podcast (www.kwla.org/podcast/).

"The podcast series has been an amazing experience. Being able to interview colleagues and experts in the field of world languages is not only an honor but has provided me

an opportunity to continue growing as an educator," she says. "I can't thank Dr. Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby enough for her vision and initiative to connect all world language educators and KWLA's faith in me as the host of the series."

Youngworth is the current president of the Kentucky Chapter of American Association of Teachers of French and is co-chairwoman of the Kentucky World Language Association K-12 Professional Development Committee. She is also the K-12 contact for the Outreach Clearinghouse and has been a presenter at numerous conferences throughout the state.

Her resume is more than enough to show why she deserved to win the award, but Youngworth says she just tries to be the best teacher she can be for her kids.

"I strive really hard to get students excited about French and I want them to continue to study French — be lifelong learners," she says.

While languages such as Spanish may seem to be more practical to study these days, Youngworth says French is still an important language to know.

"I see so much Spanish speaking around us, but our schools are also seeing more refugees from the Congo and Haiti, and there are a lot of French speakers now," she says. "And if you look outside of Kentucky and around the world, there are a whole lot of languages that are valuable to learn. French is one. It's one of two official languages of the Olympics. Worldwide, French is very valuable, especially if you are interested in a career that's more internationally minded."

Youngworth herself says she still has a lot to learn about French.

"I don't know every word in French, so I'm still learning," she says. ■

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1960s

Donnie L. Gosser '60 AFE is the retired owner and manager of Hub City Wholesale Electric Co. in Elizabethtown. He is a member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees and was presented the Algeron Sydney Sullivan Foundation Award by the school.

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1970s

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1980s

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1990s

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2000s

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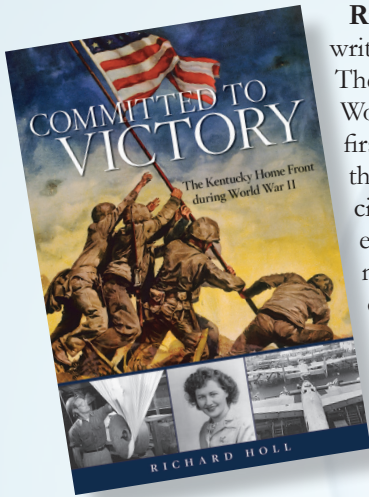
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PenDragon Press
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James K. Libbey '76 AS is the author of “Alben Barkley: A Life in Politics,” the first full-length biography of this larger-than-life personality, following Barkley in his transition from local politician to congressman, then senator, senate majority leader, vice president and senator once again. A loyal Democrat, Barkley was instrumental in guiding Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal programs through Congress. He later took on a key role in managing domestic policy as the president became more and more immersed in World War II.

Elected vice president with Harry S. Truman, Barkley possessed a candid demeanor and social skills that helped him become one of the most popular politicians of his day. This book reveals Barkley’s human side, from his extremely humble beginnings born in a log cabin in Graves County, to his dramatic and chilling final speech at Washington and Lee University in 1956, when he said, “I would rather be a servant in the house of the Lord than to sit in the seats of the mighty,” delivering the legendary quote moments before succumbing to a massive heart attack.

The University Press of Kentucky
www.kentuckypress.com

Connie Aldridge Huddleston '73 has written two books. “Greg’s Second Adventure in Time” continues the adventures of Greg as he time travels into U.S. history. “Mittie & Thee: An 1853 Roosevelt Romance” is the story of the Bulloch family of Georgia and the Roosevelts of New York.

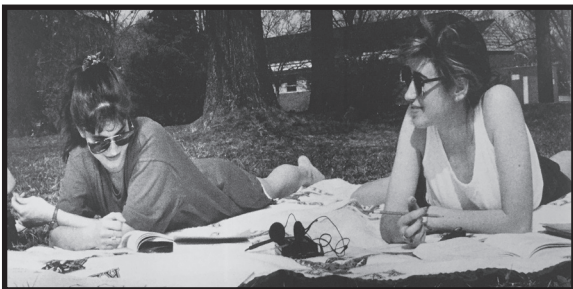
Interpreting Time’s Past
www.amazon.com

Doris Wilkinson '58 SW has completed “A Quick Guide to English Grammar,” for low performing middle and high school students and their schools. She also wrote a workbook to accompany the 2002 publication “Guide to the African American Heritage Trail in Downtown Lexington, Kentucky.”



77 years ago...

Herbert Hillenmeyer of Phi Delta Theta looked quite dashing, living up to being chosen “Most Popular Man” on campus during the 1938-1939 academic year.



Photos: Kentuckian

24 years ago...

The beautiful spring weather enticed students to study in the sun, and Julie Nelson, left, and Leigh Peyton made the best of a warm day in 1992.



59 years ago...

The Student Union Board — students who planned cultural and leisure activities for the campus community — was busy during the 1956-1957 school year organizing key events such as the Hanging of the Greens, Sweater Swing dances and Coffee Chats. Serving on the Student Union Board were, front row, left to right: Laura Glenn, Dale Primrose, Marlene Begley, Ann Gregg Rhodemyre and Donna Ward. Back row: Betsy Patterson, Coburn Blackerby, Nancy Boggs, Janis Gover and Jane Harrison.

A trip down memory lane



32 years ago...

During the 1983-1984 academic year, Andrew Oppmann, editor of the Kentucky Kernal, and Lini Kadaba, managing editor, took a moment for their own photo op in front of the Enoch Grehan Journalism Building.

Kentucky cheerleading wins record 21st national championship!



Photo: Courtesy Universal Cheerleaders Association, Brittany Waller

The University of Kentucky cheerleading program continued its dominance of the cheerleading world by claiming its 21st national championship — more than any other Division IA school — on the campus of ESPN's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida. No other college cheerleading squad has dominated the Universal Cheerleaders Association National Championships like Kentucky.

"I am extremely proud of this team," UK Head Coach Jomo Thompson said. "They put in a lot of hard work all year to win this championship. It was an intense competition, and I am thrilled that we were able to get the win."

This win marked the fourth national title for the Wildcats this decade, after claiming the title in 2010, 2012, 2014 and now 2016. The cheerleaders regularly attend UK Athletics Association and UK Alumni Association functions. They also represent the university at many charitable and public relations events. ■



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Jamie McWilliams
Senior - Biology, Dentistry Track

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