



Eastern Kentucky University ranks in the first tier of Southern Master's Universities in the 2010 edition of "America's Best Colleges," published by U.S. News & World Report. Data is gathered for a set of widely accepted indicators of academic excellence, and institutions in each category are ranked against their peers, based on their composite weighted score. The indicators fall into several categories, including peer assessment, retention, class size and faculty/student ratio, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving rate, and include input measures that reflect a school's student body, its faculty, and its financial resources, along with outcome measures that signal how well the institution does its job of educating students.

Eastern Kentucky University again ranks among "America's Best Colleges," according to Forbes, the popular business magazine. Of the 600 public and private colleges and universities recognized, ECU ranked No. 519. Because there are more than 4,000 college campuses nationwide, the ranking essentially places Eastern among the top 15 percent of colleges and universities. The second annual report, compiled by Forbes and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity (CCAP), ranks undergraduate institutions based on the quality of the education they provide, the experience of the students and how much they achieve.

Eastern Kentucky University and its host community, Richmond, have joined the International Town & Gown Association as Full General Members. A non-profit organization that brings together leaders from college and university campuses and communities from across the U.S. and Canada, the ITGA acts as a communication, education, consulting and training resource for decision makers of colleges and college communities in areas of shared resources, programs, planning and project opportunities while addressing existing and potential conflicts. ECU and Richmond comprise the second university-community team to join from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Eastern Kentucky University ranks second nationally in the number of criminal justice textbooks produced by its faculty, led by Dr. Vic Kappeler, who ranks third nationally in publications. The rankings are especially significant given the fact that most of the other top-ranked schools have doctoral programs. In a study published in the Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice, Eastern ranks behind only John Jay College of Criminal Justice and ahead of such revered criminal justice programs as Sam Houston State University and Michigan State University. Kappeler's nine textbooks are commonly used by leading universities worldwide, and he is recognized as a leading scholar in media and the social construction of crime, police deviance and police civil liability, among other related fields.

Through its P-16 Regional Council, Eastern Kentucky University has entered into a collaborative arrangement with three area school districts to develop a math transition course. The course, to be taught at Madison Central, Madison Southern, Berea Community and Somerset high schools beginning this fall, is expected to reduce the number of students who must enroll in developmental math courses (for no academic credit) in college. Students who pass the transition course and make a passing grade on the KYOTE exam will be recommended (if reading and writing scores are acceptable) to take Math 105 or 107 upon admission to ECU.

KCTCS GOOD NEWS REPORT

HIGHER EDUCATION BEGINS HERE

AUGUST 2009

KCTCS Workforce Solutions Program



"A lot of businesses are missing out if they don't let West Kentucky come in and at least do a needs assessment of their employees and the educational level they have attained. We knew full well that a lot of the employees might make themselves more marketable and go to other companies, but that was a chance we were willing to take because that also raises the level from an economic development standpoint in Western Kentucky."

—Leon Owens, Swift and Staley, Kevil, KY

KCTCS has re-engineered its workforce education and training division to be more responsive to the needs Kentucky's businesses and industries. The initiative entitled KCTCS Workforce Solutions is focused on high wage, high skilled jobs in targeted industry segments such as allied

health, advanced manufacturing, energy, banking/financial services, and transportation/logistics. By providing customized employee training programs, KCTCS is helping businesses across the state transform into more advanced, more productive competitors in the global economy.

Last year alone, our 16 colleges trained over 50,000 employees serving nearly 5,000 businesses.

As Kentucky's primary provider of workforce education, KCTCS is delivering programs and services that address the full spectrum of needs faced by business and industry, as well as programs for individuals who want to upgrade their skills. Our focus is on training Kentucky's workforce today for the jobs of tomorrow.

What We Do

Our statewide system of 16 colleges provides anytime, anyplace customized training and support services for business and industry, which:

- Develop a better workforce with the knowledge and skills for the jobs of the future.
- Assist the Commonwealth of Kentucky in competing for and sustaining businesses and industries that thrive on innovative ideas and technologies.
- Provide Kentucky workers with world-class transferable, portable skills.
- Increase the productivity of Kentucky's workforce
- Improve the employability of Kentucky citizens.
- Strengthen and improve state and local economies.



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Statewide Results

We are a results-oriented training provider, with a track record of success providing workforce solutions to more than 5,000 Kentucky companies annually. KCTCS colleges provide training in multiple formats, making it easy to find and develop unique solutions for businesses. Additionally, through the Kentucky Workforce Investment Network System (KY WINS), KCTCS can provide funding for companies to offset the cost of training their employees.

“Recently we were the recipient of the Kentucky Pacesetters Small Business award. Southeast was instrumental in providing the necessary tools for us to receive this award. That sends volumes of positive messages to this area that if you participate in the [KCTCS Workforce Solutions] program, you can be recognized for excellence.”

—The Combs Group, Middlesboro, KY



“Now that I’m in administration in nursing, I recognize how good it is for the hospital to be so close to the community college and the training that’s provided there for all of our clinical staff. Hospitals across the country suffer nursing shortages, often with a 20% vacancy rate. We’re very fortunate here because we have about a 5% vacancy rate because of the community college being so close.”

—Stacy, VP of Nursing
Former Madisonville Community College student, now administrator at Trover Health Systems

Customized Training

Across the state, KCTCS colleges deliver high-quality, cost-effective customized training and assessment services that are designed to improve the performance and efficiency of organizations. KCTCS Workforce Solutions staff work with businesses and industries to design convenient, onsite training programs to meet their specific needs. In addition, KCTCS colleges offer open enrollment classes on a myriad of topics to help individuals and companies meet their workforce training goals.

Workforce Solutions is just one way KCTCS is Transforming Lives. Transforming Kentucky.

“I’ve been here for 12 years. Recently I moved into a management position. What I learned at MCC gave me the tools I didn’t have. I was in a maintenance position before this, and lacked the skills I needed to manage people.

MCC gave me the tools I need to advance my career here. I probably would not have been able to take the advancement training if the college had not been here locally. MCC gave me the opportunity five minutes away to leave here in the evening and go take my classes at night. It’s really worked out well with my job here.”

—Brad, Project Manager



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Kentucky State University

August 31, 2009

KSU Choir Members Featured In Washington



Brandon Lockhart, Qiana Younge, Arielle Cosby and Dr. Carl H. Smith

Kentucky State University students performed in the 105 Voices of History National Choir on Aug. 30 in the Kennedy Center's Concert Hall, Washington, D.C. Senior baritone Brandon Lockhart, soprano Arielle Cosby and alto Qiana Younge joined KSU's Dr. Carl H. Smith, who was one of four conductors leading the 105 Voices of History. Last year, Smith was honored at the HBCU Conductors Summit for his 50 years of service as Concert Choir director at KSU.

Last year the choir, composed of 105 students from American historically black colleges and universities, helped kick off National HBCU Week and close the first HBCU Conductors Summit with a sold-out performance. Lockhart, who was part of the inaugural performance, was one of eight students chosen this year to serve on the second summit's Student Leadership Council. The council members act as assistants to the 105 Voices of History's four conductors.

Along with meeting students from other schools and networking, the participants studied under top conductors and learned new ways to interpret music. The host was Tom Joyner, nationally syndicated radio host and philanthropist, and the concert featured the multi-Grammy Award winning vocal ensemble Take 6.

KSU Named One Of Best Colleges In The South

Once again U.S. News and World Report has named Kentucky State University one of the best baccalaureate universities in the South and a top historically black university in the nation.

KSU Hosts U.S. Department Of Education Representative For 'A Conversation About Education Reform'

Kentucky State University partnered with the U.S. Department of Education on Aug. 4 to host "A Listening and Learning Forum: A Conversation About Education Reform." Peter Groff, director of the U.S. Department of Education's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, moderated the discussion.

The campus and community members alike were invited to come share their thoughts and ideas with Mr. Groff and pose questions about education, including early childhood education, higher standards for students and institutions, teacher quality, workforce development, higher education funding and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act's possible reauthorization and its impact on higher education.





GOOD NEWS REPORT

September 2009

Wayne D. Andrews

President

Officials of Morehead State University along with the Board of Regents, local legislators and the current and several past Student Government Association presidents broke ground August 11 for the new \$24 million campus recreation and wellness center. The center will feature a three-court gymnasium and fitness area with cardio and weight machines and free weights. The second floor will include two racquetball courts, multi-purpose rooms, running track, wellness lab, running and cardio balcony, game room, and lounge. The aquatics area will consist of a six-lane, 25-yard pool with outdoor sun deck. The project should be completed in approximately 18 months.

Charles Holloway of Lexington has been named chief diversity officer at MSU. Holloway was selected in a national search. He comes to MSU with more than 20 years of experience. Prior to accepting his new job, he was a global delivery project executive with IBM.

Morehead State University's Program of Distinction, IRAPP (Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy), a part of the new College of Business and Public Affairs, received a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in partnership with the University of Kentucky. The grant was announced by the National Institute for Hometown Security (NIHS) as part of the DHS Critical Infrastructure Protection Program. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (R-KY5) convened a meeting of grant recipients in Somerset where the partnership between IRAPP, the UK Transportation Center, General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems, and Coldstream Digital LLC was recognized for their \$3,500,000 grant award.

MSU Board of Regents elected its first African American to serve as an officer as the group approved John C. Merchant of Cincinnati to be vice chair. Three new members – Julie A. Butcher of Lexington, Terry White of Morehead and Kyle Yarawsky of Burlington – and one reappointed member, Merchant, received the oath of office from retired Circuit Court Judge William Mains at its special meeting on Aug. 11.

Morehead State University's annual distinguished service awards were presented at the annual Fall Convocation. William H. (Bill) Redwine, assistant vice president for auxiliary services, received the Distinguished Staff Service Award. Sharon T. Walters, associate professor of accounting, received the Distinguished Faculty Service Award. Faculty members honored were: Jeffrey Hill, associate professor of mass communication, Distinguished Creative Productions Award; Dr. Gerd H. Fricke, professor of mathematics, Distinguished Researcher, and Dr. Layne Neeper, professor of English, Distinguished Teacher.

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MSU's Kentucky Folk Art Center will receive the Folk Heritage Award for its role in promoting Kentucky's self-taught visual artists and conserving their work. The Kentucky Arts Council announced the 2009 recipients of the Governor's Awards in the Arts that will be honored by Gov. Steve Beshear at a public ceremony and celebration on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

President Wayne D. Andrews announced a new program for teachers. The Master's of Arts in Education: Teacher Leader will begin this fall. The program was approved Monday, Aug. 3, by the Education Professional Standards Board and will lead to a Rank II and endorsement for Teacher Leaders.

U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Office of National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), has awarded MSU a \$198,768 grant for cancer research. The research will focus on improved cancer prevention and drug treatments. Dr. Janelle Hare, assistant professor of biology in the Department of Biology and Chemistry, is the principal investigator.

Kevin McKee of Leeco, owner and operator of KD's Homemade BBQ Sauce, was recently named the 2009 Kentucky Microenterprise Business of the Year. With the assistance of MSU's Small Business Development Center in West Liberty, a business plan and projections were created to seek lender financing for his business.

MSU's Jason Dailey, systems and accounts manager at the University Bookstore, has accepted a volunteer position with the Campus Computer Resellers Alliance (CCRA). CCRA is a special interest group of the National Association of College Stores (NACS). As a member of the CCRA Council, he will establish and help achieve the goals and objectives of the Alliance in order to support and strengthen the higher education technology resale channel and CCRA's 937 members.



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MSU debuts new brand

University invites students to explore



The branding process for the university began in the spring with national marketing consultants and focus groups that included many members of the Murray State community. Faculty, administrators, staff, current students, prospective students, alumni and donors were all interviewed on the question — What does Murray State University mean to you? From that research, a key message emerged — academic quality, close community, affordability/value and school spirit. That information led to a new tag line, “your world to explore,” that emphasizes education as a life-changing experience, with MSU’s Shield as the university’s most important brand mark.

Cofer elected to national LGBT governing board

During the Equality Federation’s annual business session at the summer meeting, leaders voted on a slate of candidates for the organization’s board of directors. Kentuckian



Jody Cofer was elected to the Federation’s board. “Mr. Cofer’s election to the Federation board is a great step toward securing fairness in public policy for all Americans. His passion for achieving civil rights for people regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity plays a valuable role in the Kentucky community, and it will now do so in the national community,” said John J. Johnson, executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

Lumina Foundation provides additional \$30,000 grant for adult learner initiative

The project is part of the Double the Numbers initiative, which seeks to significantly increase the number of bachelor’s degree holders in Kentucky by the year 2020. The Murray State plan will focus on four major initiatives including easing transfer between MSU and Kentucky’s community colleges, developing additional flexible scheduling options, integrating prior learning assessment into degree programs, and expansion of the Project Graduate Initiative.

National rankings

MSU still raising the bar



Among the nation’s “**Top Tier**” universities in academic quality for 19 consecutive years.

- *U.S. News & World Report 1992 - 2010*

Ranked in the **Top 10 for five consecutive years** among all public master’s universities.

- *U.S. News & World Report 2006 - 2010*

Ranked 7th among all public universities in the southern region.

- *U.S. News & World Report 2010*

Highest rated Kentucky public university in freshman retention category.

- *U.S. News & World Report 2009*

Ranked as **Kentucky’s best value** in higher education and one of the best values in America.

- *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance 2006 - 2009*

Ranked in the top **100 America’s Best College Buys**.

- *Forbes.com 2009*

Rated among the **Top 50 Best Buys in Online Business Schools** for its B.S. in business and B.S. in Telecommunications Systems Management distance learning degree programs.

- *GetEducated.com 2009*

Murray State introduces new shuttle service

Murray State, in partnership with Murray-Calloway Transit Authority, now provides free transportation for students and faculty with the addition of two new shuttles. Students, faculty and staff can ride the shuttle free by showing their Racercards to the shuttle driver. Although this transit system is new to the Murray State community, Murray State officials and the city of Murray have worked on the idea for the past two years. Josh Jacobs, chief of staff at Murray State, said Murray State started a parking and transportation work group on campus that included faculty and staff. One of the recommendations from the work group was a free shuttle service to reduce some of the parking difficulty.

Murray state receives National Science Foundation grant

Murray State's Hancock Biological Station (HBS), the University of Montana's Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS), the University of Kentucky, Montana State University, and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA, University of Illinois) have received a \$6 million cyberinfrastructure grant from the National Science Foundation. Among other aspects, the funding will allow for state-of-the-art environmental sensors to be placed in Kentucky Lake and Flathead Lake to understand and visualize ecological processes. The cyberinfrastructure plan will serve the ecological research communities of our regions, enhance the undergraduate and graduate educational curricula and research experiences at the participating universities, facilitate outreach to underserved and underrepresented members of society, provide relevant and contemporary ecological K-12 education, and offer web-based engagement with interested public interest groups.

Regional stewardship awards \$288,000 to region

Murray State University's Office of Regional Stewardship and Outreach recently announced Regional Grants totaling \$288,000 to fund eight specific projects in the 18 county service region for the 2009-2010 academic term. Award recipients include the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Initiative, School Administrators' Leadership Academy, Cultural Awareness Series, Middle and High School Mathematics Improvement Project, the Center for Entrepreneurship, a regional grant writer, Project ACCESS, and a rural children's health/education service. With these endeavors, MSU through the Office of Regional Stewardship and Outreach pushes toward the vision of a united west Kentucky changing its culture to succeed in the new century by expanding educational attainment opportunities.

Joint agreement between Murray State University and Madisonville Community College opens pathway to four-year degree

Officials at Madisonville Community College (MCC) and Murray State University (MSU) hope that a new joint admissions agreement will encourage more students to pursue an education beyond their coursework at MCC. "The efforts of several people from both institutions have paid off and we will begin offering a better transfer experience to the students of MCC," said Dr. Randy J. Dunn, president of Murray State University. "Once students complete two years of college courses, we need to do everything we can to enroll them at Murray State so they have every opportunity to realize a four-year degree.

TSM is "Best Graduate Program" according to International Telecommunications Education and Research Association

The Center for Telecommunications Systems Management at Murray State continued to demonstrate its nationally recognized quality by earning the Best Graduate Program for its Program of Distinction for the third consecutive year from the International Telecommunications Education and Research Association. The program also has a leading role in three projects through the Department of Homeland Security. Incident Management and Decision Support System (two years/\$1.1 million); Portable Community Infrastructure Resiliency System (one year/\$100,000); and Incident Management and Decision Support System-Health (two years/\$1.7 million).



NSF Grant Will Help NKU, Kentucky Math Center Prepare, Graduate and Retain Skilled Math Teachers

An NSF Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program grant funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will help Northern Kentucky University and the Kentucky Center for Mathematics prepare more high school mathematics teachers.

NKU will select talented undergraduate students interested in mathematics education and prepare them to be fully qualified, well-prepared teachers who will teach secondary mathematics in high-need schools. In addition to the scholarship funding, these students will be provided with ongoing support during their early teaching years.

The grant, totaling \$897,690, will create at least 28 scholarships over the course of the five-year program for talented NKU students interested in teaching mathematics at the secondary level. Scholarships will be at least \$10,000 per recipient and will be available to junior mathematics majors who plan to teach at the high school level. The scholarships will be renewable for one year.

In addition to the two-year scholarships, the program will include an aggressive recruiting plan; opportunities for incoming freshmen and rising sophomores to engage in summer experiences to stimulate their interest in becoming secondary mathematics teachers working in high-need schools; an outstanding teacher preparation pro-

gram including valuable enhancements that foster a community of learners and expose participants to contemporary literature on, and effective practices in, the teaching and learning of secondary mathematics; and mentoring and coaching support for program graduates.

The program exemplifies the power of collaboration, with a project team that includes two NKU departments, the university's Center for Integrative Natural Science and Mathematics, the Kentucky Center for Mathematics as well as the Covington Independent, Newport Independent and Cincinnati Public Schools.

"Increasing the number of well-qualified secondary mathematics teachers, particularly in high-need schools, is key to ensuring that students receive the foundation needed to be successful in college and the workplace," said Kirsten Fleming, who will coordinate the program.

Strengthening Libraries Across the State

Thanks to a million dollar grant from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, NKU is also working to expand online paraprofessional library programs and provide scholarships and technology stipends to 50 library staff members working in the commonwealth's high-poverty rural areas.

The grant will enhance existing associate and bachelor's degree programs and provide scholarships which will increase the level of education and leadership among library staff in 50 targeted counties in eastern and far western Kentucky. The programs will include Kentucky's compulsory online certification program, the online associate's degree at Bluegrass Community and Technical College and a new bachelor's completer program in library informatics at NKU.

"Funds from this grant will enable training for public library staff members across Kentucky and better prepare them for assisting library users," said Wayne Onkst, Kentucky's state librarian and commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. "The result of this grant will be stronger libraries that improve the quality of life in Kentucky's communities."

New Programs Prepare Chase Students for Fast-Paced Legal Field

Two new certificate programs at the NKU Chase College of Law will provide students with training in real-world practice skills and extensive interaction with practicing attorneys.

The Certificate in Advocacy and the Certificate in Transactional Law are tied to Chase's two Centers of Excellence, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Transactional Law Practice Center. The centers are designed to make the transition from law study to law practice a seamless one.

"Knowing the law is not enough," said Professor Rick Bales, director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy. "A successful attorney must also know how to practice the law to effectively promote a client's interests and advance justice."

Students must complete a designated course of study, including classroom instruction and externship components, to earn each certificate. The courses and externships provide Chase students with the opportunity to focus their skills on the type of law practice they intend to pursue, and to demonstrate to prospective employers that they are practice-ready on the day they graduate from Chase.

"Students interested in transactional law will learn not only the law but the skills that are required to be a transactional attorney in today's fast-paced legal field," said Sherry Porter, director of the Chase Transactional Law Practice Center.

NKU Chase is one of only a handful of law schools in the nation to offer certificate programs in both advocacy and transactional law.



Campus Success

- President Barack Obama awarded the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers to two University of Kentucky professors earlier this summer. Chemical and Materials Engineering Associate Professor Bruce Hinds and Plant and Soil Science Assistant Professor David McNear, Jr. will be honored at the White House this Fall. According to the White House, "The Presidential Early Career Awards embody the high priority the Administration places on producing outstanding scientists and engineers to advance the nation's goals and contribute to all sectors of the economy. Nine federal departments and agencies join together annually to nominate the most meritorious young scientists and engineers - researchers whose early accomplishments show the greatest promise for strengthening America's leadership in science and technology and contributing to the awarding agencies' missions."
- UK's Office of Development had a very successful year in FY 2008-09, bringing in more than \$68 million for colleges and programs across the University. That's an 18 percent increase over the previous year. More than 30,000 donors participated - an increase of more than six percent from the previous year.

Student Success

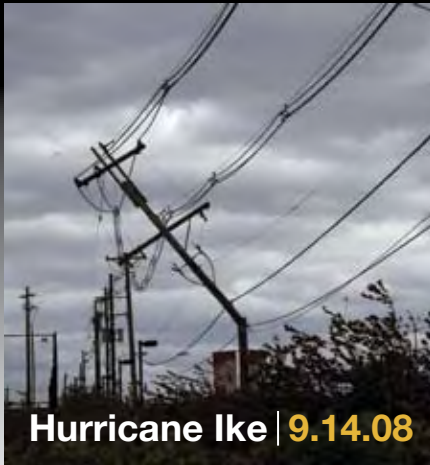
- Twenty-seven high school seniors were named Otis A. Singletary Scholars for Fall 2009 at the University of Kentucky. The Singletary Scholarship is the most prestigious four-year scholarship awarded by the University. The Scholarship, which is named for former UK President Otis A. Singletary, began in 1985 and covers the full cost of tuition, room and board, and a personal stipend for four years of undergraduate study. The Fall 2009 Singletary Scholars were selected from 535 eligible candidates and include 10 National Merit finalists, 11 valedictorians, 24 Kentucky Governor's Scholars, and three Governor's School for the Arts alumni. All 27 students are from Kentucky.

Research and Outreach Success

- The National Cancer Institute has awarded UK's Markey Cancer Center a SPORE (Specialized Program in Research Excellence) grant in gastrointestinal (GI) cancers. The three-year grant is for \$1.5 million. The Markey Cancer Center has one of six GI SPOREs in the U.S. Gastrointestinal cancers include tumors of the liver, colon, rectum, esophagus, stomach, and pancreas. The SPORE is led by Dr. B. Mark Evers, the new Director of the Markey Cancer Center. Dr. Evers also is Professor and Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Surgery and Physician-in-Chief for the oncology service line.
- UK researchers received a \$1.98 million grant to develop new processes to convert a plant cell component to liquid fuels and chemicals, offsetting the demand for liquids currently derived from petroleum. The project targets lignin, which is part of a plant cell more energy dense than cellulose. While cellulose is easily fermented to alcohol, lignin doesn't convert using existing fermentation processes. The project focus is to develop efficient and effective methods to convert lignin to use. The project is an interdisciplinary collaboration involving researchers across UK's campus, including those at UK's Center for Applied Energy Research, the Department of Chemistry, and the Department of Horticulture.
- The University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital is ranked among the nation's top hospitals for 2009-10 by *U.S. News and World Report*. UK Chandler Hospital's Ear, Nose, and Throat (33) and Gynecology (40) programs are recognized in the study of almost 5,000 hospitals nationwide. UK is one of only 174 hospitals to receive specialty rankings after evaluation. This year's rankings surpassed last year's scores, with Ear, Nose, and Throat moving up 11 spots and Gynecology moving up two.

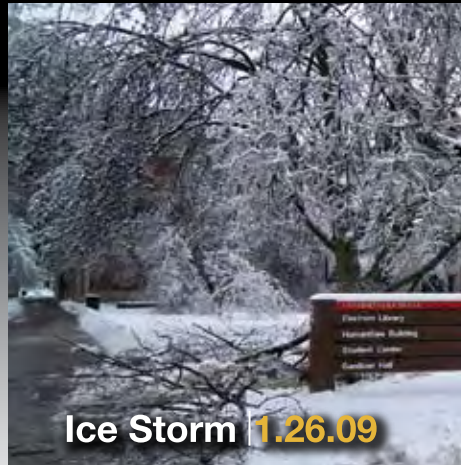
Weathering the Storms

Three major weather disasters have had a devastating effect on the University of Louisville. With the total damage topping \$15.5 million, the university community is working hard to restore the campus to its original beauty and ensure our students have adequate classrooms and facilities in which to learn and grow. While insurance and FEMA will cover a portion of the damage, our losses are still significant.



Hurricane Ike | 9.14.08

- Shattered windows, downed power lines and destroyed several roofs
- Uprooted dozens of trees and severely damaged campus landscape
- No greater damage on record for such a widespread area
- Cost to UofL: \$364,081



Ice Storm | 1.26.09

- Killed 36 trees and damaged hundreds more (between Hurricane Ike and the ice storm, every tree on Belknap Campus was affected)
- Widespread damage and power outage closed all three UofL campuses for four days
- Cost to UofL: \$217,463



Flash Flood | 8.4.09

- 6 inches of rain in one hour—the most the city has seen in its history
- Dozens of UofL students, faculty, staff stranded
- 29 buildings flooded—three closed indefinitely
- Cost to UofL: \$15 million (estimated)

A Message from **Dr. Ramsey**

Dear Kentucky Policy Maker:

As we continue to clean up after the flash flood of Aug. 4, I want to update you on how things are going at UofL.

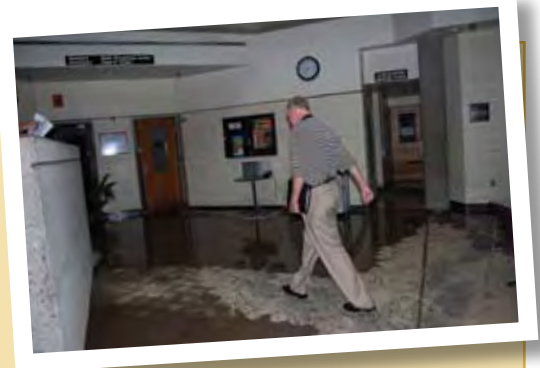
Many buildings on Belknap Campus were affected. Some remain closed while we clean mud and remaining water from floors and other surfaces and remove ruined carpeting, wallboard and baseboard. The College of Education is out of commission indefinitely, so we are making alternative arrangements for classes.

At the Health Sciences Center, the School of Public Health and Information Sciences was hit hardest with a foot of water in its basement. The images in this newsletter illustrate the severity of the situation.

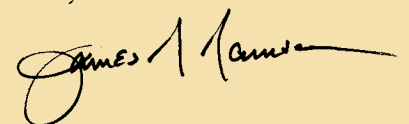
You can learn more about the flood and our recovery efforts at louisville.edu/update/flood.

As you know, the past 12 months have presented us with some of the fiercest weather in our history: first, the winds of Hurricane Ike last September, then the January ice storm and this month a devastating flood.

Despite the task before us, we are making progress. Our physical plant has done an amazing job restoring buildings and grounds. Our faculty and staff are pitching in, too, cleaning up the damage and moving displaced offices to new locations while doing their normal jobs helping students prepare for the new semester.



We appreciate their hard work, just as we appreciate your support. We trust that you will remember us and the entire Louisville community as we recover from this latest calamity.





Ready for **Back to School**

First Day of Class: Aug. 24

The 2,496 freshmen entering UofL this year come from all over the world. Their average ACT score of 24.5 is the highest of any incoming class in UofL history.

When freshmen come to UofL, it is imperative they be well prepared for the level of study and behavioral changes that accompany the move from high school to university life.



Dr. Ramsey and the university community pitched in to help students move into residence halls during Welcome Weekend.

Here are some of the ways UofL is helping those who need assistance make a seamless transition:



AP Summer Institute

UofL has applied to be an AP Summer Institute, to educate teachers on AP course-level instruction methods for college-bound students.



REACH

UofL's central academic support unit tutors students in numerous undergraduate courses, offers peer mentoring and advice, provides seminars on study skills and student success, and much more.

Freshmen LEAD

Participants develop their leadership skills and then move on the following year to become REACH Ambassadors, working with first-year and transfer students to help them transition to UofL.



Advance in Mathematics

This seven-week intensive mathematics review program offers fast-paced instruction in a self-paced format.

Speed Calculus Preview Program

This review program for intermediate and advanced algebra helps first-year J.B. Speed School of Engineering students prepare for the engineering calculus course.

ULtra

ULtra (University of Louisville Transfer Program) supports JCTC students who plan to continue their educations at UofL.

Supplemental Study in College Reading

This 1-hour credit course is linked to a general education course and boosts the reading skills of students who scored below 20 on the ACT or 470 on the SAT verbal exam.

Stem cell infusion improves heart function

UofL physicians recently performed one of the world's first stem cell infusions to treat heart failure. On July 17, they injected Mike Jones of Louisville with his own cardiac stem cells in attempt to regrow damaged muscle tissue in his heart. The procedure was performed at Jewish Hospital.



From left: Robert Shircliff, president and CEO of Jewish Hospital HealthCare Services; Dr. Bolli; President Ramsey; and Dr. Mark Slaughter, chief of UofL's Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery.

Since then, Jones' heart function has improved 20 to 30 percent, said Roberto Bolli, who directs UofL's Institute for Molecular Cardiology and holds the Jewish Hospital Heart & Lung Institute Distinguished Chair in Cardiology. His position is supported by Bucks for Brains.

More patients will undergo the experimental procedure over the next two years. If successful, the treatment could become widely available in several years.

Governor Calls on **UofL Flu Experts**

The UofL School of Public Health and Information Sciences will co-host the Governor's Summit on H1N1 on Sept. 3. Richard Clover, the school's dean, is an internationally known influenza expert working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to address the H1N1 issue from a national perspective. Clover said that partnering with the state on the summit was "both an honor and a good opportunity to help people understand the dangers and dispel some myths about swine flu."

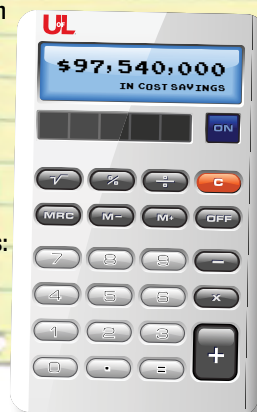


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UofL Savings Calculator

- Implemented efficient use of DataSeam technology with Kentucky's public school computers to provide expanded cancer research at a much reduced cost: **\$4.8 million cost avoidance**
- Increased income from licenses, royalties and patent agreements: **\$3.2 million one time**



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WKU Fall Enrollment Expected to Top 20,000

For the first time in WKU's history, total enrollment will top 20,000 students this fall. "WKU has experienced incredible growth in enrollment over the last 12 years, and surpassing 20,000 in total enrollment is a significant milestone for us. I want to compliment our faculty and staff who have worked hard to recruit and retain a record number of students," WKU President Gary Ransdell said. Enrollments are up in every category this year – freshmen, returning students, transfers, graduate students and also in

online programs. Enrollment is also up at each of WKU's regional campuses in Elizabethtown/Ft. Knox/Radcliff, Glasgow and Owensboro. "This is a great boost for our community and for the south central Kentucky regional economy as WKU students convene for the 2009-10 academic year," he said.

Cyber Defense Lab Awarded \$1.35 Million Contract

The Cyber Defense Laboratory, located at the WKU Center for Research and Development, has been awarded \$1.35 million for an 18-month cooperative agreement with Electronic Warfare Associates and the University of Arizona to work on one of the nation's top priorities – cybersecurity, the protection and encryption of digital data, identities, finances and transactions, and intrusion detection and prevention methodologies. The collaborative research team will be led by Director Dr. Keith Andrews with assistance from Dr. Phil Womble, the lab's founder, along with students, research scientists and other members of WKU's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, the Department of Sociology, the Department of Folk Studies and Anthropology, and the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

WKYU-PBS Wins Two Emmy Awards

WKYU-PBS, WKU's Public Television service, received two Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Ohio Valley Chapter. The documentary "Joe Downing: Poet of Color and Light" won in the Nostalgia Program category (Producers Barbara Deeb and David Brinkley, Editor Stephen Kertis, and Executive Producer Jerry Baker) and David Brinkley won for Lighting in the craft category for a composite of his work on "Joe Downing: Poet of Color and Light," "An Evening with Sylvia Kersenbaum" and "MainStreet."



Big Red Named to All-America Mascot Team

For the sixth time in the last eight years, WKU's Big Red has been named to the 2009 CapitalOne All-America Mascot Team and will compete for the coveted title of CapitalOne Mascot of the Year.

Big Red was announced as one of 12 competing mascots joining: Billy the Goat (Navy), Testudo (Maryland), Sebastian the Ibis (Miami), Bearcat (Cincinnati), Bucky Badger (Wisconsin), Mike the Tiger (LSU), SuperFrog (TCU), Jack Rabbit (South Dakota State), Butch T. Cougar (Washington State), Booker (Oklahoma) and Hairy Dawg

(Georgia). Voting takes place online through December at capitalonebowl.com.

Eight WKU Students Spending the Semester at Sea

Eight WKU students are aboard the MV Explorer as part of the prestigious Semester at Sea study abroad program. “Semester at Sea is one of the most unique educational programs in the world,” said Dr. Bernie Strenicky, scholar-in-residence at WKU. He also is the ship’s director of service learning and a member of the Semester at Sea’s alumni board of directors. This fall, the Semester at Sea program will celebrate its 100th voyage with about 520 students aboard the floating campus. The University of Virginia serves as academic sponsor. Schools such as Pittsburgh, Colorado, Stanford, Virginia and UCLA traditionally send groups of students on the voyages.



Established in 1963, Semester at Sea is the only study abroad program of its kind in the world. Using a ship as its traveling campus, students, faculty, and lecturers learn and reside together while fully circumnavigating the globe each fall and spring semester and exploring a world region each summer.

WKU New Home for Kentucky Institute for International Studies

The Kentucky Institute for International Studies has a new home at WKU, but the consortium of 21 schools has the same objectives to provide quality international education for students, faculty and professionals. “Our motto is we provide a great experience at a great price,” said Rebekah Golla, coordinator of Communications and Marketing for KIIS.

KIIS, which was founded in 1975, has sent more than 8,400 students and more than 300 faculty members abroad in the past 35 years. In 2009 alone, KIIS will send 474 students. Today, students can study abroad and faculty can teach abroad in 18 countries and choose from more than 26 programs with most programs occurring over the summer months.

“The Kentucky Institute is delighted that WKU has agreed to become our new sponsoring institution; we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership with WKU,” said Chris Bierwirth, KIIS Executive Director.

Gatton Academy Students Perform Well on ACT

Students at the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky at WKU made significant gains on the state-required American College Test (ACT). Gatton Academy students outpaced their peers, receiving an average composite score of 29.9 out of 36 possible points on the exam — a score 11.7 points ahead of the statewide average. In the individual subjects, Gatton Academy students scored an average of 29.9 in English, 30.4 in mathematics, 30.3 in reading and 29.0 in science. As mandated by state law, all of Kentucky’s public school juniors participate in the ACT.

Three to be Inducted Into WKU Hall of Distinguished Alumni

A former Hilltopper football standout/NFL coach, a World War II hero/pediatrician and a banker/philanthropist will join WKU’s Hall of Distinguished Alumni this fall. Romeo Crennel, the late Daniel McIlvoy and Leon Page will be inducted during WKU’s Homecoming celebration Nov. 6. Crennel is a former player and coach at WKU and most recently head coach of the NFL’s Cleveland Browns. McIlvoy distinguished himself as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division’s 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment that was memorialized in a 2004 book “Doc McIlvoy and his Parachuting Medics,” written by Belgian historian Michel de Trez. Page is an original founder of Franklin Bank and Trust Company and made the first seven-figure gift in WKU’s history to establish the Leon Page Professorship in Banking and Financial Planning and the Leon Page Endowed Scholarship to support programs in the business college.

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