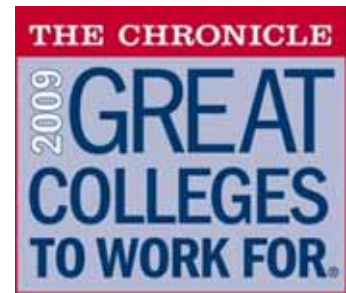




Eastern Kentucky University is among 122 four-year colleges and universities nationally recognized in *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* 2009 Great Colleges to Work For® program, according to the results of the second annual survey announced in a special supplement of *The Chronicle*, viewable at chronicle.com/indepth/academicworkplace. *The Chronicle's* Great Colleges to Work For® program recognizes small groups of colleges (based on enrollment size) for specific best practices in areas such as compensation and benefits, work environment and institutional policies. Among four-year colleges and universities with enrollment of at least 10,000, EKU ranked in the top 10 nationally for Tuition Reimbursement (tuition waivers for eligible employees, their spouses and dependents) in the Pay/Benefits category and for Professional/Career Development Programs (employees are given opportunities to develop skills, and understand requirements to advance in their careers) in the Institutional Policies category.



Formal ceremonies were held June 8 for the dedication of EKU's new state-of-the-art Manchester facility, the Stivers Building. Sen. Stivers, an early and persistent supporter of the project for whom the facility is named, told a large crowd of townspeople and EKU representatives that the campus is the culmination of a long-time dream, one he shared with many others in the community and area. "Today I can stand before you and say, with the completion and opening of this building, that dream has come true." Summer classes are already under way at the \$12.5 million, 48,636-square-foot facility. Since 1992, EKU's Manchester campus had been housed in a local shopping center after the University had been offering classes at various local facilities. Nearly 9,000 students have been enrolled at the Manchester campus over the past 17 years.

Beginning this fall, Eastern Kentucky University will offer its entire paralegal program at Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington. EKU, whose program was established nearly 30 years ago and was one of the first nationally and the first in Kentucky to earn American Bar Association approval, offers an associate degree in paralegal studies, a baccalaureate degree in paralegal science, a post-baccalaureate certificate in paralegal science, and a minor in paralegal science. This is one of several collaborations between BCTCS and EKU.

Eastern Kentucky University's Bachelor of Social Work program has been reaccredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The program received official notification from CSWE that an award of continuing accreditation was given through 2016, following a comprehensive evaluation and on-site visits last fall. EKU's Social Work program has been continuously accredited by the CSWE since 1977.

Eastern Kentucky University's Bluegrass Community Health Center will update its management system and expand one of its clinics with a \$472, 915 grant from the Health Resources and Service Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The center, originally established as a migrant farm worker health center in 2001, is now a licensed comprehensive health care facility with two clinics in Lexington that provide preventive and primary care services to all central Kentuckians on an ability-to-pay basis – a change made possible, in part, by a previous HRSA grant.

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KCTCS Good News Report

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JULY 2009

Dr. Jay Box Named KCTCS Chancellor

KCTCS President, Dr. Michael B. McCall, announced on June 12, 2009, the appointment of Dr. Jay Box as the next chancellor of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), effective July 1.

Dr. Box succeeds Dr. Keith Bird as Chancellor. He has played a vital role as a KCTCS college president and vice president and his knowledge of the System, dedication to higher education and leadership will ensure a seamless transition.

As chancellor, Dr. Box will oversee systemwide academic and student affairs.

Dr. Box has provided leadership to KCTCS for the past seven years. From 2002 through January 2007 he served as the president of Hazard Community and Technical College (HCTC). While at Hazard, Dr. Box assisted with the creation of the University Center for the Mountains, a central hub for providing access to four-year educational opportunities in southeast Kentucky. Additionally, he was successful in obtaining funding for the Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman and led efforts to create the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and



KCTCS Chancellor Jay Box

Traditional Music. He has also played a critical role in the establishment of the Hazard Student Leadership Institute, which partners with local, state, and national organizations to provide HCTC students co-curricular opportunities that develop leadership skills.

In 2007, Dr. Box moved into the position of KCTCS Vice President with the primary responsibility of providing leadership to administrative systems, network operations, distance

learning technologies and visualized learning and innovation. During his brief tenure in this position, he established the KCTCS Interactive Digital Center and provided oversight in the development and implementation of the KCTCS Decision Support System that provides KCTCS leadership with access to critical decision-making data in a simple point-and-click, Web-based application. In addition, he led the development of KCTCS Online, a truly revolutionary way of delivering higher education online in a modular, competency-based format.

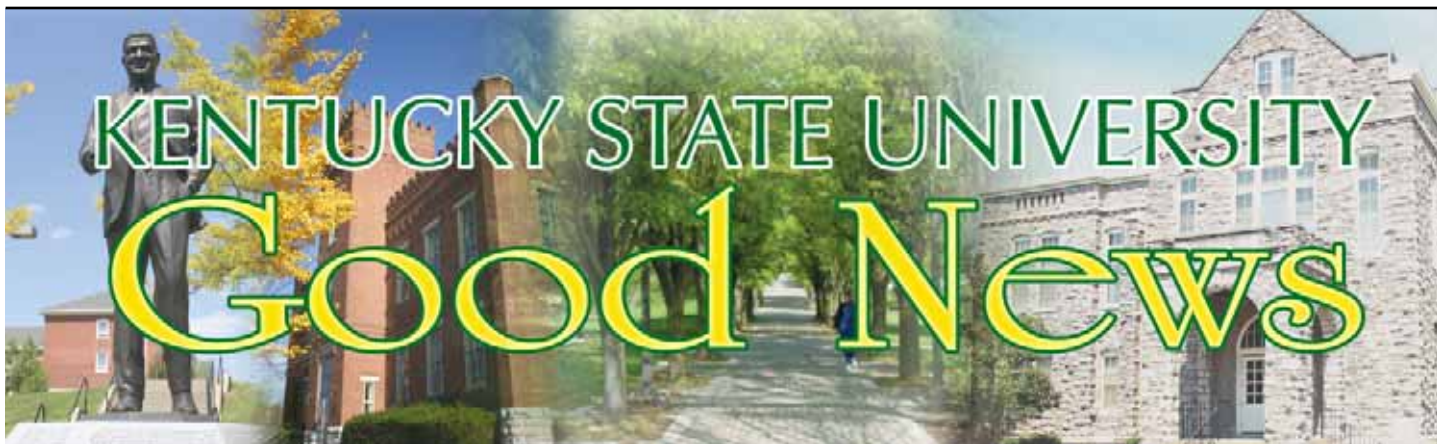
Prior to his service with KCTCS, he served as vice president at McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas.

Dr. Box received an associate's degree from Howard College, a bachelor's degree in education at Southwest Texas State University in 1976, a master's degree in education from Texas Tech University in 1985 and a doctorate degree in educational administration, higher education/community college specialty from Baylor University in 1994.

Dr. Box is a native of Crane, Texas. He is married to Gayle Box. They have one son.



KENTUCKY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM



Kentucky State University

July 2009

President Mary Evans Sias Named An Education Leader



Kentucky State University President Mary Evans Sias earned the 2009 Education Leadership Award from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. She is being recognized for her success in steering KSU, her advocacy of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund and her commitment to all historically black colleges and universities.

She will receive the award Monday, Oct. 26, at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers as part of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's 22nd Anniversary Awards Dinner, "Lighting the Path for Tomorrow's Leaders."

KSU Selects New Athletic Director



Dr. Denisha L. Hendricks joined Kentucky State University as its new athletic director July 1, joining only a handful of women athletic directors at colleges and universities across the country.

"I am very excited. It is a wonderful opportunity for me and Kentucky State University. We are going to grow together," she says.

Hendricks comes to KSU from Johnson C. Smith University, where she was an assistant athletic director and senior woman administrator.

KSU's Project Graduate A Success

Kentucky State University's Project Graduate recently graduated its second round of students, and currently more than 120 are working toward degree completion. The program continues to grow as more learn about it through KSU's Web site, mailings or, increasingly, word of mouth referrals. Of the 18 that graduated this May, the students averaged a year to complete their degrees.



KSU Acquires Old Downtown Library Building



Kentucky State University and the city of Frankfort announced April 17 that the university would purchase the old Paul Sawyer Public Library building from the city for \$500,000.

Possible uses envisioned by KSU for this facility include downtown classes, housing its Center of Excellence for the Study of Kentucky African Americans, support for a

proposed floating environmental science lab to be located behind the site and hosting visiting primary and secondary school students for various seminars and workshops.

“Good News” Report from Morehead State University

July 2009

- Calling it the most exciting project in recent memory, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and Gov. Steve Beshear officially opened the new \$16.6 million Space Science research, instructional and support facility on June 11. Local legislators, members of the Board of Regents, and other officials took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony.
- MSU increased its number of graduates by 15 percent (125 students) in the 2008-09 academic year, according to statistics released June 1 by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. MSU conferred 803 associate, bachelor's and master's/specialist degrees, up from 665 in 2007-08.
- MSU's Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team was runner-up in the 2009 SIFE National Exposition held in Philadelphia. MSU is one of the top 32 teams in the United States for all public and private four-year colleges or universities that have one of the 500 SIFE teams. Participating students use business concepts to develop community outreach projects that improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need. During this academic year, the Morehead State University SIFE team organized 13 projects in the Morehead community/service region, including their Business Wise project.
- MSU's Police Department hosted other state and local law enforcement agencies in “Rapid Deployment Training” in late May. The exercise was designed to help the campus police department be better prepared in the event of an actual emergency. The scenario executed allowed officers from different agencies to practice communication and coordination efforts during a multiple-jurisdiction emergency response.
- An Army ROTC cadet from MSU joined senior U.S. military leaders at a National Security Seminar in historic Lexington, Virginia, along with key military officials such as Army Chief of Staff General George W. Casey and Secretary of the Army Pete Geren. Cadet Simon Jackson earned the opportunity to participate in the George C. Marshall ROTC Seminar by being selected as the top Army ROTC cadet at MSU.
- MSU hosted the 31st annual Buffalo Trace Morehead Clinic Days Conference on June 6-7. The conference covered different topics in large and small animal medicine and surgery. A total of 123 veterinarians and veterinary technicians considered topics like toxicology case studies, practical pathology, ophthalmology, dermatology, small animal behavioral problems, and an equine lameness wet lab.
- MSU's Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences hosted the Junior Livestock Expo East, Monday and Tuesday, June 8-9, at Derrickson Agricultural Complex (MSU Farm). Nearly 800 middle, high school and college students and numerous MSU faculty and staff took part in the two-day event.
- For the fourth straight summer, MSU is hosting the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program. The program will run through July 24. A total of 340 high school students are taking part in GSP at MSU.

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MSU recognized as a great place to work

2009 Chronicle of Higher Education "Great Colleges to Work For®" program



Murray State University is one of 150 colleges recognized by *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* 2009 Great Colleges to Work For® program, according to results of the second annual survey announced in a special supplement to the July 10 issue of *The Chronicle*. Rated in the "large" university section (10,000 or more students) for specific best practices and policies, Murray State was identified in nine categories alongside high-profile universities such as Duke, Marquette, Emory, Cornell, St. Louis and Baylor.

MSU Athletics Wins OVC Commissioner's Cup Award

Murray State Athletics claimed the inaugural Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Cup for the 2008-09 school year. The Racers turned in three first-place OVC finishes during the school year with championships in women's soccer, women's basketball and women's golf.



'Breds head coach, **Rob McDonald**, was named OVC Coach of the Year by his peers after leading the 'Breds to the fourth-most victories in school history. The 32 victories are the most since the team won 36 games during the 1976 season.

Ashley Hayes was named the Ohio Valley Conference Female Athlete of the Year for 2008-09 in voting by the league's athletics directors and sports information directors. Hayes is currently playing in the WNBA with the Connecticut Sun.



Murray State junior left-hander **Daniel Calhoun** was named a Louisville Slugger Third-Team All-America by Collegiate Baseball. Calhoun is the first 'Breds player to earn All-America recognition in the program's history that dates back to 1924. The lefty was recently drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals.

MSU one of three to host Ky. Governor's Scholars Program

The Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program has accepted Murray State's proposal to serve as one of the three GSP campuses in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Murray was selected as a GSP campus through a competitive bid process open to all public and private universities in the commonwealth.

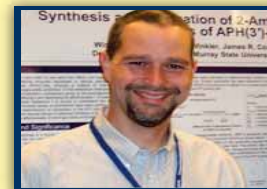


Breathitt Veterinary Center Awarded \$300K Grant

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board has awarded Murray State University a \$300,000 grant to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of replacing or renovating the Breathitt Veterinary Center in Hopkinsville. The center provides rapid diagnostic data that helps veterinarians make treatment decisions in instances of diseases that can affect animals.

Prof. Ricky Cox is national co-chair of Teaching Professor Conference

Dr. Ricky Cox, professor in the Department of Chemistry, recently served as the co-chair of The Teaching Professor Conference in Washington, D.C. This is a national conference devoted to helping higher education faculty members and instructional designers learn new techniques related to pedagogical effectiveness and the integration of technology in teaching and learning. Cox presented a workshop titled "Dreams and Realities in the Age of Digital Learning" and conducted the closing plenary session that involved approximately 600 faculty members and staff from colleges and universities across the nation.



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MSU alum designs “Angels and Demons” poster

Alex Griendling was the principal designer of the movie poster for Ron Howard’s film, “Angels and Demons.” Griendling received an undergraduate degree at Murray State University and the summer before his final semester had the opportunity to intern at Interlink Film Graphic Design in Los Angeles.

Murray State claims BoatU.S. Collegiate bass fishing championship title

Under near perfect weather conditions, college bass fishing’s premier event concluded with Murray State University slipping past University of North Texas to claim the 2009 BoatU.S. Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship title. Murray State joins past champions North Carolina State (2006), Texas A&M University (2007) and University of Arkansas (2008) as winners of the event. “Murray State’s win is very impressive considering this is the largest field we’ve ever had. Over 140 teams from more than 70 schools registered this year. My hat’s off to them for a fine win. They’re going to be great champions and ambassadors for collegiate bass fishing over the next year,” stated Wade Middleton, tournament director.

MSU public relations students work with Kentucky Cabinet to develop resource parent recruitment campaigns

During the Spring 2009 semester Murray State University students in the advanced public relations course worked with members of the Kentucky Cabinet Department for Community Based Services Protection and Permanency to design PR campaigns aimed at recruiting resource parents in the Lakes Region. Today, according to the Kentucky Cabinet’s records, the Lakes Region has 101 Resource Homes to care for more than 550 children in the system. The public relations students created recruitment campaigns targeting new publics through the use of new messages, themes and logos. They suggested using today’s social media tactics such as Facebook, a podcast series, multi-purpose recruitment videos, revamping the website, media kits and online newsrooms; all as ways to educate the public about the Department of Protection and Permanency’s activities, while enhancing the public’s image of foster children, resource parents and the issues associated with the nation’s fostering systems.

MSU featured on Techville interactive map

Murray State University was recently included on the Nashville Technology Council’s (NTC) Techville.us interactive map. MSU Telecommunications Systems Management is a member of NTC. Tod Fetherling, NTC CEO, joined the MSU TSM National Advisory Board at their last meeting. Techville was chartered to showcase the visual landscape of Middle Tennessee’s technology industry. The visual representation demonstrates the strength of the technology community that is growing in Middle Tennessee.

Former Racer honored by the White House For Excellence in Teaching

Not every student-athlete can go on to play professionally, but all of them have a chance to use the skills that they learn on the court and in the classroom at Murray State to become successful in their careers. For Melissa Collins, a former Racer women’s basketball player, that success has turned into a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching by the White House. Collins, who wore a navy and gold uniform from 1994-96, is a second-grade teacher at John P. Freeman Optional School in Memphis, Tenn. She is one of 87 elementary teachers in the country to earn the honor. She will receive \$10,000 from the national Science Foundation and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a White House ceremony. “It is a great honor to receive an award from the president,” said head coach Rob Cross. “We are proud to see that she has been able to have a positive impact on young people’s lives. Hopefully her time at Murray State, both on the court and in the classroom, helped prepare her to become the great educator that she has obviously become.” Collins graduated from Murray State in 1999 with a degree in elementary education and was hired by John P. Freeman Optional School, a K-8 school for college prep and enriched academics. The 6-3 center played for the Racers for two seasons after transferring from Jones Junior College in Ellisville, Miss. She averaged 2.8 points and 4.3 rebounds per game and added 27 blocks.





With Record Applications, NKU Forced to Limit Enrollment

Faced with a 35-percent increase in applications over last year, officials at Northern Kentucky University are anticipating that the school will, for the first time in its history, be forced to turn away qualified applicants this fall.

The university has seen an increase of 46.5 percent in applications from Kentucky residents. The application numbers - over 6,600 received thus far - are an all-time record at NKU, and while officials are encouraged by the high demand, they continue to be concerned about classroom capacity. The university announced in June that it would limit enrollment this fall.

Qualified freshmen with more than one academic deficiency under the university's admission standards who apply after July 1 will be deferred to the spring semester. Students with just one or no academic deficiencies are continuing to be admitted for the fall.

"Our community has come to know NKU as a place where students receive a high-quality education at an affordable price," said NKU

400 Qualified Nursing Students Turned Away Annually

NKU turns away about 400 qualified students each year who want to major in nursing or other allied health field because of lack of classroom and laboratory space. The university is seeking \$92.5M in state funding for a Health Innovations Center that will help address the critical community need.

President James Votruba. "We have worked hard to ensure an up-close and personal experience for our students and we are proud to have an outstanding faculty and staff who care deeply about the students we serve. The commitment from the campus community made these record numbers possible."

Votruba noted that NKU has increased the number of regular admission students (those with no academic deficiencies) by 18.4 percent this year, indicating the improved quality of NKU's applicant pool. In addition, officials indicate that the applicant pool is the most diverse in NKU's history, with an increase in African American applications up 58.9 percent and Hispanic applications up 31 percent.

The tremendous growth, coupled with the university's historic underfunding, has left the university with few choices. "Unfortunately, reductions in state funding in recent years have made it difficult for NKU to continue to grow," Votruba said. "And this comes at a time when NKU is the top choice for a rapidly growing number of students. We wish we had other options, but right now we simply do not."

NKU Breaks Ground on Ultra High-Tech Informatics Center

NKU broke ground May 28 on its new ultra high-tech informatics center. A month later, the university announced that a private gift from Griffin Industries would provide \$7 million in support of technology within the facility, which will be called "Griffin Hall."

Frank Muehleman, vice president and general manager, Dell North America Public Business Group, was at the groundbreaking. He said the center's impact will be felt for generations. "The Center for Informatics exemplifies how business and academia can partner to maximize the impact of technology on student learning and achievement," he said. "The Center's progressive model, coupled with a fully integrated curriculum and mobile technologies, will help prepare NKU students to compete and excel in a global workforce."

The Center will house some of the most advanced technology in the Midwest. It will feature a Computer Assisted Virtual Environment that will be available for businesses to use for product development. It will also boast a Digitorium that will be capable of running complex simulations in homeland security, computer security and financial security. The Digitorium can double as a Network Operations Center that will allow broad use by a variety of private and government sectors.

"The Center for Informatics will be a natural attractor to the community at large, providing a new venue for engagement," NKU Informatics Dean Douglas Perry said. "Companies can partner with our Infrastructure Management Institute to make use of our unique facilities to develop products and foster new business. Residents can come to be enlightened, enriched and entertained. Professionals can convene to enhance their skills and expand their network."



In addition to being home to some of the most advanced technology available, Griffin Hall will be the first "green" building on NKU's campus, designed for LEED Silver certification.

"SAP is proud of its long-standing, successful partnership with Northern Kentucky University, a partnership spanning more than five years," said Mark A. Testoni, president of SAP Public Services, Inc. "NKU has been a genuine driver of innovation among institutions of higher education. It consistently has brought its entire academic community the best practices and deployments of technology, business processes and value."

"To tomorrow's leaders I say this, if you are a high school student and you desire a career in an information discipline you should be submitting your application to NKU and packing your bags for Highland Heights," Muehleman said. "This is where you will get a truly cutting edge, applied education experience."



Campus Success

Despite difficult economic and budget conditions, 2008-09 was a record year for the University of Kentucky:

- Record high number of freshman applicants: 11,120
- Record high number of Governor's Scholars/School for the Arts students in the first-year class: 389
- Record high number of African-American first year students: 347
- Record high number of African-American undergraduate students: 1,234
- Record high undergraduate enrollment: 19,326
- Record high retention rate: 81%
- Record high graduation rate: 61.4%
- Record high graduation rate for African-American students: 50.3%
- Record high doctoral student enrollment: 2,391
- Record high first-professional (Dentistry, Law, Medicine, and Pharmacy) enrollment: 1,558
- Record high first-professional (Dentistry, Law, Medicine, and Pharmacy) degrees awarded: 409
- Record high number of full-time faculty: 2,096
- Record high number of African-American faculty: 84 (including record number of 11 new African-American faculty)
- Record high number and percent of women in Executive/Administrative/Managerial positions: 234 (48.4%)
- Record high research expenditures reported to the National Science Foundation: \$337 million (FY 2008)

Student Success

- Kayla Rae Whitaker, a 2007 UK graduate from Mt. Sterling, was named UK's third recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship. Whitaker is one of 30 new recipients of the award from across the U.S. The scholars are chosen through a nationwide selection process that draws approximately 1,000 nominees. She will use the scholarship to pursue her passion for writing as she works toward a master's degree in Fine Arts offered through the Creative Writing Program at New York University.
- The UK Solar Car Team finished in second place in the Formula Sun Grand Prix at Motorsport Ranch in Cresson, Texas in June. The UK car, Gato Del Sol III, completed 393 laps over three days, with its fastest lap timed at two minutes, 33 seconds. Thirteen members of the UK Solar Car Team made the trip; all are students in the UK College of Engineering. The race lasted 30 hours. The team finished behind the University of Minnesota's car, Centaurus, which completed 487 laps. Its fastest lap was timed at two minutes, 20 seconds.
- Fifty-three UK student-athletes have been named to the 2009 Southeastern Conference Spring Academic Honor Roll. This marked the third consecutive year that UK has placed at least 50 members on the annual SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll. Women's track led the way with 17 selections, followed by men's track (eight), softball (seven), baseball (six), men's golf (six), men's tennis (four), women's tennis (three), and women's golf (two).

Research and Outreach Success

- UK's Rural Cancer Prevention Center recently received a multi-million dollar grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Center, which is based out of the UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health in Hazard, is the brainchild of Dr. Richard A. Crosby of the College of Public Health and Dr. Baretta R. Casey, Director of the UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health-Hazard. The five-year grant will allow UK to conduct community-based participatory research in 23 Eastern Kentucky counties with a focus on cancer prevention and control. One primary emphasis of the project will be on a vaccine for cervical cancer. The project also will be looking for ways to prevent other types of cancer that are quite common in Eastern Kentucky.



Serving Those Who Serve Our Nation

The number of veterans attending college this fall is expected to jump 30 percent from last year—representing nearly half a million students. The University of Louisville stands ready to support them. Recently, *G.I. Jobs* magazine named UofL a “Military Friendly School,” an honor received by only 15 percent of all colleges and universities nationwide.

From veteran students groups to exclusive course offerings and physical upgrades, the campus community is prepared for the unique needs of these students. Programs like the Ft. Knox Extended Campus and the Office of Military and Veteran Student Services will help them meet the challenges of rejoining not only the academic environment, but their civilian contemporaries as well.

UofL now has more than 700 veteran students and 45 active duty personnel enrolled. The pending increase in student population will place an even greater strain on classroom space at UofL, which already is grappling with decrepit buildings and classroom shortages. As a result, all our students are challenged with course availability and extended graduation times. This in turn jeopardizes graduation rates and incurs additional costs for students. Additional space to accommodate student veterans will be yet another reason we will seek state funding for additional classroom space in the 2010 session of the General Assembly.

UofL Across Kentucky ... and Beyond

Helping Soldiers earn their degrees

Somewhere in Iraq, five U.S. soldiers with laptops are spending their precious free time working on a college degree. Another 60 active duty men and women are taking the same classes in a less hostile environment: three newly renovated classrooms on post at Fort Knox. All are taking advantage of UofL's Workforce Leadership program.

The program, offered through the College of Education and Human Development, helps working adults with prior college credit and work experience obtain a degree. It fosters careers in training and leadership inside or outside the military by preparing graduates for jobs in project management, instructional design and teaching.

While 123 credit hours are needed for a degree, students can receive credit for more than a third of those based on their training and experience in the armed forces.



Making it even more affordable, UofL capped tuition for active duty personnel at \$250/hr., which is the amount reimbursed by the military.

William Walker earned his degree through the program in December 2007, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. “Getting started in college again is intimidating when you look at all that is ahead of you,” the 20-year veteran says. “The staff at UofL helped me put it all in perspective and organize a schedule that worked for me.”



Veteran student William Walker credits the Workforce Leadership program with helping him earn a bachelor's degree.

A Message from Dr. Ramsey

Dear Kentucky Policy Maker:

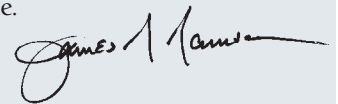
This July 4th, as we celebrated the 233rd year of our nation's independence, we remembered all of our servicemen and women who have or are currently serving in our armed forces. We at the University of Louisville believe that it is our duty to serve those who protect our freedom every day by providing an accessible, affordable education.



Soon there will be thousands of veterans coming back from Iraq, Afghanistan and other posts worldwide who will need to get their college degrees. On Belknap Campus we are already serving 700 veteran students, plus another 45 active military personnel take courses online through our distance learning program.

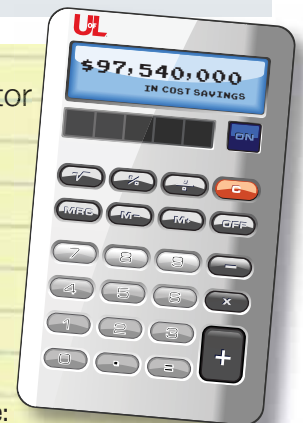
Sadly, many will be returning home in need of unique medical care, from post-traumatic stress disorder to women's health issues and physical therapy. It is an honor for us at UofL, in conjunction with VA Hospital, to be able to care for these individuals who have given so much to our country by providing them both a quality education and, when needed, quality patient care.

We have a long tradition of serving veterans, one that we plan to continue.



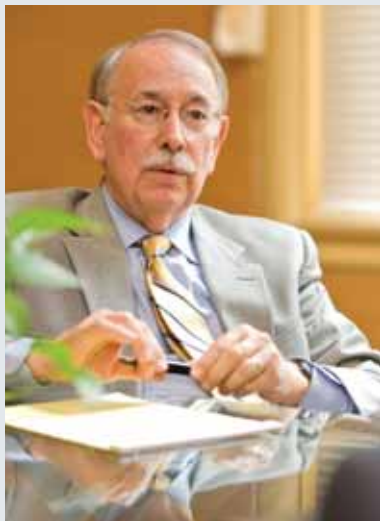
UofL Savings Calculator

- Created IT “super computer” cluster for bioinformatics: \$2.1 million grant (cost avoidance) and \$150,000 recurring
- Renegotiated university's travel contract: \$75,000 recurring
- Sold first of several university-incubated health-care companies taking knowledge from the lab to the marketplace: \$350,000 one time
- Implemented self-funded health insurance program: \$950,000 recurring
- Expanded distance education programs to generate new revenue: \$850,000 recurring
- Leased broadband space to private contractor: \$4 million one time, \$210,000 recurring



Providing our vets **the best medical care**

Driven to make veterans' care the best it can be, Dr. Larry Cook, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, discusses the distinct honor and privilege it is to care for our nation's heroes, the changing face of veterans today and how he believes they all deserve the very best care available.



Dr. Larry Cook, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at UofL

Q: How does UofL Healthcare take care of our veterans today?

A: For more than 50 years, UofL has had the honor of partnering with the Veteran's Administration to provide health care to veterans in Kentucky and Indiana. Right now we have more than 50 faculty members and more than 100 residents based at the VA Hospital. Also, 20 medical students are at the hospital every day.

Q: How does the care that our younger veterans need differ from that of WWII and Vietnam veterans?

A: As the face of our military force changes, so does their health-care needs. We see a growing need for women's services as more women join the armed services. Our veterans are faced with new health-care challenges as warfare

changes as well. We already are seeing a growing need for psychiatric services to help our veterans with post-traumatic stress and other conditions. Also, we see a growing need for neurological and neurosurgical health care. This goes beyond stroke and includes limb transplantation, spinal care and rehabilitation.

Q: How would having the VA Hospital downtown benefit veterans?

A: A downtown location would offer our veterans quicker access to the tremendous technology, clinical programs and research efforts not only at UofL, but throughout the entire downtown medical center. These services include interventional cardiology and radiology, world-class spinal cord rehabilitation, in-patient dialysis and high-risk obstetrics care. And there are many more.

Q: Why does UofL care where the hospital is built?

A: Our concern is to ensure that veterans receive the highest quality health care possible. Regardless of location, we will support the decision made for the site by the VA. However, we strongly believe that a downtown site will provide the best clinical care for our veterans.

Q: Personally, why is this project important to you?

A: First of all, I'm a veteran, and I want my fellow veterans to receive the best care possible. But I can't stress enough the importance of our partnership with the VA as UofL carries out its missions of education, research and clinical care. The number of physicians and students currently working at and with the VA demonstrates our commitment to having a prominent role in delivering the highest quality health care, now and in the future.

New Office **Assists Vets**

UofL's new Office of Military and Veteran Student Services will open this fall on Belknap Campus. The office will serve as a single contact point for veteran students, streamlining the recruitment and admissions processes and assisting them with understanding their VA benefits and other financial options. To learn more, visit: louisville.edu/veterans or contact:

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Curing Kidney Disease

Bucks for Brains researchers at UofL continue to make an impact. Recently they helped identify a key protein behind a debilitating disease, called membranous nephropathy, in which the body's immune system attacks the kidneys.

Scientists in a worldwide study of membranous nephropathy knew it was an autoimmune disorder, but could not pinpoint its molecular mechanisms. They needed the kind of analysis known as proteomics that requires special knowledge and equipment. Both are available at UofL's Core Proteomics Laboratory and Clinical Proteomics Center. So they asked Dr. Jon Klein, the James Graham Brown Foundation Chair in Proteomics and director of the proteomics center, and Klein's colleagues Drs. David Powell and Tim Cummins to help.



Jon Klein, David Powell and Tim Cummins' work on membranous nephropathy will help the 60,000 Americans suffering from this disease that often leads to irreversible kidney damage.

The UofL team analyzed more than 1,000 proteins in the kidney and narrowed the list down to just 20. This enabled their colleagues in the study to home in on the one that is the key factor behind the disease.

UofL's proteomics lab is one of just a handful in the world that specializes in analyzing kidney tissue. Klein, whose position is funded by Bucks for Brains, says the lab was made possible by the Research Challenge Trust Fund (Bucks for Brains). Bucks for Brains has helped UofL attract top scientists and provide them with state-of-the-art facilities such as the proteomics lab.



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WKU Receives NSF Grant For Science/Math Teaching Program

WKU has been awarded \$898,781 from the National Science Foundation's Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, which seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers.

Through the five-year grant (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2014), WKU will initiate and fund the WKU Science and Mathematics Alliance for Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (SMARRT) Program. The program will be dedicated to increasing the number of highly qualified mathematics and science teachers through a comprehensive recruiting and retention plan. Current high school students as well as current WKU STEM students will be recruited into this program, which will offer opportunities for internships, scholarships, mentoring and other incentives for these students to pursue teaching as a career.

The grant will benefit mathematics and the sciences as well as other related programs such as SKyTeach, a WKU program funded in 2007 by the Exxon/Mobil Foundation through the National Mathematics and Science Institute. Information about SKyTeach is available at <http://skyteach.wku.edu/home/>.

Gatton Academy Named To Newsweek's List Of 'Public Elites'

The Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky at WKU has been named to Newsweek's 2009 list of "The Public Elites."

Though 15 Kentucky high schools appear on Newsweek's list of top-performing high schools, Dr. Julia Roberts, executive director of the Gatton Academy, noted the Gatton Academy marks the first occasion in which a Kentucky high school has been recognized as a member of "The Public Elites."



The Gatton Academy now finds itself among the nation's most distinguished high schools. Schools such as the Bronx High School of Science (New York), Illinois Math Science Academy, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, and Thomas Jefferson High School (Virginia) make perennial appearances on the list. These schools, along with the Gatton Academy, are members of the National Consortium of Specialized Secondary Schools of Math, Science, and Technology.

**WKU Provost Barbara Burch To Leave Post In 2010**

Dr. Barbara Burch, WKU's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, announced that she will leave that position June 30, 2010.

Dr. Burch said that after June 30 she will devote her time to working with WKU's doctoral program in Education Leadership, civic engagement, internationalization, research and other areas where she can contribute in meaningful ways both at WKU and in higher education.

Since July 1, 1996, Dr. Burch has served as the chief academic officer for the University and is responsible for overseeing the general goals and directions for the academic development of the campus including instruction, research, public service, and related support offices.

In 2007 Dr. Burch received the William M. Plater Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement, presented by the Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). She has held major leadership roles at the state, national and international level, including serving as president of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

The University will begin the search for a new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs immediately.

McConnell Officially Launches Mesonet Network

The ever-changing nature of Kentucky's weather was the topic of conversation in Grayson County as U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell in May helped officially launch the Kentucky Mesonet.

"I'm pleased to be here today to join in this celebration," McConnell said as he presented WKU officials with a \$2.905 million check to signify the federal appropriations he has secured for the statewide project.



The Grayson County site, adjacent to Lawler Elementary School and Grayson County High School off of U.S. 62 in Leitchfield, is one of 30 stations across Kentucky that are operational.

"The Mesonet will help protect lives and property and that's the goal of the National Weather Service," said John Gordon of the NWS forecast office in Louisville.

The Kentucky Mesonet is a statewide weather and climate monitoring network collecting real-time weather and climate data on temperature, precipitation, humidity, solar radiation, wind speed and direction. Data is packaged into observations every five minutes and transmitted to the Kentucky Climate Center at WKU every five minutes, 24 hours per day, throughout the year and is available online at www.kymesonet.org.

WKU Students Awarded Gilman Scholarships

Three WKU students have received prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships for the fall 2009 semester. Recipients of the study abroad scholarships are:

Christa Wright, a senior psychology major from Elizabethtown, \$4,500 award for a semester-long exchange program to Kansai Gaidai in Japan.

Amanda Loviza, a senior double major in Spanish and news/editorial journalism from Midlothian, Va., \$4,000 award for a semester-long exchange program in Ecuador.

Jeremy Hand-Roe, a senior political science major from Clarksville, Tenn., \$4,000 award for a semester-long program in the Czech Republic.

A fourth student is currently a Gilman alternate: Kai Leathers, a senior exercise science major from Franklin who plans to study in Florence, Italy.

Autism Support Program Expands Into Owensboro; Summer Programs Now Offered

Tisha Ziemer considers the expansion of the Kelly Autism Program into Owensboro a blessing.

KAP, which provides services to adolescents and young adults diagnosed along the Autism Spectrum Continuum, as well as their families, was established at WKU. However, health and travel issues kept Ziemer from traveling from Owensboro to Bowling Green so that her 10-year-old son Corey could benefit from the program.

Housed on the Wendell Foster Campus for Developmental Disabilities, KAP-Owensboro, or KAP-O, helps students develop social skills while providing support for families. "We utilize our materials in group activity and one-on-one counseling in order for them to develop their social skills," KAP-O Manager Ashley Benthall said, adding the goal is to take those skills to their schools and community "and have better interactions with their peers and family." KAP-O began offering services in March. Those services expanded into two summer programs that began in June.

Religious Literacy Project Offers Expertise To Community

A new Community Religious Literacy Project is opening the door for WKU's Religious Studies faculty to share their knowledge and expertise. "We live in a very religious area, but oftentimes people's knowledge of religion is merely about just their own," said Dr. Eric Bain-Selbo, head of the Department of Philosophy and Religion. "Many people are interested in learning more about others' traditions."

By launching the Community Religious Literacy Project, he hopes the department can enhance the outreach efforts already under way by faculty members. "We're not going to tell you what to believe," he said. "This project is about providing reliable and accurate information. We want to openly share information and expertise that can enrich our community."

For more WKU news, go to <http://www.wku.edu/news/index.html> or <http://wkunews.wordpress.com/>.



News from the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities July 2009

AIKCU members award record number of spring degrees

Students at Kentucky's twenty independent colleges and universities earned a record 3,157 bachelor's degrees this spring, up nearly 9 percent over the previous year and 23 percent since 2004, according to a preliminary report issued earlier this week by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Dr. Jeff Metcalf announced as next Kentucky Christian University President

Kentucky Christian University announced during its May commencement that Dr. Jeffrey K. Metcalf would succeed President Keith P. Keeran to become the 5th president in the University's 90 year history. Dr. Metcalf is a Kentucky Christian alumnus who joined the administrative staff in 1996, serving most recently as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.



Senator Tim Shaughnessy gets a close look at Midway College's equine program.

Midway College hosts Kentucky Interim Joint Committee on Education

Midway College hosted the July meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Education, co-chaired by Representative Carl Rollins (a former Midway staff member) and Senator Ken Winters (former President of Campbellsville University). Prior to the meeting, Committee members toured the campus and learned about Midway's signature programs, including the innovative equine studies program. Midway President Butch Drake made a brief presentation during the meeting that emphasized the diversity of the independent sector and the independent colleges' efforts to meet the educational needs of Kentucky citizens through innovative and entrepreneurial programs as well as traditional offerings.

Campbellsville University again offering tuition free classes to recently unemployed

Campbellsville University is offering free tuition in two classes this fall for individuals who have become unemployed since September 1, 2008. Students may enroll in Campbellsville's adult-friendly ACCEL Program at CU's main campus or Louisville campus.

Campbellsville and several other AIKCU institutions, including St. Catharine College, Pikeville College, and Georgetown College, extended offers of free tuition to the recently unemployed during the spring 2009 semester.

Majority of AIKCU institutions sign up to participate in the new 'Yellow Ribbon' GI Bill

Sixteen of twenty AIKCU member colleges and universities signed on to participate in the Post 9/11 GI Bill (commonly referred to as the 'Yellow Ribbon' or new GI Bill). The new GI Bill, which goes into effect August 1, provides for payment of tuition and fees, a housing allowance, and a stipend for books and supplies for eligible veterans who have served on active military duty since September 11, 2001. The maximum tuition and fees benefit available under the law is pegged to the level of the in-state charges at the most expensive public institution in a state.

For AIKCU members and other institutions with higher tuition and fees, the new law also creates the "Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program." Under this program, the federal government will match, dollar-for-dollar, contributions that colleges and universities make to help veterans cover tuition costs above the maximum in-state public college tuition amount. Participating colleges had to sign participation agreements by June 15 that specified how the institutional matches will be provided, the maximum amount of individual contributions, and the number of eligible veterans. A complete list of participating Kentucky institutions can be found at http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/YRP/states/ky.htm.

AIKCU is proud of our campuses' support of our nation's veterans and extremely pleased that so many of our campuses have chosen to participate in the Yellow Ribbon program. Even though most AIKCU institutions are participating, veterans should not exclude a campus from consideration because it is not a Yellow Ribbon participant. There are many sources of financial aid available to students who wish to enroll at an independent college or university.