

# EKU Report

Eastern Kentucky University News for the Council on Postsecondary Education

April 2012



## 1st-Generation Student Joins Ivy Leaguer in APPLE

Only a sophomore at EKU, Jessica Jacobs is already looking ahead to graduate school and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

Now this first-generation college student from Leitchfield has a head start on the competition.

Jacobs recently learned she has been accepted into the Access Path to Psychology and Law Experience (APPLE) program. As one of only two APPLE scholars nationally – the other an Ivy Leaguer at Brown University – she will receive up to \$3,000 to support her development in the field of law-psychology through research with Dr. Dustin Wygant of EKU's psychology faculty.

"This program is going to give me an edge in getting into graduate school, and it is allowing me to really start early on getting research experience that a lot of people don't get until they're already in graduate school," said Jacobs, a psychology major with a deviance/criminology minor and a member of EKU's nationally prominent Honors Program.

A panel of reviewers judged each application based on the student's qualifications and commitment to law-psychology, the merit of the proposed research, and the commitment of the faculty member. "Our decision to invite you into the program indicates our belief that you are currently an outstanding student and that you have the potential to become an excellent researcher and/or clinician in the field of law-psychology," a letter from the American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Minority Affairs Committee stated.

Jacobs will work with Wygant on a research project investigating the proposed DSM-5 diagnostic criteria for Antisocial Personality Disorder (APD) in a sample of 300 inmates in a medium-security prison near Danville. The inmates will complete an extensive five-hour battery of clinical interviews. "Jessica will have the opportunity to actively participate in the data collection process for this study (and) an opportunity to attend an extensive training program that will cover neuropsychological test administration and clinical interviewing, in addition to training on how to research psychopathology," Wygant said.

"The project will offer Jessica a tremendous opportunity to learn about psychopathology and research and will serve her well toward applying for graduate school," Wygant added.

## Mock Trial Team Among Top 48 in the Nation

The EKU mock trial team can officially consider itself one of the top 48 teams in the nation, or among the top 15 percent.

Winning ballots against Princeton University, Washington and Lee University and Wake Forest University in the opening round of the national championship tournament at Furman University March 23-25, the EKU team received a bid to compete in the final rounds of the championship in Minneapolis April 13-15.

Only 48 teams nationwide will compete in the championship event, out of 650 teams that began the season.

The other schools qualifying from the Greenville tournament were Harvard University, Princeton, Duke University and Furman. The Eastern squad also finished ahead of teams from the University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, University of Alabama, Elon University, Patrick Henry College and Emory University.

## More Than 1,000 Military Veterans, Dependents Now Enrolled

EKU recently passed another milestone, with more than 1,000 military veterans and their dependents now enrolled.

As more and more troops return from Iraq and Afghanistan, Eastern has nearly doubled its number of military veterans and dependents – from 550 just two years ago to 1,018 currently enrolled. The university's total enrollment is approximately 16,000 students.

"The new Post 9-11 GI Bill makes college more affordable for veterans and now their dependents," said Lt. Col. Brett Morris, Ret., interim director of admissions.

## Six Grads Worked on Gray Project Touted by Obama

Six EKU graduates – five from the university’s construction management program – played key roles in a job-producing project mentioned by President Barack Obama in his State of the Union speech earlier this year.

The six are employed by Gray Construction, of Lexington, which was selected by Siemens Energy Inc. to construct a 490,000-square-foot gas turbine manufacturing expansion to its existing facility in Charlotte, N.C. At the time of construction, it was the largest project for Siemens worldwide – and the largest project in Charlotte in 30 years. Siemens, which builds and refurbishes gas turbines for U.S. and worldwide customers in the facility, hired an additional 700 workers since announcing the expansion and expects to bring in 400 more by 2014, hence the mention by Obama.



Brett Goode, a 1998 construction management graduate of EKU, served as Gray’s senior project manager for the Siemens expansion. Other Eastern grads involved with the project were Patrick McCowan, project manager; Troy Fraley, project manager; Mark Ruley, field engineer; Clay Turner, field engineer; and Neal Ratterman, safety manager. Ruley and Turner are 2009 graduates of EKU’s construction management program; McCowan, a 2000 graduate, and Fraley, a 1996 graduate. Ratterman is a 1996 safety and loss prevention graduate.

The Siemens project in Charlotte also earned coverage in The Wall Street Journal and New York Times.

Gray, which ranks third among U.S. green contractors in manufacturing plants construction, provided construction management, LEED certification coordination and building commissioning services for the Charlotte project. In all, 25 Eastern graduates are employed by Gray, which frequently hires Eastern students for internships. Goode is one of many interns who went on to full-time employment with the company.

“Every day you read an article ... about the U.S. workforce not having the education or skills that companies need,” Goode said. “For me and for Gray, we have had the good fortune to hire some great graduates from EKU who possess the skills needed to manage and execute a complex project like the Siemens Gas Turbine Project.

“Gray has had great success partnering with EKU students and with the internship program required by the (construction management) program,” he added. “The students generated by EKU are well balanced and are well rounded.”

## ‘Stars Over Appalachia’ Targets Dropout Rate

EKU is working with the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame to enlist entertainment celebrities in an effort to reduce the high school dropout rate in the university’s service region.

The program calls for the celebrities from all entertainment genres – many with ties to the region – to adopt schools and then work with administrators and teachers to inspire students to stay in school.

“Seeing children living in very rural communities have the opportunity to connect with a celebrity is so uplifting,” said Paula Wilder, one of seven EKU educational extension agents serving the university’s service region, who approached the Hall of Fame with the idea. “It got a very warm reception, and Hall of Fame Executive Director Robert Lawson and I are currently actively working to get this program off the ground.”



Wilder

Most of the celebrities being sought for the program grew up in the region or live in the region today. “We want the celebrities to be able to relate to the students they mentor,” Wilder said. “Hopefully, a project of this nature will intrinsically motivate students to stay in school and give them the courage and inspiration they need to pursue higher educational attainment.”

The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame is located at Renfro Valley.

## Pershing Rifles Drill Team Captures National Championship

### Title is EKU’s Second in Three Years

*EKU’s Company R-1 of the National Society of Pershing Rifles earned another national championship at the Pershing Rifle National Convention and Alumni Reunion competition at the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore. The EKU team also received first-place trophies in Platoon Exhibition and Squad Exhibition, a second-place trophy for Platoon Regulation (IDR), and third-place trophies in Squad Regulation (IDR) and Duet Exhibition, won by four-year team members Sam Ratliff and Adam Renn, both of Louisville.*



# KCTCS GOOD NEWS REPORT

HIGHER EDUCATION BEGINS HERE

APRIL 2012



## “COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CAREER” BUS TOUR VISITS KCTCS

### DR. JILL BIDEN AND LABOR SECRETARY HILDA SOLIS VISIT KCTCS FOR “COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CAREER” BUS TOUR

Second Lady Jill Biden and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis made a stop at the Leestown Campus of Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) on February 23 as part of their three-day “Community College to Career” bus tour. The tour highlighted the unique role community colleges play in developing a flexible, highly-skilled 21st-century workforce to meet emerging regional business needs.

Dr. Biden, a community college instructor for 18 years, and Secretary Solis, a former community college trustee, began the day at BCTC with a tour of machine technology

**ABOVE:** KCTCS President Michael B. McCall with U.S. Second Lady Jill Biden and U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis (center, front row); all 16 KCTCS college presidents and KCTCS Chancellor Jay Box.



KENTUCKY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

## KCTCS GOOD NEWS REPORT



**ABOVE:** (Clockwise from Left) Dr. Jill Biden; Secretary Hilda Solis; Hopkinsville Community College Graduate Danny Anderson speaking as Carol Wright, COO, Jackson Energy looks on; Dr. Biden listens as Jeff Watson, Gateway Medical Center Nurse Manager and HCC Graduate speaks; KCTCS workforce partnerships panel and audience.

classes. They later joined KCTCS students and workforce partners in a panel discussion, listening to students share their stories and learning more from businesses about KCTCS' innovative partnerships.

Five KCTCS colleges participated in the panel discussion, along with their workforce partners and students. Those colleges included: Bluegrass Community and Technical College (Transposagen Biopharmaceuticals; Darah Johnson, student); Hopkinsville Community College (Gateway Medical Center; Danny Lamont Anderson, former student); Jefferson Community and Technical College (Ford Motor Company, Louisville Assembly Plant; Karen Meadows, former student); Somerset Community College (Jackson Energy; Jeremy Raborn, former student); and West Kentucky Community and Technical College (Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 184; Corey Hicks, former student).

The "Community College to Career" bus tour evolved in early February after President Obama announced a new \$8 billion Community College to Career Fund. The Fund is co-administered by the Department of Labor and Department of Education to forge new partnerships between community colleges and businesses to train two million workers with skills that will lead directly to jobs.

The bus tour began February 22 in Columbus, Ohio, and ended on February 24, 2012, in Thomasville, North Carolina. The visit to BCTC was the only stop in Kentucky.





Kentucky State University

[www.kysu.edu](http://www.kysu.edu)

April 2012

## Kentucky State University And Businesses Donate To Kentucky Farmers Impacted By Tornadoes

It started with farmers wanting to help other farmers locally and around the state. Employees in Kentucky State University's College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems, who are also farmers, wanted to assist farms affected by the tornadoes that ripped through Kentucky in early March.

Trucks carrying donated agricultural fencing and animal feed pulled out from KSU's Research and Demonstration Farm about 9 a.m. March 13, heading to a collection point in West Liberty, Ky. From there, donations were distributed around the state.

"It started with the farm crew," said KSU farm manager Eddie Reed who coordinated the farm-assist effort.

"Most of these folks farm for a living and work here at KSU at the Research and Demonstration Farm," Reed added.

KSU donated surplus supplies along with animal feed donated by area businesses. Heading to eastern Kentucky, the trucks carried agricultural fencing materials, which included barbed wire, T-posts, wooden posts and tread-in posts for poly netting.

Businesses that donated feed included Southern States Cooperative in Frankfort; Bagdad Roller Mills and Bob's Hay Barn in Shelby County; Woodford Feed in Woodford County; and Anderson Farm Supplies in Anderson County. Individuals donating include Sandy Coy of Frankfort and Carla Foster of Shelby County.



## KSU Students Help West Liberty Recover



Students and staff gasped as a Kentucky State University bus arrived in West Liberty, Ky., on the morning of March 30, and many of them used cell phones to take pictures from the bus.

Trees had been toppled. Businesses and homes were crumbling. Many structures had been completely demolished.

About 35 KSU students volunteered to help clean up West Liberty in eastern Kentucky after a tornado went through the area in early March. The Student Life Office organized the trip with volunteer coordinators in West Liberty.

KSU students worked at two sites: at a home on Frederick Lane, where they cut and cleared tree limbs and separated debris into piles for pickup, and at the United Methodist Opportunity Store, where students tossed trash from the store into a large dumpster.



As they passed by, a few area residents thanked the students for being there.

Ricardo Cooper, a senior mass communication and community justice major from Washington D.C., volunteered with several of his peers in the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity.

He said a woman stopped the group of students before they started working and told them God would bless them.

“That just hit home,” Cooper said. “I know we’re doing the right thing.”

Xiaoxue Xeng, an exchange student from the Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, wanted to see a part of Kentucky outside of Frankfort. She knew about the tornado, but Xeng said she was surprised by what she saw for herself.

“It’s just impressive – the damage,” Xeng said.

Student Life Director Leslie Thomas worked alongside the students but praised their efforts, telling the students they had done a tremendous amount of work, before the bus ventured back to Frankfort.

One student said she understood West Liberty’s current struggles and was pleased she could assist the residents in recovery efforts.

The student, Chelsea Hardy, a junior, was in seventh grade in her hometown of Indianapolis, Ind., when a tornado ripped through her city. The tornado hit Hardy’s school while she and her classmates were inside the building.

“I can feel for the victims because I was a victim,” she said.





We aspire to be the best public regional university in the South.

April 2012



**Midori in concert on May 5**

Internationally acclaimed violinist Midori will present a concert Saturday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at Morehead State University's Button Auditorium.

Proceeds from this concert will support the Virginia Harpham Scholarship for String Players at MSU and the Rowan County School System's Lucille Caudill Little Strings Program.

**Prater named president of SVA**

Dr. Phil Prater, professor of veterinary technology at Morehead State University, was installed as the president of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association in Louisville. The KVMA is the largest veterinary organization in the state which maintains a membership of more than 1,000 veterinarians.

Prater was named the Vet of the Year by the KVMA, and also received the Outstanding Senior Teacher Award from the American Association of Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources. In 2008, he was given the University's Distinguished Teacher Award.



**Recreation & Wellness Center named NIRSA Outstanding Sports Facility**

MSU's Recreation and Wellness Center is a recipient of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association 2012 Outstanding Sports Facilities (OSF) award.

The center, which opened in August 2011, features a three-court gymnasium and fitness area with cardio and weight machines and free weights. The two-story building includes two racquetball courts, multipurpose rooms, two classrooms, running track, wellness lab, running and cardio balcony, game room and lounge. The aquatics area has a competition-size pool that includes a vortex and zip line and a sun deck. A lighted outdoor sports field is in the front of the building to be used for some intramural and other recreational activities. The grounds feature a custom-designed Outdoor Adventure/Challenge course, which is located on the right hand side of the main drive entrance.

Discussion of the center began in 2005 after President Wayne D. Andrews took office. A poll revealed that MSU students would be willing to pay higher fees to finance such a facility. It was authorized by the General Assembly and approved by Gov. Steve Beshear in early 2006 to be built with agency bonds.

Located on the east side of the valley fronting Eagle Lake, the new facility is environmentally friendly and LEED certified by the U.S. Green Building Council. It is the first LEED certified facility on the MSU campus and the first LEED certified student recreation center in the state.



**Italian satellite launched with components made at MSU**

The Vega rocket lifted off Wednesday, Feb. 15, from the Guiana Space Center, a South American facility that sits where the Amazon jungle meets the Atlantic Ocean. This is the first launch for the new European launch vehicle. Seven CubeSats were successfully deployed via 3 P-PODs.

On board the lightweight launcher were nine small satellites, including seven ESA-sponsored CubeSats built by teams of students from European universities with a little help from Morehead State University. Among these educational payloads was Unicubesat-GG, the sixth satellite and first cubesat ever designed and built by GAUSS group from Sapienza University of Roma.

The on-board computer was designed and made by GAUSS students and is based on a MSP430 microcontroller. The communication system was designed by GAUSS students in collaboration with MSU and is composed of a UHF radio transceiver made by Astrodev LLC in Morehead.

Solar panels were realized with an innovative method, directly adhering cells on electronic boards. The power management systems and batteries were provided by MSU.

The satellite is operated from both Rome and Morehead ground stations. The satellite will be controlled by students using Earth stations in Morehead and Rome. Two Italian graduate students, Chantal Cappalotti and Riccardo DiRoberto, led the student team. Both are visiting students at Morehead State through the MSU-University of Rome collaboration.



**Eagles soar to provide disaster relief through MSUCares**

More than 300 students, faculty and staff representing Morehead State University spent their spring breaks in the tornado ravaged areas of Morgan, Magoffin and Menifee counties as part of MSUCares. MSU is planning more volunteer efforts through this semester and into the summer.

*For more information, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/msucares](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/msucares).*

**Veterans Resource Center opens**

The Veterans Resource Center, located in 304 Breckinridge Hall, was established to build on the University's continued efforts of providing MSU's military and veteran students with the service, support and assistance they have earned. The goal is to eliminate obstacles and ensure that our veterans transition to college with greater ease.

The center will assist prospective and current student veterans by providing counseling and direction on all educational benefits, enrollment and registration assistance, counseling resources and referrals, academic and career assistance, and by creating a place for student veterans to study or relax and reconnect with their fellow student veterans.





**MURRAY**  
STATE UNIVERSITY



## New name for college: "Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business"

Murray State University's business college was recently named the Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business, honoring a Distinguished Alumnus of the university and one of its most dedicated and generous supporters. Bauernfeind, an investment and portfolio manager, is the largest single donor to the college of business at Murray State and is among the top donors to the university. He has given generously to MSU for many years, both financially and with his time. A 1960 graduate of MSU, Bauernfeind is a member of the MSU Foundation board of trustees and received an honorary doctorate from the university in 1998 in recognition of his success and support of Murray State.



## Case study finalists prepare for Final Four

Six years of competition. Six Final Four appearances. Three national titles. One Program of Distinction: Murray State University's Telecommunications Systems Management (TSM). A team of four TSM students, selected by the International Telecommunications Education and Research Association (ITERA), competed at the Sixth Annual ITERA National Student Case Study Competition. MSU is the only university to be named a finalist every year since the competition began.

## Miller receives one of five grants for GIS application in the classroom

Murray's Dr. Fred Miller is one of five faculty members at universities and colleges to be chosen for \$10,000 grants from Esri to create exemplary higher education course materials and implementations of ArcGIS Online, a web-based system of map resources, spatial analysis tools and learning exercises. The Thomas Hutchens Distinguished Professor of Marketing and Business GIS at MSU, Miller is a noted expert in GIS for business application and has worked steadily to introduce GIS content into business courses and other academic fields as well. The system developed in this project at MSU will be called RacerGISOnline.



## Dr. Sonya Baker recognized as prestigious ACE Fellow

Dr. Sonya Baker, professor of voice and assistant dean of the college of humanities and fine arts at Murray State, has been named an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow for academic year 2012-13. The ACE Fellows Program, established in 1965, is designed to strengthen institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administration. Fifty-seven Fellows, nominated by the presidents or chancellors of their institutions, were selected this year following a rigorous application process.



## MSU receives President's Honor Roll status for third year

MSU was named to the 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service for the third consecutive year. The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities. Murray State was acknowledged for three projects — the "Giving Back Scholars" initiative, a "Hooked on Science" project and the "Dancefest" program.

## Clark Analytical Chemistry Laboratory dedicated

The Dr. Howell Clark Analytical Chemistry Laboratory in Jesse D. Jones Hall was dedicated on campus. Clark is a 1986 recipient of the MSU Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award and was the inaugural recipient of the Max Carman Award in recognition of his outstanding teaching and mentoring of students. He was a professor in the department of chemistry at the university from 1963-86. He and his wife of 53 years, Rebecca, are longtime supporters of the university and have impacted hundreds of students through their generosity.

## **Student is ranked among top trapshooters in U.S.**

Jenna Knott, a junior at Murray, has been ranked fifth in the nation among female trapshooters by the Amateur Trapshooting Association. An agriculture education major from Glasgow, Ky., Knott was named to ATA's 2012 All-American Team.

## **Professor Emeritus inducted into Hall of Fame**

Dr. Robert H. McGaughey III, professor emeritus and retired chairman of Murray State's department of journalism and mass communications, has been selected for the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame. He is one of six selected for the 2012 induction. McGaughey retired in 1997 after 30 years of service and 23 as department chairman. He then taught part time and worked with the Bachelor of Independent Studies program in MSU's continuing education unit until December 2010. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from Murray State and his doctorate from Ohio University.



## **BioMaPS brings faculty together with students**

The BioMaPS program, created by the department of mathematics and statistics and the department of biological sciences, allows undergraduates majoring in mathematics and biology the opportunity to research environments and perform fieldwork with mathematic and biology faculty mentors. Plans have been finalized this semester for Dr. Claire Fuller, a professor in biological sciences, and Dr. Donald Adongo, a professor in mathematics and statistics, to go to the Virgin Islands this summer to perform experiments on climate modeling on terminates with students Elizabeth Tarter and Alex Earhart. Dr. Chris Mecklin, a professor in mathematics and statistics, and Dr. Xiaoshuang (Kate) He, a professor in biological sciences, will do research in Murray in plant species with students Kyle McClary and Sam Pellock.

## **Heern invited to present in London and Istanbul**

Dr. Zackery Heern, assistant professor of Middle East history at Murray State, was invited to discuss his research at various locations in the United States, Europe and Asia. Most recently, Heern was at Oxford University in London, England, discussing "Origins of the First Shi'i Seminary (Hawza) in Najaf, Iraq." He has also been invited to present at the International Society for Iranian Studies Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, on "The Baha'i Faith and Islamic Messianism in Iran."

## **Brockway recognized with national award by eSchool Media**

Dr. Gary Brockway, the Regents Professor Emeritus of Management, Marketing and Business Administration at MSU, was recognized by *eSchool Media* magazine for his work with Total Course Solution in the basic marketing course (MKT 360) at MSU. Educators at all levels were asked to submit innovative uses of school hardware, software, websites and services. More than 1,400 submissions were received. Brockway's submission was selected as one of the 2012 Readers Choice Awards.

## **Dean of HSHS awarded for outstanding community service**

Dr. Susan Muller, dean of the college of health sciences and human services, was recognized for her service to the Sea Gull Century in Salisbury, Md. The Sea Gull Century is a nationally known cycling event for non-profit organizations including Alzheimer's Association, Habitat for Humanity, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team In Training, Salisbury University Scholarship Fund and other local nonprofit organizations.

## **MSU business/innovation agency client receives RIF grant**

Wisdom Tree Technologies, a client of the Regional Business and Innovation Center at Murray State University and a resident of the business incubator there, received a \$30,000 Rural Innovation Fund (RIF) grant from the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation. The company creates tracking methods and mechanisms that the government uses to trace illicit funding sources and also applies its technology to the private sector.





# GOLD RUSH

APRIL 2012 NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY



## GO FIGURE

3

Number of finalists for the NKU presidency. The NKU Board of Regents hopes to announce the university's fifth president by the end of April.

636

Number of games Nancy Winstel won as NKU women's basketball coach before announcing her retirement last month. Winstel graduated from NKU in 1977 and coached 29 seasons for the Norse, winning two national titles. She was named national coach of the decade by Women's Division II Bulletin in 2009.

100+

Number of simultaneous teeter totters attempting to set a Guinness world record this month at NKU to raise money for solar waste/recycling stations

## REPORT OFFERS 101 EXAMPLES OF NKU PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



A new report released last month offers 101 examples of public engagement initiatives that have made NKU the model of an engaged metropolitan university.

NKU offers more than 50 service learning courses per semester; students volunteer thousands of hours each year; the university has dozens of examples of applied research for community partners; a student philanthropy program has distributed over \$500,000 to nonprofits; there are 35 centers and institutes with public engagement built into their missions; NKU offers a popular public lecture series and regional policy forum; and there are extensive collaborations on P-12 initiatives in the community,

including an intervention process for boosting high-school math skills for at-risk students. The list goes on.

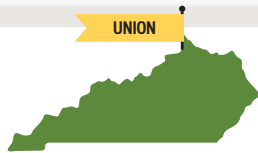
NKU has carefully and systematically constructed a commitment to public engagement into the university's mission, strategic plan and promotion/tenure guidelines. "Public Engagement: The Community is Our Classroom" profiles that commitment.

"What distinguishes NKU is our treatment of public engagement as a core element of our academic mission," NKU President James Votruba writes in the report. "This means every college and every department is involved in this work. In addition, we have made sure that the campus is organizationally aligned to support public engagement work."

To view the report online, visit <http://civicengagement.nku.edu>. You can also find additional examples of public engagement at NKU on the site's "news and events" page.

## PINPOINTS

UNION



**ERIK PEDERSON** is a sophomore communication studies major from Union who last month was elected president of NKU's Student Government Association. The 2010 Ryle High School graduate has served in SGA for two years – first as a senator and then as executive vice president. He ran alongside fellow sophomore Allen Hornung, of Louisville, on a platform that focused on enhancing the student experience, continuing campus improvements and NKU advocacy. Pederson is also actively involved in Alpha Phi Omega and Pi Kappa Alpha. He served as an orientation leader last summer. He is the son of Scott and LeAnn Pederson.

## COLLEGE CORNER

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The NKU Center for Integrative Natural Science and Mathematics (CINSAM) will present a series of camps this summer to engage students in grades 6-12 in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

Camps will be delivered with a hands-on approach that encourages students to research, ask questions and think outside the box. Middle school and high school students will

work alongside NKU faculty and community professionals.

Examples include topics such as java computer game programming, engineering, residential construction management, network security, astronomy, aeronautics and a Jurassic fossil camp in Utah.

A complete list with descriptions is available at <http://cinsam.nku.edu/Student-and-Parents/K-12/SummerCamps.html>.

# NKU AMONG AMERICA'S MOST DISABILITY-FRIENDLY COLLEGES

NKU is named one of America's most disability-friendly colleges in a new book, "College Success for Students with Physical Disabilities," released this spring.

Planning for college can be one of the biggest moments in a teen's life, but for those students with physical disabilities and chronic medical conditions the college experience can be fraught with frustration, uncertainty and lowered self-confidence. This guide, which is published by Prufrock Press Inc., seeks to provide students with the confidence, strategies and guidance they need to effectively choose a college, prepare for university life and make the most of the collegiate experience.

The guide includes the only listing of colleges in the United States that provide accommodations for students with physical disabilities that go beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. NKU is one of only two colleges in Kentucky (the University of Kentucky is the other) to receive the designation.

The book retails for \$18.95. It is available at <http://www.prufrock.com>. ISBN: 978-1-59363-861-0

## THE SCOREBOARD



At publication time, the NKU baseball team had rattled off 12 straight wins and was sitting at 19-9, 12-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Norse are led by junior catcher Phil Smith, who is hitting .403 with 21 RBI and five home runs. Junior hurler Brett Loeding has posted a 4-1 record with a 1.71 ERA and five saves. The Norse lead the GLVC East with one month to go in the regular season.

## BRIEFS

### PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL

For the third consecutive year, NKU's commitment to community service and public engagement is receiving top honors. This week the Corporation for National and Community Service admitted NKU to the 2011 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for continuing to engage students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results. NKU has been named to Honor Roll list five of the six years it has been presented.

MORE: [nationalservice.gov](http://nationalservice.gov)

### NKU LOW-INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC

This spring NKU is offering a Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic to provide assistance to those in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service. The clinic provides counsel and advice to qualifying clients and represents their cases before the IRS and in tax court. Services provided will include proving eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit, innocent-spouse tax issues and negotiating a tax reduction and/or payment plan.

MORE: [tinyurl.com/NKUtaxclinic](http://tinyurl.com/NKUtaxclinic)

## FACULTY FOCUS

The NKU Haile/US Bank College of Business has announced that Eileen Weisenbach Keller will serve as the new director of the Fifth Third Bank Entrepreneurship Institute. Dr. Weisenbach Keller earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Indiana University, an MBA from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in strategy from Kent State University, where she was also a faculty member. Before her academic career, she worked in brand management for Mr. Coffee and Flambeau Products Corporation. In addition to teaching and consulting Dr. Weisenbach Keller conducts and publishes research on disruptive technology; nonprofit branding; and strategy, curriculum design and teaching quality in higher education.

### NKU HELPING STUDENTS PREPARE FOR HIGH SCHOOL, CAREER

NKU Educational Talent Search recently hosted a workshop designed to prepare local 7th and 8th grade students for high school and subsequent careers. The program included about 90 students from several local middle schools. The day began with a presentation on the transition from middle school to high school and also included career sessions centered around music, informatics, biology, education, law enforcement and business entrepreneurship.

MORE: [tinyurl.com/NKUETprogram](http://tinyurl.com/NKUETprogram)

### CELEBRATION OF STUDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY

Scholarly and creative work produced by NKU students was showcased at the Celebration of Student Research and Creativity earlier this month. Students highlighted their research, artistic and creative projects through more than 150 poster sessions, oral presentations, interactive demonstrations, performances or exhibits in a variety of campus locations. These projects are often critically acclaimed and shown in the broader community.

MORE: <http://tinyurl.com/NKUCSRC>

## ALUMNI NEWS



### Brenda Mastin finds grace in Togo, West Africa

At the foot of the clouded West African Danyi mountain range, three degrees from the equator, Brenda Mastin ('05) follows her calling in a lush Togolese village dusted with the sands of the Sahara. There is a custom in this village, when guests head home after a visit, for the host to walk beside them along the way, as a sign of love and friendship. When Mastin first witnessed this custom in 1992 she fell in love with the people of Togo, and she has dedicated her life to serving them ever since as a missionary nurse and educator. Today, Mastin trains local nurses to work in a 50-bed hospital. She is also passionate about her HIV/AIDS ministry, traveling to churches and communities to erase the stigma that surrounds HIV and AIDS in Togo.



## UK Students Dancing for a Cause

Though March's inclement weather cut DanceBlue, UK's 24 hour dance marathon into a 12 hour event, the spirit of the dancers and the generosity of the community could not be dampened. Just before 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, committee members revealed a grand fundraising total of \$834,424.57 at the 7th annual DanceBlue dance marathon to a huge crowd at Memorial Coliseum.

DanceBlue began in 2006 by raising \$123,323.16 and has increased every year since. In total, DanceBlue has donated more than \$3.5 million to pediatric cancer and cancer research since its inception.

All of the money raised at this annual no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon goes to the Golden Matrix Fund benefiting children with cancer and their families at the UK Pediatric Oncology Clinic at Kentucky Children's Hospital and cancer research.

## Center for Applied Energy Research

As the global energy debate continues, UK's Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) is finding practical solutions that strengthen the efficacy and sustainability of Kentucky's natural resources. Recently, CAER has undertaken a number of initiatives and projects including:

- A \$1.3 million public/private partnership with East Kentucky Power Cooperative to install algae-based carbon capture technology developed by CAER scientists at the cooperative's power station.
- CAER recently broke ground on a coal/biomass-to-liquid research unit that will lead the development of vehicle fuels made from coal and biomass.
- Construction is currently underway on UK's first LEED-certified research laboratory. The \$19.8 million lab will allow CAER to expand research capacity devoted to Kentucky's growing renewable energy industries.



## Breaking Ground on New Honors' Residence Hall

In April, the University of Kentucky broke ground on a new 600-bed, high-tech residence hall that will house an Honors Program living/learning community. The new residence hall, to be completed by August 2013, is the first project of a \$175 million public/private partnership with Education Reality Trust (EdR), a higher education capital development firm.

Among many reasons for moving forward with new residence halls is the impact, President Eli Capilouto said, on student performance in terms of retention and graduation rates. "Quite simply, our students do better -- much better -- when they live on campus, when they can become part of a vibrant university life, and when they are able to more readily reach out to faculty and staff, who can help nurture their progress," he said.

Additionally, the growing competitive environment in student recruitment requires investment in facilities that attract students and families and support student success.

By pursuing a partnership with a private developer, UK gains access to EdR's financial resources to help build new residence halls. Allowing the institution to focus outside resources – generated through innovative programs or philanthropy – on other vital academic and research infrastructure projects.

The capital plan, which will be executed over the next five to seven years, will combine a limited number of existing residence halls with a dramatic construction effort, yielding a 9,000-bed campus.





## Stem cell therapy eliminates anti-rejection drugs

Five kidney transplant recipients are now living without anti-rejection medicines, according to Dr. Suzanne Ildstad, director of UofL's Institute of Cellular Therapeutics. She and UofL colleagues are teaming with doctors at

that "tricks" the body into recognizing the donated organ as its own. The findings were published this month in the *Science Translational Medicine* journal. The study is also the first of its kind in which the donor and recipient do not have to be

related and do not have to be immunologically matched.

Thousands of organ recipients take anti-rejection medicines for the

rest of their lives, risking side effects such as high blood pressure, diabetes, infection, heart disease and cancer, as well as direct damaging effects to the organ transplant.

"Being a transplant recipient is not easy," said Ildstad. "This new approach would potentially offer a better quality of life and fewer health risks."

"This is something I have worked for my entire life," added Ildstad, who is known for her discovery of the "facilitating" cell.

***"Being a transplant recipient is not easy. This new approach would potentially offer a better quality of life and fewer health risks."***

— Dr. Suzanne Ildstad

Chicago's Northwestern University School of Medicine in ongoing research that suggests organ transplant recipients in the future might not require anti-rejection medication thanks to the power of stem cells, which may be manipulated to allow for successful transplantation without immunosuppressive drugs.

In the approach being studied, donors give part of their immune system as well as a kidney. The donor stem cells, referred to as "facilitating" cells, give recipients a combined immune system

## A Letter From the President

Dear Friends and Family of UofL,

Wouldn't it be cool if a technology company with roots at UofL uncovered the reason sporadic Alzheimer's disease hits some people but not others? What would the rest of the world think if a UofL researcher was part of a team that found a way to get kidney transplant patients off anti-rejection drugs? Well, those two things are happening.

They're part of the improving research profile of the University of Louisville and two of the three companies with UofL ties that recently received \$500,000 research grants

from the state of Kentucky. I was proud to be there when Governor Beshear presented the awards to Advanced Genomic Technologies, LLC and Regenex whose principals include UofL faculty members Eugenia Wang and Suzanne Ildstad, respectively, as well as NaugaNeedles, LLC which was co-founded by UofL graduate Mehdi Yazdanpanah.



These are examples of groundbreaking research being done by UofL faculty members, students and graduates. It's

research that has the potential to change lives, not just in the areas of health but in nano technology, engineering and the arts. Many of these researchers don't get the attention that Dr. Roberto Bolli or Dr. Susie Harkema get for their spectacular efforts, but they're just as important in moving the University of Louisville toward its mandate of becoming a premier, nationally recognized metropolitan research university. We'll keep sharing their stories with you. I hope you'll keep asking the question "I wonder what cool research UofL is working on today?"

## UofL joining forces with UK to boost economy



The best collection of technology in the world for additive manufacturing, located in the rapid prototype lab at UofL's Speed School of Engineering, is just one benefit the Bluegrass Economic Advancement

Movement (BEAM) will tout to attract companies to Central Kentucky. BEAM is a venture between the mayors of Louisville and Lexington to foster more research and manufacturing collaborations among the cities, UofL and UK in the hope of attracting more entrepreneurs, companies and jobs to the state.

A recent tour of BEAM officials also made a stop at the clean room in the Shumaker Research Building, where they learned about UofL's ability to produce microscopic items in an ultra-clean environment.

UofL President James Ramsey told the group that, for UofL and UK, "there's a time to compete and a time to collaborate." The two schools are currently collaborating on more than 100 projects to enhance Kentucky's research and economic prospects.



## Secretary of Defense Panetta visits UofL

More than 1,200 people, including dozens of Fort Knox soldiers, packed UofL's Brown and Williamson Club March 1 to hear U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, the latest high profile guest of UofL's McConnell Center. Panetta joked that such a large crowd might be the result of people thinking they were hearing from "Pitino, not Panetta."

The defense secretary addressed hot-button issues, including:

- ▶ Defense spending cuts that could hurt national security
- ▶ Security prevention for the hundreds of thousands of cyber attacks that could "literally paralyze this country"
- ▶ The possibility that global climate change may result in international unrest as water shortage becomes more pervasive

Before his speech, Panetta met with students from the McConnell Scholars program, discussing a range of topics from leadership and dedication to public service to the "Arab spring" uprisings in Syria, Egypt and Yemen, and the nuclear threat from Iran.

## An icon comes home



**BEFORE**

The first-ever cast of Auguste Rodin's "The Thinker" returned to the 5th step in front of UofL's Grawemeyer Hall Feb. 18, and he is sporting a new look.

After two months, what is among the best-known works of art worldwide has been returned to a dark patina, which accentuates his curled toes, taut muscles and furrowed brow. Conservators removed 60 years of green- and black-streaked corrosion that accumulated as the sculpture kept watch over UofL students, faculty

and staff.

"The Thinker is an iconic symbol for the University of Louisville, as well as scholarly thought and centers of learning everywhere," said UofL President James Ramsey. "The Thinker is public art that anyone can see free of charge every day of the year."



**AFTER**



Watch the video at <http://louisville.edu/uoftoday/campus-news/thoughts-on-the-thinker>



## CHARTING OUR COURSE

The Campaign for Kentucky's Premier Metropolitan Research University

## Brown Cancer Center receives \$1 million gift

M. Krista Loyd's courageous battle with cancer and her memory will be honored forever with the recent dedication of the Cancer Resource Center at UofL's James Graham Brown Cancer Center. Raymond and Eleanor Loyd of Louisville honored their late daughter with a gift of \$1 million to UofL.



The Loyds are also both cancer survivors and former patients at the Brown Cancer Center.

"The Loyds graciously provided funding so the M. Krista Loyd Cancer Resource Center continues to serve patients with cancer and their families can become knowledgeable about their disease, relax in a comfortable setting and augment their treatment with emotional and mental healing. They know what it means to have cancer or to have a loved one with it, and how to fight it," UofL President James R. Ramsey said in the dedication ceremony.

## VetStart means business

UofL's College of Business has launched VetStart, a 10-week pilot program to help military veterans start their own businesses.

The 10 veterans who go through the course this year will receive a one-year mentorship through the Kauffman FastTrac program and get up to \$2,500 for business start-up expenses.

The Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund provided a \$50,000 grant for the program.

UofL has ramped up services for its nearly 800 military and veteran students, opening an office to serve them in 2009, and articulating formal cooperative agreements with Fort Knox and the Kentucky National Guard.



Go from veteran to entrepreneur...



The University of Louisville is an equal opportunity institution. The delivery of this publication is carbon neutral. It is printed on 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper. It was produced by the University of Louisville and printed using nonstate funds. 214928 - 03/12



---

**Western Kentucky University news for the Council on Postsecondary Education, April 2012**

For more WKU news, visit <http://wkunews.wordpress.com/> or [www.wku.edu](http://www.wku.edu).

---

**2012 spring enrollment up at WKU**

Enrollment for the 2012 spring semester at WKU is up over 2011.

In figures submitted to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, enrollment at WKU for the 2012 spring semester is 19,640, up 60. Those figures include the 2012 winter term.

WKU President Gary Ransdell attributed the increase in part to hard work and personal attention by staff members to keep students enrolled.

“The staffs from Enrollment Management and Student Financial Assistance worked hard in recent weeks to help students who would otherwise be dropped because of financial problems,” Dr. Ransdell said. “They helped countless students achieve a payment plan or a financial aid package so that they could continue their education.”

WKU had increases in African-American students (36), seniors (100), master’s degree students (28), doctoral students (24) and high school students enrolled in dual-credit programs (203). Enrollment was up 54 students at the undergraduate level and six students at the graduate level. See <http://wkunews.wordpress.com/2012/04/02/2012-spring-enrollment/>.



*Ebony Marshman*

**Student’s portrait of journalist Anthony Shadid captures the attention of his widow**

When Ebony Marshman heard about the death of foreign correspondent Anthony Shadid in February through Twitter, she was surprised how moved she was at the news. So the senior visual arts student decided to paint a watercolor portrait of Shadid.

“I remember this time last year he was kidnapped in Libya,” she said. “I paint portraits anyway and I knew there was a show coming up, so I chose to do a portrait of him. I worked from a mix of photos, not just one.”

When she completed her portrait, Marshman posted a copy on Twitter. Through a series of retweets, the image

found its way to Nada Bakri, Shadid’s widow. Bakri then tweeted Marshman and asked for a hard copy of the portrait. “I remember looking at the tweet and getting teary eyed because I was surprised that she saw it and that she wanted it,” Marshman said. “I told her I would be honored to send her the original.”

Marshman said she was surprised and moved by the attention.

“I feel like all my portraits are personal,” she said. “I feel like its purpose is served if someone was able to appreciate it and be moved by it, especially her of all people.” The title, *Portrait of a Man with Kind Eyes*, comes from the warmth evident in the two-time Pulitzer Prize winner’s coverage of the Middle East, most recently for the New York Times and Washington Post, she said.

Bakri lives in Lebanon but is currently in the U.S. promoting *House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family, and a Lost Middle East*, a book Shadid wrote about his restoration of his great-grandfather’s home in Lebanon. Shadid died at 43 in Syria of an apparent asthma attack before the book was published.

Marshman hopes that Bakri’s tour will bring her close enough for them to meet. See

<http://wkunews.wordpress.com/2012/03/21/marshman-art/>.

**WKU wins 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive Hearst photojournalism title**

For the fourth consecutive year and 20th time in 23 years, WKU has won the Hearst Journalism Awards Program’s Intercollegiate Photojournalism Competition.

WKU’s School of Journalism & Broadcasting won the Intercollegiate Photojournalism Competition with the highest accumulated student points in the two photo competitions and will receive a \$10,000 award. See <http://wkunews.wordpress.com/2012/03/26/hearst-photo-2012/>.

## Arbor Day Foundation names WKU a Tree Campus USA for 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year



For the second consecutive year, the Arbor Day Foundation has named WKU a Tree Campus USA in honor of its commitment to effective community forestry management.

WKU achieved the 2011 designation by meeting the required five core standards for sustainable campus forestry: a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects.

Tree Campus USA, a national program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation, honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation. Tree Campus USA is supported by a generous grant from Toyota.

“The WKU campus is known for its architectural and natural beauty,” Helen Siewers, WKU’s landscape architect, said. “Trees add immensely to the campus environment with springtime flowers, summertime shade, fall color, winter beauty and wildlife habit all year long.”

Siewers said WKU has planted more than 800 trees over the past four years. See <http://wkunews.wordpress.com/2012/03/30/2012-tree-campus-usa/>.

## Entrepreneurship students working to revitalize downtown businesses

WKU’s entrepreneurship program is taking to the streets in an effort to revitalize downtown businesses on Bowling Green’s Fountain Square.

Students in Entrepreneurship 496: Small Business Analysis & Strategy have formed nine consulting groups to work with nine businesses that are part of the Fountain Square Business Association.

“The students will be developing strategic plans for each business and will be compiling a comprehensive study and report for the business owners,” said Dr. Wil Clouse, Executive Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and the Mattie Newman Ford Professor of Entrepreneurship in the Gordon Ford College of Business.

“As an applied college of business,” Dean Jeff Katz said, “providing real-world learning opportunities for our students is an important part of our mission. We are delighted to have local business owners interacting with our students. Through their collaboration, we hope to enhance the economic well-being of our region and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.”

In mid-March, the students visited each store to get an idea of its products, culture and service, then began developing a plan for an in-depth study of the business. Their work is based on “The Santa Fe Effect,” an entrepreneurial case study co-authored by Dr. Clouse that examines efforts to revitalize downtown areas in cities that have seen businesses move to interstate areas.

“The goal is to come up with a plan on how to drive more business downtown to support small companies,” Dr. Clouse said. “We want students to know what is downtown and to understand what it takes to grow businesses downtown.” See <http://wkunews.wordpress.com/2012/03/28/business-downtownstudy/>.

## WKU’s ICSR authors report to launch statewide civic health initiative

On March 1, Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes hosted the release of the 2011 Kentucky Civic Health Index, a report that measures Kentucky’s overall civic health.

The report was authored by WKU’s Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility, in partnership with the National Conference on Citizenship and with support from the Secretary of State’s office, the McConnell Center at the University of Louisville and Kentucky Advocates for Civic Education.

The report examines various aspects of civic health including political participation, community involvement, and the ability of Kentucky citizens to work together to solve common problems.

Paul Markham, co-director of the ICSR, said, “Our goal at the ICSR is to strengthen the civic mission of higher education and that means we care about things beyond our campus. We want to see stronger communities and more people working together to solve problems.”

“The Kentucky Civic Health Index provides an excellent platform to not only understand the ways that Kentuckians are engaged, but to develop sustainable civic strategies that will ensure all residents are actively involved in shaping the communities in which they want to live,” NCoC Board Member Phil Duncan said. See <http://wkunews.wordpress.com/2012/03/01/icsr-civichealth/>.





## News from the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges & Universities April 2012

### Transylvania wins 4<sup>th</sup> straight AIKCU “Battle of the Bumpers”

Transylvania University has retained its title as the reigning AIKCU “Battle of the Bumpers” champion. This is Transy’s fourth straight title in the annual contest that pits AIKCU’s 20 members against each other to see which college’s supporters can put the most institutionally-branded license plates on Kentucky highways.



Since \$10 from the sale of each plate goes back to the school’s general scholarship fund, the Battle of the Bumpers is also a competition to see which institution can raise the most money for students. Transylvania plate sales raised \$8,520 for student scholarships in 2011. Overall, sales of Kentucky Independent Higher Education license plates generated more than \$45,000 in scholarships last year. The plates have generated more than \$300,000 for student scholarships since their inception 2002.

### Seven AIKCU members named to President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

The Corporation for National and Community Service has named **Bellarmino University, Berea College, Campbellsville University, Centre College, Georgetown College, Lindsey Wilson College, and the University of the Cumberlands** to the **2012 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**. The Honor Roll, first published in 2006, highlights the important role that colleges and universities play in solving community problems and developing civically engaged students.

### More than 200 students participate in annual Spotlight job fair

AIKCU’s annual Spotlight career, internship and graduate school fair brought more than 200 students from AIKCU campuses across the state to meet with prospective employers in Lexington on Tuesday, February 28.

Spotlight began in 1985 to connect seniors from Kentucky’s small liberal arts colleges and sister institution Hanover College (Indiana) with employers. In recent years, the collaborative career fair has expanded to include graduate schools and employers offering internships. This year’s Spotlight featured more than 60 employers and schools. More:

<http://www.aikcu.org/2012/03/06/spotlight-connects-students-aikcu-students-with-prospective-employers/>

## **St. Catharine College releases multi-year economic impact study**

**St. Catharine College** has released a new multi-year study touting the rural Catholic college's economic impact on its surrounding region. The study was completed by Dr. Thomas Lambert, Assistant Professor of Public Administration at Northern Kentucky University.

While traditional college economic impact studies tend to focus on a single year, the St. Catharine report looks at the cumulative impact the college had on the region from 2005-2011. The study places a special focus on St. Catharine's local impact in the college's primary tri-county service area (Marion, Washington, and Nelson counties) as well as its impact in the Louisville metropolitan region.

The report deviates from traditional studies in that it also focuses on human capital and quantifies the economic benefits that the degrees produced by St. Catharine have added to the region. For more on the study, see <http://www.aikcu.org/2012/03/22/st-catharine-college-releases-multi-year-economic-impact-study/>

## **Midway College names Dr. Robert Vogel interim president**

**Midway College** has named Dr. Robert Vogel as interim president, following the resignation of Dr. William B. Drake, Jr. Dr. Vogel served for 18 years as president of Wartburg College in Iowa. He has served several institutions in an interim capacity since his retirement in 1998. See the full announcement from Midway at <http://www.midway.edu/news-events/board-of-trustees-dr-robert-vogel>

## **AIKCU teams advance to national semifinals**

While one big matchup garnered most of the press, there were more than two basketball teams from the Commonwealth that made it to the national semifinals in their respective basketball postseason tournaments.

The **Kentucky Christian University** women's basketball team won its **6<sup>th</sup> consecutive National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) DII national championship**.

Defending national champion **Bellarmino University** made it back to the **NCAA Division II Final Four** before falling in the semifinal.

The **Georgetown College** women advanced to the **NAIA semifinal** held in Frankfort.

Several other AIKCU teams made runs into NCAA Division II and III and NAIA tournaments. We celebrate all of these student-athletes for their efforts on the court as well as in the classroom.