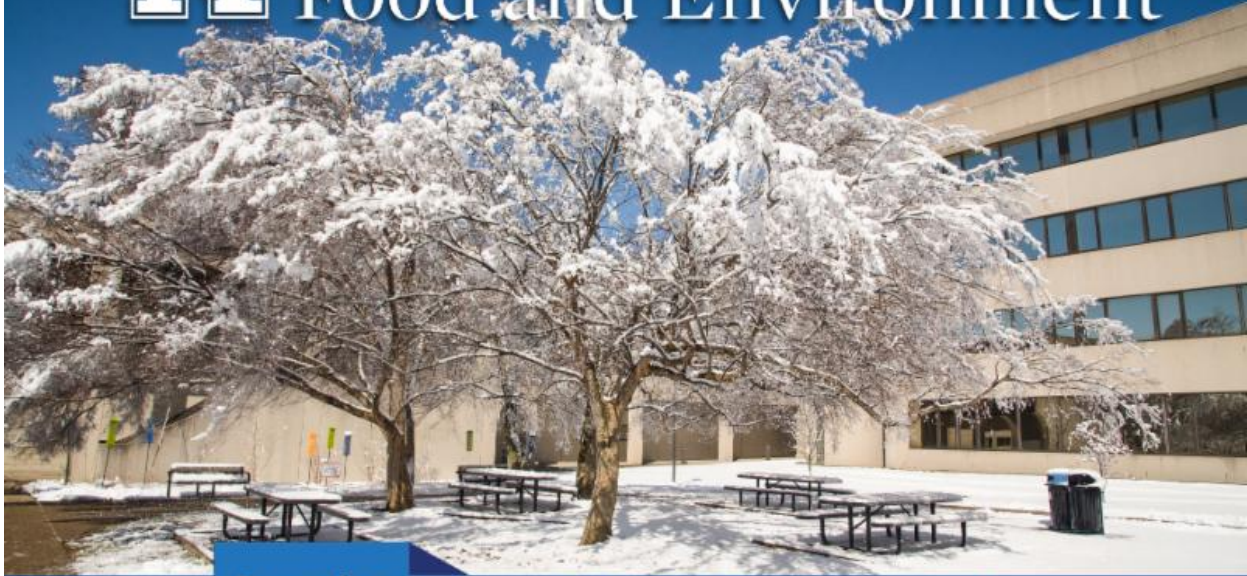


# College of Agriculture, Food and Environment



December

*Monthly College Newsletter*

## Message from the Dean



This month I would like to address some central university efforts that are impacting our college along with the rest of the university. We have been provided the opportunity to seek central support for online programs. I would like to thank our faculty for responding with some creative programs that received support from the university. Our college contributed to 11 proposals and five were selected to move forward. Those not selected are still in the running for later support.

The Center for Student Success helped our faculty to prepare for developing more online offerings, because that office is consistently evaluating and reevaluating courses, program offerings and degree opportunities. Proposed degree and certificate programs are under consideration and several not yet approved for funding by the provost's office will be funded in-house. Some of these are new programs while others are already available in the classroom setting.

Two new proposed online master's degree programs within the college are the Science Translation and Outreach Program and Entomology. These two programs will join the existing online master's degree in Retailing and Tourism Management that has been offered since fall 2017.

Two new proposed graduate certificates, Positive Youth Development and Family

and Consumer Science, are being developed. College faculty are also partners with the Colleges of Medicine and Health Sciences in a new Nutrition Certificate for Health Professionals.

Additionally, the faculty of our existing Distillation, Wine and Brewing Studies undergraduate certificate and Food Systems and Hunger Studies undergraduate certificate plan to offer online options.

These new master's degrees and certificates will aid students who wish to continue their education but cannot do so within the traditional classroom setting. This includes our colleagues who serve as agents in the Cooperative Extension Service. This is particularly important due to changes made by the General Assembly to the employee education program. You will recall that under this change, faculty and staff employed at Kentucky's public institutions are no longer able to take classes at another institution without paying tuition. However, UK announced a transitional three-year program this spring that will continue to pay for those already taking classes at another institution.

One characteristic of these new online programs is the fact that the college will get a majority of net tuition revenue for the new program. This is a different incentive system, providing a distinct reward for growth. Online offerings are one important way to grow university revenues in a time where we have had consistent cuts from the state.

Of course, the most important benefit is that of aiding many people in their desire to continue to learn and advance in their careers. The plan is to begin offering these programs by next fall. But, there are many approvals yet to be attained. I appreciate the quick work and diligent efforts by our faculty to develop these online options and to guide them through the approval process. I also appreciate the work of Larry Grabau, associate dean for instruction, for his guidance and insight.

As we wrap up another year in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, we celebrate many successes in 2018, and we look forward to 2019.

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## News

### Holiday Gathering

You are cordially invited to join your friends and colleagues in the College for holiday cheer and light seasonal snacks from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, in the Good Barn's Culton Suite. Please join us as we celebrate a very successful 2018 and the coming New Year.

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### Awards

Congratulations to three faculty members who received awards

during the Nov. 27 fall college faculty meeting.

- **Timothy Woods**, professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, **M.D. Whiteker Award** for excellence in extension which recognizes the contributions of state extension specialists who demonstrate great leadership in their field
- **Mark Williams**, professor and chair, Department of Horticulture, **CAFE Master Teacher Award** for classroom techniques and effectiveness, student development, service to instructional programs, contributions to the teaching knowledge base, and commitment to teaching
- **Sayed Saghaian**, professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, **George E. Mitchell Jr. Award** for outstanding service to graduate students in recognition of the importance of mentoring a new generation of peers



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## UK Equine Program Reception and Internship Showcase

The reception and internship showcase is Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Gatton Student Center ballroom. The event celebrates the program and recognizes internship hosts, alumni and guest speakers in our classes. The 2018 Friend of the Equine Programs will be awarded to a key supporter of the program. This year, it will also feature poster presentations by students in the internship program. Please RSVP by the end of today, Dec. 4, to [Savannah.Robin@uky.edu](mailto:Savannah.Robin@uky.edu) or [equine@uky.edu](mailto:equine@uky.edu).

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## Transformative Travels

A Kentucky Educational Television reality series explores travel's effect on individuals. The show, "Transformative Travels: Exploring Kentucky," will air in six episodes during December and January. It features Jason Swanson, a faculty member in the Department of Retailing and Tourism Management, and 10 UK students from diverse majors and backgrounds who were part of his Transformative Travels class. The show explores tourist attractions in Western Kentucky and discusses the impact that each destination and experience has had on their lives. The series will air as follows:

- KET: 3:30 p.m. EST on Saturdays, Dec. 8-Jan. 12
  - KET2: 11:30 p.m. EST on Mondays, Dec. 3-Jan. 7
  - KET Kentucky: 9:30 p.m. EST on Thursdays, Dec. 20-Jan. 24
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## In the news

**New Research Generates a Ten-Fold Increase in Data About Equine Genetic Code** – James MacLeod, professor of veterinary science, Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center

**'Behind the Blue': UK's Alexander Vazsonyi Studies Factors Impacting Child and Adolescent Development** – Alexander Vazsonyi, professor, Department of Family Sciences

**UK Ag Economists Discuss Agricultural Economic Outlook for Kentucky** – Will Snell, Kenny Burdine, Todd Davis, Tim Woods and Jerry Pierce, Department of Agricultural Economics, and Jeff Stringer, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

**The Emerald Ash Borer is Coming!** – Lynne Rieske-Kinney, professor, Department of Entomology

**Three cows, five pigs, lots of lettuce. How UK's weekly purchases could change KY farms.** – Lilian Brislen, executive director of the UK Food Connection

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## Spotlight

**Susan Campbell**  
Finance Director



We asked Susan to share a little about her passions, her career path and what led her to us.

### **Tell us about your background and what led you to your current role at UK?**

Growing up in Monroe County, I was very active in 4-H. That's how I learned about UK and decided I wanted to attend college here. I started working as a student employee during my sophomore year, and I have never left. My first job in CAFE involved typing carbon paper forms and transferring personnel files to microfilm. Yes, I have been here a good while. After graduation, I accepted a full-time job in the college's human resources office, where I managed employee benefit plans for Extension agents and specialists. From there, I transferred to the budget office following the

retirement of budget expert Joy Long. I have worked with four deans and countless other administrators during my time here. Today, the budget office is part of the CAFE Business Center, and together we not only develop the College's \$190 million budget, we also serve all departments in the areas of human resources, budget planning, policies/procedures and fiscal compliance, just to name a few.

### **What is your favorite thing about working in CAFE?**

The people and the diversity of our programs. Even though my job always involves finance at its core, each day still brings a variety of unique challenges due to the size and scope of our college. I enjoy working with our administrators and business officers to find ways to better manage our resources. The jobs I've held here have given me the chance to learn, grow and help others.

### **What is one thing about yourself that might surprise people?**

My original career goal was to be a television news anchor. I first declared communications as a major, but when scholarship opportunities for returning students were bleak in that area, I transferred to the College of Agriculture for its individualized program in communications and better scholarship prospects. Without that twist of fate, I am sure my career would have turned out very differently. Sometimes a perceived problem turns out to be a great opportunity in disguise.

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## Calendar of Events

**December 2**

Hanukkah Begins

**December 6**

8th Annual Sustainability Forum

**December 7**

Last Day of Classes

**December 10**

Human Rights Day

**December 10-14**

Finals Week

**December 12**

CAFE Holiday Party

**December 14**

Commencement

**December 21**

First Day of Winter

**December 24 - January 2**

University Closed

**December 25**

Christmas Day

**December 26**

Boxing Day

Kwanzaa Begins

**December 31**

New Year's Eve

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