



College of Agriculture, Food and Environment



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Monthly College Newsletter

Message from the dean



Soon many of our students will be leaving campus to begin the next phase of their lives. Congratulations to our newest alumni and a hearty thanks to our faculty and staff for helping these students attain success. Preparing our students for a bright future starts with their desire to learn and grow and our desire to see them achieve their dreams. It starts with us – with the students, faculty and staff at CAFE. From our campus, it carries on to the fields, communities, laboratories, classrooms, and boardrooms across Kentucky and the world.

Our college leadership team is excited to see what great things our newly minted alumni will achieve. We also look forward to hearing all the exciting things our current students will discover this summer about themselves and about the world as they embark on study abroad opportunities, internships, or continued class work. These opportunities prepare our students to become community and global leaders. One example of the valuable experiential learning opportunities provided to our students is the extension internship program. This summer, 26 CAFE students will spend 10 to 12 weeks exploring career opportunities at county or state extension offices. Among the ranks of our distinguished agents and specialists today, you will find former interns who found their path while participating in this program. Regardless

of what our current students and new alumni do this summer, we wish you the very best!

News



Our national champions

For the fifth consecutive year, the [UK MANRRS](#) chapter is the best. The group garnered National Chapter of the Year at the recent 32nd annual conference for Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences. Cooperative Extension human resources specialist Mia Farrell, the group's co-advisor, won advisor of the year. Quentin Tyler, assistant dean and director of the college's Office of Diversity, is beginning a three-year term as chair of the National MANRRS Advisory Board. Congratulations to everyone!

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4-H and our planet



With a variety of activities such as the Natural Resource and Environmental Sciences Academy; two-day overnight environmental camps at any of four 4-H camps; competitive forestry teams; land-judging teams where 4-H'ers develop experience in soil science; and entomology, geology and gardening clubs, 4-H offers something to entice students away from

electronic devices and into the great outdoors. [Here's a video](#) highlighting one of these great programs.

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Barnhart Fund for Excellence grant recipients

The Barnhart Fund for Excellence endowment was created in honor of Charles Barnhart, who was dean from 1969-1988. Each year, the fund provides support for special projects led by CAFE faculty and staff, both on campus and throughout the state. This year, 29 applications were submitted and 13 projects received funding. The 2018 recipients represent exciting opportunities for CAFE to make a difference. Look for announcements in the coming year about ways to get involved in and support these worthwhile endeavors. A full list of the funded projects is available [here](#).

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So how'd it get that name?

Two UK entomologists Michael J. Sharkey and Eric Chapman, have described 10 new genera and many more new species and combinations of parasitic wasps. The resulting paper was published this spring in the open access journal [ZooKeys](#). Among the newly described species are wasps named after two entomology students: *Leurogathis paulbakeri* and *Scabagathis emilynadeauae*. Both Paul Baker and Emily Nadeau had the highest scores in tests in a 2015 Entomology class. Paul is Ph.D student and lab technician. Emily is a graduate research assistant and expects to complete her master's degree this year. So the moral here – do well in class and you will have the satisfaction of a job well done and maybe even get something named after you.

Middle and high school students descend on CAFE

This year, more than 1,800 students from 86 schools came to Lexington to network with each other and to learn about the educational opportunities available in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. They participated in the

college's opportunity fair and competed in various 4-H and FFA contests with the winnerstaking home prizes and scholarships. The field day, now in its 47th year, is organized by Stacy Vincent and faculty, staff, and students in the agricultural education program along with the assistance of others throughout the college.

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Inclusive Excellence Award

Congratulations to Quentin Tyler, assistant dean and director of the college's Office of Diversity, for receiving a UK Inclusive Excellence Award. The award recognizes his leadership and sustained commitment to diversity and inclusion on campus and in the community.

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Spotlight



Bryan Cassill, farm manager at the University of Kentucky Maine Chance Farm, talks about how rewarding it is for students to see all aspects of working on the farm, everything from the beginning to end product.

Calendar of Events

May 5
[Commencement](#)

May 5
[First Friday](#)

May 6
Kentucky Derby

May 9

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May 21-14

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May 25

UK Staff Appreciation Day

May 29

Memorial Day

