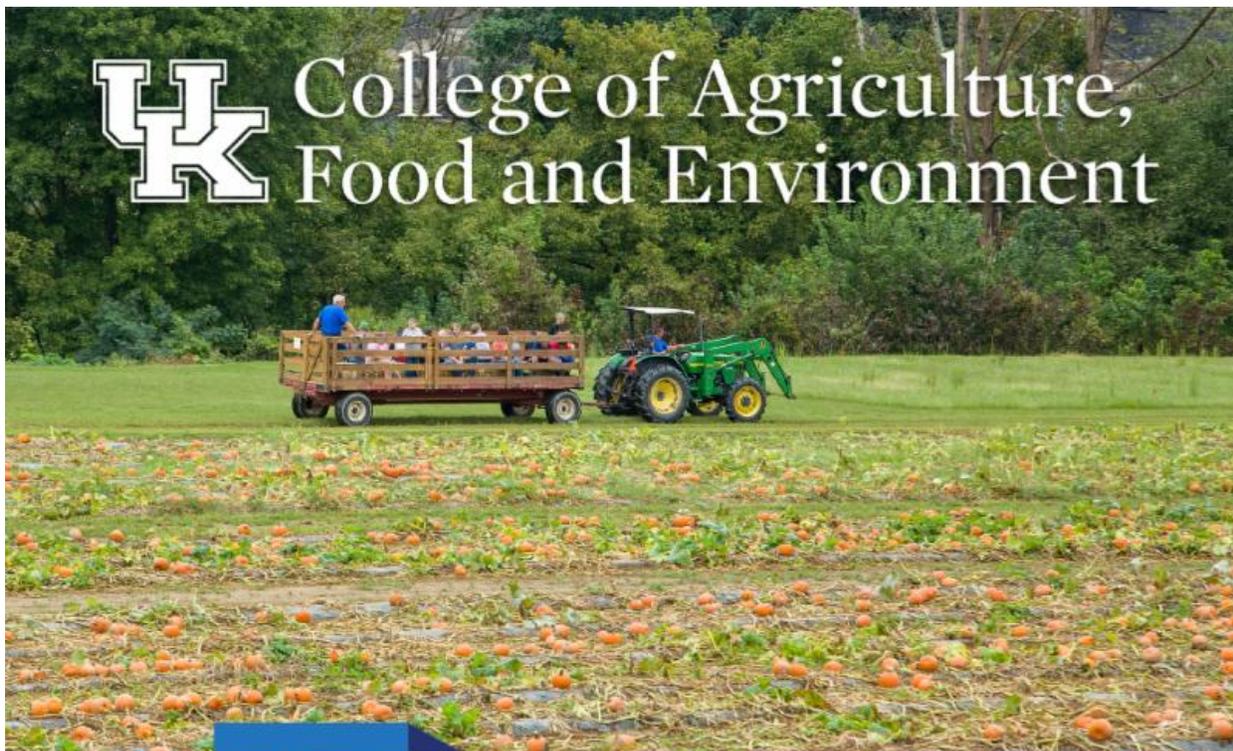




# College of Agriculture, Food and Environment



October

Monthly College Newsletter

## Message from the Dean



A few weeks ago, the university announced its new philanthropic campaign *Kentucky Can: The 21st Century Campaign* at a special event attended by hundreds of friends of the university at the Bill Gatton Student Center.

At this event, three programs were highlighted, with one being the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence presented by the center's director Chad Lee. Many people commented afterward about Chad's wonderful presentation that highlighted one way that our college aids in the economic prosperity of Kentucky, while also helping to feed the world. You can view his presentation [here](#).

The university's campaign is a \$2.1 billion fundraising effort to ensure that more students can attend UK without incurring debt, that more research and outreach in all forms will address our state's most pressing needs, and that greater resources are generated to support faculty and facilities needed to carry out this work. Toward that goal, the university has already raised more than \$1 billion.

In the college, we too are aware of what Kentucky can do and achieve by working together. Our goal as part of the campaign is \$137.5 million with \$74.67 million already committed. It is a lofty goal, but one we are sure we can achieve with the help of many friends and benefactors. Helping us to focus our campaign is a distinguished group of alumni and friends: Tom Hammond, chair; Elisabeth Goth,

co-chair; Stuart Brown, Kathy Jansen, Bill and Evangeline Lear, and David Switzer.

Infrastructure needs and scholarships are two of the key features of the college's campaign, but our aim is to uplift everything we do in the college for Kentucky and for the world. As the campaign says--by working together, there's so much Kentucky can do. And as we say in the college: It starts with us.

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## News



### Outstanding staff awards

Congratulations to the 2018 outstanding staff award recipients. There were 42 nominees and seven winners across four categories. This year's winners are:

- **Sitakanta Pattanaik**, Kentucky Tobacco Research and Development Center, executive/administrative category
- **Frank Berry**, Department of Animal and Food Sciences Sheep Unit, executive/administrative category
- **Maggie Maynard**, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, on-campus office/clerical category
- **Lauren State Fernandez**, Oldham County Cooperative Extension, off-campus office/clerical category
- **Dale Peck**, Maine Chance Farm Service Center, service/maintenance/skilled crafts category
- **Krista Lee**, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, technical/paraprofessional category
- **Chris Miles**, CAFE Business Center, technical/paraprofessional category

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### Extension update

The Extension Community Assessment process has started in all counties. The survey is open now through October 26. Counties will also be completing focus groups and key informant interviews through December 14. If you haven't already done so, please complete the [survey](#) about needs in your community.

Great Extension work is happening across the state. In fiscal year 2018, Extension made more than 9 million direct contacts. With approximately 850 county staff, that is more than 10,500 contacts per employee. While you might be familiar with some of the educational programs Extension provides, others might surprise you. Read more about how Extension [is developing local food systems in southern Kentucky](#) and [helping youth access local produce](#). The [Program and Staff Development website](#) has more information about other unique Extension programs.

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## Isaac Murphy Memorial

Thanks to a university grant through the Herman Lee and Nell Stuart Donovan Memorial Trust, the college installed a memorial honoring Thoroughbred jockey Isaac Murphy (1861 – 1896) on the ground floor of the Agricultural Science Center.

An unsung hero of the Kentucky equine industry, Murphy was a four-time American Derby winner, five-time Latonia Derby winner and the first jockey to win three Kentucky Derby races. He was also the first jockey inducted into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame. Having won 628 races, Murphy is considered one of the greatest riders of all time.



Seth Riker, marketing and communications manager in the college's Center for Student Success, and Mia Farrell, interim director for the CAFE Office of Diversity, developed the project to highlight the contributions of African Americans to the early Kentucky equine industry.

The installation includes an excerpt from a poem by Frank X Walker entitled "Praise Song" from his book *Isaac Murphy: I Dedicate This Ride*. The poem speaks to Murphy's success and persistence, and it carries an inspirational message for all.

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## Surplus auction

The auction is Saturday, Oct. 27. In the past, farm crew members have provided the labor to conduct the auction but this year, each department must designate a person or persons to be responsible for their auction items throughout the process. This includes bringing it to the auction site, staging it in an auction line, loading/checking receipts, to seeing it leave the farm. Each department must send their list to William Sympson no later than Monday, Oct. 8 to be submitted to UK surplus property for posting. Items will be advertised online 10 business days before the live auction day or they cannot sell.

Drop off dates have not been established. For now, please focus on designating departmental contacts and assembling the list of items.

As in past auctions, all items will be auctioned under a single department number and the College will distribute the funds after the auction. For more information, please contact William Sympson at [william.sympson@uky.edu](mailto:william.sympson@uky.edu).

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## In the News

- [University of Kentucky Researchers Make Important Finding in Plant Disease Resistance](#) Pradeep Kachroo and Aardra Kachroo, Department of Plant Pathology
  - [Innovative Research Could Result in a Billion More Being Fed](#), Seth DeBolt, Department of Horticulture
  - [First Test Plot of Malaria-Fighting Plant a Success at University of Kentucky Farm](#), Patrick Perry, Kentucky Tobacco Research and Development Center
  - [Increased Awareness, Engagement Are Goals of Backyard Streams Program](#), Amanda Gumbert, Extension water quality specialist, and Carmen Agouridis, Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering
  - [UK Offers Food Systems and Hunger Studies Certificate](#), Tammy Stephenson and Amanda Hege, Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, and Krista Jacobsen, Department of Horticulture
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## Spotlight

### Sandra Bastin

Associate Dean for Faculty Resources, Planning and Assessment



We asked Sandra 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?**

My career at the University of Kentucky in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has been fantastic! I am fortunate to be able to fulfill all three missions of the land-grant institution and particularly enjoyed the food safety research I conducted with the Paducah community to improve their health issues. My favorite class to teach was DHN 342 Quantity Food Production (affectionately known as Lemon Tree) because you could see students actively engaged while developing skills that are applicable to their future professions. My favorite Extension program was Super

Star Chef, which assisted middle and high school students to get into the kitchen and take control of their own daily diets and physical activity. My two children were the

guinea pigs behind the success of many of my Extension programs. When I became department chair of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, we became more student-focused, but we also put an emphasis on faculty development, both during and away from work. Much of my recent research has been exploring what makes people happy in their jobs as faculty, along with professionally developing and mentoring those moving through the advancement process in my department and beyond. Becoming the associate dean of Faculty Resources, Planning and Assessment was a natural next step for me and I am excited to serve all CAFE faculty and chairs in this role.

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

Hands down, the people! CAFE has some of the most interesting and rewarding job opportunities for students, and some of the most far-reaching and unique research programs anywhere. Nutrition cuts across the agriculture continuum, from farm to fork. I have always been humbled to work with Extension agents who are on the front line of leading and educating their communities to reach their full potential. These talented and engaged agents change our families, communities and the world for the better.

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

I am a pilot.

## Calendar of Events

October 2

[Graduate School Preparation](#)

October 3

[Fragipan Field Day](#)

October 5

[First Friday](#)

October 5-26

[Keeneland](#)

October 6-14

[Tree Week](#)

October 8

Columbus Day

October 9

[Tree Farmer of the Year Field Day](#)

October 10

[UK Women's Forum Conference:  
Intention](#)

## Helpful Links

[Giving](#)

[College Weekly for Faculty & Staff](#)

[College Weekly for Students](#)

[The Ag Magazine](#)

[The Ambassador](#)

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We've got Maple Fever! Click the image

**October 11**

Kentucky Distiller's Association Career Fair  
Food @ Lunch

above to read about the Kentucky's maple syrup industry, as well as a myriad of other exciting things happening within the college, in the latest issue of The Ag Magazine.

**October 13**

Party for the Pumpkins at the Arboretum

**October 15**

Midterms

**October 16**

Boss's Day

**October 19**

CATchment Rain Garden Cleanup

**October 19-23**

Water Week

**October 20**

Sweetest Day

**October 24**

Kentucky Beef Conference

**October 25**

Graduate and Professional School Fair

**October 29**

Registration Begins for Winter/Spring  
Terms

**October 31**

Boone-anza! Halloween Bash

