



Monthly College Newsletter | October

Message from the Dean



Our college is fortunate to be a part of the Kentucky agriculture community. Our fellow agencies, elected policymakers, and the citizens we serve recently came together to celebrate what was an achievement of the entire community, the ribbon cutting for the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence at the Research and Education Center in Princeton. It was gratifying to see so many people come to celebrate this newly expanded facility. Conversations focused on the exciting opportunities the center will have for the farm community. Those conversations highlighted research and extension efforts that have impacted the Kentucky economy, as well as advances that are yet to come from the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence at the Research and Education Center and our other stations.

We celebrated a long list of distinguished donors that day and we especially thanked those who named parts of the building: Kentucky Farm Bureau Lobby, Siemer Milling Conference Center, Kentucky Corn Conference Room, Kentucky Corn Growers Gallery, Farm Credit Mid-America Classroom, the Halcomb Family Boardroom, Clements Ag Supply Grains Office, Peterson Farms Plant Pathology Office, Cook Family Soils Lab, Independence Bank Soil Testing Office and the Kentucky Small Grain Growers which funded the David Van Sanford Graduate

Student Housing.

We also thanked the Kentucky Agriculture Development Fund and the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board for funding and managing the project.

The importance of these facilities to our instructional mission was also highlighted. New housing options at Princeton will allow graduate students to spend more time there and to conduct research that will lead to advances in farming. Listening as visitors expressed the importance of our tripartite mission was exciting and highlighted what is possible from a land-grant university. Perhaps the most eloquent and powerful message of what we do every day came from Hardin County farmer Ray Allan Mackey, a CAFE alum and chair of the Kentucky Corn Promotion Council. Here are a couple excerpts from his comments:

“So many of the practices we use every day on our farms have their beginnings in applied research done on land-grant university farms and distributed through county agricultural extension programs.... My desire, and hope, is that the farm can have a lasting legacy where we put research principles into real-life farming situations. My dream is that it sparks the desire in many young, eager-eyed, energetic, and knowledgeable students, staff and professionals that say ‘I want to touch that soil on that farm in Princeton, Kentucky and I want to be a part of that Grain and Forage Center of Excellence’ ...”

“Even though I never experienced my dream of actually working on a UK farm, the knowledge, connections and experience I acquired while earning my degree in agronomy continue to be valuable in my farming operation today. Even more amazing, is the fact that my son went a step further in earning a master’s degree in crop science under the direction of Dr. Chad Lee. Learning the basics of research at this UK farm and those at the campus in Lexington, I am certain his generation and the next will be able to unlock even more of the mysteries that will provide for a growing world in a way that we cannot even imagine here today. Our efforts must and most certainly will be performed with respect for their effect on our environment with an ongoing concern for the quantity and quality of our soils and water.”

Mackey comes from a family with deep roots in agriculture and CAFE. His father, he and his son all graduated from this college as did other family members. His passion for the soil, agriculture and UK were evident in his comments. He told the story of an extension agent who persuaded his father to go to UK. That was a good example of how extension creates a pipeline for students in our college.

The Mackey family and a multitude of others in homes across Kentucky and beyond are why this is a great college. With our collective efforts, anything is possible. Remember, it starts with us.

Intercultural Awareness Day

Intercultural Awareness Day, Thriving in Your Multi-generational Community, will be from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22 at the E.S. Good Barn. This one-day conference will focus on:

- Overcoming generational stereotyping by encouraging collaboration between team members of different generations on projects.
- Understanding different work styles so that individuals are motivated to perform well when they have a certain level of autonomy about how they work.
- Adopting communication techniques and technology that encourage people to use their preferred communication method.
- Learning about successful integration of multiple generations through mentoring, advising, full-time employment, internships and more.
- Opportunities to engage in critical conversations surrounding generational differences in today's world through experiential learning activities.



Save the Date
October 22, 2019
 E.S. Good Barn
 College of Agriculture,
 Food and Environment

**2019 INTERCULTURAL
 AWARENESS DAY**

Thriving in Your Multi-generational Community
 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Lunch included



Generational differences are valuable to our communities. Join your colleagues, peers and community members to learn how communications styles impact culture and how to integrate a multi-generational community through experiential learning opportunities.

This free conference is open to faculty, staff, students and community members. Lunch is included. Seating is limited, attendees are encouraged to register by Friday, Oct. 11. Click [here](#) to register. Contact Ashley Holt at Ashley.Holt@uky.edu for more information.

Jr. MANRRS Leadership Institute

The eighth annual Jr. MANRRS Leadership Institute will be Nov. 15-16. The goal of Jr. MANRRS is to encourage students in grades 7-12 to attend college and pursue agricultural, natural resources, and environmental science degrees. Students participate in tours, workshops, an opportunity fair, and contests. Many students who participated in high school are now enrolled in CAFE.

Departments willing to lead workshops, tours, or be an exhibitor at the opportunity fair should contact Mia Farrell at antomia.farrell@uky.edu. Also, anyone with a child in grades 7-12, is welcome to register. Registration deadline is Oct. 25. Click [here](#) for more information.

MyUK App

The app is now available with new features. Employees can access Employee Self Service and Manager Self Service through the myUK Mobile App. Learn more about myUK Mobile enhanced employee services in the Tech Help Center, [here](#).

Mobile Tools Available for iOS or Android Devices:

- Employees may enter working time, submit leave requests, view pay statements and benefit plans.
 - Supervisors may approve working time and leave requests.
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Cybersecurity Month

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, the emphasis this year is on personal accountability and the importance of taking proactive steps to enhance cybersecurity at home and in the workplace. Email phishing continues to be a problem, and we must all be vigilant in our work to ensure we practice safe computing. If you have questions regarding a suspicious email, attachment or related IT security issue, consult your CAFE Departmental/Unit IT Professional.

New Faces



Welcome Dustin Adams to his position as senior events coordinator. He will be developing strategic plans for college event space, providing leadership for special events and developing plans for future event space and activities. Dustin previously was assistant director, activities and marketing, at UK's Gatton Student Center. His office is N3 Ag North.

Awards/Honors

Paul Vincelli, professor, Department of Plant Pathology, will spend the next year in Washington, D.C., advising the U.S. Agency for International Development on scientific matters as part of the Jefferson Science Fellows Program.

Carl Bradley, extension plant pathologist, was recently named the Educator of the Year by the Mid America CropLife Association.

Craig Carter, director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, received the inaugural Allen W. Hahn Lifetime Achievement Award from Association for Veterinary Informatics.

Alexander T. Vazsonyi, professor, Department of Family Sciences, is the recipient of the Fulbright-Palacky University Distinguished Chair.

In the news

- **J.D. Green**, professor, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, was mentioned in Successful Farming magazine and other media outlets. [Palmer amaranth's molecular secrets reveal troubling potential](#)
- **Nick Teets**, assistant professor, Department of Entomology, was quoted in the New York Times and other media outlets. [Has climate change affected a bug that can stay frozen for 9 months? This UK researcher will find out](#)
- **Matt Dixon**, agricultural meteorologist, and **Carol Hinton**, Breckinridge County extension agent for agriculture and natural resources, were quoted in The Lane Report and other media outlets. [Lack of rain starting to strain Kentucky agriculture](#)
- **Mick Peterson**, director of Equine Programs, was quoted in several recent articles on track surface safety. [Santa Anita To Install Prototype Data-Gathering Technology on Track Maintenance Equipment – Horse Racing News](#)

Spotlight

Chris Crumrine

State and Federal Government Relations Director

We asked Chris to share a little about his passions, his career path and what led him to us.

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

Prior to coming to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, I spent eight years as university relations/executive communications officer and deputy chief of staff to UK President Capilouto. In my role, I assisted and provided guidance to the president on external and internal communication, as well as institutional policy in the context of industry, state and national higher education trends.



Prior to UK, I worked in higher education policy settings at the state and national level.

I'm a graduate of the UK College of Communication and Information and the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, and I'm currently working on my PhD.

What is your favorite thing about working in CAFE?

CAFE is the historic foundation of UK. We have a statewide presence, and our college continues to find new and dynamic ways of fulfilling our tripartite mission of teaching, research and extension.

In CAFE, you see the translation of modern science in the lab and field directly translated to counties, communities, and in the classroom.

The opportunity I have to support that work is what makes being in the college an exciting opportunity. I look at my role as service-oriented, helping our experts teach, discover and serve others at all levels.

What is one thing about yourself that might surprise people?

I lived in nine different cities before I came to the college, but I still consider Lexington, where I've been for 18 years, my home.

Calendar of Events

October 2

[Equine Career and Opportunities Fair](#)

October 14

Columbus Day

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October 16

Boss's Day

Women's Forum Conference: Elevate

October 17

Graduate and Professional School Fair

October 19

Sweetest Day

October 21-22

Fall Break

October 22

Intercultural Awareness Day

October 31

Halloween

November 2

Scholarship Luncheon

November 3

Daylight Savings

November 6

Retailing and Tourism Management

Networking Dinner



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