



Message from the Dean



August is a busy time in the college but one that shows the true value and breadth of our mission in serving the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

We welcomed back to our campus students ready to begin another chapter in their educational journeys, including a large group of freshmen and transfer students. Student orientations, welcome back picnics, and many other activities fill the days leading up to and following the beginning of the semester. It takes many hands to make this a success and give our students the welcome they deserve.

The commitment of faculty and professional staff to our students' success is truly amazing.

As the semester gets under way, classrooms and laboratories will be focused on learning and discovery, helping our students gain the knowledge and understanding they need to be successful.

August also brings a statewide role for the college. Many extension agents, specialists and college staff spent days in Louisville for the Kentucky State Fair. Inside the fairgrounds, they served as judges, assistants and managers in the vast youth activities at 4-H's Cloverville and in the livestock barns and show rings.

These programs provide valuable learning opportunities for youth and offer them a showcase for their hard work. It also reminds us that 4-H lessons and activities build great leaders.

Others also served at the fair representing us at the college exhibit, providing information on everything from where to find a local extension office to how to schedule a campus visit. Fairgoers enjoyed our fun, educational activities from raptors and reptiles to hemp and horticulture. Additional volunteers represented many units within the college.

The tradition of providing great service and support at the Kentucky State Fair is an enormous component of our land-grant tradition. To translate these efforts into numbers, dedicated staff and volunteers spent close to 20,000 hours, contributing at least \$700,000 in man power and materials to ensure that agriculture, food, youth and families are well represented.

As we welcome our students back to campus and remember the efforts of our colleagues at the fair, these are further reminders of how It Starts With Us.

News

Welcome new faculty

The Faculty Council hosted the annual new faculty workshop and reception August 14, welcoming the following new faculty members to the college:

- Jairus Rossi, Agricultural Economics
- Joao Cardoso Costa, Animal and Food Sciences
- Rachel Schendel, Animal and Food Sciences
- William Ford, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering
- Michael Peterson, Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering
- Heather Norman-Burgdolf, Dietetics and Human Nutrition
- David Gonthier, Entomology
- Kyle Flack, Dietetics and Human Nutrition
- Bruce Ross, Family Sciences
- Thomas Ochuodho, Forestry and Natural Resources
- Jordan Phemister, Landscape Architecture
- Tomokazu Kawashima, Plant and Soil Sciences
- Travis Legleiter, Plant and Soil Sciences
- Chris Teutsch, Plant and Soil Sciences
- Kiersten Wise, Plant Pathology
- Pei Zhang, Retailing and Tourism Management
- Amanda Adams, Veterinary Science
- Michael Cruz Penn, Veterinary Science
- Ahmad Saied, Veterinary Science
- Carrie Shaffer, Veterinary Science

Aiding addiction recovery

For many Kentuckians, the effects of substance abuse are all too real as they have either watched their friends and family struggle with these issues or have personally battled addiction. When it comes to battling addiction, communities are looking for new ways to beat the disease. Active in their communities, county extension agents have seen the effects of substance abuse and work to battle the problem through community



partnerships and education. One recent example of these partnerships is the garden at The Healing Place's Women's Campus which can provide a sense of calmness in the midst of a personal storm as well as build confidence and teach responsibility and accountability. Women at The Healing Place tend the garden under the guidance of Jefferson County horticulture agent Bethany Pratt, right. Local media have highlighted the garden. Here's a [link](#) to one of the television segments to learn more.

Extension review listening sessions

The purpose of these sessions is to provide a forum for interested parties to provide constructive feedback on the recommendations of the Extension review team.

- Sept. 7 – District 4 – 9-11 a.m. – Fayette County Extension office
- Sept. 8 – District 5 – 9-11 a.m. – Elizabethtown Cooperative Extension office
- Sept. 8 – District 3 – 1-3 p.m. – Elizabethtown Cooperative Extension office
- Sept. 12 – District 2 – 9-11 a.m. – Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability, Quicksand
- Sept. 12 – District 1 – 1-3 p.m. – Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability, Quicksand
- Sept. 18 – District 7 – 9-11 a.m. – Research and Education Center, Princeton
- Sept. 18 – District 6 – 1-3 p.m. – Research and Education Center, Princeton
- Oct. 9 – “Catch-all” session via Lync – 2-4 p.m. – Barnhart Building, Room 249

Individuals who are unable to attend the session that corresponds with their District are welcome to attend any of the other sessions. Participants may submit questions or comments in advance of the listening sessions through the following link:

https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8HR8cNSO0sYL2u1.

The final plan will incorporate information from these review sessions.

Office of Technology Commercialization Faculty Education Program

You are invited to attend an Office of Technology Commercialization Faculty Education Program designed for the college from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 21, in room N-24, Ag. Information Center of the Ag. Science North Building.

This is the first of a four-part series the OTC is hosting for CAFE. The topic is: “Creating Renewable Research”, and will include discussions on patent literature, IP development and management and commercialization strategies among other topics. If your schedule allows, please plan to attend. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to rick.bennett@uky.edu.

Additional sessions will be:

- “Understanding Commercialization Incentives” Nov. 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ag. Information Center
- “Research Commercialization Strategies” - spring term - date yet to be determined.
- “IP and Innovation Policy: A Big Impact on Research”- spring term - date yet to be determined.

Congratulations

- **Reddy Palli** is the 2017 recipient of the Nan-Yao Su Award for Innovation and Creativity in Entomology by The Entomological Society of America. This award recognizes creative entomologists who have found alternative solutions to problems that significantly impact entomology. Palli is a professor and chair of the Department of Entomology. He is the first recipient of this award from UK. He is also co-director of the Center for Arthropod Management Technologies, a National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center. Palli studies hormone regulation of insect molting, metamorphosis and reproduction. He is internationally recognized for developing RNA interference technology that kills insect pests and fights resistance to insecticides, particularly in beetles. He also developed a gene-switch technology that may have important human health implications and is in phase 3 clinical trials to fight cancer in humans.
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- **The Department of Agricultural Economics’ Academic Bowl** team recently earned back-to-back national championships. The team won the double elimination tournament at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association’s annual meeting in Chicago. Team members are CAFE students Erica Rogers, Jordan Champion, and Zoe Gabrielson as well as UK students Cori Green, Josey Moore and Rachel Hart. UK post-doctoral scholar Jerrod Penn is the team’s coach and agricultural economics professor Wuyang Hu is the advisor. Penn and Hu have spearheaded the ag economics teams since 2011, producing two national championships and one national runner-up.

UK@Work survey

The 2017 UK@Work survey is your opportunity to provide feedback on making UK an even better place to work. On Sept. 6, you will receive an email from UKatWork@willistowerswatson.com inviting you to take the survey. The insights gleaned

from this survey are critical to the University's efforts to address the needs of faculty and staff.

Your responses are completely confidential. No one within the University will know how you responded, and reports are only provided in an aggregate for areas with at least 10 or more respondents. Survey respondents will also be invited to register to win a prize, including airline tickets, UK football and basketball tickets and an E-lot parking pass.

Within the College, the 2015 feedback was used to define four goals for improvement at the college level, and each department or unit selected at least one goal to work on as well. Each unit in the college completed quarterly progress reports on these goals. Feedback has led to initiatives designed to improve the job satisfaction of CAFE staff and faculty, such as increased internal communication, facilities enhancements, staff and faculty professional development, realignment of staff positions, and new faculty hires. Learn more about these initiatives [here](#).

Visit the [college work-life website](#) and the [UK@Work website](#) to learn more.

UK Leadership forum

Registration is now open for "Leadership Across Generations" this fall's third annual University Leadership Forum, scheduled for Oct. 23-25. All faculty, staff and graduate students are invited to attend. The forum kicks off Oct. 23 with a keynote address from [Ryan Jenkins](#), an internationally recognized speaker who helps organizations gain clarity around generational differences. In addition to the keynote speaker, campus leaders will share their expertise and lead engaging panel discussions about generational influences on leadership. Panel sessions include a roundtable with several deans and a discussion of multi generations in STEM.

Sessions will be held at convenient locations across campus, including the Singletary Center, Hilary J. Boone Center, Gatton College of Business & Economics, and UK Art Museum. To register or for more information [click here](#).

Spotlight

Ted Johnson, extension agent, shares how rewarding it is for him to see the fruits of his labor by directly helping those in his community solve agriculture related problems daily.



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September 1

First Friday

[Giving](#)

[College Calendar for Faculty & Staff](#)

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September 4

Labor Day Holiday

September 9

Industrial Hemp Field Day

September 12

Resume Roundup

September 13

Last Day to Drop a Course or Change

Grade Option

SSTOP Hunger: Look & See Film

Part-Time Job Fair

September 15

HES Hall of Induction Ceremony

September 20

Ag Career Fair

September 22

Last Day to Change a Major

September 27

Business & Internship Career Fair

September 30

2017 Kentucky Hunger Dialogue

October 4

Staff Appreciation Day at Roundup

October 7

Roundup

