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WKU student creates touching video for KODA

Brendan Sullivan, a WKU Photojournalism graduate, created a video titled "Young At Heart" which is featured on vimeo.com. The video tells the story of Jon Clark, an 18-year-old Bowling Green resident whose organs were donated after a car crash claimed his life in September of 2000, to Jerry Mudd, a Louisville resident. "On September 23, 2000, our lives came crashing together and we became one," said Jerry Mudd. "He is a part of me forever."

Jon was described by his mother, Linda Clark, as being "Happy, energetic, creative, fun, passionate. He just loved life." According to Mrs. Clark, Jon's decision to become an organ donor was an easy one. When she explained to Jon exactly what it meant to be an organ donor, he responded with "Well, yeah, that would be stupid not to do that."

Jon's parents, Linda & Bobby Clark, are from Bowling Green and they have volunteered on KODA's Donor Family Council. Jerry Mudd, the heart recipient, lives in Louisville and is a volunteer for KODA. To view the video by Brendan Sullivan, please click here.

GEAR UP Student Featured at Commonwealth Commitment News Conference

Ben Whitlock, a GEAR UP student from Green County, was selected to represent all Kentucky Students at the news conference on September 1st to announce The Commonwealth Commitment. The Commonwealth Commitment is the new term for Senate Bill 1 which was passed by the last session of the General Assembly. One of the requirements in Senate Bill 1 is a much closer working relationship between secondary and post secondary education to insure students are prepared when they reach post secondary education. The News Conference included all eight university presidents, President of the Council on Post Secondary Education, Commissioner for the KY Department of Education, and the First Lady, Jane Beshear.

Whitlock spoke at the conference and told those present that he was excited about his future, "Education in Kentucky offers a lot of opportunities and some challenges," said Whitlock. "I think the biggest challenge is low expectations for our students. Kentucky students are smart and capable but they need to be challenged and more needs to be expected from them."

This is not the first time Whitlock has been in a leadership role. Last September he was selected to speak to the audience for the first session of the First Lady, Jane Beshear's, Graduate Kentucky Summit in Frankfort. In July, 2009, he was selected as one of 30 students in the country to participate in the NCCEP Youth Leadership program in San Francisco. He also

was selected to participate in Roger's Scholars the summer of 2009 and in Governor's Scholars the summer of 2010. He is still trying to decide which university he wants to attend. He is a senior this year at Green County High School, and he has decided he will go to an in-state college. WKU is still in the running but he has not finalized his decision yet. His long term goal is a career in medicine.

For more information about NCCEP, GEAR UP, and the Youth Leadership program, please visit www.edpartnerships.org or contact NCCEP at 202-530-1135. For more information about the WKU GEAR UP Program, please contact Lucy Juett at 745-3325.

KRS Instructor Bill Edwards Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

By the Daily News

Bill Edwards, a part of the athletic training scene at Western Kentucky University for nearly 40 years, was honored last month when he was inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society Hall of Fame in ceremonies at Northern Kentucky University.

"Doc E"- as he is known to both Hilltopper athletes and coaches- continues to enjoy his lengthy career at the helm of the WKU athletic training program.

A veteran of both the Ohio Valley and Sun Belt Conferences, Edwards was named Head Athletic Trainer at WKU in August, 1983, after serving as an assistant athletic trainer for six years. He joined the Topper training staff as an undergraduate in 1970, then served as a graduate assistant trainer before joining the full-time training staff in 1977. He holds a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's degree in secondary education from WKU.

Recently promoted to Associate Athletic Director and Director of Athletic Training and Sports Medicine, Edwards coordinates a large group of sports medicine specialists.

In addition to his daily athletic training duties, he also serves as an instructor in the department of Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport (KRS) at WKU.

Edwards was a founding member of the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society and served as treasurer of the organization from its beginning in 1983 through 1992.

WKU/AHEC HOSA Participate in Teambuilding Session

On August 27, members of the WKU HOSA took part in a teambuilding session with Hugh Heater from Rivendell. Denielle Davenport, Kathleen Smith, John Humphrey, and DeAnn Wright attended the teambuilding session, which was held at Rivendell. Davenport, a student who returned to school to study in the dental hygiene program, said that this session helped her get to know the other HOSA members faster and taught her the importance of communication. For more information on WKU HOSA events, please contact Amy Wininger, 270-745-3325 or email amy.wininger@wku.edu.

KPHA participates in Summer Activities

The WKU chapter of the Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA) participated in many events during the summer. They worked with the Smoke Free Coalition of Warren County on August 6 to raise awareness of the harmful effects of smoking. The Kentucky State Fair in Louisville was held on August 21. Members of of KPHA-WKU chapter participated by helping with blood pressure measurements and educating people about healthy life styles and proper diet management at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville beginning August 21. Other members volunteered at the Kids Tri-Athelon organized by the WKU Alive Center on the same day.

MASTER plan was held on August 26th, and KPHA-WKU took part as well interacting with MASTER plan participants and informing them of various programs in the Department of Public Health.

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