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DOERS & DEEDS

Academic Excellence at WKU



"Back of the deed was the doer, back of the doer, the dream." – H.H. Cherry, Founding President



A quilt made by Kelly Autism Program students is unveiled.

WKU celebrated the anniversary of the Kelly Autism Program on September 4. The program, made possible through gifts has grown from eight participants in 2003 to 95 today, including more than 20 in the Circle of Support as students at WKU. The program is serving students from age 7 through adult and is providing training for WKU students as well as teachers.

Judy Davison (Curriculum & Instruction) is one of 10 faculty members across the country selected to celebrate the agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States Fulbright Organization. This celebration will take place in England with the Prime Minister of England serving as the host for the event.

WKU's **Jeff Giraldo** (Journalism & Broadcasting) won the Hearst Journalism Awards Program's National Photojournalism Championship in San Francisco, CA. Giraldo, was a December 2007 graduate from LaGrange, Ill.

A delegation of more than 40 WKU students, faculty and friends of WKU left for China on August 3 to attend the 2008 Beijing Olympics. WKU partnered with Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina and the Capital Institute for Physical Education in Beijing for the trip. The group included a mix of faculty and staff, and undergraduate and graduate students in exercise science, recreation and sports management.

WKU's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Gordon Ford College of Business has been awarded a contract for approximately \$400,000 by the Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Board to develop and launch an Entrepreneurial Academy of Excellence serving Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson and Washington counties. The goal is to develop a year-round program that will focus on catalyzing and supporting innovation, entrepreneurship and economic growth for the region, under the direction of **Wil Clouse** (Center for Entrepreneurship). The focus will be on developing an entrepreneurial community, helping entrepreneurs to develop skills and tools to take their ideas for products and services from an idea stage to a product and business launch.

John Cipolla, Associate Professor of Clarinet and Saxophone, was elected Secretary on the Executive Board of the International Clarinet Association. He began serving this two-year term in September.

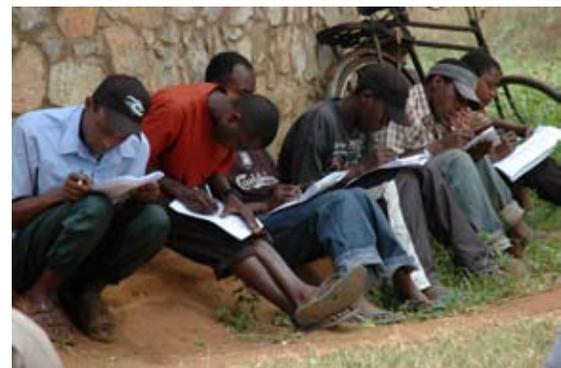
The WKU Kentucky Library & Museum's VSA arts program SIDE BY SIDE has received an Award for Outstanding Community Partner for its work with VSA arts of Kentucky. SIDE BY SIDE is a visual arts program for children with disabilities, providing mentoring collaboration with professional adult artists from the Bowling Green/Warren County community.

The inaugural Kentucky Celebrates Small Business Pacesetter Awards were held in April in Frankfort, Kentucky. There were 12 statewide winners and 4 of those 12 were WKU Small Business Development Center (SBDC) clients: Big Meadow Oil, Knob Lick, KY; Hitcents Inc., Bowling Green, KY; Oscareware Inc., Bonnierville, KY; and Walbert Trucking, Glasgow, KY. The Small Business Administration also announced four award winners for the state of Kentucky. Two out of the four statewide winners were nominated by the WKU SBDC: Walbert Trucking, Glasgow, KY and Ameerah Cetawayo, Bowling Green, KY. WKU's SBDC is #1 in number of businesses started.

The Kentucky Solar Energy Society (KySES) has elected **Nancy Givens** (FaCET) to its board. Givens serves as co-chair for BG Green Partnership for Sustainable Community as well. The KySES was formed to provide a unified voice calling for the increased use of energy, energy efficiency and other sustainable technologies in Kentucky and the United States.

WKU faculty members **Matt Marvel** (Management), **Michael Stokes** (Biology), **Cheryl Kirby-Stokes** (ALIVE Center) and **Jerry Daday** (Sociology), along with WKU students, **Lauren Torger** (Park Ridge, IL, Communication), **Kelli Alford** (Roundhill, KY, Sociology), **Maggie Mahan** (Bowling Green, KY, Biology), **Simon Kasaine** (Kenya, Biology), **Rachel Wigginton** (Glendale, KY, Biology), **Cabrina Hamilton** (Springfield, KY, Biology) recently visited Africa. As part of this interdisciplinary project, WKU faculty and students partnered with Professor Charles Kimwele, from the University of Nairobi's Animal Physiology and Biology Department and his five interdisciplinary students. The two groups worked collaboratively to investigate multifaceted problems like human and community-wildlife conflict within Kasigau's villages.

Sabina Husic, a WKU freshman from Bowling Green, received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for the Fall 2008 semester. Husic, a design, merchandising and textiles major, received the \$3,500 scholarship to participate in a Fairfield University study abroad program in Italy.



Kenya Photos by Cheryl Kirby-Stokes

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Wei-Ping Pan, director of WKU's Institute for Combustion Science and Environmental Technology, has received a prestigious award from the North American Thermal Analysis Society (NATAS). Pan was selected as the 2008 recipient of the Mettler Award. The award is the NATAS' highest honor and recognizes distinguished achievement in the field of thermal analysis. Pan received the award during the 36th annual NATAS conference in August in Atlanta.

Deana Groves (Library Technical Services) was presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award during the American Library Association's national conference in July in Anaheim, California. The award, sponsored by 3M Library Systems for more than 30 years, recognizes selected librarians nationwide based on qualifications that include academic achievement, work experience, honors earned and library association activities.

The German program at WKU hosted nine high school seniors from Sophie-Charlotte-Oberschule (Sophie Charlotte High School) in Berlin, Germany. WKU campus sponsor for the visit was **Laura McGee** (Modern Languages). McGee developed and co-led a 2008 winter term language and culture program in partnership with the WKU Honors College and Gatton Academy students. While in Berlin in January, the WKU students enjoyed a one-week home stay with families of students from the Sophie-Charlotte-Oberschule. During their visit to WKU, the German high school students experienced life on an American university campus. They stayed with WKU students who are studying German and visited classes in disciplines they might like to study after graduating high school.

Three researchers from WKU's Hoffman Environmental Research Institute were part of a nine-person mapping expedition to the Isla de Mona, often referred to as the "Galapagos of the Caribbean." **Pat Kambesis** (expedition co-leader and Hoffman Institute), **John All** (Geography and Geology) and **Narcisa Pricope** (WKU master's in Geoscience graduate

WKU President Gary Ransdell is among 57 presidents of colleges, universities and higher education associations selected to serve on the inaugural Chronicle of Higher Education/New York Times Higher Education Cabinet. Other members of the cabinet include the presidents of Amherst, California, Colgate, Cornell, George Washington, Minnesota, Notre Dame, Pennsylvania, Pomona, Purdue, Smith, Tufts and Vassar.



German program high school students

and Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida) were part of a team that spent 10 days in June documenting caves and related features on the northwest coast of the island.

Sally Ray (Communication) along with **Judy Woodring** (Forensics), **Jace Lux** (Forensics), and **Larry Caillouet** (Communication) conducted a workshop as part of a national professional development seminar (PDS) for state legislative communication staff in Louisville. The seminar, sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures was held in September in Louisville, KY. Sixty state legislative communication staffers from all over the United States traveled to Kentucky for this four-day skills development workshop.

Brooke Shafar, a May 2008 WKU graduate from Louisville, KY, has been selected for a 2008-2009 J. William Fulbright Scholarship to Germany. Shafar will teach English as a second language and conduct research on German cinema. Shafar, an alumnae of WKU's Honor College, had a double major in German and English and was named a scholar of WKU's Potter College of Arts & Letters.

Mark Tracy, a geoscience graduate student has received one of four 2008 national research awards from the Cave Research Foundation (CRF) to support his master's thesis research into the evolution of karst landscapes. Tracy, who is from Cobleskill, NY was one of the highest ranked by the reviewers in the competition, even competing with Ph.D. dissertation proposals.

WKU graduate **Laura Sanders** is one of 51 teachers nationwide selected for this year's American Star of Teaching Award from the U.S. Department of Education. Sanders, is a kindergarten teacher at Cumberland Trace Elementary School. Sanders received her bachelor's degree from WKU in 1997 and a master's in elementary education from WKU in 2001.

Ellen Bonaguro, director of WKU's Academic Advising and Retention Center, has been selected as the first president of the Kentucky Academic Advising Association (KACADA). WKU staff members **Pat Jordan** (Gordon Ford College of Business), **Michelle Kahler** (College of Education and Behavioral Sciences), and **Kevin Thomas** (Academic Advising and Retention Center) also helped create the state organization.



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The center piece and showcase for WKU's Political Engagement Project this year is a psychedelic, political expression bus. Under the direction of the Art Department, the outside of the bus was painted by Master Plan students, class of 2012, and by middle and high school students from the community organization Kaleidoscope. Inside the bus, the Kentucky Museum is installing an exhibit on forty years of political activism at the local, state and national level with a special emphasis on the political engagement of WKU faculty and students.

The Division of Extended Learning & Outreach (DELO) celebrated five years of success at WKU. The 5th anniversary

of the division was celebrated on Thursday July 31 at the Carroll Knicely Conference Center. DELO was officially approved by the Board of Regents to begin operations in July 2003. As the demand for more flexible learning opportunities continues to grow, so will the units within DELO. The Division of Extended Learning & Outreach relies on strong partnerships to create successful educational opportunities.



Political expression bus

Gordon Ford College of Business, the Management Department and Groupe Ecole Supérieure de Commerce (ESC) – Saint Etienne (St. Etienne School of Management) in St. Etienne, France, have agreed to a program leading to a double degree. This is the first double degree offered at WKU.