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Western Kentucky University

UA12 Student Affairs

Series 2 Student Activities, Organizations & Leadership Office

Subseries 16 Spirit Masters

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Administrative History: Western Kentucky University's Spirit Masters originated from a trip Dr. Carl Kell, Professor of Communication, made to the University of Alabama. While visiting, Dr. Kell met a group of student ambassadors. Impressed by these students, Dr. Kell brought the idea back to Western's Interim President, Dr. John Minton, with hopes of establishing a similar group.

Eventually, Dr. Kell and Nada McGuiness developed the student ambassador group known today as Spirit Masters.

The original group was selected in the spring of 1981. The twelve men and twelve women selected were officially presented to the University that spring. The name of the group was taken from the University's motto: "The Spirit Makes the Master". [WKU Spirit Masters website]

Description: Records created by and about the Spirit Masters.

Dates: 1986-present

Extent: 7 folders, oversize

Subject Analytics:

African Americans

Blacks

Leadership

Scrapbooks

Spirit Masters (WKU)

Student organizations

Western Kentucky University

Digital Commons:

African American Studies

Leadership Studies

Race and Ethnicity

Race, Ethnicity and Post-Colonial Studies

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Accession Information: These records transferred to the WKU Archives from the Spirit Masters in accordance with the records retention schedule.

Access Restrictions: none

Allied Materials:

[UA1C4/7 Student Groups & Associations Photo Collection](#)

[UA1C11/101 Spirit Masters Photo Collection](#)

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Processing Information: Records processed and collection inventory created 2018, revised 2021, 2022.

Finding Aid Report

06/27/2022

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| UA12.2.16 | Records | Date |
| Level | Subseries | Linked toUA12.2 |
| Title | UA12 Student Affairs | |
| Collection | Series 2 Student Activities, Organizations & Leadership Office | |
| Scope & Content | Subseries 16 Spirit Masters | |
| | WKU Archives | |
| | Records created by and about the Spirit Masters. | |

Container List

| Container | Folder | Creator | Date | Title | | |
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| Box 2 | 1 | WKU Spirit Masters | 2001-2002 | Scrapbook | | |
| Description | Items removed from scrapbook D5373 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/323/ | | | Subjects | Scrapbooks | |
| Box 2 | 2 | WKU Spirit Masters | 1989-1990 | Scrapbook | | |
| Description | Items removed from scrapbook D5375 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/321/ | | | Subjects | Scrapbooks | |
| Box 2 | 3 | WKU Spirit Masters | 1986 | Scrapbook | | |
| Description | Items removed from scrapbook D5376 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/324/ | | | Subjects | Scrapbooks | |
| | Alexander, Kern Kell, Carl | | | | | |
| Box 2 | 4 | WKU Spirit Masters | 1994-1995 | Scrapbook | | |
| Description | Items removed from scrapbook D5374 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/322/ | | | Subjects | Scrapbooks | |
| Box 2 | 5 | WKU Spirit Masters | 1996-1997 | Scrapbook | | |
| Description | Items removed from scrapbook D5384 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/329/ | | | Subjects | Scrapbooks | |
| Box 2 | 6 | WKU Spirit Masters | 2007-2008 | Scrapbook | | |
| Description | Items removed from scrapbook D5385 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/328/ | | | Subjects | Scrapbooks | |
| Box 2 | 7 | WKU Spirit Masters | 2004-2005 | Scrapbook | | |
| Description | Items removed from scrapbook D5386 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/327/ | | | Subjects | Scrapbooks | |

| Description | Membership books contain photographs and brief biographies of the Spirit Masters. | Subjects | Student organizations Clubs African Americans Blacks Photographs Biography |
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| 2011-2012 D7107 | - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8496 | | |
| 2012-2013 D7108 | - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8497 | | |
| 2013-2014 D7109 | - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8498 | | |
| 2014-2015 D7110 | - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/8499 | | |
| | Adkins, Emma | | |
| | Anderson, Melanie | | |
| | Baker, Alexis | | |
| | Beach, Alicia | | |
| | Blair, Hannah | | |
| | Boothe, Kelley | | |
| | Boothe, Mary (2) | | |
| | Bowling, Taylor (2) | | |
| | Brand, Lizzie | | |
| | Brown, Kelvin | | |
| | Brown, McGavinn | | |
| | Bunnell, Matt | | |
| | Burnett, Robert aka Nick | | |
| | Campbell, Brian | | |
| | Carpenter, George aka Trip (3) | | |
| | Champion, Kam | | |
| | Daniel, Derek (2) | | |
| | Dennison, Barrett | | |
| | Doose, Haley | | |
| | Egerer, Kaylee | | |
| | Fahnders, Alex (2) | | |
| | Farmer, Alvin | | |
| | Feikes, Allison (3) | | |
| | Freeman, Paige | | |
| | Gahafer, Stephanie | | |
| | Gaiko, Stephanie | | |
| | Gilliam, Natalie | | |
| | Gilstrap, Michelle (2) | | |
| | Gilyard, Nicholas | | |
| | Greer, Ian | | |
| | Gumble, Rachel | | |
| | Hall, Katherine aka KJ | | |
| | Harmon, Katie | | |
| | Harrison, Jana | | |
| | Havel, Catherine (3) | | |
| | Jolly, Ellie (2) | | |
| | Jury, Tyler | | |
| | Kaetzel, Kelsey (2) | | |
| | Kimura, Alex | | |
| | Levy, Paige | | |
| | Linder, Ellen | | |
| | Lofton, Kayla | | |
| | Lowe, Sarah (2) | | |
| | Lutsch, Sydney (3) | | |
| | Manley, Alyson (2) | | |
| | Manley, Ashlee (3) | | |
| | Marr, Eric (2) | | |
| | McCullough, Grace (2) | | |
| | McGarvie, Chad (2) | | |
| | McGuirk, Meghan (3) | | |
| | McPhearson, Rebecca | | |
| | Miles, Nolan | | |
| | Miller, Ashleigh | | |
| | Miller, David | | |

Gadd, Steven
 Gaiko, Katherine (2)
 Garcia, Jonny
 Gossett, Hannah
 Greer, Ian
 Guelde, Molli (2)
 Hall, Katherine aka KJ (2)
 Harshbarger, Dalton (2)
 Hillenmeyer, Daniel (2)
 Hopper, Benjamin
 Jones, Haley (2)
 Kuhl, Carson
 Latham, Jeremy
 Layne, Devin
 Linder, Ellen (2)
 Lord, Haley (2)
 Marcum, Sam
 Miller, David
 Mize, Mallory (2)
 Mulert, Daniel
 Murray, Chelsea (3)
 Murrell, Meredith
 Pinilla, Juan
 Pride, Emily (2)
 Ravishankar, Nikil (2)
 Reed, Hannah
 Reynolds, Logan (2)
 Ruby, Taylor
 Sadrinia, Yasmine
 Shelton, LaRosa (3)
 Smith, Kyle (2)
 Smith, Sally
 Starks, Destiny (2)
 Suggs, Sarah (3)
 Thompson, Ali (2)
 Vaughn, Mallory
 Webb, Jordan (2)
 Wigginton, Tori
 Wilson, McKenzie (3)

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| Box 4 | 1 | WKU Spirit Masters | 1993-2003 | Membership | |
| Description | Spirit Masters 1993-1994 Spirit Masters 1997-1998 Spirit Masters 1998-1999 Spirit Masters 1999-2000 Spirit Masters 2002-2003 | | | Subjects | Student organizations Clubs African Americans Blacks Photographs |
| Box 4 | 2 | WKU Spirit Masters | 2002-2003 | Membership | |
| Description | Meeting Agenda 10/23/2002 Schedule Oct. 22-26 Spirit Master Perspective Spirit Master Pledge Spirit Masters (WKU) Tribute to Dr. Carl Kell, Spirit Master Advisor, 4/25/2003 Younglove, Jeff | | | Subjects | Student organizations Clubs African Americans Blacks Invitations Banquets Correspondence |

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|-------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|---|
| Box 4 | 3 | WKU Spirit Masters | nd | Scrapbook | |
| Description | Big Red, D7178 | | | Subjects | Mascots Drawings |
| OS Box 139 | 2 | WKU Spirit Masters | 1996-1997, 2004-2005 | Scrapbook | |
| Description | Items removed from scrapbook D5384 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/329 Items removed from scrapbook D5386 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/327 | | | Subjects | African Americans Blacks Photographs Autographs |
| OS Box 140 | 17 | Spirit Masters (WKU) | nd | Posters | |
| Description | Vote Brittney Long for Homecoming Queen, nd, D7180 Vote for Laura Allen Homecoming Queen, nd, D7179 | | | Subjects | Homecomings Posters Beauty contestants |
| OS Box 33 | 33 | Spirit Masters (WKU) | 2003 | Posters | |
| Description | Johnson, Sylvia D4397 | | | Subjects | Homecomings Posters Beauty contestants African Americans Blacks |
| TopScholar | | Spirit Masters (WKU) | 1986-2002 | Scrapbooks | |
| Description | Scrapbook 1986 Spring/Summer D5376 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/324 Scrapbook 1989-90 D5375 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/321 Scrapbook 1994-95 D5374 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/322 Scrapbook 1996-97 D5384 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/329 Scrapbook 2001-02 D5373 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/323 Scrapbook 2004-05 D5386 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/327 Scrapbook 2007-08 D5385 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/328 Scrapbook 2011-12 D5387 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/326 | | | Subjects | Scrapbooks Photographs |
| | 1986 African Americans Alexander, Kern Blacks Clayton, Tommy Feix, Jimmy Ford, Kelly Gilchrist, Louise Kell, Carl McClellan, Laura Minton, John Moseley, Leslie Newman, David Oldham, John Payne, Barkley Robinson, Jim Smith, Cindy Thomas, Ursula 1989-90 Adkins, Dwight Burns, Kim | | | | |

Caldwell, Julie
Colvin, Michael
Gott, Amos
Hodges, Laura
Hosse, Ruth
Hudson, Paige
Knowles, Dan
Leffert, Joe
Miller, Jill
Patton, Chuck
Pepper, Daryl
Price, Janie
Rose, Chari
Sagun, Paul
Seiber, John
Smith, Eddie
Smith, Marie
Stinson, Kyna
Stum, Jeff
Walke, Lee
Warren, Matt
Welch, Jeff

1994-95

Briner, Lara
Burgess, Melissa
Burton, Nathan
Cailles, Andi
Church, Nicholas
Duncan, Derek
Estes, Jonathan
Ezell, Nicole
Hedinger, Jerry
Hester, Hardin
Holsclaw, Amanda
Humphries, Martha
Jackson, Kristie
Lynch, Jennifer
Martin, Jason
Maxwell, Annemarie
May, Kenny
McCombie, Christiane
Robinson, Paige
Sivley, Scott
Thurmond, Amanda
Vanderpool, David
Vincent, Jason
Wilson, Andrea

1996-97

Ashley, Kaylyn
Bowling
Brooks, Blake
Brooks, Jennifer
Davis, Barry
Fischer, Joy
Lawson, Jean-Marie
Leavell, Tim
Lodmell, Carlene
Lodmell, Darlene
Loehr, Jason
Mathis, Sybil
Meredith, Thomas
Nobles, Adrienne

Rider, Adam
Robinson, Paige
Schepman, Erin
Self, Scott
Smith, Georganne
Somerville, Melissa
Southard, Dave
Standafer, Suzanne
Straub, Garrick
Taylor, Mary
Warren, Deanna
Whitsell, Jason
Wise, Tara

2001-2002

Caswell, Amy
Davis, Alecea
Demarest, Amanda
Ditto, Brenton
Dunkelberger, JacLyn
Farrior, Andrea'
Gilbert, Tim
Green, Ann
Harris-Lynne, Zhela
Irvin, Sarah
Jolly, Jessica
Leach, Adam
Lodmell, David
Long, Brittney
Marshall, Brooke
Martin, Lori
Mercer, Kate
Millard, Lauren
Milliner, Dana
Morel, Joe
Phelps, Jaclyn
Powell, Casey
Powell, Kacie
Sears, Jamie
Seay, Jason
Sherrow, Meredith
Staten, Jessica
Wheeler, Jennifer
White, Cinnamon
Ximenes, Jeffrey

2004-05

Barnett, Rebecca
Burcham, Katie
Carman, Ann
Carter, Kelsey
Corum, Jenny
Farrell, Molly
Fausey, Brittany
Griffin, Emalee
Hale, Walker
Hodson, Nathan
Inman, Lindsey
Jones, Audrey
LeGrand, Whitney
Lovan, Abby
Manning, Kelley
Martins, Juliana
McFarland, Richard

McKinley, Elizabeth
Peek, Leslie
Petkova, Evelina
Raley, Erin
Ransdell, Gary
Ransdell, Lindsey
Rink, Morgan
Roth, BryAnn
Shepherd, Ashlea
Smith, Destiny
Stark, Beth
Sutton, Ashley
Whitfield, Chris

2007-08

Austin, Kelly
Bird, Megan
Blodgett, Bryant
Braun, Monique
Brown, Jenna
Cannon, Tom
Carter, Lauren
Conrad, Clint
DeRosa-Reynolds, Diane
Eaton, Nathan
Edwards, Angelena
Faulkner, Olivia
Fedor, Glenn
Foster, Sarah
Gay, Catie
Goff, Chase
Howell, Austin
Keeling, Lauren
Korona, Sarah
Ladd, Justin
Martin, Coleman
Morel, Lori
Ross, Lynetra
Smallwood, Kathy
Smith, Caelin
Stinson, Kelly
Theiss, Tori
Turner, Emily
Viteskic, Ena
Whitaker, Earlene

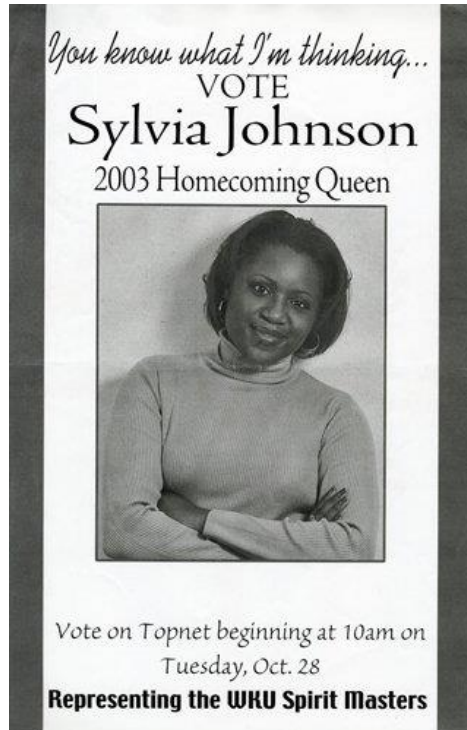
2011-12

Boothe, Kelley
Egerer, Kaylee
Gumble, Rachel
Kimura, Alex
Miller, Ashleigh
Stevens, Hunter

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Date 2003/10
Year Range 2003 - 2003

Print size 11" x 17"



Title Sylvia Johnson Homecoming Queen

Description Sylvia Johnson homecoming queen poster

Photographer Spirit Masters (WKU)

Place

Subjects Posters
 Homecomings
 Beauty contestants
 African Americans
 Blacks

People

Search terms Spirit Masters (WKU)

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Title Big Red

Description Big Red

Photographer Spirit Masters (WKU)

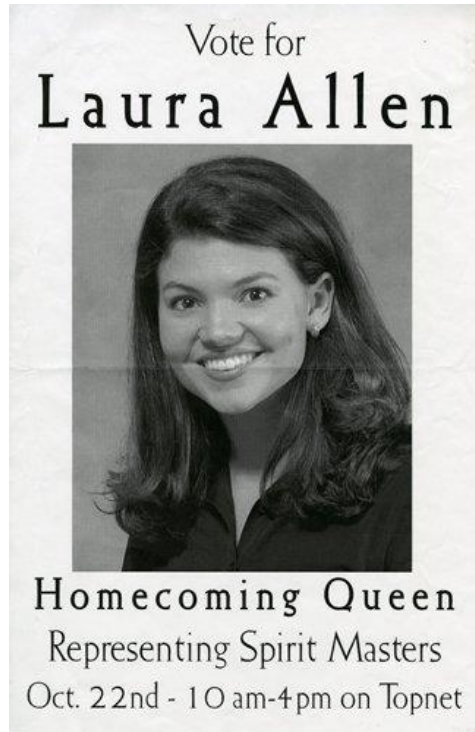
Place

Subjects Mascots **People**

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 Big Red

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Title Laura Allen Homecoming Queen Poster

Description Laura Allen homecoming queen poster.

Photographer Spirit Masters (WKU)

Place

Subjects Beauty contestants
 Posters
 Broadsides
 Homecomings
 Student organizations
 Clubs

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Search terms Western Kentucky University
 Spirit Masters (WKU)

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Title Brittney Long Homecoming Queen Poster

Description Brittney Long homecoming queen poster.

Photographer Spirit Masters (WKU)

Place

Subjects Beauty contestants
 Posters
 Broadsides
 Homecomings
 Student organizations
 Clubs
 Fraternities & sororities

People

Search terms Western Kentucky University
 Spirit Masters (WKU)
 Alpha Omicron Pi
 Alpha Gamma Rho