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WKU Institutional Advancement
The Fall 1988 enrollment at 14,121 students was the largest in the institution's history.

Forty of the fifty states and forty-five different countries are typically represented on Western's campus.

The average ACT score of full-time, first-time, university students entering as freshmen was up again for Fall 1988. The average score was 19.6.

The Agricultural Mechanics program was ranked second in the nation in competition held in 1988 by the National State Departments of Agriculture Association.

An Animal Science major was selected by the Block and Bridle Association as the number one junior level Animal Science student in the United States and was also ranked in the top three in the nation his senior year.

A team of students majoring in Dairy Science entered national competition and finished second nationally in 1988.

A team of students from the advertising program entered national competition and finished third in 1988.

A student from Western's master's degree program in Business was one of only 67 students chosen to receive a $10,000 doctoral fellowship from the National Doctoral Fellowship Program in 1988.

A student in Western's geography program was chosen as the top geography student in the southeastern United States by the National Geographic Association.

The WKU College of Education was ranked 16th among the top 50 colleges of education across the country in recent competition. Selection was based upon scholarly works and research. The only other Kentucky institution listed finished 46th. Western was one of only two nondoctoral-granting institutions in the top 50.

One out of every three school counselors certified in Kentucky received their degree from WKU.

One out of every five practicing teachers, principals, and superintendents got their last degree from Western in Kentucky.

A student now at Western won first place in robotics at the International Science and Engineering Fair held in Knoxville, Tennessee.
A Western faculty member in Biology is recognized as one of the world's foremost experts on baby fish.

The nation's best selling high school speech textbook was written by a Western professor. It is now in its third edition.

The Kentucky High School Speech League Association is now housed on the WKU campus after residing on another campus in this state for over 20 years.

The Office Systems Research Association has now moved its national headquarters to the WKU campus.

WKYU-TV, Kentucky's only public television station operated by a university, serves an audience of more than 200,000 citizens in a 35-40 mile radius of Bowling Green.

A senior was named as the best spelunker in the entire world by receiving the Law Bicker Award.

A senior was recently elected National Chairman of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Western's journalism department recently ranked 7th in the nation in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation competition.

Within the past year, 36 distinguished members of WKU's faculty have published books.

A recent five year review showed that 86.7% of students completing the Medical Records Program passed the national accreditation examination.

A senior involved with the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was recently awarded a $6,000 fellowship and will be attending the University of Louisville Medical School this fall.

A faculty member in Computer Science is participating in a NASA Summer Faculty Fellowship at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA this summer.

A faculty member was recognized as "Nurse Educator of the Year" by the Kentucky League of Nursing.

A sophomore agriculture student placed first in the nation in the category of judging the Brown Swiss breed of cattle in the National Dairy Judging Contest.

A Western football player was selected as one of eleven division I-AA players in America on the National Football Hall of Fame Academic All-American team. He will attend medical school this Fall.
A faculty member in the Geography and Geology Department was a recent appointee to serve on the Governor's Drought Monitoring Task Force.

A faculty member in the Health and Safety Department has been appointed to serve as a member of the Governor's Council for developing the Kentucky State Health Plan.

Two faculty members in Health and Safety were chosen to participate in various state department programs to benefit Kentucky's research in the health field.

Western's Dental Hygiene Program enjoys a 100% acceptance rate of their graduates to dental school and also boasts a 100% passing rate on their national accreditation examinations.

A junior was selected as the regional delegate to the National American Dental Hygienists' Association Annual Session to be held this summer in Boston.

A new international professional organization, Conflict Management Group, has been established due mainly through the activities of WKU's Department of Management and Marketing.

Two faculty members in Psychology were recently awarded The Hollingworth Award for Research in Psychology and Education of Intellectually Gifted Youth. This award was based upon extensive international competition.

The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences leads all state institutions in direct service to public schools through various workshops and training events.

For two successive years, Western's Professional Development Center Network and the Kentucky Schools Technology Project were winners of national awards for their Showcase for Excellence competition for service to public schools.

WKU is a leader in international education with the USA/China Teacher Consortium. This is thought to be the only one of this kind in the world.

A sophomore was chosen as a national intercollegiate equine champion in the field of Equine Science.

Western's Department of Agriculture graduates more teachers certified to teach agriculture in high schools than any other university in Kentucky.

Western's Block and Bridle Club, which is composed of animal science students, recently ranked third in the nation based on their yearly activities.
A faculty member in Agriculture recently served as the judge for the National Livestock competition in Thailand.

A faculty member was recently selected as the President of the American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources.

Western offers a degree in Recombinant Genetics, the only degree of this type offered in Kentucky and one of only seven offered in the nation.

The Department of Geography and Geology offers the only City and Regional Planning degree available in Kentucky.

One of the leading folklore journals in the world, The Southern Folklore, has transferred to Western's campus after being published at the University of Florida for over 40 years.

A faculty member in the Department of Philosophy and Religion recently won the Gustavus Myers Award for his outstanding publication, Confronting the Color Line, and has recently been notified that his book has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Through Western's extended campuses, many non-traditional students are served. Over one-half of the students at the Glasgow campus are over the age of 30 and three-fourths of those are women.

WKU offers the nation's only Coal Chemistry Master's Degree.

WKU is home to the Kentucky State Climate Center which serves the entire Commonwealth for weather news.

A photojournalism senior placed first in the nation in the "Picture Story" competition at the William Randolph Hearst Competition.

A photojournalism senior was also named the National College Photographer of the Year and another Western senior placed fourth in this same competition.

WKU's advertising program won first place in regional judging on anti-drug advertisements, and also had one of its students selected as one of the top ten advertising students in the nation.

Over the past five years, WKU has granted more master's degree in education than any other institution in the state.

The American Advertising Federation presented the Student Chapter of the Year Award to WKU.

A WKU senior was named the Sun Belt Conference Male Academic Athlete-of-the-year for the second consecutive year.
The same WKU senior was also selected as one of only ten Academic-All-Americans in tennis with a 4.0 GPA in Accounting.

WKU had more student-athletes, 39, named to the 1989 Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll than any other conference institution.

WKU will serve as host to the following state wide events in 1989-90:
- Kentucky State Singing Convention
- State YMCA Cheerleading Competition
- State High School Marching Band Championship
- Kentucky Junior Miss Pageant
- Girls State High School Basketball Tournament
- State Junior and Senior High School Speech Tournament

WKU is one of only nine universities in the nation to offer a graduate program in Folk Studies.

A WKU faculty member in Music is serving as the President of the Kentucky Music Educators Association for the music educators across the entire Commonwealth at all levels.

A WKU faculty member in Education was recently selected as the Director of the Council on School Performance Standards which was created by an executive order from the Governor.

A senior won second place in a national undergraduate manuscript competition sponsored by the national accounting fraternity, Beta Alpha Psi.

The 1988 Talisman, student yearbook, has again won the prestigious Pacemaker Award. Western was one of eight universities in the nation to receive this top award.