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## THE HILL IN REVIEW

A youth baseball team waves at pedestrians from a Firetruck during the Lexington's Fourth of July Festival and Parade on Wednesday, July 4.  
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Sophomore Rachel Durbin, sprays off soap from a car during the WKU Dance Team car wash at Bruster's Ice Cream Shop on Saturday, Aug 25.  
Silas Walker/HERALD

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## **1 President Caboni announces largest employee pay raise in ten years**

President Timothy Caboni announced the most significant pay raise for university employees in 10 years during the annual faculty and staff convocation Friday. All WKU faculty and staff who were hired on or before July 1, 2018, will receive a 2 percent salary increase on Jan. 1, 2019.

Beyond the across-the-board increase, higher-performing faculty and staff will also be eligible for an additional raise up to 4 percent based on merit, bringing the highest possible raise for any one employee to 6 percent.

## **2 6 Stories you missed this summer**

Despite classes being out, the campus has stayed busy. Top stories of the summer include the increase in WKU tuition, changes to the admission standards, the approval of WKU's 10-year strategic plan, the appointment of the new provost, Terry Ballman, WKU ranking fourth in performance-based state funding in Kentucky and records requests showing that WKU has spent more than \$26,000 on their lawsuit against the Herald.

Read the story for more details.

## **3 WKU alumna creates growing online art business**

WKU alumna Jennie Fowler describes her budding art business, Jane Wolfe, as a "one-woman show," and if recent history is any indication, the curtains will not be closing on its success any time soon.

Fowler, 25, grew up in Bowling Green and discovered very early on that she had a passion for creating art. Fowler graduated from WKU in 2015 with a degree in advertising and graphic design, which she said helped her understand the importance of branding.

## **4 WKU PBS wins two Emmy awards for Lost River series**

The Lost River Sessions, a show exploring the music of South Central Kentucky helped WKU Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) win two Emmy Awards at the 54th annual Ohio Valley Emmy Awards.

Lost River Sessions won two of its three nominations. Darius Barati, WKU PBS assistant producer and videographer, Jeff Petrocelli and WKU alumni Neil Purcell and Kelli Brock accepted an Emmy in the program category, and Barati accepted an Emmy for lighting.

## **5 WKU alum, Kentucky journalist dies at 62**

John Asher, a longtime spokesperson for Churchill Downs as vice president of racing communications, died Monday morning of an apparent heart attack while vacationing with his family in Florida. He was 62 years old.

Tim Asher, John's brother, said that he received a call with the news of John's death from John's wife, Dee Asher. He said John told Dee he did not feel well and that he should go to the hospital. Dee called for an ambulance, and John died on the way to the hospital.