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## Frankfort Ceremony Launches Online LP&S Program

The nation's first online master's degree program in loss prevention and safety was officially launched Monday, March 25 in a ceremony involving officials from EKU's College of Justice & Safety, Kentucky Virtual University (KYVU) and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

The event was held as part of a regular CPE meeting in Frankfort.

Already, 31 students from several states, including California, are enrolled in three online classes that began in January. Three more classes will be offered this summer and three more in the fall. By that time, EKU officials expect explosive growth in the program to include students from Europe, the Middle East and other parts of the world.

The 36-credit-hour program, available in its entirety through Kentucky Virtual University ([www.kyvu.org](http://www.kyvu.org)), is tailored to meet the needs of working professionals in the fields of safety, fire, security, insurance, human resources and related areas. The "vast majority" of students in the first semester of the online program fit that description, according to Dr. Tom Schneid,



**OFFICIAL LAUNCH** — President Glasser shakes hands with Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education President Dr. Gordon Davies as Daniel Rabuzzi, chief executive officer of Kentucky Virtual University, and Charles Whitehead, chair of the CPE, far right, look on at the official launch of Eastern's on-line graduate degree program in loss prevention and safety.

director of the LPS graduate program.

"The program is structured to give them the opportunity to stay at home and do the work on their schedule," Schneid said.

The distance doesn't necessarily negate one-on-one interaction between student and professor.

"The students get as much individual

instruction as they would in a classroom setting," Schneid said. "I often 'talk' to each of my online students two or three times a day."

Dr. Gary Cordner, dean of EKU's College of Justice & Safety, a Kentucky Program of Distinction, said: "We'll always offer our programs on campus but, in order to reach other students around the country and world, we need to use this new method of delivery."

"We're excited to be partnering with Kentucky Virtual University," Cordner added. "The infrastructure that KYVU offers through its admissions and registration system and online library is a tremendous benefit to our students and faculty."

Daniel Rabuzzi, chief executive officer for KYVU, said, "For EKU to put this highly acclaimed program online is an exciting development for students from across Kentucky and around the globe."

In part because of recent world events, the job market in loss prevention and safety, especially for those with graduate degrees, continues to be "phenomenal," Schneid said.

Most of those enrolled in the program "already have a job, but they want to move to the next level. A master's degree is a definite plus."

For more information, call 859-622-1051, visit [www.kyvu.org](http://www.kyvu.org) or [www.justice.eku.edu](http://www.justice.eku.edu) or e-mail [tom.schneid@eku.edu](mailto:tom.schneid@eku.edu) or [larry.collins@eku.edu](mailto:larry.collins@eku.edu).

## Retired White House Correspondent Thomas Is Commencement Speaker

Helen Thomas, United Press International's White House correspondent/bureau chief for 40 years, will speak at EKU's 95<sup>th</sup> spring commencement Saturday, May 11.

The Winchester native also will receive an honorary degree in the 1:30 p.m. ceremonies at Roy Kidd Stadium. (The commencement time was changed to better accommodate those who travel long distances.) The public is welcome.

In addition to the formal commencement exercises, EKU's five academic colleges will hold separate receptions in the Keen Johnson Building from 10 a.m. to noon. About 1,300 degree candidates will be recognized.

From the day she joined UPI in 1943, Thomas was a trailblazer, especially for female journalists. She was the first woman officer of the National Press Club in its 90-year history, became the first female officer of the White



Thomas

House Correspondents Association and its first woman president, was named "Newspaper Woman of Washington" in 1968 and became the first woman member of the Gridiron Club, a 90-year-old institution, in 1975, serving as its president in 1993-94. In 1972, Thomas was the only female print journalist traveling with President Nixon to China during his breakthrough trip.

Thomas' White House beat spanned the terms of eight presidents: Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton. It was during Kennedy's term that Thomas began closing presidential press conferences with the now customary "Thank you, Mr. President." She left UPI in 2000 and now serves as a Hearst Newspapers columnist.

She is the author of "Dateline White House," published in 1974, and "Front Row at the White House," published in 1999. She has received dozens of awards, including election to the Sigma Delta Chi Hall of Fame and, in 1976, was named by World Almanac as one of the 25 most influential women in America.

Thomas, the daughter of Lebanese immigrants, moved to Detroit as a child, attended public schools there and graduated from Wayne State University.

## Diversity Day Theme: 'Let's Start the Dialogue'

EKU will hold a campus-wide Diversity Day on Wednesday, April 10, celebrating the diverse cultures, races, and physical abilities of the Eastern community. The day's theme will be "Let's Start the Dialogue about Diversity."

"We need to give ourselves permission to dialogue about diversity. Many of the people I speak with say, 'Oh I don't want to insult someone,'" explained Dr. John Peregoy, interim director for the Office of Multicultural Student Services. "Most of us don't want to insult anybody. This fear keeps us from trying to communicate with others."

"We need to be willing to take risks so that we can learn from people who come from different cultures. The cross-cultural research literature suggests that there are more differences within groups than between groups. This runs contrary to what many of us focus on — differences. It is the similarities that will be the bridge to meaningful interactions."

Highlighting the celebration will be two

performances by SST Communications, a Chicago-based theatrical group that strives to combine factual information with comedic and dramatic vignettes to motivate audiences toward solutions. The performances will be held in the Powell Building's Herndon Lounge at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Several campus groups will have literature, free gifts and displays set up on tables outside the Powell Building from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., including the Office of Multicultural Student Services, Office of Students with Disabilities and International Student Association.

Eastern's annual ADA Awareness Day has been combined with Diversity Day this year.

"Diversity is not just a single item," said Dr.

*"Diversity is not just a single item. There can be diversity in abilities, cultures and other things."*

-Dr. Kim Naugle

Planned exhibits include a customized vehicle by Superior Vans that will show how a driver without leg mobility uses an automobile.

All Diversity Day events, organized by the Office of Multicultural Student Services, the EKU Diversity Committee and the ADA Awareness and Accessibility Committee, are free and open to the public.



## Events

Sunday, April 7-Thursday, April 25

### Art Student Exhibit

EKU Annual Art Student Exhibit, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building, opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 7, call 622-8135 for regular Gallery hours.

Monday, April 8

### Robin Roberts to Speak

ESPN sports broadcaster Robin Roberts, 7:30 p.m., Brock Auditorium, postponed from Jan. 28, part of "Women and Sports" series sponsored by Women's Studies Program.

Tuesday, April 9

### Hunter Bates on Leadership

"Opportunities for Leadership in Politics," Hunter Bates, chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Mitch

McConnell, 7:30 p.m., Kennamer Room, Powell Building, sponsored by EKU Center for Kentucky History and Politics. Bates is a former EKU student Regent.

Thursday, April 11

### Barry Lynn Lectures Here

"Why Separation of Church and State Protects Human Rights," Barry Lynn, executive director, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, 7:30 p.m., Moore 116. Part of year-long Chautauqua series on human rights.

### EKU Band Concert

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

### Rascal Flatts in Concert

9 p.m., Alumni Coliseum, doors open at 7:30. Tickets, available at the Powell Building Information Desk, are \$5 for students (limit 2); \$7, faculty/staff, and \$10, general public.

### Jazz and Blues Event

Week's PEAK, R.C. Smith and Margot Demaree, jazz/blues duo, 7:30 p.m., Richmond Area Arts Center, childcare for children ages 4-12 downstairs (reservations required). Tickets \$10 for concert and \$10 for childcare (\$15 for two children).

Saturday, April 13

### Spring Spotlight Day

9 a.m.-noon, Alumni Coliseum.

Sunday, April 14

### Honors Day

1 p.m., Brock Auditorium, reception follows.

Monday, April 15

### 'Gene Therapy'

Presentation on diversity by Teja Arboleda, 7 p.m., Grise Room, Combs Building. Arboleda's father is Filipino-Chinese; his paternal grandmother is African-American and Native American; his maternal grandfather is Danish. Arboleda, who was born in Brooklyn but reared in Japan, is an Emmy Award winner and author of "In the Shadow of Race."

Tuesday, April 16

### Percussion Ensemble

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium, admission \$2 students, \$4 others, also featuring Steel Band, African Drum Ensemble and a guest artist from India, Agoram Saravanan. Program includes works by Dave Hollinden, Pat Metheny, William Cahn and Ney Rosauero, in addition to calypso, soca and various other West Indian musical styles and a traditional jembe dance from Guinea, West Africa.

### Colonels Back Home

EKU vs. Xavier, baseball, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

### UK Here for Softball Twinbill

EKU vs. University of Kentucky, softball doubleheader, 2 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

Tuesday, April 16-Thursday, April 18

### Dance Theater Spring Concert

8 p.m. nightly, Weaver Dance Studio, admission \$4 for students, \$6 for non-students, children 12 and under free.

Wednesday, April 17

### Colonels Host Lipscomb

EKU vs. Lipscomb University, baseball, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

### Faculty Cello Recital

Mark Chambers, 8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Wednesday, April 17-Saturday, April 20

### 'The Laramie Project'

"The Laramie Project," presented by EKU Theatre, 8 p.m. nightly, \$4 for students and senior citizens, \$5 for other adults, call 622-1323 for tickets.

Thursday, April 18

### Faculty Brass Quintet

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Saturday, April 20

### Softball Action

EKU vs. Eastern Illinois, doubleheader, 1 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

## Announcements

### New Science Electronic Journal Resources in EKU Libraries

EKU Libraries has expanded its online access to many new electronic journal resources in the sciences, medicine and health, business, and the social sciences. The electronic journals are available on the web. Users can browse and retrieve "ejournal" issues online and obtain the full text of articles.

Two new services, ScienceDirect and Wiley Interscience, are available through consortial partnerships with University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and Morehead State University. Each university has online access to the ScienceDirect and Wiley professional academic journals to which any of the institutions subscribe. The services deliver full text articles from 652 ScienceDirect electronic journals and more than 200 Wiley electronic journals in the scientific, technical, medical and business fields.

EKU also has added online access to all electronic journals published by the American Chemical Society. The ACS electronic journals have full text articles since 1996.

The electronic journals from ScienceDirect, Wiley, and American Chemical Society are available via the EKU Libraries Web page at [www.library.eku.edu](http://www.library.eku.edu). Access is available on campus and at the extended campus centers.

EKU Libraries also has *Science* magazine online on two computers in the library. Access to *Science* is available in Reference in the library lobby and in Periodicals, Room 106. *Science* has full text articles since October 1996.

Departments and individuals interested in an instruction session, highlighting the resources most applicable to a discipline, should contact EKU Libraries at 622-6594.

### Golf Scramble is April 18

The Department of Intramural Programs will host a nine-hole golf scramble for EKU faculty, staff and students at Arlington April 18, beginning at 3:30 p.m.. The cost is \$7 per person, unless you have a current golf membership at Arlington.

Teams will consist of four players. However, you may sign up as an individual and be placed on a team. Any team with at least one student player receives an extra stroke. Register in Begley

Sunday, April 21

### Softball Homestand Continues

EKU vs. Eastern Illinois, 1 p.m., Gertrude Hood Field.

Friday, April 26

### McChesney Golf Classic

Dr. James McChesney Memorial Golf Classic, a 4-person team best ball scramble, sponsored by Department of Leisure Studies to raise money for the Dr. James McChesney Scholarship Fund. Tournament registration at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m., Gibson Bay Golf Course. Fees are \$250 for a 4-person team, \$125 for 2-person team and \$65 individual and include greens and cart fees, trophies, dinner, post-tournament professional massage, door prizes and a \$43 tax-deductible contribution to the scholarship fund. Registration deadline is April 22 (late fee assessed after that date). Contact Dr. Jon McChesney, 622-1835 or e-mail [jon.mcchesney@eku.edu](mailto:jon.mcchesney@eku.edu).

## EKUupdate

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### URC Grant Deadlines in April

The University Research Committee budget, which includes funds to support modest research projects, currently has \$23,000 available in the Spring semester budget for new grant projects and page changes. Deadlines to submit a grant request are April 8 and April 29.

These funds are intended to help researchers achieve short-term research goals that can be accomplished in one year or less and are not intended to serve as a continuing source of funding. To date, the committee has funded 12 research projects with grants totaling \$44,000. To view the submission guidelines and download applications forms, go to [www.research.eku.edu/URC/default.htm](http://www.research.eku.edu/URC/default.htm). For additional information, contact Sponsored Programs at 622-3636.

### Professional Education Fellowships Available

Professional Education Fellows extend their knowledge and expertise to the P-12 setting by establishing professional relationships with P-12 colleagues and spending 80 hours in on-site work in a P-12 school. Fellows will receive a \$1,500 stipend for this work and an additional \$1,000 for personal professional development.

Two meetings will be held to explain and discuss the Professional Education Fellows program: Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9. Both meetings will be held in the Faculty Dining Room, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Frances Dixon at 622-2581.

### Three Receive SAEOPP Awards

At the recent Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel awards banquet in Louisville, Beth Thompson, director of Educational Talent Search, was recognized for her 25 years of service to the organization, and Jane Tinsley, acting director of the NOVA program, and Kate Williams, acting executive director of the Student Success Institute, were honored for 20 years of service.



# Sutton Honored for 'Making Wooden Words Come Alive and Dance Around'

*"I was five in that one-room school.*

*The tiny teacher with a stick*

*Chased an 18-year-old boy*

*Around and around the room.*

*When I read aloud from 'Pinocchio'*

*They all stopped, astounded*

*To see what they'd thought were*

*wooden words*

*Come alive and dance around."*

Dr. Dorothy Moseley Sutton penned those words in a poem, "Rest of the Resume," which recalled her childhood in rural Christian County, Kentucky.

As an English professor at EKU, Sutton doesn't carry a stick, but she can still make "wooden words come alive and dance around."

Because of her uncanny ability to make centuries-old English literature and other subjects resonate even with "18-year-old boys" and students of all ages, backgrounds and gender, Sutton has been named an EKU Foundation Professor for 2002, the University's highest honor for teaching excellence.

Any student who was in Sutton's English literature class on Sept. 11, 2001 would second that accolade.

"We were studying Keats," Sutton explained, "and he was saying that we mustn't retreat into the non-thinking world of the nightingale, tempting as it is. We must forge on through the dark times in our lives.

"I remember when Pearl Harbor got bombed, my mother put her arms around us kids and said, 'Don't worry, it's going to be all right.' So I put my arm around my students and told them that if anyone needs me, I'm a mother and a grandmother... We cried together. It was one of the best classes I ever had.

"Whatever a student needs, that's what I

want to provide."

That might mean some fresh insight into a classic piece of literature. For students away from home, it has meant homemade bread and chili and a roaring blaze in the Suttons' fireplace.



Sutton

big would invite students to their house. I'm grateful for Bill's support, and for that of our daughters, Marybeth and Sandy."

The Sept. 11 experience illustrates how deftly Sutton relates age-old literature not only to contemporary events but to what today's college students need to succeed.

"What I try most to provide through my literature classes is a broad-based foundation for being able to think, to serve in any profession, to have a heightened awareness and understanding of themselves, others, and the natural world," said Sutton, who joined the EKU faculty in 1970.

"Literature is a record of what the wisest and most intelligent people have thought through the ages. I love to see students incorporate that wisdom, which will propel them toward rich, full lives. And so many become teachers, passing that wisdom on! A former student said to me just yesterday, 'I'm trying to be a good teacher just like you.' That's the best compliment a person

could ever receive."

Reared on a farm, Sutton said she has a special affinity for students from disadvantaged educational backgrounds. "I don't mind sharing with them that I was lacking in a lot of ways, too, but you can make up for those deficiencies."

Sutton did overcome those deficiencies, going on to earn a bachelor's degree from Georgetown College, a master's degree from the University of Mississippi and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky.

In addition to receiving numerous other teaching awards, Sutton also is a celebrated poet. Her 1999 collection, "Startling Art: Darwin and Matisse," was nominated for a Pushcart Award, and more than 150 of her poems and short fiction have appeared in internationally prestigious magazines and anthologies here and abroad, including Poetry, where such poets as Robert Frost and T.S. Eliot got their start.

In 1995, she was the only U.S. writer chosen for the Guthrie Award, a poetry residency at Annamakerrig International Arts Centre in Ireland; in 1999, she received the Al Smith Award from the Kentucky Arts Council. For the past 10 years, she has served as co-director of the EKU Creative Writing Conference.

I'm surprised this poetry thing has gone as far as it has," she said. "The more I published, the more things opened up."

Generations after Sutton sat on her parents' laps for storybook time, and after she made wooden Pinocchio dance around that one-room school, it would be poetic justice if the students sitting in Sutton's classrooms today someday read their teacher's poems and stories to their own children.

"I make my students promise that they'll hold a child in their laps someday and read, so the little ones can begin experiencing that life-long love of learning that comes from good books."

## Moore Named to University Diversity Post

Sandra Moore has been named Special Assistant to the Provost for University Diversity at EKU.

Moore, who will assume the new position July 1, will work directly on issues involving recruitment and retention of minority students, faculty and staff. She will organize campus



Moore

conferences and workshops and work with the Diversity Committee and other University groups to help foster and support an open, inclusive campus climate.

"This important position is in keeping with my unwavering commitment to diversity and in accordance with the recommendations of the EKU Diversity

Committee," EKU President Joanne Glasser said. "I am excited about this new opportunity for our campus and look forward to working with the University community as we move forward in our continued efforts to create and support a diverse campus that will enrich all our lives."

Moore joined EKU in 1988 and served the next 12 years as director of minority affairs and director of multicultural student services. Since 2000, she has served as acting dean of student development. The Williamson, W.Va., native has over 20 years experience in higher education administration at EKU, Berea College and Southern Illinois University.

She has served as a consultant and made numerous presentations in the areas of human relations, acquaintance rape, cultural diversity and unification and cross-cultural communications. She is the president of the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education and has served as institutional representative to the

Committee for Equal Opportunity for the Council on Postsecondary Education, national chair for the Network for Educational Equity and Ethnic Diversity of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, president and secretary of the Richmond Kiwanis Club, co-president for EKU Women, Kentucky Unit coordinator for the National Association of Campus Activities, Illania Regional Treasurer for the National Association of Campus Activities and a member of the Mountain Maternal League Board of Directors.

She earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Berea College in 1979, added a master's degree in personnel and counseling from EKU in 1982 and is pursuing a doctoral degree in educational policy studies and evaluation at the University of Kentucky.

Moore and her husband, Tim, the assistant track coach at EKU, have one son, Steven.

## Publications & Presentations

**Allgier, Jill H.; Davis, Tina, and Hisle, Charlotte.** "Web Registration: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," SCT Banner Summit Conference, March 26, 2002.

**Jackson, Cheryl.** "George Frederick Root

and His Civil War Parlor Songs," Madison County Civil War Roundtable Meeting, Jan. 25, 2002.

**Myers, Marshall.** "'Lightning' Ellsworth: General Morgan's Telegraph Man," The Kentucky Explorer, Vol. 16, No. 9 (March 2002),

pgs. 23-24.

**Myers, Marshall.** "General Nathan B. Forrest at the Battle of Paducah," The Kentucky Explorer, Vol. 16, No. 8 (February 2002), pgs. 25-26.

## Earth Days Schedule

**Monday, April 8**

■ "Coal: The American Story," film, 3:30 p.m., Room 128, Crabbe Library.

**Wednesday, April 10**

■ "The Ralph Stanley Story," Appalshop film and discussion featuring filmmaker Herb E. Smith, 7 p.m., Room 108, Crabbe Library.

**Friday, April 12**

■ Tour of Solar Homes in Madison County, Bob Fairchild, 2:30-5:30 p.m., depart from Jones Parking Lot at 2:30 p.m. Because of limited space, RSVP requested at 859-622-1424.

**Saturday, April 13**

■ Clays Ferry Road Clean Up Day, 10 a.m., meet at Circle H parking lot, 9079 Old Richmond Road. Volunteer groups, individuals welcome. Call 859-622-1644 for more information.

**Tuesday, April 16**

■ "There Is A Law: The Clean Water Act and Industrial Hog Production in North Carolina," Rick Dove, Waterkeeper Alliance, 12:30 p.m., Walnut Hall, Keen Johnson Building.

■ "Innovative Building Techniques for Sustainable Housing," roundtable with David Kennedy, Josh Bills, Craig Sheehan, Wayne Bennett and Richard Futrell, 7 p.m., Perkins Building.

**Wednesday, April 17**

■ "There Is A Law: The Clean Water Act and the Appalachian Coalfields," David Rouse, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, 3:30 p.m., Room 128, Crabbe Library.

**Thursday, April 18**

■ "Mountain Melodies: Stories and Songs of Civil Action in the Appalachian Coalfields," Rob Mercure, brown bag luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Room 201, Crabbe Library.

**Saturday, April 20**

■ Earth Days Hike and Picnic with Jim Hays, The Nature Conservancy, Horse Lick Creek, Rockcastle County, 10 a.m., van will leave from Alumni Coliseum at 10 a.m., rain or shine. For more information, call 859-622-1644.

**Sunday, April 21**

■ "Songs of the Earth," Earth Day recital, vocal division of EKU Department of Music, 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Richmond, reception follows.

**Monday, April 22**

■ Earth Day Environmental Fair, music, booths, open mike and more, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., outside Powell Building.

■ Free concert, 7:30 p.m., Ravine.

**Wednesday, April 24**

■ "The Changing Relationship between the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge," Wes Jackson, 7:30 p.m., Room 116, Moore Building.

**Friday, April 26**

■ "American Ginseng: A Novel Alternative in Cancer Treatment?" Linda Murphy, chemist, Southern Illinois University, and Al Fritsch, Appalachia: Science in the Public Interest, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Room 103, Moore Building.

**Saturday, April 27**

■ 5K Race for the Planet, 10 a.m., begin at Stratton Building. Cost of \$12 includes t-shirt, cost is \$6 without t-shirt. Pre-register by April 19 in Begley Room 202 for \$2 discount. For more information, call 859-622-1244.

**Wednesday, May 1**

■ "Safe Disposal of Chemical Weapons at the Bluegrass Army Depot," panel discussion including invited representative from Sen. Mitch McConnell, Douglas Hindman of Citizens Advisory Committee and representatives from the Chemical Weapons Working Group and the Army, 7 p.m., Perkins Building.

**Sunday, May 5**

■ Kentucky Riverkeeper Fund-Raising Dinner with Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Waterkeeper Alliance, and Kevin Richardson, Just Within Reach Foundation, 6-10 p.m., Perkins Building. Details TBA.

**Monday, May 6**

■ Kentucky Riverkeeper Launch with Kennedy, Richardson and others, 10 a.m., Fort Boonesborough State Park. Details TBA.



## Eastern Family Portrait

### Name: Gay Woloscheck

**Current Position at EKU:**

Staff Interpreter for the Interpreter Training Program

**Job Description:**

My primary duties are to the Deaf faculty who are instructors for our Interpreter Training Program. In addition, I sometimes interpret one class for the Deaf Student Services office on campus depending on the need. There is a separate program for students but occasionally I have the opportunity to work with them. I also edit our ITP Web page as well as coordinate interpreting services as needed. Since I am the only interpreter for the Deaf Faculty, if I cannot be at an event, it is my responsibility to secure another available interpreter. I also interpret faculty committee meetings and other faculty events all over campus and occasional out-of-state conferences as the Deaf Faculty travel. Basically, I deal with any situation that comes up on campus that requires interpretation for the Faculty and Staff.



**How long have you been in this position?**

The first year at EKU, I was a part-time secretary/interpreter. After that year, I was promoted to a full-time interpreter position, which I have done for the past five years. This semester I am completing my sixth year here at EKU.

**What's the most rewarding part of your job?**

The fact that I enjoy my job and I get paid to do it!

**What did you do before coming to EKU?**

I was a "stay at home" mom!

**Tell me about your family.**

I have a husband, John, who I'll have been married to for 20 years on Dec. 23. We have two children, our son, Chad, who is 13, and our daughter, Erin, who is 9. My extended family is in

Sarasota, Fla. We like it because it's a private family beach and gives us more time to really be alone. It has beautiful white sand and is absolutely gorgeous!

**What is your favorite food?**

Seafood of any kind!

**What is in your CD or tape player at home right now?**

Kathy Troccoli. She sings contemporary Christian music.

**What book would you recommend to others?**

What I read the most of is my Bible. For ladies, I would recommend the series of Beth Moore books. I have finished several and

northeastern Kentucky, so we're pretty much here by ourselves.

**What are your interests and hobbies?**

I don't have time for a whole lot, but when I do I like to read and sew. Before I started working, I use to make most of my own clothes. I enjoy ceramics too.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**

My family's favorite vacation spot that we visit often is Siesta Key Beach in

they are all incredible.

**Can you recall your most embarrassing moment?**

I have a bunch! When I first learned to interpret, let's just say I've signed the wrong way that has either caused a lot of Deaf people to be embarrassed or laugh.

**What's the best advice you've ever received?**

To never look down upon anyone who is different from me or has serious struggles in life because tomorrow that person could be me.

**What makes you happy?**

Time spent with my family. We're pretty tight. If one goes somewhere, we all go!

**One thing nobody ever knew about you, until now is?**

I'm a pretty transparent person, especially being involved in Deaf culture you don't have a lot of things that people don't know about you.

**Who or what has influenced you the most?**

My parents because they were great role models and as a parent now, I find myself being like them either directly or in indirectly at some point or time.

**If your secret ambition/fantasy came true, what would it be?**

To have enough money that I could have more kids and travel a lot!

**Your favorite childhood memory is?**

Living on my folks farm with my four siblings. It was a very laid-back life style and being in that whole atmosphere was very enjoyable for me.

**If you could time travel to any time/place of your choosing it would be?**

Back to the Bible days to see all the biblical stories come to life.

## EKU Leads Region with 37 Honors Conference Panelists

Thirty-seven EKU Honors Program students made presentations at the Southern Regional Honors Council's 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference held recently in Atlanta, Ga.

The Eastern students, accompanied by 10 faculty and staff mentors, were involved in 11 panel presentations. Both the number of students and the number of presentations led all other participating schools.

The participants included Rachel Stewart, Ashland; Ashley Lamblin, Danville; Jessica Bechtold, Nicholasville; Crystal Sparks, Jessica Newman, Irvine; Jacqueline Schulz, Pleasure Ridge; Stephanie Czisma, Kettering, Ohio; Amy Jo Smith, Billy Henson, Manchester; Chastity Ison, East Point; Paige Tussey, Prestonsburg; Amanda Farmer, LaGrange; Jennifer Lovelace, Oneida; Niki Carter, Elizabethtown; Mindy Folsom, Finchville;

Mellani Lefta, McKee; Regina Anderkin, Reid Connelly, Berea; Monica Shotzbarger, Amy Fugate, Winchester; Mindy Bullock, Nate Bullock, Mt. Vernon; Amy Spencer, Hazard; Jacinda Bertie, Chesapeake, Ohio; Erin Michalik, Andrew Noble, Stephen Troncone, Louisville; Emily Montgomery, Lancaster; Nick Smallwood, Mt. Sterling; Eli Hollon, Stanton; Derek Fraser, Hager Hill; Toby Daniel, London; Rob White, Adam Curry, Jesse Galliers, Richmond; Millicent Wells, Lexington; and Kate Trame, Florence.

The panel discussions included "Casualties of America's War on Drugs," "Cinematic Shakespeare," "The Future of Terrorism," "Gender Inequity in Education," "Learning Styles and Honors Program Students," "Oxford Debate: Who Emancipated the Slaves," "Tolkien: Influences and Inspiration," "Civil Liberties," "American Civil War Women," "Female Genital Mutilation," and "Personal Computers and Social Change."

## Showcase Celebrates Undergraduate Work

The first Showcase for Undergraduate Scholarly and Creative Activities Event, celebrating student-faculty collaborations with poster and creative art presentations, will be displayed in the Powell Building Lounge Thursday, April 11-Monday, April 15.

Student researchers will be available Friday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to discuss their projects with the public. Refreshments will be served.

Additional events highlighting undergraduate achievement include the 12th annual Senior

Thesis Presentation, sponsored by the Honors Program, Kennamer and Jagers Room, Powell Building, April 11, 5-8:45 p.m.; April 12, 3:30-7 p.m., and April 13, 8:30-11:15 a.m.; the annual Art Student Exhibition, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building, April 7-25; the 16th annual Symposium in Mathematical, Statistical and Computer Sciences, Faculty Dining Room, Powell Building, April 12, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Honors Day 2002, Brock Auditorium, April 14, 1 p.m., followed by a reception in Keen Johnson Building.

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