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EKU to Honor Outstanding Alumnus, Others

Lexington’s first African-American police chief is EKU’s Outstanding Alumnus for 2003.

Anthony Beatty, who earned a bachelor’s degree in 1978, will be honored along with four other inductees into EKU’s Hall of Distinguished Alumni at the annual Alumni Awards and Recognition Banquet on Saturday, April 26. The banquet, at 7 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Ballroom, is the featured event of Alumni Weekend April 25-27. Tickets for the banquet are $20 each and may be reserved by calling the University’s alumni relations office, 622-1260.

The Hall of Distinguished Alumni inductees are: Harold B. Deatherage, ’67, Villa Hills, general manager and business consultant, Northern Kentucky Professional Baseball Ltd.; Barbara Bock Guerra, ’73, Orange, Calif., recently retired manager, Audit Services Department, Edison International; Will McIntosh, ’77-’79, Whippany, N.J., managing director/government, will each receive the Alumni Association’s Award for Teaching Excellence.

When he was named Lexington police chief in August 2001, Beatty became the first individual ever to have held every rank in the department. He joined the force in 1973 as a patrolman working in communications.

Beatty earned a bachelor’s degree in police administration at EKU and added a master’s degree in public administration from Kentucky State University.

The chief, who grew up in the Bluegrass-Aspendale housing project in Lexington, was hardly an instant success in college. In fact, lacking any career focus at the time, he dropped out after his first three semesters. When he returned to major in police administration, he was a more focused student.

“I wouldn’t trade anything for what Eastern exposed me to. I’m sitting here today as a result of that.”

Anthony Beatty, Class of ’78

Candidates for the alumni awards are selected each year on the basis of professional and personal achievement. Nominations are accepted from EKU graduates, and winners are selected by the Executive Committee of the EKU National Alumni Association.

Each year, Eastern looks forward to recognizing those graduates who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields,” said Dr. Skip Daugherty, executive director of the EKU National Alumni Association. “These honorees are among Eastern’s best, and we’re delighted they are returning to campus to be recognized for their contributions to society.”


The April 25 schedule includes a faculty/staff/alumni reception at 6 p.m. and an alumni dinner at 7, followed by student entertainment, all at the Arlington House.

The fun continues Saturday, April 26, at the Keen Johnson Building, where registration and a “Getting Reacquainted Continental Breakfast” begin at 9 a.m. The day also includes class buffet luncheons (cost $11) at 11:30 a.m., class meetings and photographs at 10:30, and a recognition ceremony for EKU Pioneers (those who graduated from the University at least 50 years ago).

Also, the weekend includes several events for ROTC alumni: a breakfast meeting from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday in the Keen Johnson Building, a golf scramble at 2 p.m. at Gibson Bay (for more information, call Maj. Lance Patterson, 859-622-1211) and a hospitality room after 9 p.m. April 25 and 26 at the Hampton Inn.

Alumni Weekend concludes Sunday, April 27, with a memorial service in honor of all veterans who have lost their lives in service to our country. The event will be held at 9 a.m. in the Meditation Chapel. Anyone who would like a name to be read should call Col. Brett Morris, 622-1207.

Any graduate from 1953 and earlier who would like to be recognized this year as an EKU Pioneer should contact the Alumni Relations office, 622-1260. For more information about Alumni Weekend, or to make reservations for any of the events, call the Alumni Relations office or e-mail alumni.event@eku.edu.

Spring Commencement Consists of Two Ceremonies

Spring commencement on Saturday, May 10, will be split into two separate but largely identical ceremonies.

Degree candidates in the Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Business & Technology will be honored at 10:30 a.m., and candidates in the Colleges of Education, Health Sciences and Justice & Safety will be honored at 2:30 p.m.

Professionals will be held in Alumni Coliseum and are open to the public. College receptions for the morning graduates and their families and friends will be held in the Keen Johnson Building from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

Receptions for the afternoon graduates will be held from 1 to 1:45 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Building.

In all, 1,312 degree candidates will be recognized: 1,005 bachelor’s degree candidates, 205 master’s degree candidates and 102 associate degree candidates.

The ceremonies are being scheduled for the indoor coliseum because in recent years the threat of rain has forced a change of venue at the last minute.

“Alumni Coliseum is simply not large enough to comfortably seat all the family members and friends who wish to attend commencement,” said Dr. Mark Waischlos, interim provost. “We regret that this split arrangement will inconvenience some, but the other alternative, and last recourse, would have been to limit the number of guests that our graduates may invite. It’s an important day in the lives of our graduates and their families and friends, and we want to make sure they are all able to share in the moment.”

Two highly successful EKU alumni will deliver the commencement addresses. Col. Finley Hamilton, commander and conductor of the U.S. Army Field Band, will speak at the morning ceremony. The afternoon ceremony will feature Rev. Kevin Cosby, pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church in Louisville, the state’s largest predominantly African-American congregation. Both speakers will receive honorary doctor of humanities degrees.

Hamilton, a Richmond native, earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music from ECU and was commissioned through the ROTC program as an officer in the Army. He was appointed commander/conductor of the Field Band in 1999. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Armed Forces Medal.

Bands under Hamilton’s baton have performed throughout the world and for numerous U.S. presidents and international leaders.

Cosby, the grandson of the first African-American graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, assumed the St. Stephen pastorate in 1979, a year before he completed a bachelor’s degree at Eastern. During his tenure, the church has grown from 500 members to more than 8,000. St. Stephen also became the first African-American church in Kentucky to establish a family life center.

He has been featured on numerous television programs and in many newspapers and magazines, including “48 Hours,” “A PBS special hosted by Phil Donahue, Jet Magazine, The Atlanta Constitution and The Baltimore Sun. He frequently appears on lists of Louisville’s most influential citizens.
Colonels at Home
EKU vs. Morehead, softball, 4 p.m., Field.

Saturday-Tuesday, April 26

Wildlife Carnival
Wolf Run Wildlife Carnival featuring food, games and contests; a treasure hunt; and lions, wolves, monkeys, cougars and other animals, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wolf Run Wildlife & Educational Facility, 7306 Old U.S. 27 South, Nicholasville, grand re-opening cosponsored by the EKU Department of Recreation and Park Administration.

Sunday, April 27

BFA Art Exhibit
Bachelor of Fine Arts Graduates exhibit, opening reception, 2-4 p.m., Giles Gallery, Campbell Building, exhibit continues through May 9, for Gallery hours call 622-8155.

Sunday-Tuesday, April 27-29

Opera Performance
8 p.m. nightly, SB Auditorium.

Monday, April 21
An Evening with Mick Foley
Former professional wrestler and author of two humorous memoirs, 8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Tuesday, April 22

Baseball Action
EKU vs. Marshall, 3 p.m., Turkey Hughes Field.

Professional Education Unit Reaccredited

EKU’s Professional Education Unit was recently notified that it has been reaccredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. (The Unit includes elements of four of the five colleges on campus – Education, Arts and Sciences, Health Sciences, and Business and Technology.)

Wednesday, April 30

Writing History
“Writing History as a Collaborative Enterprise: An Editor’s Perspective,” Dr. Nelson Dawson, noted Kentucky historian, 7:30 p.m., Quad D, Perkins Building, sponsored by EKU Center for Kentucky History and Politics, previously postponed due to inclement weather. Dawson will receive the Center’s Thomas D. Clark Award for Outstanding Contributions to Kentucky History.

Thursday, May 1

EKU Clarinet Choir Concert
8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Friday, May 2

Student Recital
1:25 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Saturday, May 3

Orchestra Concert Concert
8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Sunday, May 4

Softball Doubleheader
EKU vs. Southeast Missouri, 1 p.m., Hood Field.

Homestand Continues
EKU vs. Southeast Missouri, softball, 1 p.m., Hood Field.
Jazz Festival Features Free Concert in Ravine

EKU’s annual Jazz Festival on Saturday, April 26, will include a free public concert featuring the EKU Jazz Ensemble, trumpeter Vince DiMartino, trombonist Steve Wiest and The John Richardson Quartet.

The concert will begin at 5 p.m. in the Ravine, weather permitting. In the event of rain, it will be held in Gifford Theatre.

DiMartino has served as lead and solo trumpeter in the Lionel Hampton Band, the Chuck Mangione Band, the Clark Terry Band and The Eastman Arrangers Holiday Orchestra.

He is prominently featured on some of the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra’s most recent recordings and played lead trumpet on Mel Torme’s Christmas album.

Wiest is director of jazz studies and trombone at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. From 1981 to 1986, Wiest was the featured trombonist and one of the arrangers for Maynard Ferguson’s band. From 1994 to 1999, he performed and recorded with Doc Severinsen’s touring big band, as well as the Frank Mantooth All Star Jazz Orchestra.

Refreshments will be available at no charge.

Students from six middle school and high school jazz ensembles will participate in jazz master classes earlier in the day.

Earth Days in the Cumberlands

Tuesday, April 22

Environmental Fair: informational displays, entertainment, food, poetry, open microphone and more, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., outside Powell Building.

Public reading and book signing by Kentucky writer and EKU graduate Silas House, 1 p.m., reading outside Powell Building, book-signing in University Bookstore.

"Protecting Kentucky’s Natural Resources," Tom Fitzgerald, director, Kentucky Resource Council, 7:30 p.m., Kommager Room, Powell Building.

Wednesday, April 23

“Eating Ecologically,” presentation by David Kennedy, Leaf for Life Project, followed by dining experience featuring locally grown organic foods, 6:30-8 p.m., Center for Appalachian Studies, 300 Summit St. (the old Martin Home). Food will be prepared for 50 guests, first-come, first-served. “This talk is a way of getting us to think about food, not from the perspective of a commodity, but from an ecological perspective,” said EKU history professor Rob Wise.

Thursday, April 24

“Duct Taping Our Communities: Protecting the Environment from Military Contamina-
tion,” presentation by Ericka Taylor, Military Toxic Project, and Elizabeth Crowe, Kentucky Environmental Foundation, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Grand Reading Room, Crabbie Library. Discussion will focus on toxic legacy of U.S. weapons manufacturing and disposal and how communities are protecting themselves from toxic chemical exposure. Special attention will be paid to “Avoiding Armageddon,” a documentary that airs on KET2 April 14-19, 9 p.m. nightly. Panel discussion/lunch follows in Faculty Dining Room, Powell Building. Event free and open to public. Space for luncheon may be limited; call Center for Appalachian Studies, 859-622-3065, to make luncheon reservations.

Free concert featuring Taildraggers, 7:30-10 p.m., Ravine, sponsored by EKU Greens.

Faculty/Staff Scholarship Review

Human Resources receives many inquiries regarding the process for using the faculty/staff scholarship. Here is a review of the various provisions and requirements for using the scholarship:

All EKU employees whose assignment meets the requirement to participate in the staff benefit package (i.e. retirement system, health insurance) are eligible to participate in the faculty/staff scholarship program.

Faculty and staff are eligible to receive tuition waivers for courses taken at EKU, any other public Kentucky university, or any institution in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The scholarship, which applies only to tuition, provides up to six hours per term for fall, spring and summer semesters.

The scholarship may be transferred to the employee’s legal spouse or dependent children to use for classes taken for academic credit at EKU.

To take advantage of this benefit, complete a Faculty/Staff Tuition Waiver form prior to enrolling for a class each semester and submit it to Human Resources.

To obtain more detailed information on the policy and procedure regarding the scholarship, contact Stephanie Northern in the benefits section of Human Resources.

Open Enrollment Period Ends April 30

The deadline to elect new benefits or make changes to existing benefits is the end of the day on April 30, 2003. No changes can be accepted after this date. Please contact Deborah Shepard or Tarena Tyree in the benefits section of Human Resources for assistance.
Employees Recognized at Luncheon for Years of Service

FIVE YEARS – Front row, from left, Kristen Koontz, Victoria Boyd-Kennedy, Anna Scribner, Kathy Moats, Brandee Petrey, Karen Tribble, Darlene May, Jennifer Miller; second row, Eldon Lainhart, Edgar Lovett, Brenda Reynolds, Mary Swelnis, Amy Graham, Bobby Clark; third row, Jeffery Whitaker, Russell Matthews, Renee Welch, Karen Wilder, Susan Kendrick; fourth row, Jeffrey Gallenstein, Calvin Chasteen, Charlotte Hisle, Elizabeth Cunningham, Ron Yoder; back row, Ricky Cheeks, Garry Hicks, James Whitaker. Eighty-eight additional five-year employees were honored but were not present for photo.


15 YEARS – Front row, from left, Shawna Cassidy, James Foster, Omar Howard, Irene Shuler, Catherine Powell; second row, Carole Moore, Donna Williams-Clark, Phil Hedges, Joe Reynolds, Patricia Brown. Not pictured: Kathryn Allen, Donald Beal, Melanie Bentley, Stephen Brown, Mary Brown-Davis, Lara Carnes, June Fletcher, Malcolm Frisbie, George Gw, Rose Hoyer, Ella Hunter, Eric Lewis, Helen Martin, Dorothy Mercer, Gale Moore, Bertha Newton, Roberta Nee, Bruce Pratt, Dale Hague, Robert Richmond, Michael Roberson, Carol Schilling, Judy Short, John Stone, John Taylor, Hossein Vaez, Lary Vandierendonck, Kathleen Webb and David Zurch.

20 YEARS – Front row, from left, Tony Agee, Penny Ballinger, Wilma Rose; second row, William Marcum, Roy Rose, Edward Riley. Not pictured: Margaret Allen, Jill Allgier, Reba Anglin, Brenda Brockman, Donald Carr, Deborah Core, Patricia Costello, Patrick Costello, Rita Davis, John Ferguson, Robert Frederick, John Hawkins, Sherry Howell, Alan Hunt, Ronald Messerich, Donald Sheeks, Allan Stephens, Sandy Tapley, Homer Tracy, Joel Wilson, Darla Wright.


30 YEARS – Front row, from left, Harold Clark, Ann Puckett, Gloria Carr, Kathy Holmes; back row, Bowen Harrison, Steve Fardo, Roy Meckler, Julie Bolling and Don Rist. Not pictured: Hal Bythe, Gwendolin Gray, Darryl Halbrooks, Michiko Kwak, Patricia New, Glenn Rainey, Dan Robinette and Paul Winther.