

News & Accomplishments

January-April 2007

- Dr. Steven Konkel, professor in the Department of Environmental Health Science, is EKV's latest Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Konkel will teach and research at the Dublin Institute of Technology for nine months, beginning this summer. He is the second faculty member in three years from the Department of Environmental Health Science to be named a Fulbright Scholar, joining department chair Dr. Darryl Barnett.
- Dr. Aaron Thompson has co-authored a new book, "Thriving in College and Beyond: Research-Based Strategies for Academic Success and Personal Development." This is the first book of its kind to focus on academic strategies and critical and creative thinking throughout the first year of college.
- Rich Boyle, Associate Dean of Continuing Education and Outreach, has been selected to participate in Leadership Kentucky.
- Harry Brown, EKV Foundation Professor Emeritus, has received a Kentucky Arts Council Professional Assistance Award, which recognizes the outstanding work of Kentucky writers, composers and choreographers. Brown has taught creative writing and American literature since 1970 at EKV.
- Dr. Robin Haarr, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Police Studies, was recently honored by the American Society of Criminology with the CoraMae Richey Mann "Inconvenient Woman of the Year" Award. The award recognizes scholars and activists who have promoted the ideals of gender equality and women's rights throughout society, particularly as it relates to gender and crime issues.
- Seventeen EKV students joined students from colleges and universities throughout Kentucky at the second annual Black Student Leadership Caucus, held at Eastern March 24.
- A paper proposal from Dr. Gay Sweely, Assistant Professor in the Department of Art and Design, was accepted by the International Conference of the Society of Architectural Historians of Australia and New Zealand. Dr. Sweely formerly taught in the two countries.
- EKV's College of Education has established a Diversity Education Council, and a Spring Retreat was held earlier this month. The Council will study the issues and challenges associated with increasing diversity in the College and will direct efforts to coordinate, initiate and design programs to increase the participation and involvement of ethnic, gender and underrepresented populations within the College.

- EKU has developed a new math and science summer program for rising high school juniors and seniors that will allow students to explore and expand their interests in those subjects. The week-long EKU Mathematics and Science Academy in June is designed for students who have earned at least a “B” average in high school math and science courses and have a composite score of 25 or higher on their ACT.
- EKU’s Pi Omega Pi chapter, an honor society for business education students, received second place in the National Top Ten Competition recently in New York City. Eastern beat out such schools as Mississippi State University, Kansas State University and Indiana State University. This is the fifth consecutive year that EKU has placed among the top ten chapters nationally.
- A groundbreaking ceremony was held earlier this month for the Colonel Foot Path, a collaboration between the Student Government Association and Richmond City Hall. The path between downtown and campus will enhance the safety of our students and make it more convenient for students to patronize downtown businesses.
- Facilities Services has received a grant to renovate the three Model Laboratory School playgrounds and replace wooden mulch chips with crumb rubber chips.
- Community Education & Outreach hosted the Bluegrass Workforce Summit, “From Cutting Edge to the Bottom Line,” on March 29. The conference highlighted innovative programs and initiatives that have the potential to positively affect a firm’s bottom line. Guest speakers included President Glasser; Deb Moessner, President and General Manager of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kentucky; Charnley Conway, Vice President of Human Resources, UPS Airlines; State Rep. Harry Moberly; and State Sen. Ed Worley.
- “Red Clay on My Boots: Encounters with the Khe-Sanh,” Dr. Robert Topmiller’s personal account of serving as a medic in the Vietnam conflict, has been published by Kirk House Publishers.
- At the regional conference of the history honors society, Phi Alpha Theta, EKU students won two of the three prizes for best research papers. Daniel Weddington won the top prize for his re-examination of the 1930s Harlan County mine strikes, and Whitley Fooks took third for her account of Cincinnati vaudeville in the early 20th century.
- Dr. David Zurick, Professor of Geography, was invited to speak at the Himalayan Film Festival in Amsterdam in February. Dr. Zurick is one of the world’s foremost scholars on the Himalaya.
- Dr. Peter Kraska, Professor of Criminal Justice and Police Studies, was named Outstanding Alumnus for 2007 by Sam Houston State University.

- Lexington Police Chief Anthony Beatty, an ECU graduate, received the College of Justice & Safety's Distinguished Professional Award for 2007.
- A project supported by the College of Justice & Safety's International Justice and Safety Institute reopened human rights dialogue with law enforcement agencies in Uzbekistan.
- Staff members from ECU's Small Business Development Center and Community & Workforce Education now occupy an Outreach Office in a city-owned building in downtown Richmond. The office was established as part of an effort to establish a stronger working relationship with the City to boost economic development.
- The Department of Athletics has recognized 63 Presidential Scholars and six OVC Medal of Honor recipients, the latter awarded to student-athletes who earned a 4.0 GPA during the past year.
- Men's golf earned a perfect 1,000 in the Academic Progress Rate (APR) report for the third consecutive year. Several sports are expected to be among the leaders, both in Kentucky and the OVC, when the rankings are announced later this month.
- Freshman Adam Leonard earned OVC Co-Freshman of the Year honors in men's basketball.