

Local & Area Students Make Dean's List, Dean's Award, And President's List At ECU

Eastern Kentucky University has announced that 2,976 students, including the following local and area students, earned Dean's List honors for the Fall 2013 semester.

Of these, 1,248 students earned (President's List) honors for the Fall 2013 semester. The honor is bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for a semester.

There were 551 students who were named (Dean's Award) recipients for having made the Dean's List for three semesters.

Irvine students honored are:

- Andrew Scott Abernathy (4.0) (President's List), a sophomore Communication Studies major.
- Chelsea Renee Alexander, (4.0) (President's List) a junior Biology major.
- Kaitlyn Rae Arvin, a senior Elementary Education Teaching major.
- Lydia Elizabeth Barker, a freshman Social Work major.
- James Haden Edward Barnes, a freshman Sport Management major.
- Lance David Blackwell (Dean's Award), a senior Occupational Safety major.
- BreAnda Mae Browning (4.0) (President's List), a senior Child and Family Studies major.
- Eugenia Burns Chaney (Dean's Award), a sophomore Pre-Health Services Admini major.
- Tanner Blake Chaney, a sophomore Pre - Art/Design Studio major.
- Mckenna Brooke Clowers, a freshman Undeclared seeking 4 year major.
- Jodi Lynn Dawes, a senior Public Relations major.
- Matthew A. Durham, a senior Music major.
- Aaron David Elliott, a senior Homeland Security major.
- Shelby Rae Fain (Dean's Award), a sophomore Accounting major.
- Savanna Marie Floyd, a sophomore Pre-RN Pre-Nursing major.
- Kendra Rachelle Hall, a senior Biol-

ogy Pre-Medical Science major.

- Joshua David Hamblin (Dean's Award), a senior Homeland Security major.
- Jacob Steven Burke Henry (4.0) (President's List), a junior Fire/Arson & Expos Invest major.
- Grant Stephen Hicks, a senior Gen Studies in Arts & Sciences major.
- Chelsea Lee Honchell (Dean's Award), a junior Pre-RN Pre-Nursing major.
- Austin Grant Howell, a sophomore Gen Studies in Health Sciences major.
- Morgan Michelle Johnson, a senior Public Health major.
- Alexandria Nicole King (4.0) (President's List), a freshman Philosophy major.
- Derek Evan Kirby, a sophomore Pre-RN Pre-Nursing major.
- Mark Anthony Knopp, a sophomore Applied Engineering Management major.
- Whitney MaShae Knox (4.0) (President's List), a senior Communication Disorders major.
- Anna Nicole Logsdon (4.0) (President's List), a freshman Spanish major.
- Katelyn Elizabeth Martin (Dean's Award), a junior Elementary Education Teaching major.
- Austin Bradley McClanahan, a sophomore Middle Grade Education major.
- Jennifer Carol Miller (4.0) (President's List), a senior Child and Family Studies major.
- Stephanie Carol Moore (4.0) (President's List), a senior Biology major.
- Christa Renee Murphy (Dean's Award), a senior Psychology major.
- Maggie Michelle Neal, a sophomore Middle Grade Education major.
- Brett Tracy Noland (4.0) (President's List), a freshman Undeclared seeking 4 year major.
- Kaylon LeAnn Peck, a senior Public Health major.
- Sophie Katharine Peterson, a junior Art major.
- Jared Austin Powell (4.0) (President's

List) (Dean's Award), a senior Network Security & Electronics major.

- Mallory Amanda Puckett, a sophomore Mathematics Teaching major.
 - Kelsey Lauren Robertson, a junior Early Childhood Development major.
 - Damir Sahand Siahkoochi, a senior History major.
 - Elahesh A. Siahkoui Alamdari, a senior General Dietetics major.
 - Kara Beth Singleton, a junior Special Education Teaching major.
 - William Trent Singleton (4.0) (President's List), a senior Elementary Education Teaching major.
 - Matthew Stephen Smith (Dean's Award), a sophomore Computer Science major.
 - Jordan Taylor Tate (4.0) (President's List), a senior Public Health major.
 - Lily Katherine Thacker, a sophomore Criminal Justice major.
 - Logan Thomas Williams (4.0) (President's List), a senior Technology major.
 - Leah Morgan Wiseman (4.0) (President's List) (Dean's Award), a sophomore Pre-Occupational Science major.
 - Leslie Kyle Withers (4.0) (President's List), a senior Homeland Security major.
 - Brooke Whitney Young (4.0) (President's List) (Dean's Award), a senior Elementary Education Teaching major.
 - Sarah Marie Young, a senior Statistics major.
- Ravenna students honored are:**
- Shannon Elizabeth Horn, a sophomore Elementary Education Teaching major.
 - Chelsea Nicole Officer (4.0) (President's List), a senior English Teaching major.
 - Sarah Elizabeth Sheeks, a senior Anthropology major.
- Waco students honored are:**
- Crystal Danielle Bowman, a senior Biology major.
 - Matthew Thomas Eades, a sophomore Undeclared seeking 4 year major.

•Jennifer Leann Grubb (4.0) (President's List), a sophomore Pre-Occupational Science major.

- April Nicole Hall (4.0) (President's List), a senior Early Childhood SP ED major.
- Melanie Dawn Hall, a senior English major.
- Alexander Anthony Martin, a freshman Computer Information Systems major.
- Megan Danielle Shearer, a senior Career & Tech Ed, Teach major.
- Tyler Shawn Tipton, a senior Accounting major.
- Jodi Lynn Walters (4.0) (President's List), a junior Nursing major.

To achieve Dean's List honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

To earn the Dean's Award, students must achieve Dean's List honors at ECU for three semesters, not necessarily consecutive. A lapel pin is presented to students by the dean of their academic college.

"We are always pleased to recognize outstanding academic achievement at Eastern Kentucky University," said ECU President Michael Benson.

The President's List was established by the University to recognize outstanding academic achievement. It is bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for a semester.

"We are always pleased to recognize all our outstanding students," ECU President Michael Benson said, "especially those who excel in the classroom to the point of perfection."

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving approximately 15,500 students on its Richmond campus, at its educational centers in Corbin, Danville, Manchester, Somerset and Lancaster, and throughout Kentucky.

13 Area Students Are ECU Fall Graduates

Eastern Kentucky University recognized 1,111 graduates at the conclusion of the Fall 2013 semester. The following local and area graduates were honored at commencement ceremonies on Saturday, December 14, 2013.

ECU graduates from Irvine include:

- Latosha Brooke Adams, BS in Elementary Education Teaching
- Machaela Brooke Ballard, BA in English
- Lance David Blackwell, BS in Occupational Safety
- Toni Kashara Garrett, Cum Laude BS in Physical Education
- Steven Travis Harrison, BA in Comparative Humanities
- Frank Kendrick Muncy, BS in Environmental Health Science
- Bertha Louise Newton, With Distinction AGS in General Studies
- Lindsay Brooke Powers, MAED in Middle Grade Education
- Tonya Kaye Smyth, MAED in Secondary Education

An ECU graduate from Ravenna is:

- Robert L. Wiseman, BS in Biology

ECU graduates from Waco include:

- Melanie Dawn Hall, BA in English
- David Jonathan Knuckles, MAED in School Counseling
- Dustin Len Sebastian, AAS in Technology

The new degree holders join more than 137,000 Eastern alumni in Kentucky and across the United States and world.

Agriculture Events

Wednesday, February 19th @ 7pm

Estill Farmers' Market Meeting

There will be a Farmers' Market meeting at the Estill County Extension Office on February 19, 2014 at 7 p.m. All current members should plan to attend as well as anyone interested in becoming a vendor.

Thursday, February 20th @ 6pm

Estill/Powell Tobacco Production Update

Estill and Powell County Extension Services have teamed up to offer area tobacco producers a production update and GAP (good agriculture practices) training on Thursday, February 20th, 6:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension office. UK Extension tobacco specialist Robert Pearce will lead the session. Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative will attend and have sponsored the meal. Please pre-register by calling 723-4557 by February 17th.

Through March 21, 2014

Strawberry Plants & More

The Estill County Cooperative Extension Service will be taking orders for reasonably priced and good quality strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, asparagus, and Candy onion plants through March 21st. Orders must be placed with delivery expected early April. If you are interested or need more information, call 606-723-4557.

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

The Kentucky Rifle, Glen Combs, Comes Home To Knott County



Bob Watkins

A roll call of college ball coaches in Kentucky who under-estimated, ignored or simply could not see past a McDonalds all-star list, the number of high school basketball stars worthy of college ball at home, would be too long and embarrassing.

One of the finest who got away was Glen Combs at Carr Creek in 1964.

Morton Combs' kid went to Virginia Tech, became a star and earned a nickname, The Kentucky Rifle. Then he went on to a seven-year distinguished professional career.

Kentuckians were deprived of seeing maybe the finest perimeter shootist who never played college ball at home.

Combs will come home to visit February 20. To be honored before a Knott County Central basketball game. I hope a standing-room-only crowd comes to honor Combs.

Fans around Knott County will get to see, maybe shake hands with one of best ever who didn't make a McDonalds all-star list, but became The Kentucky Rifle, made a few dollars in professional ball.

Glen Combs is coming home.

UK: GROUNDHOG DAY ... AGAIN?

Talent-rich Kentucky should have smashed undermanned Mississippi State. It didn't.

As Aaron Harrison, then Jarrod Polson stood dribbling the basketball and

pointing to teammates at Starkville in half-court sets, I wondered, is this Groundhog Day again? Haven't we seen this movie before?

A decade ago, February, 2004 ... Rajon Rondo stood near top of the circle, dribbling and pointing. Often a prelude to a Rondo solo. Half court sets.

In Kentucky's world of fast break basketball, the B-word surfaced soon enough. Boring. Strangely, it was attached not to Rondo, but became a legacy for Dr. Orlando Tubby Smith.

Fast forward to February, 2014 - Kentucky won at Starkville by 10. Lots of dribbling and pointing while the coach ranted and belted. Not even the home fans seemed to enjoy it much.

The more things change, the more they stay the same, it seems to me.

Another mid-February has come and pre-season No. 1 ranked Kentucky is ranked No. 12; attendance figures at Rupp Arena are down, even with UK officials' fuzzy math; and UK is projected as a four seed in West Region for the NCAA tournament.

Calipari's one-and-donors are sliding too. The NBA mock draft board February 4 warms speculation on transfers and/or a roster logjam next season. Julius Randle ranks seventh, James Young 12th with Willie Cauley-Stein, Aaron and Andrew Harrison and Alex Poythress gone from the top 60.

The good news? Upside down theme after Starkville. Seniors rescue freshmen. Polson played 30 minutes and John Hood took advantage of his moments. Together, they were responsible for whatever rhythm and stretches of respectable play the Wildcats managed.

Curiously, since the best leverage a ball coach has is, 'take a seat, young man,' Calipari resorts to screaming frequently on his McDonalds' All-Americans whose expressions seem blank.

"... I don't get it," Calipari mused. "But then that's what happens when you're a young team."

Maybe the weight of a national columnist assessment earlier this week will impact: "We're getting late enough in the year that they should no longer be able to hide behind the youth excuse."

Meanwhile, does it seem like Groundhog Day all over again to anyone else?

HILLTOPPERS JUGGERNAUT?

Trency Jackson ran laterally across backcourt, took an inbounds pass, dribbled over the center line, left sideline, stopped at 30-something and fired. Ball in air, horn sounded. Bang!

No imaginary finish in the backyard at home, but the distance of Jackson's 3-pointer will increase with time. More important, it let Western Kentucky steal one on the road at Arkansas-Little Rock and add sparkle to what's becoming magical season for the Hilltoppers.

Western's one-point escape adds to a growing list of One Shining Moment(s) and could lead to a third-in-a-row invite to the NCAA Tournament next month. And, shorten odds favorite for Sun Belt coach of the year? Ray Harper.

MARK STOOPS SMOKES 'EM

Kentucky's recruiting class has been ranked 17th best in college football.

✓ Stole one from Alabama (Matt Elam) and stole lineman Loyd Tubman from Penn State at the end.

Coach Mark Stoops ... ✓ "To sign the top four guys in (Kentucky) this year was very important to us."

✓ Signed 15 defensive players; 13 offensive including four linemen.

"So the seven guys (who) are here are, off to a good start. Very excited about this group."

HOW TO HANDLE IT DEPT.

A college basketball player went into the stands

and pushed a fan last week. The ugly implications were written on the startled, disbelieving face of a female fan at the scene.

Oklahoma State's Keith Smart accused portly Jeff Orr of a racial slur, the fan denied it and it was left for officials at Texas Tech and Oklahoma State to defuse the incident quickly. They did. Smart apologized and was suspended three games. Orr apologized and will not attend any more games this season.

Those with connections to Kentucky handled the incident well also.

✓ Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford (Madisonville) sent his player to a news conference to man-up, apologize for shoving a fan.

✓ Ford took media questions, using the moment to express "unwavering support" for his player, but put emphasis where it belonged "... we can all learn from this mistake."

Says here, we had better.

✓ And, ESPN analyst Darrin Horn credited Oklahoma State for "owning it," (the incident) and reminded Smart (and viewers), "to whom much is given, much is expected," explaining that players cannot react to fan insults.

PARTING SHOT

New call to arms theme that could emerge and appeal to teevee talking heads and stay awhile for football at Kentucky could be: Why Not Us?

And so it goes

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

No Wet Seed
If birdseed is wet and stale and sitting in your feeder, and the birds have stopped coming, it might be time to clean it out. Throw away the old seed, scrub the feeder with hot, soapy water, air dry and refill. Your feathered friends will be back in no time.

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