

Local students excel at Cumberlands & UK

University of the Cumberlands has proudly accepted Brook Flynn of Irvine, Kentucky, for the upcoming academic year. Brook is welcomed into the UC Class of 2024.

Located in the heart of Appalachia, University of the Cumberlands is an institution of regional distinction that offers undergraduate degrees on-campus and online, along with several pre-professional, graduate and doctoral programs.

With a total enrollment of more than 10,000 students, UC is the largest private university in Kentucky and is devoted to preparing students for the future through hands-on, experiential learning and research. Flynn will be among

1800 other students on the UC Williamsburg campus finding academic opportunity in more than 40 majors, more than 30 clubs and student organizations, 28 athletic teams and a commitment to affordability in a private, liberal arts education.

Cumberlands students come from 36 states and 38 foreign countries. Classes are small to ensure each student receives the individualized attention they need to succeed in the classroom.

To instill in students the desire to be agents of change in the world who use their knowledge and talents for the benefit of others and themselves, all UC students participate in community service by

the time they graduate.

For additional information about University of the Cumberlands, visit ucumberlands.edu.

Dean's List

WILLIAMSBURG, KY (01/27/2020)-- In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and be in good academic standing.

Congratulations to Steven Smith of Irvine, KY on making the Dean's

List for Fall 2019!

University of the Cumberlands is the largest and most affordable private university in Kentucky. Located in Williamsburg, Kentucky, Cumberlands is an institution of regional distinction offering quality undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and online degree programs. Learn more at ucumberlands.edu.

President's List

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the President's List for the fall 2019 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must maintain a mini-

mum cumulative grade point average of 4.0, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing.

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UK Dean's List

Susana Gutierrez-Leiva of Irvine, KY (40336), was named to the Fall 2019 University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List. During this term, Susana's academic major was Neuroscience. This accomplishment is a sign of Susana's hard work and commitment to learning.

More than 1,950 undergraduate students have qualified for the Fall 2019 College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List. Stu-

dents on the Dean's List earned 12 or more credit hours as letter grades with a minimum 3.60 GPA for the semester.

Home to 19 academic departments that offer major degrees in 27 disciplines and 36 minors, the College of Arts and Sciences provides education in fundamentals to every undergraduate student at the University of Kentucky and builds foundations for advanced study in every field. Its faculty integrates innovative research with exceptional teaching and outreach, thereby providing paths to understanding the past, solving the problems of today and imagining the possibilities of tomorrow.

Fiscal court buys pumper & vehicles with CSEPP funds

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For the last several years, the shelter has not euthanized any animals.

The fiscal court agreed to purchase a can baler from Frankfort,

Mullen, who is also the solid waste coordinator, said it was a \$13,000 machine and will complement the new can sorter the county purchased.

The court voted to make a quit claim deed to the Estill County Board of Education for the high school property.

In previous years, when school boards needed to raise bonds, the law required them to deed the bonded property to the county. That law was changed and this is no longer necessary.

The fiscal court awarded a bid for a pumper truck to be used by the Irvine Fire Department. The truck will be paid for with CSEPP funds and Irvine will maintain the vehicle and keep insurance on it.

Judge/Executive Donnie Watson said the court was accepting the bid which was recommended by Irvine. Because CSEPP funds are being used, the bids also have to have state approval.

Lucas Barnes, deputy director of Estill County Emergency and Disaster Services, asked the fiscal court to approve the purchase of four vehicles which will be used by local governments and paid for by CSEPP funds.

No bidding is required because the vehicles are being purchased at the state bid price.

March 1-7 is Severe Weather Awareness Week Tornado Safety Drill is March 4 – 10:07 am EST

(JACKSON, Kentucky) - March 2, 2012 is a date that many east Kentuckians won't soon forget. On that date eight years ago, West Liberty, Salyersville, East Bernstadt, and nearby communities were devastated by tornadoes and a total of 26 people died across the state.

This infamous anniversary serves as an important reminder that large and deadly tornadoes can happen here in the mountains and that now is the time to prepare for whatever this severe weather season may bring!

Governor Andy Beshear has signed a proclamation designating March 1-7, 2020, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Kentucky. Severe weather knows no boundaries and impacts every individual in every region of the Commonwealth. Because of this, you need to BE AWARE

- BE PREPARED - HAVE A PLAN!

A Statewide Tornado Safety Drill will be conducted at approximately 10:07 am EST, Wednesday, March 4th. During the drill, the National Weather Service (NWS), in partnership with Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM), the Kentucky Weather Preparedness Committee (KWPC), and Kentucky Broadcasters Association, will issue a test tornado warning message.

This will activate weather alert radios, outdoor warning sirens may sound, and many television and radio stations will broadcast the alert, allowing all Kentuckians the opportunity to practice tornado safety.

If inclement weather is forecast for March 4th, the Statewide Tornado Drill will be postponed to Thursday, March 5th or

cancelled.

Throughout the week, the NWS offices that serve Kentucky and KYEM will provide severe weather safety information via social media and the web.

"Severe Weather Awareness Week is a great time to review your emergency plans at home, at work, and at school," said Ed Ray, Meteorologist-in-Charge at the National Weather Service in Jackson, KY. "Being prepared and keeping aware of the weather is the key to keeping yourself and your family safe this coming spring and summer."

Help us build a Weather-Ready East Kentucky by becoming a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador. This initiative is intended for organizations and designed to help serve the public by strengthening our national resilience against extreme weather events. For more infor-

mation and to apply, go to <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/amb-tou>.

We welcome you to join us for Severe Weather Awareness Day on Saturday, March 7 at the East Kentucky Science Center in Prestonsburg from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Partner organizations, including the East Kentucky Science Center who is graciously hosting the event, and the media will be participating with National Weather Service Jackson to host the inaugural Severe Weather Awareness Day!

Over a dozen booths, exhibits, displays, and experiments are planned to help prepare our community for severe weather. There will also be several presentations highlighting severe weather hazards throughout the day, including those tailored to children.

Local Police activity report

Irvine Officer Stewart Morris served an Estill County bench warrant February 26 on **Jeremy K. Edmonson**, 29, of McKee, KY.

Officer Jason Conrad arrested **Cody Edward Begley**, 25, of West Cedar Grove Road, Irvine on an Estill County bench warrant on February 26.

Cindy L. Reed, 39, of Rosebud Ave., Irvine was arrested February 26 by Officer Morris on an Estill County bench warrant.

Adam M. Estes, 21, of Crooked Creek Road, Irvine was charged with no tail lamps and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs on February 29 by Officer Morris.

The citation states that officer traffic-stopped Estes' vehicle on Broadway because it had no tail lamps. It adds that Estes failed field sobriety tests.

Corey Isaacs of Crooked Creek Road, Irvine was arrested on an Estill warrant March 2 by Court Security Officer Glenn Carroll. The arrest warrant says that Isaacs violated the conditions of his release by testing positive for oxy and opiates on February 4. He had been found guilty in Sept. of first degree criminal mischief and alcohol intoxication.

Michael Goodwin, 40, of Dry Ridge Road, Irvine was arrested March 2 by Court Security Officer Josh King. Goodwin was charged with being a fugitive.

Cody Webb, 26, of Watson Ridge Road, Irvine was arrested February 29 by Deputy Brad Smith.

Smith was called to 135 Estes Lane about domestic violence in progress. He met Webb walking in the middle of the road.

Webb's ex-girlfriend told the deputy that West came to her residence and was very intoxicated. He began to argue and pushed her into the wall. He kept pushing her face against the wall. He also broke her TV and her telephone.

The ex-girlfriend had gone to a neighbor's to call 911. Smith said there were several children inside the residence.

Webb was charged with assault fourth degree (domestic violence), alcohol intoxication, criminal mischief third degree, and menacing.

Court Security Officer Carroll served a bench warrant on **Rodney Kirby** on February 28. Kirby had been found guilty of traffic charges in 2018 and 2018 in Estill District Court. The warrant says that Kirby failed to comply with KDP. His bail was set at \$60.

Loretta Turner, 40, homeless of Irvine, was arrested February 28 by Court Security Officer King with a bench warrant.

An indictment warrant was served on **Erica Sizemore**, 41, of Ridge Road, Irvine on February 28 by Court Security Officer King. Her bail was set at \$5,000 cash on a bail jumping charge.

Elizabeth Hall, 24, of Mt. Crest, Irvine was arrested February 26 in the courtroom by Court Security Officer Carroll. She was charged with alcohol intoxication and second degree disorderly conduct.

Timothy D. Riddell, 35, of Stacy Lane, Irvine was arrested February 26 by Deputy Smith, who had gone to Riddell's residence to serve a warrant on him.

The Estill District court warrant was for violating a Ky. EPO/DVO in 2019 on

which Riddell had allegedly failed to pay a fine. His bail on was set at \$228.00 cash.

During the search, Smith reported he found two white oblong pills, identified as gabapentin. He charged Riddell with third degree possession of a controlled substance.

An Estill Circuit Court bench warrant was served on **Charles S. Sparks**, 49, of Richmond on February 25 by Court Security Officer King.

Sparks was found guilty in 2019 of first degree possession of a controlled substance and tampering with physical evidence. The warrant says Sparks had violated the conditions of his release by failing to report to probation and parole, failed to pay fines and court costs, failed to pay for a drug test, and absconding probation. No bond was set.

Tisha Hix, 35, of Hoy's Fork Road, Irvine was arrested on a bench warrant February 25 by Court Security Officer King. She had been found guilty in 2018 of public intoxication. The warrant says she failed to pay a fine. Her bail was set at \$80.00 cash.

Timothy Purdue, 39, homeless of Irvine, was served February 25 with an Estill District Court bench warrant by Court Security Officer King. Purdue had failed to pay a fine after being found guilty in 2019 of public intoxication. His bond was set at \$218.00 cash.

Jeremy Hacker, 23, of Richmond was served with an Estill Circuit Court warrant on February 25 by Officer King. Hacker was given a diverted sentence in 2019 for trafficking in marijuana (8 oz. to 5 lbs.). The warrant says that Hacker violated the conditions of

his release by receiving two new misdemeanor charges in Clay County on February 1. He was to be held without bail.

Johnnie R. Abney Jr., 40, of Turner Avenue, Irvine was arrested February 25 by Irvine Detective Sam Hensley. Abney was charged with theft by unlawful taking \$500 or more.

According to the citation, a vendor left their cell phone on the counter at the Tobacco Barn on River Drive, when the phone went missing.

Hensley went to the trailer on Turner Avenue where Abney had been staying. He wasn't there.

While driving back to the store, Hensley said he observed Abney walking toward him and waving the phone.

Abney said he had picked up the phone by mistake and was walking to the store to return it. He showed Hensley his cell phone which was of similar size.

Rocket Docket

Waivers of indictments were accepted by two defendants on February 20 on the Rocket Docket in Estill Circuit Court.

John Earl Fowler, 47, of Richmond pleaded guilty to trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. He had a controlled drug in his possession on February 1.

Vanessa Flynn, 27, pleaded guilty to theft by unlawful taking/disposition. She had taken numerous items, jewelry and \$300 cash from a victim on Sept. 28.

After entering pleas on the Rocket Socket, the defendants are sentenced by Circuit Judge Michael Dean.