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“ABOVE THE RIM”



**Highlights of Recent Accomplishments by
WKU Students and Graduates**

**August 18, 2000
2000 Faculty Convocation**

“Above the Rim”

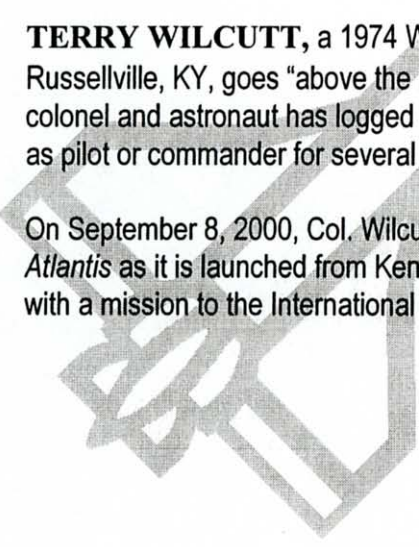
Dr. H. H. Cherry, Western Kentucky University's founder and first president, often encouraged students and faculty to aspire to extraordinary achievements in his reminder that *“It's what's above the rim that counts.”* The *“rim”* Dr. Cherry referred to was the harvest basket, overflowing with the “extras” that reflect determination, perseverance, and success.

This listing of recent student and graduate successes reflects Western's continuing commitment to create opportunities for students to transform their lives by providing them the best educational experience we can offer and by inspiring them to go “above the rim”.

One of WKU's “Above the Rim” Graduates. . .

TERRY WILCUTT, a 1974 WKU graduate, mathematics major, from Russellville, KY, goes “above the rim” in spectacular ways. The Marine colonel and astronaut has logged over 700 hours in space, having served as pilot or commander for several important missions.

On September 8, 2000, Col. Wilcutt will command the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* as it is launched from Kennedy Space Center for an 11-day flight, with a mission to the International Space Station now under construction.



GORDON FORD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING

REBECCA JOHNSON TUTTLE, Lafayette, TN, was the May, 2000 Scholar of the Gordon Ford College of Business, and received the Ogden Trustees Award. She has accepted a position with Kraft CPAs in Nashville.

JEREMY AKIN, December 1999 graduate, passed all four parts of the CPA Exam on the first sitting, an accomplishment matched by less than 20% of CPA candidates nationally. He has accepted a position with the Louisville office of Deloitte & Touche.

TYLER BESHEAR, 2000 graduate, was recognized by the Nashville chapter of the Financial Executive Institute as the outstanding accounting/finance senior from Western. He has accepted a position with Rickie Williams, CPA, in Princeton, KY.

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

NAME WITHHELD, 2000 B.S. graduate, received a starting salary of \$61,500 plus benefits.

FINANCE and ECONOMICS

KEVIN HUGHES, senior Finance and Economics major senior from Paris, KY, won first place in a national finance competition at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Long Beach CA. Hughes earned the right to represent Kentucky by winning the state competition in the spring.

WKU's Finance Team placed second in the TVA Investment Challenge, out of 19 schools participating, finishing ahead of schools such as U.K., UT-Knoxville, and Ole Miss.

MARKETING

KENNY RAMBO, 2000 graduate, finished first in the Nashville region in Northwestern Mutual Life's college sales contest.

Marketing students work with many local businesses and non-profit organizations on research and planning projects each year, with much publicity generated by their survey of local residents' attitudes towards the Tri-Modal Distribution Center project.

MANAGEMENT

MEGHAN DENSON, MGT and CIS major, was the Regional Collegiate of the Year for Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity.

Western's undergraduate Management Team, won second (of 39 participants) at the International Business Simulation competition in San Diego. The graduate team was fourth in its division.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

SCOTT MONTGOMERY was one of only six students nationally accepted into the first class of the new joint doctoral program in Rehabilitative Sciences at the University of Kentucky, fall 2000.

ANN PITTMAN WOODRING was one of 30 students nationally selected by the American Speech and Hearing Association to participate in the Minority Student Leadership Program

CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCES

NATALIE SCOTT-RICHARDSON, 2000 graduate, received one of two scholarships from the Kentucky Dietetic Association.

REBECCA COBB, senior Interior Design major from Madisonville, KY, won the annual Orinne Johnson National Writing Award and Prize from Phi Upsilon Omicron National Family and Consumer Sciences Honor Society, and as a result is invited to make a presentation at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting and Expo, to be held in Providence, RI, in 2001.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

MICHELLE EAST (Rineyville, KY), **JAN LANHAM** (Gravel Switch, KY), **LA NETTA CLEMMONS-SKAGGS** (Plum Springs, KY), and **YOULANDA C. WASHINGTON** (Radcliff, KY), all enrolled in Western's Educational Administration Cooperative Doctoral Program with the University of Louisville, received Fellowships awarded by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Kentucky.

ELEMENTARY/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

TODD OTTO and **MATTHEW BROWN**, 1997 graduates, won First-Year Teacher Awards, Warren County Schools.

CAROLYN JOHNSON, M.A.E., won Early Childhood Teacher of the Year Award, given by Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education, Fall 1999.

BETH SCHAEFFER, M.A.E., received Rose C. Engel award for Excellence in Professional Practice from the Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children, December 1999.

MIDDLE GRADES AND SECONDARY TEACHER EDUCATION

CHAD PARNELL, senior business and marketing education major, placed third in the National Phi Beta Lambda Mr. Future Business Teacher competition.

JENNIFER WILSON and **DARYL WOODS**, both 1995 accounting graduates now pursuing teacher certification in Business and Marketing Education, made presentations at the Kentucky Vocational-Technical Conference in Louisville, in July 2000.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECREATION

ANDY BOSAK, 2000 graduate from Ontario, Canada, won the Physical Education Major of the Year award and the University's Scholar-Athlete of the Year award (track/cross-country). He is currently a graduate assistant in the master's program in the Physical Education/Recreation Department.

PSYCHOLOGY

JENNIFER NAYLOR, M.A. 1999, received the 1999 Lois Layne Award from the Kentucky Association for Gerontology for outstanding research and practice. She is now in a neurosciences doctoral program at Miami of Ohio.

SUZANNE HILLIN, M.A. student, was selected to attend the 2000 Summer Institute for Political Psychology at Ohio State University in July 2000, an honor usually reserved for doctoral candidates. She had previously presented a paper at the annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology in Seattle, WA.

SHANE RYAN RAINES, M.A., 2000, from Franklin, KY, has published a scientific paper and presented research at three international meetings of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology; he is now beginning the Ph.D. program at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics and the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology.

In 1999-2000, 14 psychology undergraduate and graduate students authored/co-authored 9 publications, and 39 psychology undergraduate and graduate students presented/co-presented 24 papers at conferences.

OGDEN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, & HEALTH

AGRICULTURE

AMANDA RAMER, 2000 Biochemistry major/Agriculture minor from Cecilia, KY, received a first-place National Junior Scholarship Award from the Block and Bridle Club. Students from 92 chapters competed for the scholarship. Ms. Ramer will pursue a Ph.D. in immunobiology at Iowa State University.

ALLIED HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

SHARLEE DELONG, 1997 graduate, was recently elected President of the Kentucky Dental Hygienists Association for 2000-01.

TRACEY SURINA, 2000 B.S. graduate, received one of five \$1,000 scholarships awarded nationally by Warner Lambert Joint Oral Hygiene Group through the ADHA Institute Scholarship Program.

IRENE ACHAMPONG (Hendersonville, TN), **FREDA FARLER** (Viper, KY), & **JAMIE KOCHIK** (Batavia, IL) are the first social work students to graduate from WKU after completing the Public

Child Welfare Certification Program, a grant-funded activity that involves collaboration with the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and children and seven universities. Graduates of the program work for a minimum of two years for the state in the area of child abuse and neglect.

ARCHITECTURAL & MANUFACTURING SCIENCES

Five Senior Research students completed significant manufacturing science application projects involving aluminum alloy property investigation and casting design via computer simulations. All are May, 2000, graduates now employed in manufacturing: **ROGER DALE FORD** (Bowling Green), **JONATHAN HARPER** (Tompkinsville, KY), **JONATHAN IDDINGS** (Marion, KY), **ROGER DOWELL** (Irvington, KY), **WILLIAM ANTHONY PULCE** (Louisville).

BIOLOGY

LIANYONG GAO, M.S. graduate, 1995, earned Ph.D. from U.K.; currently doing postdoctoral study at the University of Wisconsin; authored a scientific paper on antibiotics recognized as "one of the nation's ten most significant medical achievements in 1998" by the *World Weekly Medical News*.

ROBERT JOBE, B.S. 2000, competed with 300 applicants to win the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Merit Assistantship to support his graduate study in ecology.

TABETHA EATHERLY, sophomore Recombinant Genetics major from Bowling Green, was awarded a nationally competitive internship at the San Diego Zoo to study population genetics of three endangered species.

ALEX PLOCIK, B.S. 2000, from Evansville, IN, was chosen from among 600 applicants to attend the Summer Medical and Research Training Program at Baylor University.

AMANDA RAMER, B.S. 2000, from Bowling Green, is the recipient of the Premium Award for Academic Excellence (PACE) from the Interdepartmental Graduate Program at Iowa State, where she will work on the immune system in swine.

KEVIN BRADLEY, B.S. 2000, has accepted a position in bioinformatics at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Vanderbilt developed the position specifically for Kevin to draw on his expertise in genetics and computers.

CHEMISTRY

BRIAN SISK, M.S. 2000, from Newport, KY, received assistantship offers from Cal Tech, MIT, and the University of Chicago. He will enter Cal Tech in the fall.

NAME WITHHELD, B.S. graduate in May 2000, accepted an entry level position as a chemist at a Louisville rubber company at \$40,000.

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

The Concrete Canoe Team finished 10th in the 2000 National Concrete Canoe Competition held in July in Colorado. Competitors at the national level had to qualify at regional competitions. Of the 26

teams competing, Western was the only engineering technology program, and was the only school in the top 10 without a graduate program in engineering. WKU students competing at the nationals were: **HEATH DOGGETT** (Guthrie senior); **KERRA SYKES** (Morgantown senior); **JARED FORD** (Bowling Green senior); **CHAD FORD** (Bowling Green junior); **DENEATRA FLENER** (Morgantown sophomore); **AARON TERRY** (Elizabethtown junior); **SHANE COLLINS** (Bowling Green senior); **TRACY CRUME** (Olaton senior); **SCOTT NEIGHBORS** (Bowling Green junior); **CLAY ELLIS** (Beaver Dam junior).

Civil Engineering students took first place in the Ohio Valley Regional 2000 Steel Bridge Competition, sponsored by the American Institute of Steel Construction and the American Society of Civil Engineers, at the University of Dayton. WKU's team: **ERIC DONAN**, Project Manager; **MICHAEL MOORE**; **RICH SLOCUM**; **TRACY CRUME**; **AARON TERRY**; **LUCAS SLAVEY**; **JASON WIDSTOM**; **KERRA SYKES**; **HEATH DOGGETT**; **SHANE COLLINS**; **JONATHAN GRAY**.

GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

ALAN GLENNON, graduate student in M.S. Geoscience program from California, has gained a national reputation as one of the foremost cave explorers in the Mammoth Cave area. Mr. Glennon discovered a major new cave. As a researcher, he has worked in developing three-dimensional Geographic Information Systems for cave structures and hydrological flow patterns that will contribute to solving problems of water quality and availability faced by many communities.

MATHEMATICS

MARCIA MERCER LAMI, senior, received a Waldemar J. Trjinsky Award from the American Mathematical Association, one of only five such awards given nationally.

CHRISTIAN PIERCY received a stipend to attend the EKU Summer Undergraduate Number Theory Institute.

NURSING

AMY KNOPF, B.S.N. 2000, was the only nursing student from the U.S. invited to present a paper at the 1999 International Council of Nurses meeting, London, England. She was one of 14 recent nursing graduates from across the nation selected from among 200 applications for an oncology internship at the National Institute for Health in Washington, D.C.

MICHELLE BLACK, M.S.N. 1999, recently presented a paper at the 11th Annual Rural Nursing Conference, in Colorado, and is currently a certified Family Nurse Practitioner in Bowling Green.

PUBLIC HEALTH

MARK BAILEY, 1978 graduate, is currently President of the Kentucky Emergency Medical Technician Instructors Association, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Kentucky Emergency Medical Services Academy, serving as Chairman of its first Advisory Board.

ANDREA MARIE MATTINGLY, 2000 graduate from Owensboro, was awarded the UK Opportunity Fellowship (\$15,000 for one year) to attend the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Kentucky to pursue the Master of Health Administration degree.

AMANDA COATES, 2000 graduate from Brownsville, KY, former WKU Student Regent and SGA President, will attend the University of Kentucky in the fall pursuing a Master of Health Administration degree.

JOANNA BENTLEY, 2000 graduate from Sun Valley, CA, received the Outstanding Health Education Student Award from the Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, and has received a graduate assistantship to pursue the master of Public Health degree at the University of Massachusetts in the fall, 2000.

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

GAVI BEGRUP received a Summer Undergraduate Fellowship to do research at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory at Florida State.

ANGELA ADAMS received a Summer Undergraduate Fellowship to conduct research on Solid State at Lehigh University.

CHRIS CAMPBELL is publishing the results of his research at the National Superconducting Laboratory at Michigan State, supported by a Summer Undergraduate Fellowship.

KAITLIN LEWIS and **VINCE INGRAM**, gifted high school students attending a summer astronomy program at Western funded by NASA, have been recognized for discovering an eclipsing binary, two stars that orbit one another.

POTTER COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

ART

DAVID MARQUEZ, B.F.A. 1999, from Brownsville, KY, has an assistantship and a scholarship in sculpture at the University of Iowa.

PAUL WEHRMAN, B.F.A. 1999, from Lexington, is pursuing graduate studies in ceramics on an assistantship at the University of Massachusetts.

COMMUNICATION

JOHN ROWLEY, 1992 graduate, currently partner in Nashville-based Fletcher & Rowley Consulting, Inc., has been named a Rising Star of Politics 2000 by *Campaign and Elections* magazine.

LEANDRA CELAYA, senior, received a \$25,000 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study abroad during the 2001-2002 academic year.

LORI POAG, graduate student, received the Pelino Graduate Fellowship Award for the 1999-2000 year.

LAVETTE BURNETTE, **AZRA MAHMOOD** and **SUZAN KIESEL**, graduate students, will present papers at the American Communication Association conference in September, 2000.

ENGLISH

AMANDA MOORE, B.A., 1997, graduated from Yale Law School, May 2000, and is clerking for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Louisville.

WES BERRY, B.A., 1996, a former Robert Penn Warren scholarship recipient at Western, received a Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi, and has accepted a position in the English Department at Rockford College in Illinois.

ALLISON GARDNER, B.A., 2000, is a corporate executive with G.E. in Louisville.

FOLK STUDIES

MARGARET (PEGGY) BULGER, M.A. 1975, in 1999 was appointed director of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress and in the same year was elected president of the American Folklore Society.

TERESA HOLLINGSWORTH, M.A. 1989, has recently accepted a position as the senior program officer at the Southern Arts Federation.

WKU FORENSICS TEAM

KERRI RICHARDSON, B.A. 2000, from Shelbyville, KY, won the World Debate Championship in Paris, France, March 2000, and was crowned Kentucky Derby Princess in May.

The WKU Forensic Team won their second consecutive World Championship in Paris. Students who placed first in their divisions in the World Championships: **KERRI RICHARDSON** (see above); **JACE LUX**, senior from Evansville, IN, Persuasive Speaking; **SHADANNA DICKERSON**, sophomore from Bowling Green, Poetry Interpretation. Other team members included: **JOHN ALLEN**, **KEITH BLASER**, **ANDREW CHAMBERLAIN**, **STEPHEN BARNETT**, **AMY JONES**, **MATT GERBIG**, **SHELLEI KNUCKLES**, **ALISA PONANATA**, **WESLEY SHIRLEY**, and **JULIE ROBINSON**.

GOVERNMENT

SEAN McALLISTER, B.A. 2000, became the legislative assistant for Speaker of the U.S. House, Dennis Hastert. Sean spent the summer of his junior year doing an internship through the Government Department and the Washington Center Capitol Hill internship and seminar program.

GOVERNMENT AND HISTORY

J. GAIL GUILING, December 1999 B.A. graduate with majors in Government and History, will be a member of the 2000 freshmen law class of Harvard University. Gail's senior Honors thesis, "Black Enfranchisement in Kentucky: The Impact of the Voting Rights Act of 1965", won the 1999 Kentucky Political Science Association Student Competition at its annual conference.

JOURNALISM & BROADCASTING

CHRIS HAMILTON, B.A., 1999, from Leawood, KS, placed second overall and first place, picture story, in Hearst Intercollegiate Photojournalism Competition.

AIMEE REED, senior from Columiba, KY, finalist and third, radio news, Hearst competition.

JULIE GOODWIN, Louisville senior, finalist, fourth in radio feature, ninth in radio news, Hearst competition.

MATT BATCHELDOR, Bardstown senior, second overall and first, editorial writing, Hearst competition.

JIM GAINES, London, KY, first, news writing, Columbia Scholastic Association Gold Circle Awards.

Advertising students won the Fifth District national Student Advertising Competition for the seventh time in 12 years: **KYLE EBERLE** (Louisville senior), **ERICA HAMPTON** (Bowling Green, 2000 graduate), **PAIGE HARLOW** (Lexington, 2000 graduate), **DAWN ROGERS** (Shelbyville senior), **MATT ZAVALA** (Elizabethtown, 2000 graduate). Mr. Zavala was also named one of 25 most promising minority advertising students and feted in New York by the American Advertising Federation.

LISA HUGHES (Scottsville, junior) and **AMY JONES** (Morehead, senior) won national scholarships from the Radio-Television News Directors Association and received all-expense paid trips to the annual conference.

TEAK PHILLIPS (graduate from Champaign, IL) and **JIM GENSHEIMER** (graduate from Louisville) both won awards in the National Press Photographers/University of Missouri 57th Pictures of the year Competition.

S. TRAVIS MAYO (2000 graduate, Lexington) was one of 32 students selected for the "Poynter Institute Class of 2000" seminar in St. Petersburg, FL.

TIMOTHY BISCHOFF (1998 graduate, Louisville) won an Emmy in the promotional announcement/non-news category of the Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, for on-air promotion of KET's program guide.

MUSIC

MARTY SHARER, 1996 graduate, is a DMA candidate (ABD) at Northwestern University.

ANDREW PORTER, 1999 graduate, is pursuing a master's degree at Louisiana State.

LARRY FERGUSON, 1999 graduate, is pursuing a master's degree at Michigan.

LEE BLAKEMAN, 2000 graduate, is beginning a master's degree at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

JACQUIE DANIELS, 2000 graduate, is beginning a master's degree at Florida.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

GREG W. TAYLOR, December 1999 B.A., from Lafayette, TN, had a paper on multiculturalism accepted for presentation at the Midwest Undergraduate Conference held at Creighton University in April, 2000.

SOCIOLOGY

CAREY D. BROWN, graduate student, won first place in the Graduate Student Paper Competition at the 1999 Mid-South Sociological Association meeting in Jackson, MS.

ASHLEY FOSTER and **PHILLIP WILLIAMS**, graduate students, had a paper (co-authored with Dr. James Grimm) accepted for publication in *Research in the Sociology of Health Care*.

THEATRE AND DANCE

LEO BURMEISTER, 1970 graduate, appears in *Limbo*, a major film released this year.

ANDREW STAHL, graduate, appears in *The Patriot*.

BECKY ANN BAKER, 1975 graduate, had a leading role in the recent NBC series *Freaks and Geeks*.

MICHAEL ROSENBAUM, 1994 graduate, completed his second season in the role as Jack in the WB series *Zoe, Duncan, Jack and Jill*.

KATHLEEN KORNAOUER, 1993 graduate, was recently hired to head the sound department at ATL.

KEVIN TAYLOR, 1995 graduate, was recently hired as resident lighting and sound designer at Stage One, Louisville.

JEREMY BENTON, 1998 graduate, was recently named resident choreographer at Cumberland County Playhouse, Crossville, TN.

BOWLING GREEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PATRICIA JAGGERS won the Gatlin Award for Writing in April 2000.

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