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Phyllis Anne Copher Mattox, 68, wife of Stan R. Mattox, died Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at Bourbon Community Hospital. Born June 3, 1950 in Paris, she was the daughter of the late Marvin L. and Thelma Dean Lynam Copher. Phyllis was a 1968 graduate of Bourbon County High School and attended Anderson University in Indiana and the University of Kentucky.

She was the program coordinator for the UK College of Agriculture's Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program (KALP) and received awards for outstanding work from the college and from UK President Capiluto. She was also successful Creative Memories consultant.

As an active member of Paris First United Methodist Church, she sang in the choir, led Sunday School classes, and created

Master Gardener Association and served as president, vice president, and program coordinator. When her children were growing up, she volunteered with Cub Scouts as a leader and trainer, and with the Paris High School Band.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Stan Mattox; sons R. Travis (Jennifer) Mattox and Matthew Thomas (Paige) Mattox; grandchildren Clark Copher Mattox, Camryn Reese Mattox, Jesse Asher Mattox, and Matthew Tucker Mattox; brothers Daniel L. Copher and Jan Lynam Copher; sisters Ramona Katherine Copher and Jill Dean Wedding (John) England; mother-in-law Della B. Mattox; brother-in-law Gary (Karen) Mattox; and several nieces and nephews.

Steve and Will were given the opportunity to speak at her service. The news of Phyllis' passing was mourned within the international KALP network; expressions of sympathy were received from across Kentucky, the United States, and the world. We received many notes sharing stories and memories.

Thank you, KALP family, for your outpouring of support. We wanted to share this newsletter, which Phyllis had nearly completed, with her voice intact.

-The KALP Team



Photo: Brian Lacefield (Class X), Phyllis Mattox, and Will Snell at the Hinton Mills 100th Anniversary Celebration in Plummers Landing on August 31, 2018.



Introducing - KALP CLASS XII

Will Snell and Steve Isaacs, Co-directors of the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program, are pleased to announce the selection of the twenty-two members of Class XII. The class is representative of Kentucky agriculture and agribusiness. Like the previous few classes, Class XII will include two Tennesseans thanks to the financial support of interests in that state.

Meet Class XII:

Anne Evans Bays – Whitley County. Beef cattle, hogs, horses, and meat processing.

Miranda Chaplin – Bourbon County. Beef cow/calf; National Association of Ag Educators.

Brandon Davis – Anderson County. Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Kentucky Department of Education.

Tyler Ferguson – Johnson County. Cattle, hay, retail meat sales; Branch Manager of Republic Diesel.

Julie Fritsch – Bourbon County. Beef cows, feeder cattle, hay; Owner of Julie Fritsch Creative.

Jim Gilles – Daviess County. Corn, Soybeans, Angus feeder cattle, hay; Owner of Hill View Farm Meats.

Abbi Graves – Robertson County, TN. Air-cured dark tobacco; Leaf Operations trainee at Hail and Cotton Intl.

Carly Guinn – Boyle County. Corn, soybeans, rye, cattle, tomatoes, sweet potatoes; Customer Service Specialist at Hallway Feeds.

Stephanie Halcomb – Logan County. Wheat, barley, rye, corn, soybeans.

Daniel Hayden – Ohio County. Cow/calf, broilers, hay.

Don Holbert – Jefferson County, TN. Soybeans, corn, beef cattle.

Tony Holloway – Christian County. Dark tobacco, hydroponic tobacco plants, corn. W. KY Kentucky Farm Bureau Area Program Director.

Anthony Jones – Daviess County. Marketing Specialist at Owensboro Grain.

Doug Lawson – Calloway County. Senior Vice President of Agriculture and Commercial Banking at Planters Bank.

Micah Lester – Christian County. Corn, wheat, canola, soybeans.

Carrie McIntosh – Scott County. Cattle seedstock; Executive Director of Fayette County Farm Bureau.

Dan Miller – Woodford County. Stocker calves; KY Beef Network Industry Coordinator for KY Cattleman's Assoc.

Melissa Miller – Hardin County. Poultry, cow/calf, grain; Executive Director of KY 4-H Foundation.

Wes Poole – Daviess County. Turkeys, beef cattle, corn, soybeans, hay.

Josh Renaker – Henderson County. Senior Financial Officer at Farm Credit Mid-America.

Mary Beth Shackelford-Tomica – Todd County. Farm Loan Officer for USDA Farm Service Agency Kentucky.

Jennifer Tucker – Warren County. Corn, wheat, soybeans, hay.

For more information, please visit the KALP website at <https://kalp.ca.uky.edu/>.



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Watch Facebook/Twitter/Instagram for updates from Class XII as they participate in Seminar I in October and Seminar II in December. We are planning to update our followers in REAL TIME, so stay tuned and interact as we learn!



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Monday, December 17th

All alumni will be invited to dinner on to meet Class XII. The dinner will be in Lexington and KY Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles and Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy Warren Beeler are scheduled to join us.

*Phyl's Perspective***LEADERSHIP: A WISE INVESTMENT PLAN**

Think back to your experience in the leadership program, whether it was with the Philip Morris Agricultural Leadership Development Program (Classes 1 through 7) or the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program (Classes 8 through now). Did it change you? Did you meet new people? Did you go places you had never been before? Did you learn new ways to communicate with people, including local, state, and national leaders? Did you gain more confidence? Did you start participating in your community more? Did it make you a better person?

Over the years, many of the program's alumni have described to the directors and staff the lasting impact the leadership program made on their lives. Those are such gratifying comments! And many times, those changes are very evident as we see alumni names in the news regarding their awards, appointments to offices, and innovative ways you are making a positive difference in the world. ***That's what this program is all about – making a difference.***

We must continue this; the benefits are just too awesome to stop now. We welcome your offers of hosting a seminar tour or meal or alumni event, your annual financial support, your time to organize an alumni reunion, your photos of alumni in action, your news about your accomplishments or those of your classmates, your ideas for insuring the financial stability of the program, or any thoughts about giving KALP a sustainable future.

We are continually thinking about all aspects of KALP's future. We need your input and support.

Phyllis Mattox, KALP Program Coordinator

A NOTE: KALP has been working with the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board to apply for additional endowment funding. We are seeking to reduce the program cycle from 36 months to 30 months, in response to the many great candidates we have interviewed, but not been able to admit due to budgetary constraints.

We will keep you informed of opportunities to help us build our endowment and match Kentucky Agricultural Development Funds, if we are successful.

Your support will enable us to maintain the program caliber, seek improvement in programming and engagement, and increase the number of qualified individuals able to participate in KALP.

TO DONATE TO THE KALP ENDOWMENT...

To explore ways to give, visit:

<https://uky.networkforgood.com/causes/12624-kentucky-agricultural-leadership-program-operating-endowment-fund>

If you would like to give using a check, please make your check payable to the University of Kentucky, and indicate "KALP" in the memo line. You can mail to:

Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program
c/o Emily Roe Brown
302 C.E. Barnhart Building
Lexington, KY 40546-0276

All Philip Morris Agricultural Leadership Development Program and Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program are invited to attend the



INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP
ALUMNI CONFERENCE

ILAC 2018 – New Orleans, Louisiana

November 5-8, 2018

“It’s All About Water and Culture”

ILAC 2018 Registration is Now Open at:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07efkhyipaeca95208&oseq=&c=&ch=>

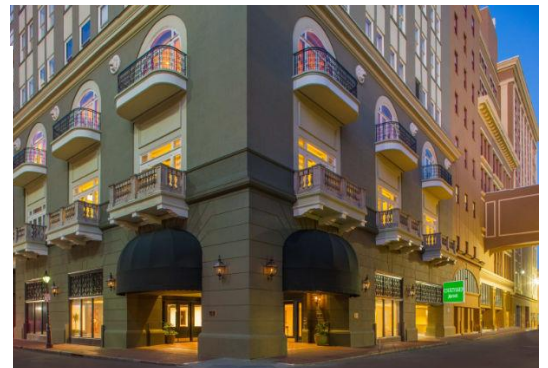
Full conference or daily registration is available.

Preliminary Conference Agenda is now available at:

<http://ilacconference.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/ILAC-2018-Tentative-Agenda-Brief.pdf>

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Call **877.703.7072** and reference the Ag Leaders of Louisiana Room Block at the Courtyard New Orleans French Quarter/Iberville to make reservations at the **group rate of \$149/night**. There is limited availability for the dates before and after the conference. **Hurry, the ILAC room block is filling up quickly. Make your reservations today!**



“ILAC gives me the opportunity to experience things I would never experience on my own. I could visit Kentucky or any of the other ILAC locations at any time, but it wouldn’t be the same without my ILAC friends and family. These experiences allow me to continue my journey.”

Lisa Ann James, Project CENTRL, Class XIX



Alumni, Explore Ireland!

Join UK College of Agriculture Alumni for this agriculture and cultural tour of the Island of Ireland.

May 19 to 28, 2019

Visit Kilkenny Castle, an arable farm, the Rock of Cashel, Spike Island, a beef farm, Cliffs of Moher, a dairy farm, Blarney Castle, Dublin and more!

Pricing: \$2,875 * per person: **Pricing is subject to change and is based on double occupancy with 20 travelers. It does not include flight. For single room add \$675. Included in pricing: room accommodations, transportation while in Ireland, guide, tours, and meals on itinerary. Limited accommodations available.*

\$500 non-refundable deposit due by October 30, 2018.

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alumni
opportunities

In addition to these alumni opportunities, we are working with your Alumni Representatives to decide on upcoming KALP Alumni events. Thank you for your participation in the survey from May 2018. Watch Facebook and the “Alumni Opportunities” page (under “Alumni” tab) of our website for developing plans. Want to contact your class’ representative? Visit the “Alumni” tab or “Alumni Advisory Board” under “Our People.” Suggestions for activities are always welcome!

ALUMNI UPDATES

BRENT BURCHETT, KALP Class X and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Plant Marketing Director, was appointed by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue in May 2018 to a two-year term on the Plant Variety Protection Board. Brent is one of 14 members who will advise Perdue on how to uphold the rules and regulations of the Plant Variety Protection Act. See the announcement at <http://wkms.org/post/burchett-appointed-usda-plant-variety-protection-board>.

In other news, Brent traveled in mid-May 2018 to Kansas to participate in three separate meetings held by the Kansas Department of Agriculture to inform farmers about growing hemp. Kansas lawmakers passed legislation this session creating a hemp research program, and many are grappling with how to begin the hemp pilot program. Brent and others on the panel answered questions posed by the more than 150 people who attended.



ANN BELL STONE, Philip Morris Class V, her brother **JOHN C. BELL, Philip Morris Class IV**, and her husband Mac are continued their series of Elmwood Stock Farm's "From the Ground Up" Farm Tours in July with many visitors taking a look at their farm and learning about CSAs.

While that tour series has ended, there are still opportunities to meet and learn from the Bell family, including upcoming turkey cooking demonstrations and presentations. You can go to elmwoodstockfarm.com/events to book your own tour or speaker. See their list of future tours on their Facebook page.

Elmwood Stock Farm is a sixth generation family farm that began as a producer of Black Angus breeding stock cattle. Over the past decade, the farm has branched out to include many more products, growing everything sustainably and with organic certification.



ALANA BAKER DUNN, KALP Class XI, is running for Trigg County (Kentucky) Magistrate in District 5. This is her first run for public office, proving that she took the leadership class seriously. She owns and operates River Bend Farms in Cadiz, Kentucky, where she raises grain and cattle full time.

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SUZANNE CECIL WHITE, KALP Class X, developed the Cecil Farms Academy to give Daviess County Kentucky students the farmer's experience to food production rather than the consumer's experience that they are probably used to. According to the August 2018 article in The Owensboro Times newspaper, See the article at <https://www.owensborotimes.com/features/agriculture/2018/08/cecil-farms-provides-authentic-farming-experience-for-15-students/>.

BRIAN FURNISH, Philip Morris Class VI and President of the U.S. Hemp Roundtable (right in photo), presented U.S. Representative Andy Barr the 'Friend of Hemp' award during the first Kentucky Hemp Days festival in Cynthiana for Barr's work to help hemp companies have access to the banking system. Brian also presented awards to U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie of Vanceburg, Kentucky House Minority Leader Rocky Adkins, former Kentucky Rep. Tom McKee and Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles.

Read more at <https://www.kentucky.com/news/local/article212660404.html>

Photo by Arden Barnes



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BEN FURNISH of KALP Class X, **BRIAN FURNISH** of Philip Morris Class VI, and **BRENT BURCHETT** of KALP Class X attended a hearing on June 28, 2018 in Kentucky regarding the future of growing and processing hemp in Kentucky. Ben, Brian and others discussed hemp profit potential with the Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, Finance, Personnel and Public Retirement in Frankfort. The subcommittee was deliberating the passing of the U.S. Senate version of the farm bill. If the Senate's farm bill passes, hemp will no longer be considered a controlled substance. Read the entire article at <http://mycn2.com/politics/industrial-hemp-thriving-in-kentucky>.



BEN FURNISH testifies before the Ky. Budget Review Subcommittee



BRIAN FURNISH in his Central Kentucky hemp field



BRENT BURCHETT, Ky. Dept. of Ag Plant Marketing Director



ELIZABETH CHANEY LUNSFORD, graduate of KALP Class XI, is a member of the family that started Chaney's Dairy Barn on Nashville Road in Bowling Green, Kentucky fifteen years ago. Chaney's has an impressive lunch and dinner menu in their big red barn, but their claim to fame is their delicious ice cream that comes in a sumptuous lineup of flavors.

↓ *Mr. & Mrs. Chaney, Elizabeth's parents, are ready to dip ice cream!*



The Chaney's are celebrating their 15th year in business with several events this fall in addition to the "Ice Cream & a MOOvie" night that they regularly host. Other events include a 5k run, a 5k run, a 1-mile walk, and "Jammin at the Barn."

Get more information about the celebration and read more about their history and products at <http://www.chaneysdairybarn.com/>.

Chaney's Dairy Barn was named the #1 Ice Cream in Kentucky in USA Today's "The USA's Best Ice Cream: Top Parlors in 50 States."

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DAVID S. BECK, Philip Morris Class II, started his new appointment as President and CEO of the Kentucky State Fair Board on July 1, 2018. Look who visited him in his Kentucky Exposition Center office – William Shatner of Star Trek fame!

STAR TREK

David also met



Left to right: Duane Allen, Joe Bonsall, Nancy & David Beck, Bill Golden and Richard Sterban.



BRENT GATTON, KALP Class X, is the current Treasurer and a Director of the Kentucky Soybean Association. Each Director has a three-year term. He is also a Producer Director of the association for the Pennyriple Area.



Other Kentucky Soybean Association Producer Directors are (left to right) **ANDY ALFORD, KALP Class X**, Mammoth Cave Area; **JASON STRODE, KALP Class X**, Green River Area; **QUINT POTTINGER, KALP Class X**, Lincoln Trail Area; **BEN FURNISH, KALP Class X**, Central Bluegrass Area; **BRENNAN GILKISON, KALP Class VIII**, Central Bluegrass Area.

TOM MILLER, KALP Class X, is an Ex-Officio Director, representing the Kentucky Association of County Agriculture Agents.

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SERENA (KALP Class X) and BRENNAN (KALP CLASS VIII) are shown on their farm in a recent Kentucky Soybean ad.

EDDIE GILKISON, Philip Morris Class II, along with **SERENA and BRENNAN**, successfully held their third annual "Harvest to Hand" fund-raiser to support agriculture education in Clark County, Kentucky schools. Many leadership program alumni attended and/or donated food, including Courtney Farms (**SHANE COURTNEY, KALP Class VIII**) and Cecil Farms (**RYAN CECIL, Philip Morris Class VII** and **SUZANNE CECIL WHITE, KALP Class X**).



EDDIE GILKISON
Philip Morris Class II



SHANE COURTNEY




RYAN CECIL



SUZANNE CECIL WHITE



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100TH HINTON MILLS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Check our Facebook page and hintonmills.com for details or call (606) 876-3171.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31ST
 5-9 pm - Hinton Mills at 100 Exhibit - curated by Kentucky Gateway Museum Center
 5-9 pm - 100th Anniversary Celebration Cruise-In with host Lee's Cruise Entertainment
 5-9 pm - Hinton Mills Touch-a-Truck (get hands-on with our semis, feed delivery, and crop services trucks)
 6-9 pm - Cane Pole Fishing Tournament
 7 pm - Farm Dog Show with hosts Jarrod Fritz & Representative John Sims, Jr.
 8 pm - Hay Ride - up close view of the birthplace of Hinton Mills
 9 pm - Outdoor Kids' Movie - Farm-themed, family friendly movie under the stars (bring lawn chairs or blankets)
 Food vendors on site. Free popcorn & ice cream.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
 8-10 am - Cane Pole Fishing Tournament
 8-10 am - Fundraiser breakfast for Muses Mills & Hillsboro volunteer Fire Departments
 9-4 am - Hinton Mills at 100 Exhibit - curated by Ky. Gateway Museum Center
 9 am - 100th Anniversary Tractor Show & Parade
 10 am - Cornhole tournament fundraiser (check in 9am)
 sponsored by Fleming County Rotary Club, \$20 entry fee, pre-registration required
 11 am - 12:30 pm - Employee Recognition Lunch (complimentary meal by Fleming County Cattleman)
 12:30-9 pm - Live Music
 1-5 pm - Ag heritage demonstrations (every 30 minutes)
 1-5 pm - Ag industry/organizations historical exhibits
 5-9 pm - Hinton Mills 1918-themed fair
 Ferris wheel, pony rides and other attractions
 6-9 pm - Food Trucks/Vendors open
 7-9 pm - Cane Pole Fishing Tournament
 9 pm - Fireworks by world-famous Rozzi Fireworks, who have done the WEBN fireworks since the 1970's

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
 10 am - Tent church service - everyone welcome
 *Schedule may change without notice. Check our Facebook page or hintonmills.com for updates.

All events will take place at Frank Hinton & Son, 591 Plummers Landing Rd., Plummers Landing, Ky.

All 5 Hinton Mills locations will be **CLOSED** Saturday, September 1st to participate in the fun.

Photo, right: Adam Hinton, Matt Hinton, Frank Hinton, and Nathan Hinton

ADAM HINTON, KALP Class X, and his family held a huge community-wide celebration to commemorate Hinton Mills' 100 years in business. This momentous occasion began at their Plummers Landing location under a couple of gigantic tents on Friday, August 31st and continued through Sunday, September 2nd.

Hinton Mills is a multi-generation owned farm and feed supply business with five Kentucky locations: Flemingsburg, Plummers Landing, Ewing, May's Lick and Cynthiana. It was started in 1918 by Adam's great grandfather, Frank L. Hinton, in Goddard, Kentucky. A few years later, Frank and his wife (Adam's great grandmother) took over the Plummers Landing location, which was started by his uncle O.L Hinton as a wagon spoke factory.



Two KALP alumni were awarded honors at the June 2018 Springfield-Washington County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet in June 2018.

GEORGE MCCAIN, KALP Class VIII, won the Agriculture Leader of the Year award. George is active within his local community and serves on the Central Kentucky Ag Credit Young Farmer Advisory Council. George's farming operation consists of feeder cattle, cow-calf pairs and soybeans.

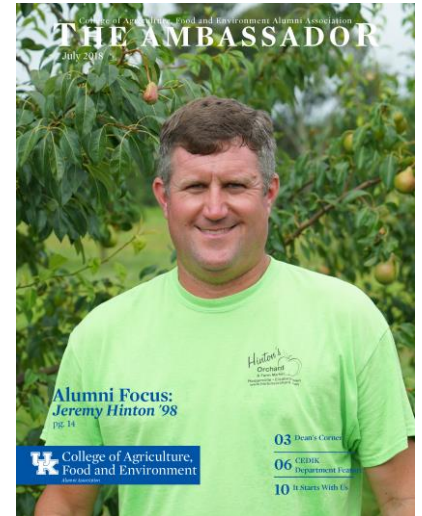
RICHARD MEDLEY, KALP Class IX, Central Kentucky Ag Credit Vice President-Credit, was recognized with the Agricultural Achievement Award. Richard is not only a leader within the Central Kentucky Ag Association, but also within the agriculture community of Washington County. When Richard is not working for Ag Credit, he is busy running his feeder cattle operation with his wife, Mollie.

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JEREMY W. HINTON, a graduate of Philip Morris Class VI and now serving as a member of the KALP Alumni Board, is on the front cover of the July 2018 issue of the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's alumni magazine, *The Ambassador*. Jeremy, wife Joanna, and their children, Jacob, Joslyn and Joel live and farm at **Hinton's Orchard & Farm Market** in LaRue County, KY. They sell their products at their orchard and at the Elizabethtown Market on East Dixie Avenue in Elizabethtown, KY.

The Hinton's grow and sell a huge assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables, including asparagus, strawberries, peaches, tomatoes, sweet corn, beans, peppers, squash, zucchini, blackberries, watermelons and cantaloupes. In the fall, they sell their apples, pumpkins, sweet potatoes and mums. They also sell honey made by bees on their property and fresh apple cider. In addition, muffins, homemade turnovers, caramel apples, pies, fruit butters . . . the list goes on and on!

The farm's website is www.hintonsorchar.com and the website for *The Ambassador* is https://issuu.com/aghesalumniassociation/docs/july_ambassador_newsletter_issue.



JOANNA CARRAWAY, Class XI graduate, is featured on the AgWeb site, displaying a story of the Carraway family's strength and determination, at <https://www.agweb.com/mobile/article/farming-through-love-faith-fear-and-cancer/>. It is a poignant look at Craig and Joanna Carraway's battle against Craig's Glioblastoma brain cancer that was diagnosed in 2016. Glioblastoma is the same brain cancer that caused the much-publicized death of Arizona Senator John McCain on August 25, 2018.

Nevertheless, Craig and Joanna are going forward with their farm and family life, which includes son, Preston, and daughter, Hannah. Both children help with the farming, along with other family members and employees. They live in Murray, Kentucky on the Carraway Family Farms that Craig and Joanna bought from Craig's grandmother.

The Carraways grow tobacco, white and yellow corn, wheat and soybeans. The tobacco is processed using the method called "double cropping a barn," which means that when they take down cured tobacco to strip it, they are also housing the next round of green tobacco for firing.

Carraway Family Farms Facebook page: "Our mission is produce the highest quality and quantity products with the least amount of resources, be a good steward of the land that we are fortunate enough to farm, and to be a positive influence on the community around us all for the glory of God and to grow His kingdom."



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