

Bullock receives Millennium Fellowship Scholarship to study in Foreign Country

James Bullock, Mt. Vernon, is among 13 Eastern Kentucky University students who will enjoy the educational experience of a lifetime this summer as recipients of the University's Millennium Fellow Scholarship. Bullock received a \$500 scholarship to study abroad in Italy this summer. Forty-nine EKU students applied for the scholarship, which is awarded based on academic promise and need. All the recipients have GPAs of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Bullock has a perfect 4.0.

Their studies will span about six weeks and several countries, including Ireland, France, Italy, Great Britain, Spain, Greece, Austria and Ecuador.

Dr. Dan Robinette, chair of the University's Millennium Committee, said he has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from students after they returned from studying abroad.

"Travel abroad, even for a short period of time, has changed lives completely," Robinette said. "It puts students into a culture where often they are a minority and forces them to re-examine their own ideals, beliefs and values."

International studies are more important than ever, Robinette said, because of an increasingly global economy.

"Many international people are flowing into Kentucky," he noted, "but, still, most of our students haven't been able to experience total immersion in a different culture." In fact, just one of this year's scholarship recipients has visited a foreign country.

EKU's membership in KITS and the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) reduces a student's tuition for foreign studies, but travel and living expenses can still run \$2,000-\$3,500, according to Robinette. Other scholarships and forms of financial aid also are available.

The four-member, interdisciplinary Millennium Committee was established at EKU in 2000 to plan events that heighten global awareness and emphasize the University's commitment to international education and the internationalization of the University's curriculum.

For more information about the Millennium Fellow Scholarship, call Robinette at 859-622-2408.

Brock graduates from basic training

Army Pfc. Wilburn L. Brock has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, physical fitness, basic first aid, Army values, principles and traditions.

Brock is the brother of Nishe Brock of Brookland.

He is a 1999 graduate of Black River High School in Sullivan, Ohio.



Left Miller, Crab Orchard, recently competed in the Kentucky Derby Festival Spelling Bee, held March 23 in Louisville. Pictured left to right are Joe McGhee of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance; Barbara Cox, Chairperson of the Kentucky Festival Spelling Bee Committee; Miller and David S. Beck of Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. A total of 57 youngsters from Kentucky and Southern Indiana competed in the annual event sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau and Churchill Downs.

School Menu

Breakfast:
Monday: Ham, french toast, cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.
Tuesday: Omelet, french toast, cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.
Wednesday: Puffy, cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.
Thursday: Waffle sticks and syrup, cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.
Friday: Egg, cheese, french toast, cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.
Lunch:
Monday: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, glass of juice, french fries and milk.
Tuesday: Beef, corn, corn, garden salad, fruit, dessert and milk.
Wednesday: Margherita, chicken, spaghetti, spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, Italian bread, cookie and milk.
Friday: Pizza, beef sandwich, corn, garden salad, cookie and milk.

Students attend HOT Expo at EKU

Nearly 450 high school students from 21 schools in 18 countries attended the third annual Health Occupations Today (HOT) Expo on March 27 at Eastern Kentucky University. "It has become very popular with schools," said Brad Hall, director of the Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center, the event's creator. The size of the event has grown enormously since the first year when approximately 150 students attended.

Rhonda Childress of Rockcastle County Area Technology Center and Jenny Sweet, of Rockcastle County High School took a total of 37 students to the event. At the HOT Expo, students had the opportunity to talk with more than 40 health care professionals, many of whom set up hands-on demonstrations for the students to try.

Hall points out that while participants can explore specific health care careers, they can also talk with representatives of academic institutions who can give them guidance about the course of study they would pursue to prepare themselves for their career goal.

AHEC work in conjunction with The Good Samaritan Foundation and School-to-Careers Local Labor Market Area #16, which is managed by Forward in the Fifth, to provide students with this opportunity. School-to-Careers helps teachers find ways to involve their students in career exploration beginning in elementary school.

AHEC and Forward in the Fifth invited new health care professionals to participate this year in response to requests for information about specific careers from students.



37 students from RCHS and Rockcastle Co. AHC attended the Hot Expo held at Eastern Kentucky University.

FFA attends EKU Field Day

By Bryanna Bussell

On March 26th, 16 members of the Rockcastle County FFA attended the Kentucky River Region annual FFA Field Day at EKU. Those 16 members participated in speech contests, a Talent Contest, the Creed Contest and the Chapter Meeting Contest.

At the end of the day, Rockcastle came out with six first place Superior ratings, and five second place Superior ratings. Jeremy Rowe, Rebekah Lyons, Brad Bussell and Amber Thacker all placed with a Superior 1st in Impromptu speaking. Matthew Whitaker placed Superior 1st in the Creed Speaking contest. Chris McGuire, Bryanna Bussell, Eric Adams and Jordan Hall all placed Superior 2nd in their speeches. Brad Bussell, Heather Adams, Amber Thacker, Clifton Williams and Chris McGuire placed Superior 2nd in the Talent Contest.

The members of the Chapter Meeting team continued their excellence by winning the Regional contest the seventh time out of eight years. The members of the team were Eric Adams, Brad Bussell, Chris

McGuire, Bryanna Bussell, Jeremy Robinson, Heather Adams, Nathan Doan, Jordan Hall, Daniel Bustle and Matthew Whitaker. The alternates on the team were Mark Dyehouse and Tiffany Hopkins.

All in all, it was a great day for the Rockcastle FFA. These regional winners will now move on to state competition at the State Convention in June. Congratulations to all those who participated.



Talent Group, front row from left: Heather Adams and Amber Thacker. Back row from left: Clifton Williams, Brad Bussell and Chris McGuire.



Speech contestants, front row from left: Jordan Hall, Jeremy Rowe, Amber Thacker, Bryanna Bussell and Chris McGuire. Back row from left: Brad Bussell, Jeremy Robinson, Rebekah Lyons, Eric Adams, Matthew Whitaker and Trenton Harding.



Chapter Meeting team, front row from left: Tiffany Hopkins, Heather Adams and Bryanna Bussell. Back row from left: Daniel Bustle, Jeremy Robinson, Matthew Whitaker, Nathan Doan, Eric Adams, Jordan Hall, Chris McGuire and Brad Bussell.



Several members of the RCMS Fellowship of Christian Athletes visited the Christmas Appalachian Project preschool class on February 25th. Eighth graders, Natasha Howard and Matthew Burkham, above, help preschoolers Brandon, Cassidy, Hailey and Savannah decorate cupcakes. Seventh grader Drew Davidson, below, helps preschoolers Alexis and Austin use chocolate chips to make ladybugs.





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