

Local students could be eligible for tuition-free semester

Several local students, all freshmen at Union College, are eligible for a tuition-free final semester, thanks to President Marcia Hawkins. As part of the "Inaugural Class," these students are now part of a program geared at keeping students enrolled at Union.

Local students eligible for the award include: Nicholas Eugene Thomason of Mount Vernon; Steven Lee Thomason of Mount Vernon; and Jaclyn Cheyenne Wolfe of Wildie.

To receive the award, there are certain stipulations students must meet. In addition to maintaining a 3.5 grade point average, students must also graduate in four years and maintain full-time status during all eight semesters; participate in at least one extracurricular activity; attend all "Inaugural Class" events; and serve at least 75 hours of community service. Students who earn between 3.0 and 3.49 GPAs will have 75 percent of their tuition paid, while students who earn between 2.5 and 2.9 GPAs will have a 50 percent tuition waiver.

"It's all about student success," Hawkins said. "Our mission is tied directly to the levels of achievement our students reach."

Hawkins presented the proposal to students at a Christmas gathering at the end of the fall semester.

Louie Northern to give oil painting demonstration

On Saturday, Jan. 26, artist Louie Northern, of Mount Vernon, will demonstrate his oil painting techniques from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Always interested in art, Northern has been drawing since he was a small child. Today he is a farmer on 300 acres of land on his father's original home place in Rockcastle County. Although born in Dayton, Ohio, Northern returned to the land of his family's roots in 1977. He studied art and began painting while in high school. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in painting in 1999, from Eastern Kentucky University.

Northern prefers oil painting as his medium because it doesn't dry fast, and he likes the way oil paint handles using both a brush and palette knife. He often builds up the surface of his

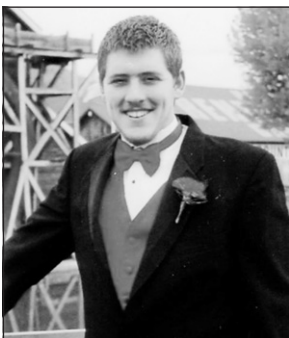


Louie Nothern

canvas to give it a more three-dimensional texture. Most of Northern's subject matter is rooted in his surroundings - farmland, mules, logging trucks and the woods that grow on his lands. Northern also creates more non objective paintings playing with color and texture, and he is adept at printmaking.

A selection of works by Louie Northern is regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from more than 100 counties all across the Commonwealth. A special exhibit, "The Threads that Bind: Textile Works by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Feb. 23, 2013. For information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.



Jadon Brock made the Dean's List at Somerset Community Technical College with a 4.0 gpa. Jadon took the maximum 18 credit hours while working part time for Peg's Food Mart. *Congratulations on an excellent job. Mom and dad are very proud of you.*

President's List

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs has announced that Jordan Whitaker of Mt. Vernon has been named to the University of the Cumberlands (UC) President's List for the 2012 fall semester.

To be eligible students must have achieved a grade of "A" in convocation while maintaining a minimum cumulative scholastic standing of 4.0.

President's List

Angela DeBord, daughter of Tommy and Gayle DeBord of Willailla, was added to the President's List at ECU, which is established by the Board of Regents in recognition of academic excellence.

Angela is a senior premed student at ECU.

Dean's List

In recognition of their academic performance, the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs has announced that Hannah Adkisson, Jackie Alexander, and Mallory Harper, all of Brodhead, have been named to the University of the Cumberlands (UC) Dean's List for the 2012 fall semester.

To be eligible students must have achieved a grade of "A" in convocation while maintaining a minimum cumulative scholastic standing of 3.50.

President's List

Morgan Hunt has been recognized by Eastern Kentucky University for academic excellence, based on receiving a 4.0 grade point

average for the 2012 fall semester.

Morgan is the daughter of Jeff and Angela Hunt of Mt. Vernon. Morgan graduated from RCHS and is currently a sophomore at ECU pursuing a degree in communication disorders.

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