

September 2015 Newsletter

College of Health Sciences

Eastern Kentucky University



Outstanding Student

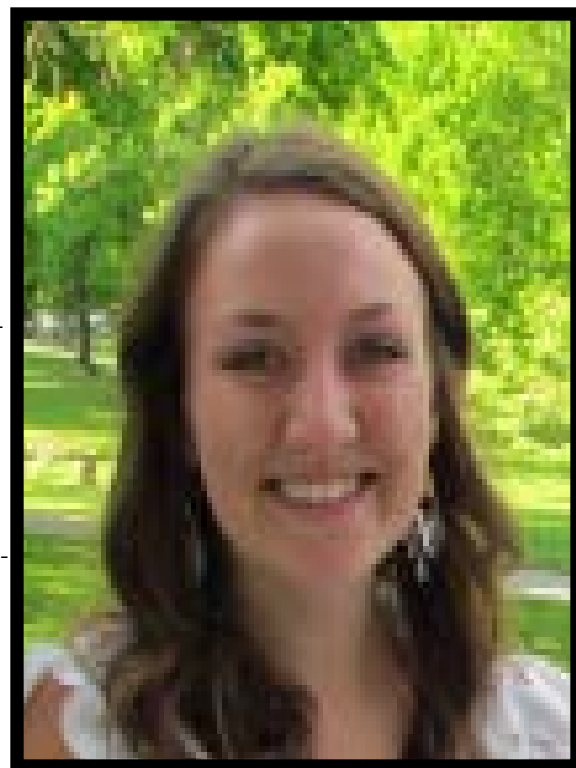
Caylen Badgett Knight was an exemplary student and student teacher. She graduated in May, 2015 in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Her willingness to serve others is most impressive.

Mrs. Knight has participated in a vast number of community service events. Caylen has also served in multiple leadership roles within FCS-related organizations. She is a distinguished student for many reasons.

Caylen is a past Vice President of the Professional Project for Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society at Eastern. She is a leader who pulls all members in each FCS areas together to work on mutual causes. She had wonderful ideas for working with teen mothers. Her achievements with Phi U resulted in her being elected as a collegiate representative for the national honorary. In addition, Caylen received the Phi U Jackman Scholarship. Caylen has also been a President in the EKU student unit section of AAFCS. She has been very successful at spearheading multiple projects with this group. Last fall, she assumed the role of KAFCS Student Unit Chair.

Mrs. Knight has social intelligence in teaching secondary students, so much so, that her rapport with students in second to none. Words that best describe her as a teacher include professional, positive, confident, and flexible. She is a natural teacher in that her ability to communicate with students was suburb from the start.

Caylen Badgett Knight has worked hard at several places of employment during her college career. She's been employed at Purdy's Coffee Shop, Joann's Fabric and Craft Store, Starbucks, as a lifeguard, and as an EKU Resident Assistant. She just began her new job as an FCS teacher at Cooper High School in Union, KY.



SAVE THE DATE!

What: ECU College of Health Sciences Homecoming Tailgate

When: October 24, 2015

Where: Alumni Coliseum Lot

Join us for a tailgate before the Colonels take on the Tennessee State Tigers on October 24! Food and fun provided!

You're Invited!

CHS Open House 2015

October 17, 2015

Moberly Gym

1-3 pm

Come visit with our departments, student organizations, faculty, staff and perspective students!

Outstanding Faculty

Dr. Gerken has been at ECU 19 years in the department of Recreation and Park Administration. She has concentrated on providing service learning opportunities for her students as well as clients in communities through a variety of agencies in Richmond and Central Kentucky. She has been active in the Kentucky Recreation Park Society, Kentucky Area Therapeutic Recreation Association (initiated the association), Madison County Delinquency Prevention Council, American Therapeutic Recreation Association, and National Recreation and Park Association.

Currently she and several Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialists in Kentucky are promoting licensure in the state of KY to require a license to practice recreation therapy following other states requiring licensure to practice. She has provided numerous service learning projects in Richmond, KY and Central Kentucky with agencies such as Fayette County Schools, Active Day Center, Senior Citizens Center, Bellevue Learning Center, Camp Horsin' Around in Perryville, Richmond Parks and Recreation, and Special Olympics.

In the past and currently, she has served on various boards from the Teen Center, ARC of Madison County, Madison County Delinquency Prevention Council, Kentucky Recreation and Park Society, and Kentucky Area Therapeutic Recreation Association.

Dr. Gerken is driven by the benefit of recreation for all individuals with and without disabilities. She continues to aspire to provide recreation therapy services to individuals in remote areas of Kentucky. Her dream is the provision of services for individuals who want to participate in recreation, but have the least opportunity to receive the benefit of recreation services due to availability.



Woman's Clinic Grand Opening

EKU and the Madison County Health Department have partnered to open a Women's Health Clinic on the Richmond campus. The clinic is now open to students every Tuesday the University is in session during the fall and spring semesters, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in a section of Student Health Services in the Rowlett Building.



Outstanding Alumni



Neil Napier, LNHA, CTRS

B.S. Degree Parks and Recreation Administration-Therapeutic Recreation May 2002

M.S. Parks and Recreation Administration May 2004

While pursuing my er's Degree from Eastern Kentucky University I began my career at Lexington Fayette Urban County government division of Parks and Recreation as a Recreation Leader. After several years with LFUCG, Neil transferred to the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital as a Child Life Specialist for four years. Then he was fortunate enough that a position became available at the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center as the Recreation Director where he was for seven years. He then gained administrative experience and successfully passed my Long-term Care Administrator exam for Kentucky. In May of 2014 I was given the opportunity to become Administrator of the Paul E. Patton Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center.

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These students participated in and helped with in the Alzheimer's Association 2015 Bluegrass Regional Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 12, 2015 in Berea, Kentucky. They worked with Paula Strunk, Director of The Terrace. Their team EKU HSA, raised \$300.00!