CHHS Alumni renovate Old Governor's Mansion in Frankfort

Jason Hildabrand, a 2001 WKU graduate with a Bachelor’s Degree in Interior Design will be among the approximately two dozen decorators, painters, and electricians recruited by the Lexington-based L.V. Harkness & Company to restore the Old Governor’s Mansion in Frankfort.

Hildabrand, now a local interior designer, was nominated and then chosen by Kentucky first lady Jane Beshear. He will be in charge of the lieutenant governor's study.

“I think it’s pretty cool,” he said. “I get to meet with the lieutenant governor one-on-one.”

Hildabrand plans to honor the mansion’s history by using vintage accessories, such as historic photographs, antique picture frames and original artworks.

“Everything tells a story. I think that’s important,” Hildabrand said. “Anybody can go to a furniture store and buy a print there’s a thousand of.”

He has received many inquiries from business owners who would also like to take part in the renovation.

“I’ve gotten a lot of feedback, and a lot of things donated that I didn’t ask for,” he said. “A lot of it was excitement of people wanting to be involved.”

After having his house featured on HGTV in 2007, he opened his business, Hildabrand Interiors, and started designing full-time.

“No day is ever the same,” he said. “The projects you do are always different.”

For the complete story that ran in the Bowling Green Daily News, please visit: http://www.bgdailynews.com/articles/2009/04/08/biz/features1.txt

Please visit http://www.hildabrandinteriors.com/ to learn more about Jason Hildabrand and Hildabrand Interiors.
**School of Nursing receives Memorial Scholarship grant from ANCA**

The Western Kentucky University School of Nursing was selected to receive a 2009 Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. Berrettinni Memorial Scholarship grant from the Army Nurse Corps Association (ANCA). The ANCA received 115 applications and of those, only 10 were chosen to receive the grants. The School of Nursing received a check for $3500 from ANCA that they have placed into an account for student scholarships.

**News from the Department of Consumer & Family Sciences**

Congrats to Dr. Ann Beth Presley, a Textiles and Apparel Merchandising alumni. She has been selected as one of 24 recipients from North and South America for the Attingham Trust Summer School class of 2009.

Congrats to Dr. Janey K. Thornton, a WKU Family and Consumer Sciences Education graduate. She was named Kentucky's Deputy Undersecretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services.

Congrats to Textile and Apparel Management graduate, Lara Planck (aka LK) for being chosen as one of the top six designers in the St. Louis Design Week Bakers Project: Design! competition.

A new minor in Meeting, Convention, and Exposition Planning was approved by the WKU Board of Regents. This minor will be available for students to declare in the Spring, 2009, semester.

Please visit [http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Academic/chhs/cfs/LinkSpring09.html](http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Academic/chhs/cfs/LinkSpring09.html) to read the complete stories on these updates and to catch up on the latest CFS news.

**WKU Students Study Facility Planning, Design, and Construction**

WKU graduate students enrolled in REC 515, Recreation and Sport Facility Development spent the May term learning about planning, designing, and constructing recreation and sport facilities. The field-based course engages students while learning about facility design trends, construction terminology, the roles of planning and construction professionals, construction standards established by various governing and professional bodies (OSHA, ADA, AAHPERD, ACSM, USGBC), universal design and accessibility, facility risk management, and green design and sustainability initiatives.

Students interview facility managers and construction professionals while touring indoor and outdoor facilities. Students complete Facility Profiles and participate in online Discussions utilizing the course website. Students profile a facility of interest for their classmates and participate in a group project. The group project for this class involved planning a dedication for WKU’s 140-acre Hardin F. McChesney Field Campus in northern Warren County. Students presented proposals related to road and dedication site construction, signage, security, and event logistics. Presentations were given to WKU administrators, faculty, staff, and other students near the end of the course. Nearly all student ideas will be implemented before and during the August 4th dedication ceremony at 10am at the site.

This course has been taught by Dr. Fred Gibson since 2002. Students have visited numerous sites over the years including Louisville Slugger Field, Sommet Center, Centennial Sportsplex Freedom Hall,
Churchill Downs, Nashville Super Speedway, Phil Moore Park, L.T. Smith Stadium, Stones River National Battlefield, Bowling Green Ballpark (Hotrods), The Club at Olde Stone, Maryland Farms YMCA, Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Russell Sims Aquatic Center, Scottville YMCA, Louisville Extreme Sports Park, Mammoth Cave National Park, The Center for Courageous Kids, WKU Leadership and Experiential Education Center (LEEC), Kereiakes Park, Curb Music Center/Beaman Student Life Center at Belmont University, Bowling Green Athletic Club, Camp Loucon, Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Fitness Center, E.A. Diddle Arena, and Total Fitness Connection.

Photographs were taken during tours of the Raymond B. Preston Health and Activities Center expansion given by Brad Stinnett, Assistant Director/Facilities and during tours of the Warren County Academic/Aquatic Center led by Chris Kummer, Director of the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department. Others included in the photographs are students David Blomquist, Ying Chih Chen, Jocelyn Fernandez, Stacey Forsythe, Christopher Gottlick, Jarrett Murphy, Kelly Oravet, Brett Riley, Daniel Shipley, Christina Steiner, Brian Webb, and Caleb Wells. Also included are WKU President Dr. Gary Ransdell, Warren County Schools Superintendent Dale Brown, and Venture Contracting Project Superintendent Kenny Harper.

For more information on this course or the Graduate Program in Recreation and Sport Administration please contact Dr. Fred Gibson at (270) 745-6021 or fred.gibson@wku.edu

WKU’s “Smart Bites” Program featured on WBKO’s View from the Hill

On June 18, 2009 WBKO ran the View from the Hill segment attached below that featured WKU’s Smart Bites program. Smart Bites is a program that was started to motivate young people to make better food choices while eating out.

WKU's Public Health, Nutrition and Marketing departments were instrumental in developing the Smart Bites program.

WKU Public Health professor Dr. Marilyn Gardner will travel to Philadelphia in November to receive an award for the program at the American Public Health annual meeting.

To view the View from the Hill segment on the Smart Bites program, please click here. A transcript of the segment is also available. Click here.
For the entire story on WBKO, please visit
http://www.wbko.com/home/headlines/48545922.html
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