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Women Center Empowerment Luncheon Set for November 13, 2014

by Phyllis M. Webb, M.Ed., Program Coordinator, UofL Women's Center

Alice K. Houston, President & CEO of Houston-Johnson, Inc., will deliver the keynote address for the 12th annual Women Center's Empowerment Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 13, in the University Club. The event will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Houston was educated in the Louisville, KY, public schools and received her high school diploma in 1964. She graduated *Cum Laude* from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, in 1968, and received a Danforth Foundation Fellowship in Latin American History to attend graduate school at Vanderbilt University, attending from 1968 to 1969.

Houston has a long and successful association and career at the University of Louisville. While earning a M.Ed. in College Student Personnel Services, she served as assistant and subsequently associate director of Financial Aid. She left in 1988 to join a series of family businesses which collectively became the second largest minority owned company in the United States, and the largest minority-owned transportation company in North America during the 1990s. In 2001, Houston divested her interests to concentrate attention to developing Houston-Johnson, Inc. (HJI), and became President and CEO in January, 2005. During the ensuing years, HJI became a preferred supplier of material fulfillment, sequencing, assembling, and logistic services, and in 2011, was nominated by Ford Motor Company and subsequently won the 2011 TSMSDC "Supplier of the Year Award."

Aside from her business interests, Alice enjoys working in the community and has a long list of organizations with which she has served. In addition, she is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, LINKS, Inc., Girl Friends, Inc., and a trustee at Green Castle Baptist Church.

Of all her activities, however, she is most proud of being married to Wade Houston and being the mother of Allan, the Assistant General Manager of the New York Knicks; Lynn, a graduate of Georgia Tech University who has joined the family business; Natalie, who is a graduate of UofL's School of Medicine and a practicing cosmetic dermatologist, and "Mema" to her 15 grandchildren.

In addition to Houston's talk, the Women's Center will recognize winners of two annual awards—the M. Celeste Nichols Professional Development Award and the Mary K. Tachau Gender Equity Award.

The Nichols Award is named in honor of Margaret Celeste Johnson Nichols (1951-1996), who was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from UofL's English Department. Dr. Nichols taught African American literature and writing at UofL, Kentucky State University and Bellarmine University before her death in 1996 at age 45. The award will be given to a graduate or professional student to support academic and professional enrichment.

The Tachau Award is named in honor of Mary K. Bonsteel



Alice K. Houston

Tachau (1926-1990) who was a nationally recognized constitutional scholar, the first woman to serve as chair of the UofL History Department, and the first woman chair of the Faculty Senate.

Criteria and applications for both awards can be obtained by emailing the Women Center service account at <u>womenctr@</u> <u>louisville.edu</u>. The deadline is Oct. 10, 2014.

The luncheon seeks to empower women in all aspects of their lives—politically, socially and economically. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more details, call (502) 852-8976.



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Valerie M. Casey Director

Message from the Director

Welcome to the start of another exciting year at the University of Louisville and at the Women's Center! Our staff is currently gearing up for another fantastic year. Thanks to all the sponsors and supporters who made the Kentucky Women's Book Festival, Kentucky College Women's Leadership Conference (CWLC) and the Women Center's Global Trip such successes, not to mention the UofL Transformation Tea where the Women Center's own Phyllis Webb won the Unsung SHEro Award.

Highlights of the programs include meeting speakers from the College Women's Leadership Conference: Valeisha Butterfield Jones, Jane Hight McMurry, Dr. Carmen April, and Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, and sitting in on sessions by the highly accomplished breakout speakers and attending the networking sessions. It was also a thrill to welcome the enthusiastic crowd at the Kentucky Women's Book Festival and meeting Sena Jeter Naslund who was among a long list of accomplished speakers.

Not to be forgotten was the amazing Women Center's trip to Spain where we formed deep friendships, learned about the culture and history and heard about human trafficking issues from faculty members from the University of Granada.

Pictures of all of these terrific programs and more are available on Flickr http://tinyurl.com/womens-center-gallery.

More exciting programs are on the way! Already in the works are a Women's Equality Day Program Aug. 26 in the Women's Center with a showing of Iron Jawed Angels, our monthly forums on the Belknap and HSC campuses, veterans group events and Student-Parent Association programs. Once again we will sponsor the children's clothing exchange that has been very popular with the student parents on campus. Our Women 4 Women Student Board has scheduled a Zumba fitness program on campus and bi-monthly meetings for students. Check out the Center's website at http://louisville.edu/womenscenter/ and get involved.

See you on campus, Valerie

Special thanks to the CWLC Committee members.

Planning Committee – Ayanna Eley, Chair College Women's Leadership Committee Planning Committee; Valerie Casey, Interim Director UofL Women's Center; Pam Curtis, Director, Office of Student Involvement; Ashley Wimsett, Event Coordinator Women 4 Women Student Board Liaison

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Special thanks to all the sponsors of the College Women Leadership Conference (CWLC).



College Women Leadership Conference

The 2014 College Women Leadership Conference was held on the UofL campus this past June. It featured numerous breakout sessions and networking plus several speakers including keynote speakers Dr. Carmen April, blogger; Jane Hight McMurry, author and speaker; Valiesha Butterfield-Jones, co-founder & Chair, WEEN; Hilary Corna, author of "One White Face," and special guest speaker, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Maryland's first woman Lt. Governor. Photo by Tom Fougerousse, UofL Photographer.



Kathleen Kennedy Townsend is pictured with members of the UofL Commission on the Status of Women (COSW). She was one of the keynote speakers at the College Women's Leadership Conference. See more photos of the CWLC in the WC Student Newsletter and online, <u>http://www.louisville.edu/womenscenter</u>.

Jamieca Jones & Sara Pickett Join Women's Center Staff



Jamieca Jones

Jamieca Jones and Sara Pickett are excited to become part of the staff at the Women's Center—Jamieca joining in August and Sara in September.

Jamieca will work as a fulltime temp through the first of the year and Sara will be the new Student Events Coordinator.

Born and raised in Louisville, Jamieca is a 2013 UofL graduate, with future plans to enter the Kent School of Social Work next year. Her experience includes assisting with the planning of the International Women's Day program and the College Women's Leadership Conference. She says it was these events that made her eager to continue work at the center. "The Women's Center helped me find that power within myself and I want others on campus to have that experience as well."

In her position, her goals are to "bring more awareness on campus of the Women's Center and its many programs, help create programs that the students want, strengthen the connections with the university's other awesome departments, and ultimately empower women (and men, too, of course)." She also is looking forward to working closely with the Women 4 Women Student Board and getting more involved with the community.

Jamieca loves to listen and dance to music, have fun adventures with friends, travel, try cultural foods and "cheer on my Cards!"

Sara Pickett

I was born in Santa Barbara. CA, and attended UC Berkeley for my undergraduate degree. From there, I moved to New Orleans where I taught Special Education. In 2009, I decided to get my Master's degree in English from New York University, and in the most roundabout of ways I found myself in Louisville in fall 2011. I am currently working toward my second Master's degree, this time in Mental Health Counseling, and am in my second semester of interning at Uspritus on Goldsmith Lane. If it's not obvious. I love

traveling! I am also a secret (or not-so-secret now) pizza lover, and make an attempt to ride my bike more than I drive. I am so, so excited to have the opportunity to work for the Women's Center at UofL this year. As the Events Coordinator, I hope to build alliances between like-minded organizations, and organize a diverse array of events that are both fun and informative for students within all departments on campus.



Sara Pickett



Join the Fight for Women's Health in Upcoming Community Walks

by Phyllis M. Webb, M.Ed., Program Coordinator, UofL Women's Center

According to a report (2014 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures) by the Alzheimer's Association, almost two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's disease are women and it is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. And according to the Breast Cancer Foundation, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and breast cancer is the leading cause of death among women.

Put on your comfortable shoes this fall (September & October) and join in the fight for women's health and other initiatives by walking at various community events. Fundraising and awareness are keys to each.

Below is a list of walks. Follow the links at each to join an oncampus or community team.

- Walk to End Alzheimer's, Sept. 6 at Waterfront Park downtown; <u>http://www.alz.org</u>
- Walk to Cure Arthritis, Sept. 13, Louisville Slugger Field; <u>http://www.kintera.org</u>
- Dare to Care Hunger Walk, Sept. 14, The Belvedere, Waterfront Park, <u>http://www.thehungerwalk.org</u>

 American Heart Association Kentucky Heart Walk, Sept. 20 at the Great Lawn/ Waterfront Park; <u>http://www.heartwalk.</u> <u>kintera.org</u>

Join the UofL Women's Center Team. Call 852-8976 or email <u>womenctr@louisville.edu</u> for specific details.



- Louisville Aids Walk & Pet Walk, Sept. 21, the Belvedere, Waterfront Park; <u>http://www.kyaids.org/walk</u>
- Walk to End Lupus, Sept. 27, at E.P. Tom Sawyer Park; <u>http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default</u>
- National Kidney Foundation Walk, Sept. 28 at Waterfront Park; <u>http://donate.kidney.org</u>
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure[®], October 11, Louisville Slugger Field; <u>http://www.komenlouisville.org</u>
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Oct. 26, Waterfront Park; <u>http://www.makingstrideswalk.org/louisville</u>

(Please note that the list above is not an inclusive list. Check the web for additional walks in the community that may be of interest to you.)

Kentucky Women's Book Festival: Observations

by Margaret "Peggy" Grimes



Author Holly Goddard-Jones reads from her book, "The Next Time You See Me" at the 8th Annual Kentucky Women's Book Festival held this past May 2014 at the University of Louisville.

One of my more memorable Saturdays in May, is not the Kentucky Derby, but rather the Kentucky Women's Book Festival (KWBF) on the UofL campus. The Women's Center, UofL Libraries and community liaisons plan a special event each year to showcase and celebrate accomplished women writers. It is not that men don't count. It simply means to emphasize the talents of women. All were either born in Kentucky, lived here, or currently are writing in Kentucky. Our commonwealth is a nourishing site for creative women.

The 11 authors showcased this past May included Alison Atlee (Upstairs Girl, Downstairs Girl), poet Sonja deVries (Stealing Lorca's Bones, Planting a Garden in Bagdad; novelist and poet George Ella Lyon (Many-Storied House). All shared a great writing technique. Nancy Gall-Clayton and Kathi **E.B. Ellis** gave a play writer's workshop; Jannene Winstead and Leborah Goodwin shared **Recipes and Recollections:** From the Houses Samuel M. Plato Built. In addition, essayist, literary critic and novelist Bobbie Ann Mason read from her recent novel, Girl in the Blue Beret. Blogger and author Mariam Williams also gave a scholarly presentation of the African American Women's Literary Series in the 1990s. Author Holly Goddard-Jones shared her readings over lunch, and the wonderfully prolific Sena Jeter Naslund (Ahab's Wife, Four Spirits, Abundance, and The Fountain of St. James Court) shared her thoughtful insights with us.

Special highlights included

a farewell thank-you to **Judi Jennings**, retiring director of the Kentucky Foundation for Women which has nurtured the voices and growing talent of women in the arts and those seeking social justice for many years. Another thankyou was presented to Sena Jeter Naslund, who recently retired from UofL, but not the writing world. Her generous participation and support of the KWBF has been much appreciated.

If you are a happy reader or a potential writer and missed this wonderful array of talent, a chance to network, or buy a signed copy of award-winning books, then be on the lookout



Transformation Tea: Highlight of the Semester for Many

by Phyllis M. Webb, M.Ed., Chair, 2014 Transformation Tea Committee

The UofL Transformation Tea for Women of Color and Their Allies just completed its 15th year empowering women with networking opportunities, a chance to meet other colleagues, and also receive invaluable information from a speaker. Close to 100 staff, faculty and students gathered in the Shumaker Research Building on Belknap Campus this past April to mingle, listen, laugh, encourage and empower others and themselves. "This was a great program. I appreciate the opportunity to fellowship with colleagues across campus and recognize women colleagues," said one attendee. Another said, "I look forward to this event every year. Kudos to the committee!" And another attendee said, "Excellent every year! Good speaker, good venue, wonderful atmosphere."

Monnica T. Williams, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist & Associate Director of the Center for Mental Health Disparities, UofL's Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences, spoke on the theme, "Stepping Out: The Journey to Mental, Physical & Social Well-Being." She talked about our physical, mental and social well-being and how all three are connected. Finding a balance between the three can be a challenge. She spoke about promoting our physical well-being (by exercising and eating right, for example) and our social well-being (by sharing our experiences to having a strong, positive ethnic minority identity). She pointed out that racism and discrimination as well as isolation on the job can be barriers to mental and social well-being.

Dr. Williams involved the audience in a couple of group activities by pairing each attendee with someone they didn't know and reflecting on the connections with those they met in the group exercise.

Prior to her talk, the UofL Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority entertained and energized the audience with a few step dances and the audience engaged in an "icebreaker" led by committee members Latisha Reynolds and Margaret D'Silva. Dr. Selene Phillips, moderator and committee member, asked the attendees about what they did to relieve stress. Some responses included reading, spending quiet time alone and joining friends on an outing.

Pastor Jamesetta Ferguson led a special "Remembrance Memorial" segment of



Transformation Tea speaker, Monnica Williams, (in green) mingles with the crowd at the Tea. (Transformation Tea photos courtesy of the UofL Women's Center photo files/Valerie M. Casey)

the program which included employees who passed since last year's Tea. Committee member Kathryn Doaty led her committee in recognizing the 2014 Unsung Shero Award recipient and recognizing two staff members for their work. (See article on the 2014 Unsung Shero Award



Staff and community members enjoying fellowship at the Transformation Tea.



Latasha Moore and Jamesetta Ferguson from the UofL Pathology Department enjoy the Tea festivities.

recipient and certificate of appreciation recipients.) Throughout the program, committee members Seleila Renee Booker and Phyllis Webb presented several door prizes to those in attendance.

The Transformation Tea committee members included Seleila Renee Booker, College of Education and Human Development; Kathryn F. Doaty, Human Resources Department; Margaret D. Silva, Dept. of Communication; Georgette L. Moore, Commissions Office; Dr. Selene Phillips, Dept. of Communication; and Latisha Reynolds, University Libraries.

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Unsung SHEro Recognized at UofL Transformation Tea

The Transformation Tea for Women of Color and Their Allies recognized Phyllis M. Webb as the recipient of the 2014 Unsung SHEro Award during its annual event held this past April. The award recognizes a woman of color who has made a significant impact in the lives of women either in the Louisville metro community and/or at UofL. Webb received an art glass award for her recognition.

"A UofL employee for over 39 years, Webb has served students, staff and faculty unselfishly and faithfully, going above and beyond without asking for or receiving special recognition. She approaches all of her responsibilities with a 'quiet confidence' and is one of those rare individuals who will work diligently on a task or project no matter how mundane or how important. She has toiled tirelessly for the betterment of students, especially female students," said her nominators.

Webb, as Program Coordinator in the UofL Women's Center, is involved in the creation of monthly women's forums for employees on both Belknap and Health Sciences campuses. She also worked with the Physical Plant Department, which is sometimes overlooked in programming, to create Stress Management Workshops for their employees on both campuses which included over 200 workers. She co-chairs the Kentucky Women's Book Festival, the Nichols Professional Development Award Committee, and serves on the Great Places to Work Initiative Work/Life Balance Caregiving Workshop Committee along with numerous other committees.

In addition to programming, she edits the Women's Center Newsletter and started a student newsletter that features articles for and about students in addition to advising the Student Parent Association and creating a Women Student Veteran Group. She has written numerous articles for the WC Newsletter and the Office of Minority Affairs (Minority Voices Magazine and Multicultural Academic Enrichment Programs Newsletters). Webb received her Master's degree in Education (with emphasis on College Student Personnel) from UofL in 2000 and her undergraduate degree in journalism from Western Kentucky University in 1974.

She is also involved in her community and church. She is the loving parent of two daughters who are both UofL graduates and has two grandsons.

The committee also recognized two additional employees with Special Recognition certificates. Dr. Sharon E.



Phyllis M. Webb, UofL Women's Center, is recipient of the 2014 Unsung SHEro Award. Photo by Virginia Mattingly, Law Library

Moore, a professor in the Kent School of Social Work, and Shirley Hardy, an Administrative Associate to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

"...She has been a mentor for a number of students; a leader in the Kent School, particularly in the area of diversity; a role model, advocate and amazing educator are some of the nominators comments about Dr. Sharon Moore.

One of Hardy's nominees wrote, "Besides serving as a 'goodwill ambassador globally,' she has served as an outstanding, yet humble, role model for UofL staff, faculty and students and also serves 'without reservation' in the care ministries of her church and local community."

for the 2015 festival. It will be the Ninth Annual Kentucky Women's Book Festival and will also be filled with a lineup of talented writers and presenters. And it is free!

Ms. Grimes is a UofL retiree and has served on the KWBF Planning committee since its inception and is also a member of Women Who Write, an organization established in 1992 in Louisville, Ky., dedicated to excellence in literary creation.

(KWBF photos by Virginia Mattingly, Law Library and UofL student Jennifer Fraley, a Humanities Ph.D. student)



Janene Winstead and Leborah Goodwin chat with attendees Ron Flowers and Mary Jefferson (in foreground) as they sign copies of their book, "Recipes and Recollections: from the Houses that Samuel M. Plato Built" at the Kentucky Women's Book Festival.

Sena Jeter Naslund, author of various novels, including "A Novel of Marie Antoinette" and a short story collection, The Disobedience of Water, pose with a KWBF attendee.





Nichols Award Recipients Talk About Their Experiences

The Dr. M. Celeste Nichols Award is presented each year to a UofL graduate or professional school student to support academic and professional development. (See front page for more details on the award).

Yvette Z. Szabo and Cassandra Rauch are two of the recipients of the 2013 award which was presented at the Women's Center Empowerment Luncheon last November. Both presented at out-ofstate conferences and writes about their experiences.

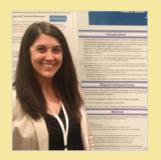
Read about the other recipients of the 2013 Nichols Award in the Women Center Student Newsletter, fall 2014 edition.

The deadline to apply for the award is Friday, Oct. 10. Email Phyllis M. Webb, <u>phyllis.webb@louisville.edu</u>, for criteria and an application.

My Experience, Thanks to the M. Celeste Nichols Award

by Yvette Z. Szabo

With funding provided by the M. Celeste Nichol Award, I attended the American Psychosomatic Society (APS) annual research conference for the first time in March of 2014. Opportunities available at APS, such as learning about cutting edge



research and networking with other professionals, are integral to my professional development. As a clinical psychologist who examines health outcomes and biological markers, I loved the integrative approach of APS. I was able to contribute to the psychosomatic field through my poster presentation, Detection and Stress Reactivity of Interleukin-10 in Oral Fluids. Through this experience, I had conversations about my work and the work of other respected researchers with professionals of diverse backgrounds and research foci. It was an amazing experience to have interest taken in the work my mentor and I are doing so early in my career. I even met a woman who gave me her contact information for when I apply for internship and postdoc. Additionally, I participated in a mentor/mentee program and was partnered with a tenure-track professor from another University who was able to answer my questions related to my goals, grant writing, and balancing a successful career with a home life. In its entirety, I felt intellectually challenged and became increasingly motivated through this experience. Thank you to the University of Louisville Women's Center and the M. Celeste Nichols Award for the assistance in making this opportunity a reality.

An Incredible Experience at ACJS

by Cassandra Rauch

As a single mother of two young girls (Calli, age 4, and Lilli, age 2), it has mostly been a challenge to continue my high educational goals. I remind myself every day that our future rides on my success, which has given me the drive to



accomplish what I have so far. I hold a Bachelor's degree in anthropology with a concentration in Natural Sciences and a minor in Russian Studies, and I just finished my Master's degree in Justice Administration. In the fall of this year, I will be starting my PhD in Criminal Justice (which will become the new name of the Justice Administration department), and am set to be completely done with my education in three years. As I plan on pursuing an academic career, there are many outside opportunities that are recommended to bolster success, such as conferences, meetings, etc., that aren't always feasible for me to consider. So when the opportunity presented itself to attend the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), I submitted an abstract to see if it would be accepted. As it turned out, I was invited to present, but I knew that my financial situation would keep me from attending unless it was fully funded. Thanks to the Nichols Award and supplemental funding from my department, I was able to have the entirety of the trip covered.

My experience at the conference was fantastic. I had the ability to network with academic professionals from across the country and made some promising contacts that look to assist me as I progress in my academic career. I engaged in a wide array of interesting academic conversations regarding the current state of research in the field, and gained insight on the types of research bringing the most insight on multiple topics. The presentation of my paper, titled "Genocide: Theories, Prevention, and Prosecution," went excellently and I was given valuable feedback that will help to improve my presentations at future conferences. Through ACJS, I was given the opportunity for a ride-along with the Philadelphia Police Department, and spent an afternoon and evening experiencing what a patrol officer encounters throughout a normal shift in downtown Philadelphia. I was also able to explore a city I've never been to, and visited Chinatown, Reading Station, the Liberty Bell, the Mutter Museum, and the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. All in all, it was an amazing experience that I will never forget, and I owe my thanks to my department, the Women's Center and the Nichols Award Committee, for they gave me the ability to attend an event that has provided connections and insight that I wouldn't otherwise have been able to gain.



Congratulations!

The University of Louisville Women's Center sends congratulations to...

*...**PhD candidate Amy Lueck**, who was named a recipient of the K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award. The award is named for Cross, an emeriti professor of higher education at the University of California, Berkeley. It recognizes graduate students who show promise as future leaders in higher education. The students' work develops academic responsibility and also reflects an interest in teaching and learning.

Lueck, whose focus is in rhetoric and composition is from Chaska, Minnesota, and is the only student from a Kentucky university among the 2014 honorees.

(Source: http://tinyurl.com/amy-lueck)

{Read more on Lueck in the Women Center Student Newsletter/Fall 2014 issue).

*...the University of Louisville Sociology Department for receiving a "SWS Seal of Excellence," which recognizes "departments that have shown a commitment to both the presence of women faculty and the importance of gender/inequality scholarship." The goal of the Sociologists for Women in Society's report card is to recognize departments that excel in creating a climate that is welcoming to women and gender scholars. As part of the process, the SWS Seal of Approval is awarded to departments that either demonstrate a commitment to gender equity among their faculty or support scholarship on gender or intersectional inequality. The SWS Seal of Excellence recognizes departments that achieve both of these goals.

...to Faculty members who were recognized for their service to U of L with 25-Year Service Awards. Faculty member, Robin R. Harris, Women Center News Editorial Board member, who along with others, were recognized at a dinner this past May at the University Club. She is pictured with Susan Duncan, Interim Dean of the School of Law; President James Ramsey; and Executive Vice President and University Provost, Shirley C. Willihnganz.



Trip to Spain

Spain trip photo courtesy of UofL Women's Center/Valerie M. Casey)

(See more photos on the College Women Leadership Conference, Spain Trip and other events at the Women Center web site <u>http://www.louisville.</u> <u>edu/womenscenter</u> and on Facebook).



Women's Center Celebrated Women's Equality Day on August 26

The University of Louisville Women's Center celebrated Women's Equality Day August 26 with a free showing of the film, "Iron Jawed Angels", courtesy of the Kentucky Commission on Women. The film was shown in the conference room of the Administrative Annex Building on the Belknap campus.

The Women's Center also sponsored the Jefferson County Clerk's Office Voter Registration Drive in the Miller Information Technology Center (MITC).

Diane Snowa, one of the attendees said, "I had never seen this film; and yet I learned so much history although I thought I knew a whole lot more than I did. Thank you so much for showing this..."



Call the UofL Women's Center at 852-8976 with suggestions on future Women's Equality Day events.

UofL Soccer Steps into the Spotlight

By Sarah Maher – Louisville Sports Information

As summer draws to a close and fall athletes prepare for the upcoming season, the University of Louisville women's soccer team looks forward to a new chapter in the program's history. The team will enter an unfamiliar realm of competition by becoming a member of the prestigious Atlantic Coast Conference and will do so in the new Dr. Mark and Cindy Lynn Stadium, a state of the art facility built to bring the college game to the next level.

"The combination of opening the stadium as well as playing in the ACC will surely add to the buzz around soccer in our community and fan base," said head coach Karen Ferguson-Dayes. "The timing of the stadium opening and our debut in the ACC will certainly make for one of the most amazing years in Louisville soccer history."

Dr. Mark and Cindy Lynn Stadium will seat more than 5,300 spectators for both men's

and women's soccer games. A 15,500 square foot training center with locker rooms for both teams, offices for coaches, and a suite and press box at midfield highlights this impressive new structure.

The stadium is the second largest oncampus facility, behind only Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. It will be a new and larger stage to showcase the talents of the team which, led by coach Ferguson-Dayes, reached the NCAA round of 16 in 2012.

To go along with the impressive new facility, the Cardinals will face one of the most challenging sets of opponents in school history during the 2014 season. The ACC is arguably the best women's soccer conference in the nation with members such as Virginia Tech and Virginia, both participants in the 2013 Women's College Cup.



The team will be on the road for its first two contests at Wright State and Illinois before returning home to face Ole Miss in the first game ever to be held at Dr. Mark and Cindy Lynn Stadium. The doubleheader will be followed by the UofL men's game against 2013 NCAA runnerup Maryland.

The move to the ACC and the new stadium both create a sense of excitement among not only the athletes and coaches, but also the entire Louisville community. The hope is that this new chapter will attract both new recruits and fans alike.

Rachel Howard, University Libraries and a member of the Great Places to Work Caregiving Series is pictured with Karen M. Robinson, UofL School of Nursing, following Robinson's April presentation on "Mind the Medical Gap" at one of the Caregiving Workshop Series. Photo courtesy UofL Women's Center photo files/Hannah Nielsen



The UofL Women's Center in conjunction with the Women 4 Women Student Board sponsored the International Women's Day (Cultural Awareness Event) this past February. Students and others in attendance enjoyed the day with entertainment, speakers and food. (See additional photos in the Women's Center Student Newsletter, Fall 2014)



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