THE CHELLGREN CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE EXCELLENCE

20th

REUNION DINNER

October 8, 2026
Gatton Student Center
Ballrooms
5:30pm - 8:00pm
Lexington, KY



Evening at a Glance

Time	Event
5:30 PM	Arrival and Reception
6:30 PM	Welcome and Dinner
7:15 PM	Remarks
7:45 PM	Closing and Group Photos

Remarks

Brandi Frisby, Associate Provost or Academic Affairs

Isabel Escobar, Director of the Chellgren Center

Kenton Sena, Director of Philanthropy

Josiah Hanna, Chellgren Student Fellow Class of 2011, CC Advisory Board Member and UK Alum

C. Lynn Hiler, Chief Administrative Officer

Chellgren Chair

Dr. Isabel C. Escobar



On behalf of the Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence, welcome and thank you for joining us as we celebrate a milestone twenty years in the making. Two decades ago, Paul W. Chellgren envisioned something UK did not yet have: a place where students could cross disciplinary boundaries, pursue ambitious ideas, and learn far beyond a single classroom. Through a gift from Paul and his family, matched by the Commonwealth to create a $4.5 million endowment, that vision became this Center.

Today, we celebrate twenty years and twenty classes of Chellows: 655 students and more than 400 faculty across every college at UK. Our students have gone on to earn some of the nation's most prestigious honors, but the true measure of this Center has never been awards alone. It is found in a student meeting a mentor for the first time, in learning to see the world through another discipline's eyes, and in the friendships that carry Chellows long after they leave campus.

That is what has brought us together today. Whether you were among our earliest Fellows or joined us this past year, whether you've mentored one Chellow or dozens, you are part of the reason this community has grown into what it is.

As we celebrate the last twenty years, we are equally excited for what comes next — a deeper alumni network and new opportunities for students and faculty alike, continuing what Paul Chellgren set in motion. Thank you for being here, and for being part of the Chellgren story.

Isabel Escobar
Chellgren Endowed Chair and Director
Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence

Mr. Paul Chellgren



The benefactors of the Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence are Paul W. Chellgren and his family. A UK graduate, Mr. Chellgren was an Honors Program student, a star intercollegiate debater, and President of the Student Body his senior year. He subsequently earned a Harvard MBA and a D.D.E. from Oxford University, where he has been named an Honorary Fellow.

In addition to a celebrated career in business, one that included service as the CEO of Ashland Inc., Mr. Chellgren has been a very active UK alumnus, having served for eleven years on the UK Board of Trustees. With the generous gift from Mr. Chellgren and his family, the University of Kentucky established the Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence.

About the Center

The Chellgren Center for Undergraduate Excellence advances the University of Kentucky's commitment to three broad areas: Student Excellence, Teaching Excellence, and Program Excellence.

Students in the Chellgren Fellowship Program benefit from a variety of extracurricular events designed to broaden cultural and intellectual horizons, ranging from field trips to informal book discussions and current-events programs. Equally important, Chellgren Student Fellows receive additional advising and assistance in developing individual study plans that will enable you to make the most of your undergraduate years at UK.

The Chellgren Center supports students across all colleges pursuing Nationally Competitive Awards funded by organizations outside of the University of Kentucky.

Staff

Chellgren Center

Isabel C. Escobar, Chellgren Endowed Chair and Director

C. Lynn Hiler, Chief Administrative Officer

Zoe Stefanic, Administration and Communications Student Intern

Chellgren Center Advisory Board

Alumni representatives
Dr. Joy Coles
Jennifer Strange
Dr. Josiah Hanna

Faculty representatives
Dr. Lynn Roche Phillips
Dr. Michelle Sizemore
Dr Jason Unrine

Trenton Schroering, current student representative

Nationally Competitive Awards

Dr. Schyler Simpson, Director

Emily Sallee, Assistant Director

Faculty Programs

Endowed Professors

Endowed Professors are appointed every three years and are reserved for tenured faculty who exhibit outstanding credentials as teachers and researchers with a deep interest in undergraduate excellence.

2026-2029
Dr. Jason Hans, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
Dr. Kayla Johnson, College of Education
Dr. Francis Musoni, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Jennifer Osterhage, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Nathan Vanderford, College of Medicine

2023-2026
Dr. Claire Clark, College of Medicine
Dr. Jennifer Cramer, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Sarah D'Orazio, College of Medicine
Dr. Rebekah Radtke, College of Design
Dr. Leon Sachs, College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty Programs

Endowed Professors continued

2019-2022
Dr. Luke Bradley, College of Medicine
Dr. Robin Cooper, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Ryan Hargrove, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
Dr. Tammy Stephenson, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
Dr. Ellen Usher, College of Education

Former
Dr. Francisco Andrade, College of Medicine
Dr. Joanna Badagliacca, College of Arts and Sciences, Emeritus
Dr. Gail Brion, College of Engineering
Dr. Anna Brzyski, College of Fine Arts
Dr. Janet Eldred, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Herman Farrell, College of Fine Arts
Dr. Jonathan Golding, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Jane Jensen, College of Education
Dr. Kathi Kern, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Michael Kovash, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Carl Lee, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. William Rayens, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Ernie Yanarella, College of Arts and Sciences, Emeritus

Faculty Programs

Faculty Fellows

Faculty Fellows are appointed every other year and serve one-year appointments. The program provides resources to design courses, research projects and other forms of creative work.

2025-2026

Dr. Jason Hans, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
Dr. Francesca Dennstedt, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Fabiola Fernandez Doig, College of Arts and Sciences

2023-2024

Dr. Amanda Ellis, College of Public Health
Dr. Jennifer Osterhage, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Lydia Pelot-Hobbs, College of Arts and Sciences

Student Fellows Program

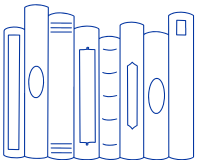
About the Program

Students begin their sophomore year



3

credit hours faculty-mentored research project



2

credit hours of academic enrichment



ALL Colleges Represented



655

Chellows



20

Classes

2007 Chellows

Keri Borden
Jenna Brashear
Laura Crawford
Chelsea Darnell
Lindsey Felton
Alecia Fields
Sarah Fogarty
Tiffany Ge
Sarah Groppo
Jason Hope
Brittany Kidwell
DJ Lacy
Lesley Mann
Allison Overdorf
Kathryn Preston
Lisa Rogers
Eric Schlich
Mark Smith
Bradley Sturdivant
Joseph Tarantino
Binh Tran
Jessalyn Ubellacker
Krishna Vyas
Brett Wolff



2008 Chellows

Taylor Amerman
Benjamin Barnes
James Chapman
Sudipa Chowdhury
James Dimayuga
Jason Grant
Hadley Hurst
Eseosa Ighodaro
Nazeeha Jawahir
Rachel Keller
Christina Kuchle
Dylan Murphy
Adrienne Pfendt
Shannon Smith
Jennifer Strange
Stephanie Straub
Michele Tomiatti
Kenisha Webb



2009 Chellows

Elizabeth Dunn
Shady El-Maraghi
Lindsey Elza
Laura Feder
Lisa Fioretti
Amber Gay
Eric Gilland
Philip Houtz
Matthew Hufford
Adesuwa Ighodaro
Sidrah Khan
Andrea Lowe
Allison McVey
Kristyn Mickley
Deepa Patel
Megan Schultz
Zachary Willand
Fei Xiong
Alyssa Yson



2010 Chellows

Maria Bane
Catherine Brereton
Jennifer Brogie
Carter Daniels
Jonathan Davies
Brett Dickens
David Dirkes, III
Charles Fieseler
Jonathan Finnie
Jared Flanery
Tyler Flynn
Courtney Ford
Geraldine Goh
Jillian Harris
McKinley Heflin
Andrea Hiller
Cody Hollan
Alexandria Jarrells
Mary Jennings
Deron Johnson
Kelsey Joseph
Abigail Kerins
Taylor Lloyd
Shelby Malone
Madison McGhee
Saumya Mehta
Zach Motes
Asri Mumpuni
Lindsay Oberhausen
Emily Pena
Justin Penny
Amanda Rambo
James Rossi
Ethan Rutledge
Elizabeth Schaller
Emma Scott
Sarah Seger
Alexandria Sehon
Abdel-Sater Shalash
Williams Spence
Jonathan Tyler
Grant Weherly
Mary Ellen Wimberly
Madeline Wright



2011 Chellows

Chelsea Ahting
Rachel Aretakis
Daniel Bostelman
Emily Bryant
Ellen Burns
Emily Combs
Zainab Farooqui
Joanna Foresman
Eloise Fourie
Madison Gooch
Caitlin Hagan
Bonnie Hance
Josiah Hanna
Sarah Hayden
Byron Hempel
Drake Jackson
Burhanuddin Johar
Amanda Kaiser
Dominique Luster
Bethany McClintock
Michael Miller
Bradley O'Neal
Nicole Schladt
Michael Sheehy
Tamika Tompoulidis
Skylar Trott
Jacob Welch
Breyon White



2012 Chellows

Noora Aljabi
Demarkus Butler
Joy Coles
Mary Kate Elliot
Matthew Fahrbach
Allison Ferguson
Taban Flores
Emily Furnish
Rekha Gupta
Haley Herrell
Kayla Johnson
Hannah Kembel
Umang Khandpur
Morgan Lane
Allie Lehman
Erica Mattingly
Stefanie Muller
Autumn Murphy
Tamas Nagy
Roshan Palli
Catherine Palmer-Ball
Sangana Pampati
Joseph Papp
Kaitlyn Schuster
Avril Simms
Karisa Sisk
Olivia Smith
Grace Trimble
Emily VanMeter
Heidi Vollrath
Arti Vula
Sarah Whelan
Devon Wilson
Ryan Winstead



2013 Chellows

Cassidy Cantrell
Robert Cass
Andrew Cech
Steven Chapman
Erika Darnell
Andrea Eastes
Jonathan Elliott
Donald Grasse
Richard Grewelle
Cailin Harris
Nathan Hewitt
Jordan Jorgensen
Jordan Keeton
Madeleine Lockridge
Mariam Malik
Malinda Massey
Jacob Mattingly
Trevor McNary
Sarah Meyer
Brianna Mills
Alexis Neukirch
Toluwalope Odukoya
Stephen Parsons
Michael Perry
Samantha Petitte
Kelsey Potter
Marcel Roman
Katelyn Sandell
Madison Scott
Brenton Smith
Danna Spears
Daniella Straathof
Jacob Van Doorn
Rebecca VanMeter
Sarah Wagner
John Walker
Evan Willett



2014 Chellows

Shiza Arshad
Evelyn Beckert
Stacey Brothers
Elysha Calhoun
David Cole
Ashley Cutshaw
Emily Daley
Thomas Daley
Sabita Dumre
Abraham Dutch
Taylor Elder
Marley Foertsch
Janet Hall
Kyle Hancock
Kaylee Hicks
Ross Hildabrand
Ameena Khan
Hannah Latta
Kaitlin Lemaster
Ryan McElhose
Zerina Mehic
Caroline Nickerson
Marie Noel
Meredith O'Dell
Michael Parsons
Nathan Petrie
Boone Proffitt
Sibi Rajendran
William Reichert
Matthew Resch
Paige Richie
Rebecca Schladt
Abby Schroering
Austin Sprinkles
Loretta Stafford
Angelo Stekardis
Danielle Stephens
Anna Townsend
Ava Vargason
Madeline Wagner
Natalie Watkins
Jared Wittrock
Samantha Young



2015 Chellows

Sloan Anderson
Annie Baker
Esias Bedingar
Drury Bell
Curtis Bethel
Andrea Bomkamp
Sommer Cade
Benjamin Childress
Kylie Colvin
Sarah Coulson
Brianna Damron
DeAnna Duffy
Faith Evans
Heather Gosnell
Jonathan Hamilton
Nicholas Hodge
Claire Kellen
Aiko Lovejoy
Natalie Malone
Nicole Martin
Nora Mattingly
Lillian McGhiey
Hannah Meredith
Elijah Myers
Christa Newman
Bridget Nicholas
Aya Omar
Christina Pistilli
Alex Polus
Madelyn Roeder
Shauna Rust
Brett Seymore
Fox Thorpe
Payton Wallace
Brent Watts
Sylvia Wilson



2016 Chellows

Hadeel Abdallah
Sami Abul-Khoudoud
Kalli Ajim
Seth Biedenbender
Tessa Blevins
MiKayla Carter
Katherine Clowes
Julianna Dantzer
Yujie Ding
Daniel Dopp
Marygrace Duggar
Hannah Dvorak
Rueben Golyatov
Genghis Goodman
Willie Graas
Katilin Henning
Hina Iqbal
Matthew Jones
Morgan Kelly
Anne Klette
Katherine Kloska
Meghana Kudrimoti
Haley Latta
Rachel Lietzow
Emily Livingston
Emily Major
Kayla Mattingly
Marissa McDowell
Alyssa Mertka
Courtney Michael
Gregory Milburn
James Morelli
Simran Nanda
Weston Owen
Jourdan Owens
Esther Putman
Jennifer Rawe
Ethan Reed
Michael Regard
Kendall Rump
Weilian Song
Courtland Stephens
Nicholas Telesz
Samuel Thompson
Angelia Wei
Julianna Witt
Patrick Ryan
Dealla Samadi
Nicholas Scheper
Mihir Shah
Aaron Silverstein
Susie Smith
Eashwar Somasundaram



2017 Chellows

Habiba Ahmed
Jessica Appel
Lexi Axtell
Kelly Benzenhoefer
Umair Bhutto
Elyse Blakeman
Natasha Boelstler
Kendall Brown
Jacob Bruce
Shelby Buckman
Kayla Carter
Elizabeth Caudill
Doug Center
Emad Chishti
Carly Coleman
McKaylee Copher
Adrienne Corwin
Alston Croley
Samantha DeJesus
Mitchell Dennis
Tsage Douglas
Maddi Dyment
Allison Eades
Molly Fernandez
Jada Green
Usman Hamid
Michael Hamilton
Camden Hausberger
Sophia Jackson
Jenna Jodts
Savannah Jones
Madison Justice
Katie Kirk
Edith Koutone
Mackenzie Loar
Chimene Ntakarutimana
Thomas Ostertag
Caylyn Railey
Isabella Ritz
Drew Rosenzweig
Meet Soni
Madan Subheeswar
Kara Tauer
Joe Walden
Jeremiah Wayne
Savannah Wills
Anna Wilwerding
Maya Woolfolk



2018 Chellows

Carly Ballinger Boone
Maria Nicole Blackstone
Jessica Blake
Cole Blanford
Sydney Blocker
Alison Bomkamp
Eliot Bradshaw
James Campbell
William Chase Carlton
Cheyenne Chandler
Alex Cochran
Michael Di Girolamo
Nahaba Hamada
Emily Huffman
Angela Jones
Samual Langford
Caylee Marshall
Danielle Peterson
Brittney Sawyer
Kyra Seevers
Mikayla Spencer
Hannah Thomas
Anna Wagner
Savina Williams
Anastasia Zevan







2019 Chellows

Amina Addington
Rachel Brown
Hannah Cleary
Hailey Combs
Sereniti Coulter
Laura M. Cuevas Melendez
Chloe Ditka
Melanie Duckworth
Dean Farmer
Anna Foose
Jansen Hammock
Zoe Hert
Kayla Holmes
Emily Keaton
Keyarius Kibler
Peter Koutrodimos
Elena Liu
Mikayla Mitchell
Olivia Morris-Bush
Lauren Myfelt
Nadja Nelson
Nidhi Patel
Alyse Ptacek
Asante Ruiz
Reagan Smith
Giovanna Weinman
Emory Wilds



2020 Chellows

Jasmine Ahmad
Kaitlynn Albers
Molly Armstrong
Constance Bledsoe
Madison Boosveld
Cameron Brewer
Kennedy Brown
Garrett Demaree
Burke Doud
Riley Droppleman
Madilyn Flandermeyer
Sophia Gonzales
Emily Guerrero
Bethany Ison
Mihir Kale
Shauna Kitts
Faith Makumbi
Ian Metzgar
Alexandra Nolletti
Reagan Parker
Jake Patty
Maryrose Ramsey
Jennifer Rodriguez
Marlee Scholten
Rachael Snyder
Tori Vestal
Meredith Williams
Sam Wyse
Gabija Ziemyte



2021 Chellows

Seun Adekunle
Olivia Allran
Madison Baker
Isha Chauhan
Catherine Cornwell
Ryan Crane
Chase Eastham
Anna Erpenbeck
Christine Haddad
Leena Haider
Shria Holla
Jackson Huse
Tesslyn Hutchinson
Megan Johnston
Katelyn Keen
Abbey Loar
Nyah Marasigan
Kassidy Maust
Boston Oliver
Emma Poole
Nicholas Relich
Hallie Rice
Elizabeth Ruschman
Bailey Smith
Caroline Sumner
Olivia Swanbeck
Megan Wiley
Zora Woolfolk
Kotomi Yokokura



2022 Chellows

Helena Arjona
Ella Brown-Terry
Kailey Cain
James Chen
Tiffany Clark
Nicholas Coffman
Elizabeth Corry
Rohan Desai
Tarise Dickens
Emma Grace Hague
Faham Hossain
Rachel Hwang
Pascalle Le Roy
Cierra Ledford
Jada Lunsford
Ginny Lyle
Sandy Nino
Asa O'Neal
Andres Phillips
Joshua Plain
Coleman Reed
Elizabeth Rice
Elliana Sanchez
Anna Stockstill
Connor Stuart
Emma Thyne
Gage Tucker
Madison Wade
Helena Weiss



2023 Chellows

Angel Aguilar
Anaya Ali
Sawyer Arbogast
Maria Arenas Florez
Kiara Baker
Devin Bester
Alexander Branch
Angie Bushroe
Bailey Darbro
Leila Dawson
Elizabeth Elliott
Isabella Hardin
Lavery Malena Hughes
Abigail Humphrey
Anna Melchers
Lordina Mensah
Brady Moore
Leah Moylan
Emalie Mullane
Hersch Nathan
Brayden Nichols
Joy Ntakarutimana
Carlee O'Neal
Charles Petty, III
Siena Pilati
Hollings Ruml
Samuel Smith
Amica Snow
Lauren Spencer
Sophia Tseng
Anamei Walli
Olivia Walton
Caleb West
Drew White



2024 Chellows

Alyssa Chiarello
Ivy Addo
Hunter Coady
Misa Devries
Claire Martin
Lillian Melton
Leah Russell
Jackson Schwamburger
Grace Yi
Regan Slish
Adah Hufana
Laura Silva
Kylie Armstrong
Tristan Herzog
Tara Bose
Mark Bowling
Taylor Davis
Sarah Freeland
Luis Nunes
Joy Resig
Lizzie Scheetz
Lance Wyse
Gabrielle Beacham
Dorottya Gal
Zoe Stefanic
Martin Keltee
Chloe Olegario
Akua Asamoah



2025 Chellows

Blake Atwell
Stephanie Barksdale
Ryan Beam
Carson Brown
Landon Bruner
London Carr
Isabella Cherry
Maria Clara Daroz Freitas Lobo
Saidah Ervin
Joseph Estelita, III
Nancy Haddad
Omar Hamid
Catalina Hicks
Katelyn Huffaker
Taylor Jenkins
Hannah Jones
Aaron Joseph
Ayusma Karki
Morgan Lincoln
Taylor Martin
Norah Masri
Katherine Neglia
Lilly Phipps
Sutton Rhorer
Trenton Schroering
Isabella Skibba
Allison Underwood
Paloma Wizikowski
Grace Yates
Samuel Yauwanta



2026 Chellows

Kate Augspurger
Reema Basheer-Gowi
Robert Bayton, IV
Reece Bell
Tate Cain
Prabas Dahal
Brady Daniel
Mitchell Foshang
Aubrey Fugitt
Akasha Glover
Makayla Hagedorn
Kotone Ito
Purani Kannan
Macy Keim
Jordyn Lofton
Olivia Lorenz
Warda Malonda
Quinn Mandell
Amalia Oyaneder González
Kendra Quaye-Mansell
Harper Ritchey
Nikki Shah
James Shrum
Jacob Skinner
Jacob Summerfield
Kaylee Tharp
Harshith Tummala
Angelica Victoria-Garcia
Addison Vieth



Support the Chellgren Center

The Chellgren Center Gift Fund will expand opportunities for undergraduate students to share their research, grow professionally, and compete on a national stage. Through support for conference travel, registration fees, research expenses, professional development and competitive award opportunities, the fund will help ensure students have the resources they need to succeed.

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Thank you

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