



## Celebrating Another Great Year in UK Psychology

### Inaugural Alumni Awards

Psychology Alumni Award winners reflect on their time at UK, share where they are now, and offer advice to current students.

#### Recent Alumni Award



Christina Griffin and  
Dr. Justin Strickland

Learn about [Christina](#) and [Justin's](#) stories as UK Psychology students and where life has taken them since graduation.

#### Lifetime Achievement Award



Judge Heather Fryman and  
Dr. Timothy Trull

[Heather](#) shares her journey from undergraduate Psychology student to Kentucky Circuit Court Judge.

### 2024-2025 Department Awards and Winners

Outstanding Psychology Major - Jacob Hunley  
Mary Agnes Gordon Scholarship - Julie Bowman & Bhavya Vyas  
Excellence in Internship/Service Learning - Jeongho Kim  
James Miller Award - Alison McNamara

Outstanding TA Award - Bree Humburg & Emily Lapidus  
Samuel J. Gunto Memorial Award - Kevin McAweeney  
DSH Area Graduate Student Award - Courtlyn Fields  
Cog Neuro Student Achievement Award - Jakob Shaykin  
Scientist-Practitioner Award - Alexandra Hines  
Outstanding Community Supervisor Award - Elizabeth Riley  
Outstanding Predoctoral Research Award - Will McGarrigle  
Jesse G. Harris Dissertation Award - Eric Ingram  
John M. Littleton Memorial Award - Justin Verlinden  
Ashley and Ruth Mixson Psychology Award - Casper Moore  
Rachel Steffens Memorial Award - Martina Fruhbauerova  
Michael T. Nietzel Award - Mia Radevski



## Dr. Christal Badour does **TEDxUKY**

Dr. Christal Badour, a clinical psychologist and trauma expert, explores how rape culture shapes the everyday lives of survivors - and what must change for healing to begin.

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## Interview with Great Teacher Award Winner Dr. Matthew Kim

Developmental Psychology Assistant Professor Dr. Matthew Kim on teaching, research, and advice for those paving their path.

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## What Support Makes Possible: Highlighting the Newest Presidential Graduate Fellow

Eric Ingram, winner of the 2025-2026 Presidential Graduate Fellowship, talks about how funding opens opportunities.

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### Ryson Neeley: First-gen student finds community and cultivates a calling to medicine

As a first-generation college student, Ryson Neeley didn't know what to expect from a place as big as the University of Kentucky. What he found in the College of Arts and Sciences is a community that believed in him, one that helped him become a future doctor.

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