

## What Do We Know about the Undergraduate Class of 2013?

- More students came to UPIKE as transfer students than new freshmen: 45% started here as first-time students; 55% transferred here from another institution of higher education. Almost half (45%) of the transfer students came from Big Sandy Community and Technical College.
- The average time to degree completion for students who started at UPIKE as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree is about 4½ years (4.53). The "Endurance Award" goes to Sandra Hall Powell (BA in Psychology), who is graduating today after originally beginning her studies at Pikeville in fall 2002.
- About three-quarters (76%) of the students who started at UPIKE as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree took out student loans to pay for their education. The average per borrower cumulative principal borrowed is \$20,712. [The average student loan debt among college seniors was \$26,600 in 2011. (Source: <http://projectonstudentdebt.org/>)]
- The oldest graduate is 60 years old and the youngest graduate is 19 years old. There is one (1) graduate with birthday today (May 18, 2013): Elisha Taylor (23); and one graduate with a birthday tomorrow (May 19, 2013): Gary Ratliff (23).
- 82% are from Appalachia
  - 50% graduated from a high school in Pike County, Kentucky
  - 12% graduated from Shelby Valley High School
- 54% qualified for need-based Federal financial aid (29% are from families in poverty)
- 48% are first generation college students
- 47% lived on campus at some point during their matriculation at UPIKE
- 44% are male
- 35% participated in intercollegiate athletics at some point during their matriculation
- Almost one-third (30%) of the students who started at UPIKE as first-time students had enrolled in at least one developmental course during their first term
- Almost one-quarter (23%) are non-traditional students [i.e., over the age of 25 and/or married]