Thanks to generous donors and alumni the future is bullish for K-Treks. Pictured on the recent K to the Big Apple trek are (counter-clockwise from upper left): Emerson Brown, Joshua Vance, Christopher Francis, Krissi Singh, Shelby Hopper, Dylan Calloway and Ryan Andrusz.

Of course like K to the Bay and K to the Big Apple, those drawing-board treks will require donor support and lots of alumni participation. So far, those assets have been in ample supply. Alumni participants in K to the Big Apple included Julianne Treadwell ’06, instructional designer at Schoology; Kirsten Cieslar ’04, head of monetization strategy and development at HuffPost Global; Todd Jensen ’87, president at American Realty Capital Healthcare Trust; Bill Williams ’71, retired executive vice president at Bank of New York Mellon; Jim Clayton ’78, retired senior managing director at GE Commercial Finance; Hans Morefield ’92, vice president, Population Health and Care Coordination at Experian Health; Aaron Ries ’06, senior vice president at Jeffries Group; Tony Woods ’79, executive director of the private bank at J.P. 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Klein Kup
Stays at K

“K keeps the krooted (ie: Klein Kup (sic)) for the south straight year,” wrote the mathematical (and alliterate) phenomenon John Fink, professor emeritus of mathematics and computer science. Finding a first in the south proved no challenge for this group of the math admit. For the first time in the history of the annual Lower Michigan Mathematics Competition (LMMC, a.k.a. the Klein Kup), teams from the same college took first and second place. Hall Horwitz’s Nineteen teams representing eight colleges and universities competed. The champions were Raoul Wadhwa ’17, Abby Goel ’18 and Jacob Naranjo ’18.

The second place team included Dalene Kim ’19 and Sarah Manski ’16. A third Hornet team featured Vishesh Saharan ’19, Kevin Blohm ’19 and Tom Rutledge ’19. Congratulations to all. It’s not an easy competition. For those morning because teams work to produce as many solutions to the 10 given problems. In the afternoon they make public presentations of their solutions. And the problems are difficult. Of 100 possible points, the winning team had 85—a fierce score. ‘Coach’ Fink retired in June. We’ll see if the streak continues without him. Fink likes the odds, since only one member graduates from this year’s teams.

The Kellogg College Areas Center for Social Justice Leadership (ACSL) will host the 2016 WITHOUT (BORDERS) Conference (Oct. 20-23) on the K campus. “Post-Oppression Imaginaries and Decolonized Futures” will feature panel discussions, breakout sessions, films and performances designed to prompt us to collectively confront, theorize, decolonize, and nay a future we can all thrive in,” said ACSL Academic Director Lisa Brock. “This conference aims to confront and provoke the notion that the current narrative of austerity, violence and ascendancy of the global one-percent is normal and the best we humans can do.”

Klein Kup has been a fixture of Kellogg College life for decades, promoting an understanding of education, sustainable futures and new systems and desires, decolonizing knowledge and liberatory discussion. 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Art-Inspired Recycling

A meteor meant the demise of the dinosaurs. What might be the cause of humankind’s swan-song? Insufficient sustainability? Maybe that was the message behind “The Meteor,” a bicycle-tire-rim sculpture constructed by Harrison Parkes ’17 (pictured with his creation in the College Grove, not far from the “Batcave”). His piece hung in the Hicks Center, where it was used to promote the annual Recyclemania tournament, a friendly competition among college recycling programs nationally that promotes sustainability and waste minimization. Parkes is particularly qualified for sculpture—especially a piece made from bike parts—and for recycling. He is double majoring in art and business (especially a piece made from bike parts) and for his Senior Individualized Project promotes sustainability and waste minimization. He serves as the recycling intern (and plan to do his Senior Individualized Project in sculpture. He serves as the recycling intern (and development, civic engagement, and self-reliance, resourcefulness and global perspective. Thank you, donors, for your support of the College’s mission to make philanthropic gifts from alumni, parents and friends help provide the remaining 25 percent. The K-Plan continues to be incredibly effective at helping enterprising students develop knowledge and skills, development, civic engagement, and self-reliance, resourcefulness and global perspective. Thank you, donors, for your support of the College’s mission to make such development possible. For more information please contact Laurel Palmer, director of the Kalamazoo College Fund, at lpalmer@kzoo.edu or 269.337.7282.

Q: What are the benefits of giving at the 1833 Society level? A: In addition to supporting their alma mater and helping K students, members of the 1833 Society are invited to special events and networking opportunities. A tiered giving threshold for K’s most recent graduates starts at $100 and gradually increases during the 15 years following graduation.

Q: If I made a gift at the 1833 Society level last year, am I considered a member this year? A: Donors who made a gift of $1,000 or more during the 2015-2016 academic year will be recognized as 1833 Society members for the 2016-2017 academic year.

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1833 Society Increases; K Students Benefit by Andy Miller ’99 and Don Schneider ’63

After 29 years the donation threshold for recognition in the 1833 Society will increase to $1,833.

Since 1987 the 1833 Society has recognized donors who made a Kalamazoo College Fund gift of $1,000 or more. The recognition is as fitting as the group is vital! Last year, donors at the 1833 Society level contributed more than $1.6 million to student scholarships, faculty excellence, and K’s greatest needs. According to Bonnie Wachter Swenby ’89, co-chair of the Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees and past president of the Alumni Association Executive Board, “The increase will benefit every element of the K experience: financial aid, faculty support, classroom and experiential learning, career development, civic engagement, campus renewal, athletics and student organizations.”

Thresholds for 1833 Society-like giving levels at peer institutions average more than $2,000 a year. During the past three decades the College has committed to making merit- and need-based financial aid its most important investment. Currently the College contributes some $33 million annually to student financial aid (more than a 10-fold increase since 1987) benefiting 98 percent of today’s students. Tuition covers 75 percent of the actual cost of a Kalamazoo College education; philanthropic gifts from alumni, parents and friends help provide the remaining 25 percent.

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Q: What if I am not in a position to increase my giving, but intend to continue making a $1,000 gift every year, will I be acknowledged in any way? A: Harmon Society recognition in the Donor Honor Roll will pay tribute to donors who give between $1,000 and $1,832 to the Kalamazoo College Fund.