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Carl Nathe: Thanks, Brian...

Mark Williams: That level of commitment was incredibly engaging to me and made me realize that the University and the people who work here want to make things better and are open to people who want to work with them.

Nathe: THAT'S DR. MARK WILLIAMS ON WHAT ATTRACTED HIM TO JOIN THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FACULTY IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR FROM NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY. WILLIAMS IS PROFESSOR AND VICE CHAIR OF INTERNAL MEDICINE AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH AT UK. WILLIAMS LED A UK TEAM TO WIN A 14.9 MILLION DOLLAR RESEARCH GRANT FROM THE PATIENT CENTERED OUTCOMES RESEARCH INSTITUTE, IN EARLY OCTOBER.

Williams: It was amazing, every time we contacted someone their immediate response was, "how can I help", and that level of collaboration is why we're being successful.

Nathe: WILLIAMS DEVELOPED A STRONG WORK ETHIC AT A YOUNG AGE, WORKING IN THE FAMILY BUSINESS, A GAS STATION JUST ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY. HE WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.

Williams: My weeks were spending time at Gainesville, studying and on Friday I would drive back to New Smyrna Beach, I'd close our gas station. I would open at Saturday morning, I would open at Sunday morning and then I'd drive back up to Gainesville on Sunday evening.

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Nathe: NAMED A ROBERT WOODRUFF FELLOW AT EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. WILLIAMS FOLLOWED THAT WITH A RESIDENCY AT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL IN BOSTON. THE CENTER FOR HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH ENCOMPASSES A WIDE SCOPE WITHIN AND BEYOND UK HEALTHCARE.

Williams: We are now working with people in the college of arts and sciences, the college of education, the college of public health, the college of engineering, collaborations with the college of business and of course dentistry, medicine, health sciences, nursing, pharmacy and so forth.

Nathe: THE ADJUSTMENT FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES FROM HOSPITAL TO HOME IS A KEY ASPECT OF THIS RESEARCH.

Williams: The whole first year of the project is going to be focused on interviewing patients, interviewing caregivers, undertaking focus groups to find out what aspects of care transition are most difficult for them and what helps them the most in managing this very difficult transition from the hospital to home. We like to describe the center for health services research as a center that connects, catalyzes and creates new ideas.

Nathe: DR. MARK WILLIAMS, HAPPY AND PROUD TO BE A PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FAMILY. Seeing Blue... 'I'm Carl Nathe with UK at the Half'.