

A Message from President Capilouto

This institution, and the members of the UK family, have boldly confronted challenges, risen to meet new opportunities, and redefined what it means to be the university for Kentucky over the last 150 years.

The university was guided through substantial financial challenges by President James Patterson. Presidents Frank McVey and Herman Donovan helped navigate two world wars, meeting the calls to support our collective national effort. Though not soon enough, we opened our doors to all people, fulfilling the lofty intention of our establishing land grant legislation. Throughout history, our mission has been to teach, discover, heal, and serve.

Today, faced with a new array of complex questions and issues, we find the university again climbing an increasingly steep mountain.

In the last five years, we initiated or approved some \$2.1 billion in capital investments to improve student success, instruction, research and discovery, quality of life, and health care. Approximately 91 percent of that investment is the result of public-private partnerships, philanthropy, strategic use of university resources, or other collaborations such as unprecedented support from UK Athletics for the Academic Science Building.

We welcomed successive record-setting, first-year classes that have joined the UK family and moved total enrollment past 30,700 – the largest in our history. We recruited nearly 400 National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic Scholars in the last five years, placing UK among the top 10 public universities in the nation. Our campus is home to more students from diverse backgrounds than ever before, further adding to the richness of our campus family.

And these students are succeeding at higher levels. UK's retention rates have increased more than six percentage points in the last decade to record levels, which are projected to continue climbing. Our first-to-second year retention rate was among the highest in UK's history, and, with more than 4,250 students, the returning cohort was the largest in UK's history. This trajectory translates to record degree attainment, including more than 6,600 over the last academic year.

Since 2011, we've invested more in UK-funded student financial aid and scholarships that did not have to be repaid by our students. Over the last five years, we've increased UK's investment in student financial aid and scholarships by \$60 million—now up to \$117 million – doubling the investment in the last decade.

Faculty and staff researchers added to a growing portfolio of transformative research, discovery, and creative scholarship. In fiscal

year 2015-16, UK received \$316.5 million in external research grants and contracts – signifying that we are a major player among research institutions in the country. In October 2015, we broke ground on a \$265 million, multi-disciplinary research facility to advance discovery and address critical Kentucky needs.

UK HealthCare continued to meet the needs of patients and families who require complex, quality health care through our network of providers and state-of-the-art academic medical center. Annual patient discharges have grown by more than 95 percent since 2003, and UK HealthCare is now a \$1.5 billion enterprise that cares for patients throughout Kentucky and, increasingly, the region.

Over the last five years, the university has made extraordinary progress and developed considerable momentum.

The new 2015-2020 Strategic Plan is a pivot point in the transformation of the university in which we build upon the foundation created in the past four years with bold strategic thinking about the future.

A university – by its design and the opportunities we have to teach, to share, to explore, to serve, to challenge, to question, and to comfort – is the place where we can, must, and will make progress on the complex questions of our day. Our Strategic Plan supports and informs this work.

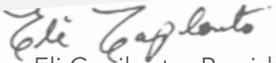
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In the wake of the First World War, amid a tumultuous period in our history, President Frank McVey believed that the university needed to be viewed, “as more than an economic asset. It served, in fact, as an essential component of the well-being of the state, and in that position it needs to be free to seek truth.”

In his words, he concluded that, “what will save this nation after the war are the universities.”

Each day we are, together, grappling with how we continue to fulfill this vision. We are working with a sense of common purpose at an uncommon and distinctive place to find those answers. I look forward to sharing that future with you.

Sincerely,


Eli Capilouto, President



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UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging Receives \$8.25 Million to Continue Alzheimer's Research

The University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging Alzheimer's Disease Center (ADC) has been awarded an \$8.25 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to continue and further research and clinical initiatives geared toward treating Alzheimer's disease.

Currently, only 30 designated Alzheimer's Disease Centers exist in the U.S. In 1985, Sanders-Brown was among the first 10 ADCs funded by the NIH and has been continuously funded since the designation was launched. The University of Kentucky is one of an elite group of 21 universities in the nation to house a trifecta of nationally accredited research institutions, including a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer research center (Markey Cancer Center), an NIH-funded Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) and the National Institute on Aging-funded

Alzheimer's research center (Sanders-Brown Center on Aging).

UK initiated its aging program in 1963. With a grant from the Eleanor and John Y. Brown Jr. Foundation in 1972, the construction of the current Sanders-Brown Research Building was begun and, with additional funding from the state, a program in biomedical research was implemented. In 1979, under the direction of the late Dr. William Markesbery, Sanders-Brown emerged as a national leader in efforts to improve the quality of life for the elderly through research and education.



UK Announces \$10 Million Gift From The Don Jacobs Sr. Charitable Foundation

The University of Kentucky recently announced a \$10 million gift from The Don Jacobs Sr. Charitable Foundation to further invest in undergraduate science education.



The majority of the gift — \$8 million — will go toward the new academic science building that now takes the name Don & Cathy Jacobs Science Building. Another \$2 million will fund future academic and research investments yet to be determined.

Don and Cathy Jacobs have now donated funds in excess of \$20 million to UK in areas ranging from science and health to the Gatton College of Business and Economics. The couple established the Don and Cathy Jacobs Executive Education Center at the Gatton College of Business and Economics. The center serves as a university resource to expand executive education and leadership development in small businesses and nonprofit organizations. The Jacobs also established the Health Education Center at the UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital. The facility serves as a

central resource to help patients, families and caregivers research their medical questions and provides other services and outreach.

The Don & Cathy Jacobs Science Building will transform science education at UK, preparing the next generation of researchers, doctors, teachers and more with early experimentation and engaged learning, Capilouto said.

It is part of a more than \$2.1 billion campus transformation initiated in the last five years and includes classrooms, research space, residence halls, dining and athletics facilities. More than 90 percent of that transformation is being financed with university resources or private giving.

The 240,000-square-foot building opened this fall on the corner of Rose Street and Huguelet Drive and is home to the largest active learning space on campus. But students are not only learning — they're experiencing science. State-of-the-art laboratories, advanced lecture halls, technology enabled active learning (TEAL) classrooms, outdoor teaching spaces and interior green space emphasize science you can see.

UK Class of 2020

Strong Academic Quality, Diversity
Mark First-Year Class, UK Enrollment

The University of Kentucky's first-year class of more than 5,150 students is among the most diverse and academically prepared in UK's history.

The preliminary enrollment of 5,155 as of the first day of class Aug. 24 marks the third consecutive year the first-year class has topped 5,000 students and the overall enrollment has surpassed 30,000 students. Preliminary numbers based on the first day of class have overall enrollment at 30,678.

A snapshot of preliminary enrollment numbers includes:

24,311

Record applications

5,155

First-year enrollment

25.6

Average ACT score

62%

Kentuckians

38%

Out-of-state

60%

increase in First-Year
underrepresented minority
students since 2011

14.47% to 18.60%
of First-Year class