

Dr. Eli Capilouto selected as 12th President of the University of Kentucky

On May 3, 2012 the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees unanimously selected University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) Provost Eli Capilouto to be UK's 12th president. The vote followed a series of meetings for Dr. Capilouto with faculty, staff and students on May 2. Dr. Capilouto will officially take office July 1, succeeding President Lee T. Todd, Jr. who is retiring after 10 years as President.

"I have admired the University of Kentucky for a long time, and I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to lead this great institution to further success," Capilouto said. "I was attracted to the Top 20 aspirations because I believe that you can't have big successes if you don't have big dreams."

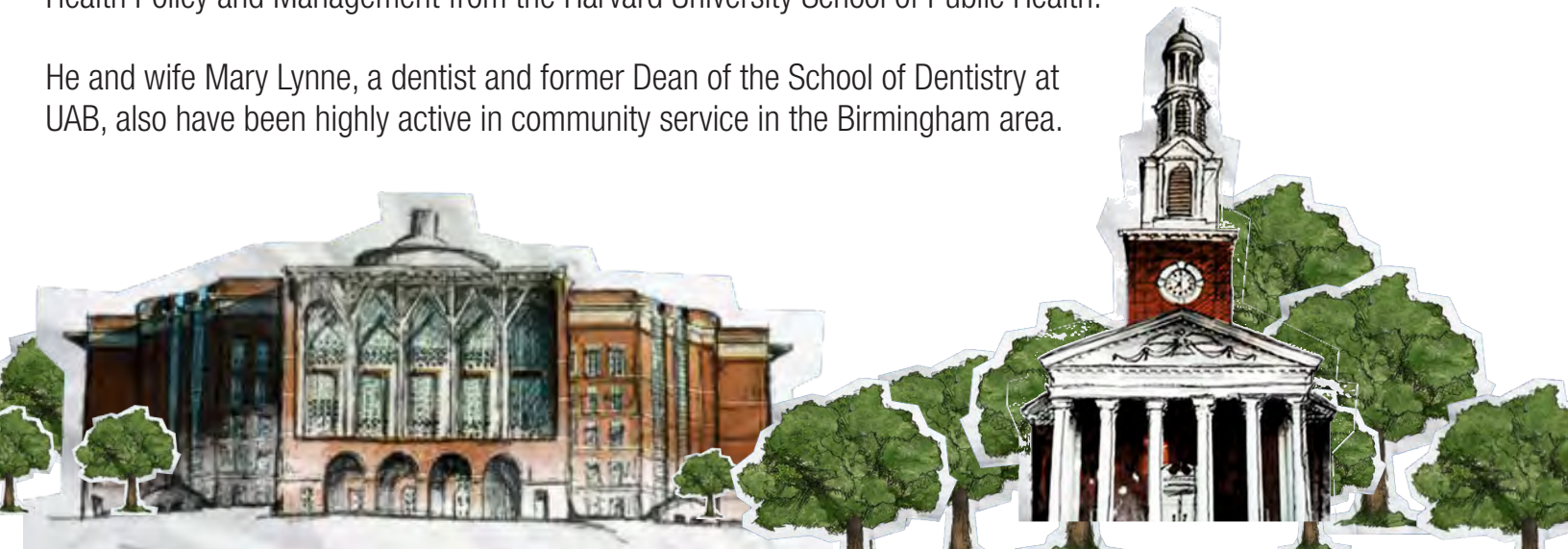


UK Board of Trustees Chairman Britt Brockman said, "Eli Capilouto has demonstrated the perfect combination of outstanding experience, keen intellect and innovative leadership. I look forward to working with him to move UK and the Commonwealth of Kentucky forward."

As Provost at UAB, Dr. Capilouto served as the chief academic officer for a university with 11 schools and colleges, 17,543 students and some \$460 million in annual external research. During his tenure, he has helped lead the adoption of the university's strategic plan, an integrated and more transparent budgeting system, and continued increases in research funding for an institution that is one of the nation's leading public medical and health sciences' campuses.

Dr. Capilouto previously served as Dean of the School of Public Health at UAB. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama, a Doctorate of Dentistry and Master's of Public Health from UAB, and a Doctorate in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard University School of Public Health.

He and wife Mary Lynne, a dentist and former Dean of the School of Dentistry at UAB, also have been highly active in community service in the Birmingham area.



UK Opens New 12-Story Patient Care Pavilion

On May 15, the University of Kentucky's new 12-story patient care pavilion at UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital was dedicated and unveiled to the public.

U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, Gov. Steve Beshear, state Senate President David L. Williams, state Rep. Bob Damron, and Lexington Mayor Jim Gray joined UK

President Lee T. Todd Jr., UK Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Dr. Michael Karpf, and UK Chandler Hospital Chief Administrative Officer Ann Smith in a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by several hundred faculty, staff, and community members.

"Today marks a significant achievement for the University of Kentucky in our mission to improve people's lives through excellence in education, research, service, and health care," Todd said. "This magnificent, state-of-the-art medical facility provides an environment and the momentum to continue to raise the bar in providing high-quality patient care."

Two patient care floors with 128 intensive care and acute care beds began serving patients May 22. Also now open are many common public spaces including an atrium, chapel, surgical waiting room and a 305-seat auditorium, which will host the Lucille Caudill Little Performing Arts in Healthcare Program.

Groundbreaking was held in 2007 for the new pavilion and has resulted in more than 2.5 million paid work hours, equivalent to employing 300+ full-time people, during the duration of the construction project.

The facility also means continued expansion of health-care-related job opportunities in Central Kentucky. The number of full-time employees at UK HealthCare, including Chandler Hospital and the UK College of Medicine, has increased by more than 2,100 people in the past seven years.

The entire new facility, scheduled to be completed in phases over the next 10 years, will eventually replace the original UK Chandler Hospital and is paramount in UK's plan to become a premier regional medical center concentrating on cancer, trauma, neurosciences, organ transplantation, and pediatric subspecialties.

The next phase of construction for the pavilion has already started and is set to open in early 2012 with the addition of eight state-of-the-art operating rooms and one of the country's largest hybrid operating rooms which will combine the most advanced and high-quality imaging technology with surgical operative capabilities.

UK Ranked 6th Top Social Media University

Media consumption is constantly changing and our most adept users, enrolled and prospective students, are engaging in a number of different ways. Therefore, a major part of the University of Kentucky's "see blue." campaign was increasing our social media platform.

The University of Kentucky recently ranked 6th on the Top Social media Colleges list by StudentAdvisor.com. Over a one-month period, StudentAdvisor.com followed 6,000 colleges and universities with over 500 Facebook fans to collect information on the institution's effectiveness in engaging audiences through Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Other institutions in the Top-10 include, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Carnegie Mellon, Stanford University, and the University of Florida.

