



Special Note:

The Gatton College of Business and Economics recently launched a Global Entrepreneur Program, designed to give UK business students the global skills they need to compete in a changing global economy. The program will provide international business and communication skills.

Upcoming Events:

The Glass Menagerie -
October 20-23

Homecoming vs. Miss.
State - October 29

UK Symphony Orchestra -
November 4

Men's basketball vs.
Georgetown College -
November 9

President Lee Todd shows his support for UK's "Wildcat Wheels," a free bike rental program created by student Shane Tedder (right).

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News and notes from Kentucky's Flagship University

TOP 20 MEETING OF THE MINDS

UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. told lawmakers October 14 that investing in UK to make it a Top 20 institution is a "compact between the state and university" and is the best way to ensure that Kentucky is not left to "pick up the crumbs of the new economy."

President Todd appeared before the [Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue](#) at their meeting in Lexington. He emphasized that states with Top 20 public universities are economic leaders and rely less heavily on Medicaid - two subjects that will certainly dominate conversations during the upcoming General Session. "The economy runs at a faster pace," Todd said. "Those states that have Top 20 institutions are above the average in every economic statistic." Todd also shared an early version of the university's Top 20 Business Plan with legislators. The plan, which will be completed later this year, highlights what UK needs to do to become one of the nation's top research universities.

SHOWCASING RENEWABLE FUELS

UK joined the U.S. Department of Energy and the [Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition](#) in celebrating the use of renewable transportation fuels at a campus ceremony October 14. UK Interim Provost and College of Agriculture Dean Scott Smith participated in the ceremonial pumping of a gallon of E85, an ethanol blend, to help symbolize the net savings nationwide. At UK, a total of 170,000 gallons of ethanol and 55,000 gallons of biodiesel fuels have been used since 1996.

The displacement, or net savings of, one billion gallons of oil is very significant. The U.S. currently imports approximately two-thirds of the petroleum it uses. At \$68 per barrel, America now spends approximately \$300 billion per year for imported petroleum; about \$200 billion of this for the transportation sector alone. The Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition is working to reduce the nation's dependence on imported oil by encouraging industry to use more clean fuels.

UK NAMED NATIONAL MAGNET SITE FOR NURSING

UK Hospital has again been tapped a [Magnet Hospital](#) in recognition of the outstanding nursing care at UK Hospital and UK Children's Hospital. For the past four years, UK Hospital is the only hospital in Lexington - and among the first in the nation - to achieve the recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association. Magnet status is granted for a four-year period. UK was among the

first 40 hospitals in the U.S., out of more than 6,000 facilities, to be named a Magnet site four years ago, and is among the first to be granted renewed Magnet site status.

Studies have shown that Magnet hospitals have lower mortality rates, better patient satisfaction, and more individual attention by nurses, and shorter hospital stays.

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