

# The University

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## A Message From President Lee T. Todd, Jr.

The singular strength of the University of Kentucky can be found in our people. Our faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, and friends share a passion for this place – an enthusiasm that can be found in every corner of the Commonwealth. And that passion is best symbolized by the one symbol that connects every generation of the UK family – the color blue. To members of the UK family, Kentucky blue is more than just a color. It is a state of mind – a sense of pride, purpose, and excellence in all that we do. It means passion and purpose, leadership and ambition, innovation and creativity, challenge and opportunity.

The pursuit of academic excellence is at the heart of UK's mission to become one of the nation's Top 20 public research universities. Our journey to Top 20 will be led by our students, faculty, and staff, who continue to showcase their skills across a wide array of disciplines. UK's 16 academic and professional colleges boast over 80 national rankings for academic excellence. The University already has 16 programs ranked in the Top 20 or top quartile, including the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, which is ranked 6th in the category of Public Finance and Budgeting, the 8th-ranked College of Pharmacy, the College of Medicine's 17th-ranked Family Medicine program and 18th-ranked Rural Health program, and the Patterson School of Diplomacy's program in International Relations, which is also ranked 18th.

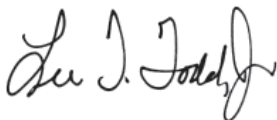
The true measure of a university is not solely found in rankings. The University of Kentucky takes great pride in its programs that allow students to learn, grow, and become the leaders of tomorrow. At UK, students can find growth opportunities in more than 340 campus organizations and activities ranging from athletic events to debate teams to arts organizations. Since UK is a major research university, students have the opportunity to feel discovery and innovation from the moment they step foot on campus by participating in our nationally-acclaimed undergraduate research program.

A UK education also provides students with the skills they will need to compete in an increasingly competitive global company. With students hailing from 115 foreign countries, all 50 states, and every county in Kentucky, you will have the opportunity to travel the nation and abroad, learning about the many cultures that populate our world. Through this diverse and enriching environment, students add another dimension to their education and become more equipped to excel in our rapidly changing world.

With its tradition of excellence and promise of continued growth, the University of Kentucky is a great place to be a student. Just ask the 215,000-plus alumni. Among them are Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, a U.S. ambassador, an astronaut, a Hollywood actress, a screenwriter, numerous governors, legislators, university presidents, business leaders, and best-selling authors.

Come to UK and see what blue can do for you!

Sincerely,



Lee T. Todd, Jr.  
President



President Lee T. Todd Jr.

## University of Kentucky – A Place to Dream and Succeed

The innovation, creativity, quality teaching, and service under way at the University of Kentucky touch the lives of people throughout the state, the nation, and the world.

UK accomplishes this achievement through ground-breaking research, community outreach, and technological advances that contribute to the betterment of the Commonwealth while also fostering a cultural quality of life through our museums, libraries, and special events.

Founded in 1865 as a land-grant institution adjacent to downtown Lexington, UK is nestled in the scenic heart of the beautiful Bluegrass Region of Kentucky. From its early beginnings, with only 190 students and 10 professors, UK's campus now covers more than 716 acres and is home to more than 27,000 students and 13,500 employees.

UK is one of only a few universities in the country with a teaching and research campus and a medical center all in one central location. The state's flagship university consists of 16 academic and professional colleges where students can choose from some 200 majors and degree programs. The colleges are Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Communications and Information Studies, Dentistry, Design, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Social Work.

The student body is diverse, representing 115 countries, every state in the nation, and every Kentucky county. The University continues to attract the best and brightest from Kentucky and beyond. The average ACT score for first-year students is four points above the national

average. UK students compete successfully for prestigious scholarships and awards, such as the Fulbright, Truman, Goldwater, Marshall, Udall and Gates. UK had its 12th Truman Scholar named in 2005, and its first Gates Cambridge Scholar in 2008. Andrew Lynch, a 2008 UK chemical engineering graduate from Whitley County, became the only individual to receive all five of the following national scholarships – the Astronaut, Beckman, Gates Cambridge, Goldwater, and Udall.

Since 1997, the University has pursued an ambitious goal of becoming a Top 20 public research university by the year 2020. UK President Lee T. Todd, Jr. has embraced this goal in a way that promises an impact on every Kentucky resident.

“As the state’s flagship institution, the University of Kentucky is mindful of its responsibility to help all Kentuckians,” Todd says. “Our land-grant mission calls on us to make a positive impact across the state. We need to be an educational leader, while remaining accessible to all Kentuckians. We need to be a cultural leader, sharing new ideas and opportunities across the state. And we need to be leading Kentucky’s charge into the new economy. We must be the catalyst for a new Commonwealth.”

The University is working aggressively to achieve its Top 20 goal. In December 2005, UK released its Top 20 Business Plan, a detailed financial analysis of the resources it will take to transform the University into a premier public research institution. The plan was widely supported by Kentucky legislators during the 2006 legislative session, as UK received full funding for the plan starting in 2007-08.

UK boasts over 80 national rankings for academic excellence. UK is currently ranked 35th among all public research universities for overall excellence, according to the Top 20 Business Plan. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked several of UK’s graduate programs among the nation’s best. The Martin School of Public Policy and Administration is ranked 6th in the category of public finance and budgeting and the College of Pharmacy is ranked 8th. The College of Medicine’s Family Medicine program is 17th and its Rural Health program is 18th. *Foreign Policy* magazine named the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce one of the “Top 20 Masters Programs in International Affairs,” ranking it 18th. The College of Health Sciences’ physician assistant studies program was ranked 25th and its physical therapy graduate program is ranked 35th, the College of Social Work’s master’s program is 38th, and the College of Law is ranked among the top 50 public institutions. In addition, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the Gatton College of Business and Economics’ undergraduate program 37th among public universities and the College of Engineering’s undergraduate program 56th among the nation’s public schools that offer a doctorate in engineering.

In 2007, the University of Kentucky became the nation’s first university to raise a billion dollars in its first-ever capital campaign. Reaching its fundraising goal a full nine months ahead of schedule, UK is one of only 31 American universities – both public and private – that have successfully completed campaigns of \$1 billion-plus.

With its well-manicured landscape and landmark buildings, UK’s campus also offers great facilities that advance the scholarship of its students and the research endeavors of its faculty. The William T. Young Library is among the world’s leading research libraries; its book endowment is the largest among public universities. Its broad scope of technology offers students, faculty, and Kentucky residents special access to the most up-to-date information from online journals, government publications, and private studies, as well as more traditional materials.

Research at the University of Kentucky is a dynamic enterprise encompassing both traditional scholarship and emerging technologies, and UK’s research faculty, staff, and students are establishing UK as one of the nation’s most prolific public research universities. UK’s research expenditures increased to a record-high \$324 million last year, helping to propel UK from 26th to 24th among public research universities. During the last fiscal year alone, research grants and contracts from out-of-state sources resulted in a \$410.6 million contribution to the Kentucky economy, including \$200.1 million in personal income.

With more than 50 research centers and institutes, UK researchers are discovering new knowledge, providing a rich training ground for the next generation of researchers, and advancing the economic growth of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Several centers excel in the services offered to the public. The Center for Manufacturing has assisted more than 500 small and mid-sized industrial firms throughout the state. The Gluck Equine Research Center is one of only three facilities of its kind in the world, conducting research into diseases of the horse.

Because UK is one of the few universities in the country with a research and teaching campus and a medical center in one central location, multidisciplinary research is particularly strong. The ASTeCC (Advanced Science and Technology Commercialization Center) building in the center of campus provides lab space for faculty affiliates who represent a variety of colleges and departments and is a hub for multidisciplinary research collaboration and commercialization. UK researchers engage in projects with professors at the University of Louisville, Murray State University, Eastern Kentucky University, and other public and private institutions across Kentucky, in other states and abroad.

The UK Chandler Medical Center was established in 1957 and is one of the nation’s finest academic medical centers. The faculty, students and staff of our dynamic Medical Center take pride in achieving excellence in education, patient care, research, and community service. The 473-bed UK Chandler Hospital and Kentucky Children’s Hospital are supported by a growing faculty and staff. The University is in the process of constructing a new \$450 million UK Chandler Hospital, which will serve as a cornerstone for the Commonwealth’s Medical Campus of the Future. UK HealthCare serves a unique role in the Commonwealth, as the only Level 1 Trauma Center in Central and Eastern Kentucky. UK Chandler Hospital and Kentucky Children’s Hospital care for the most critically injured and ill patients in this half of Kentucky.

UK has demonstrated its commitment to partnerships with business and other institutions of higher learning. In Lexington, UK is shaping a better relationship with the community by becoming more active in life throughout the city, especially downtown.

But UK contributes far beyond the borders of Fayette County. UK researchers are dedicated to conducting the type of research that will make an impact on Kentucky families. UK is working to help alleviate some of the nagging issues that have held Kentucky back through its Commonwealth Collaboratives initiative. The plan calls for the University to conduct research and participate in projects to solve some of Kentucky’s most pressing problems. UK faculty and researchers are leading efforts to battle conditions in these areas to improve educational, social, and economic conditions in all 120 Kentucky counties.

UK’s agenda aims to accelerate the University’s movement toward academic excellence in all areas and gaining worldwide recognition for its outstanding academic programs, its commitment to undergraduates, its success in building a diverse community, and its engagement with the larger society. It’s all part of the University’s strategy to help position Kentucky as a leader in American prosperity.