2017 was a year of **CHANGE**...

...for the University of Kentucky, that meant a year of progress **unlike any other.**

We discovered "**a different model**" of care for opioid-dependent babies.
- *The New York Times*

We made a radical "**break from trends**" in our approach to financial aid.
- *InsideHigherEd*

We cared for Kentuckians at the "**best hospital**" in the Commonwealth.
- *U.S. News & World Report*

We were nationally recognized for our "**unyielding commitment**" to diversity.
- *INSIGHT Into Diversity*
Whether involving pathbreaking health care innovations, incredible student milestones and successes, or creating a more welcoming and inclusive community, 2017 marked a year of change and progress unlike any other at the University of Kentucky.

Even as we reflect on what our community accomplished collectively last year, we cannot – and will not – rest.

In the coming year, we plan to announce still further innovations in the fight against drug abuse and addiction; new initiatives that herald a closer partnership with our state to create sustainable jobs; and the continued expansion of our footprint as the state’s most important provider of advanced speciality care.
In 2018, we will complete the first phase of one of the largest university transformations in America: nearly $2.3 billion in new classrooms, housing, and research space, focused on changing a campus devoted to changing our state and world.

That’s our vision. It’s where we must go.

Over the course of the next year, I hope to provide you with periodic updates about our progress and the journey we are taking on behalf of those we serve.

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