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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT  
Eli Capilouto

Members of the University Community:

Over the last several days, I talked with more than 50 people to gauge their candid impressions of our two finalists for Provost. I also reviewed each of the dozens of written comments submitted via the Search Webpage.

The feedback provided thoughtful and thorough assessment of each candidate's strengths and opportunities for growth. There is significant admiration for both Dean Donna Arnett and Dean David Blackwell for their capabilities and their willingness to take on this difficult role.

I am pleased to let you know that Dave Blackwell has accepted my offer to be our next Provost. Dave brings years of experience and a record of success to the varied challenges we face, especially in our continued efforts to recruit, retain, and graduate students who will: 1) strengthen the social and civic fabric of Kentucky's communities; 2) fill and create the jobs for Kentucky's economy; and 3) lead lives of meaning and purpose. He will undertake his new responsibilities beginning Monday, January 8.

My thanks to the members of the Provost Search Committee for their efficient and effective work; and to all the members of our community who participated and provided input.

I hope you have a safe and restful holiday season.

Eli Capilouto  
President

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