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Transformed Spaces

- 1. Academic Spaces
 - School of Art &
 - Visual Studies (2015)
 - Gatton College of Business & Economics (2016)
 - Jacobs Academic Sciences Building (2016)
 - Healthy Kentucky Research Building (2018)
 - College of Law (2019)

- 2. Social and Living Spaces
 - Campus housing
 - Woodland Glen II, III, IV, and V (2015)
 - Holmes and Boyd (2016)
 - University Flats (2017)
 - Lewis Hall (2017)
 - Dining
 - Gatton Student Center (2018)



Transformed Programs and Processes

- New academic opportunities and outreach
 - Over 30 program offerings through UK Online (22 completely new)
 - Forty-seven new degrees and certificates in last two years
 - Two new College of Medicine campuses (Bowling Green and Northern Kentucky)
 - Launched NextGen dual-credit initiative at selected high schools in fall 2019
 - Currently developing dual-enrollment program with Bluegrass Community and Technical College
 - Offering select UK degrees in the new University Center of Southern Kentucky on the campus of Somerset Community College
- New and diverse leadership
 - Since 2018, appointed 14 academic leaders (eight deans, four associate provosts, and two other leaders in key academic roles); four are African American (28 percent) and seven are women (50 percent)

- Technologically-savvy and data-infused operations
 - Smart Campus Initiative
 - UK LEADS (Leveraging Economic Affordability for Developing Success) and Persistence Grants
 - Recruitment strategy based in real-time analytics
- Our Path Forward, Phase I

Initiatives	Recommended in FY 2019-2020	Change		
1. First Year Enrollment	5,350	+250		
2. Retention Rate	85.5%	1.0%		
3. Online Growth				
Online Programs	61	+26		
Online Students	1,432	+551		
4. Summer Enrollment	7,150	+300		
5. Project Graduate	100	+99		
6. Procure to Pay	\$2.5 million, net	\$2.5 million, net		
7. Carbon Reduction Program	\$500,000	\$500,000		



Inflection Point – Student Success

- Increased first-time, first-year student cohort from 5,077 in fall 2018 to approximately 5,400 in fall 2019 (6.4 percent increase)
- Overall enrollment has increased by approximately 4,000 students since academic year (AY) 2011-2012 (14.0 percent increase)
- Record first-year retention for fall 2017 cohort (84.5%) and fall 2018 cohort (85.0%)
- Record six-year graduation rate (66.1%)
- Record six-year graduation rate for underrepresented minority students (56.0%)
- Record six-year graduation rate for low-income students (54.5%)



Record Levels of Student Success





Record Number of Degrees





All Bachelor's Degrees Awarded

UK's Share of Total Statewide Growth



Percentage Growth from Prior Year 7% 7%



UK = All Other KY

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 Year %Growth
UK	3,988	4,238	4,540	4,642	4,956	24.3%
All OtherKY	17,646	17,803	18,259	18,547	18,710	6.0%
State Total	21,634	22,041	22,799	23,189	23,666	9.4%



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Institutional Aid and Enrollment





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Net Price by Income Quartile





Unmet Financial Need

Undergraduate FAFSA Unmet Need - Fall

Academic Year





Inflection Point – Belonging and Inclusiveness

- Enrollment representativeness
 - Record enrollment of URM undergraduates (16.6%)
 - Record enrollment of URM graduate students (11.2%)
- Faculty hiring and retention initiatives
 - Cluster hire in African American and Africana Studies
 - Office for Faculty Advancement collaborating with Office for Institutional Diversity on initiatives to improve recruiting and retaining minority faculty
 - Increase in resources for hiring minority faculty (from \$1.25 million to \$2.25 million in FY 2020) through collaboration with the Vice President for Research
- Year-long celebration of 70th Anniversary of Integration
- National recognition
 - Diversity Champion INSIGHT into Diversity
 - Best employers for diversity Forbes Magazine
 - Top 30 campus for LGBTQ* inclusion and safety Campus Pride Index
 - Great College to Work For Chronicle of Higher Education
 - America's Best Employers Forbes Magazine



Bachelor's Degrees Awarded to Black/African American Students





• UK = All Other KY

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2015-16 2016-17		5 Year %Growth	
UK	247	251	265	293	312	26.3%	
All Other KY	1,295	1,329	1,377	1,407	1,312	1.3%	
State Total	1,542	1,580	1,642	1,700	1,624	5.3%	



Bachelor's Degrees Awarded to Low Income Students



	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 2017-18		5 Year % Growth	
UK	1,287	1.350	1,422	1,494	1,457	13.2%	
All Other KY	6,498	6,675	6,643	6,673	6,546	0.7%	
State Total	7,785	8,024	8,065	8,167	8,003	2.8%	



Performance Funding Model for the Public Universities Where Rates of Growth Exceeded Sector Average from FY 2018-19 to FY 2019-20

Performance Metric	UK	UofL	EKU	KSU	MoSU	MuSU	NKU	WKU
Student Success Outcomes					1000			100
Bachelor's Degrees								
STEM+H Bachelor's Degrees	8							
URM Bachelor's Degrees							8	
Low Income Bachelor's Degrees	2							
Student Progression @ 30 Hours								
Student Progression @ 60 Hours								
Student Progression @ 90 Hours								2
Earned Credit Hours	2							
Operational Support Activity								
Instructional Square Feet								
Direct Cost of Instruction							8	
FTE Students								
Metrics Above Sector Average	10	4	5	0	3	3	2	4

Source: Council on Postsecondary Education



Inflection Point – Research Success



Criteria for Priority Areas of Research:

- Local relevance
- Existing strength
- Diversity of disciplines
- Impact on the Commonwealth
- Sustainable research funding





Sponsored Research Project Awards





Selected New Grants in 2019

- NIH HEALing communities and networks helping end addiction long-term; Dr. Sharon Walsh, \$13.9M.
- NSF Genome-phenome plant stem relationships; Dr. Seth DeBolt, \$3M.
- DOE Recovery of rare earth minerals from coal; Dr. Rick Honaker, \$3.2M.
- Andrew Mellon Foundation Digital restoration of scrolls; Dr. Brent Seales, \$2M.
- NIH Genome-wide associated studies on Alzheimers disease patients; Dr. Steve Estus, \$3.9M.
- James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits; Dr. Seth DeBolt, \$5M



We Are What's Wildly Possible.

Questions?

