

Office of the President
February 20, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

REPORT ON RESULTS OF ALUMNI MEMBER ELECTION

Recommendation: that the report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees on the results of the election, authorized by the Alumni Association, be received and put to record, and that the Secretary be authorized to certify to the Governor the names of the three persons receiving the largest number of votes, from which list a successor to Paula Leach Pope, whose term expires June 30, 2026, will be appointed.

Background: The term of Paula Leach Pope as an alumni member of the Board of Trustees expires June 30, 2026. An election has been held among the graduates of the University of Kentucky as prescribed by statute and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board of Trustees. The attached letter from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to the President of the University reports the results of the election.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____



University of Kentucky
Office of the President

January 20, 2026

President Eli Capilouto
101 Main Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0032

Dear President Capilouto:

The term of Paula Leach Pope, an alumni trustee of the UK Board of Trustees expires June 30, 2026. An election has been held among graduates of the University of Kentucky, as prescribed by statute and by the rules and regulations of the Board of Trustees. In accordance with the rules established by the UK Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of the UK Alumni Association selected six graduates of the University of Kentucky to be on the election ballot. The ballots were distributed by e-mail on November 30, 2025, to all graduates of the University of Kentucky who had received their degrees as of December 31, 2024, and the votes were received and tabulated by an online system administered by the association. The results of the election are as follows:

	Votes Received	Percentage of Total Votes
Susan Van Buren Mustian	1,185	22.20%
Ruth Cecelia Day	1,061	19.88%
Vincent Michael Holloway	966	18.10%
Thomas M. Smith	951	17.82%
Robert L. Crady, III	700	13.12%
J. Fritz Skeen.	474	8.88%
Total Votes	5,337	

Please share this information with the Board of Trustees. Upon approval, I will transmit the names of the three alumni receiving the highest number of votes to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky from which he may appoint one to serve a six-year term, July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2032. The biographies and contact information of these three persons are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah M. Myers
Secretary
Board of Trustees

**Biographies and Contact Information of Three Persons Receiving the Most Votes
in the 2025 Alumni Trustee Election**
(in order of votes received)



Susan Van Buren Mustian of Hebron, Kentucky, received a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1984 from the UK Gatton College of Business and Economics. As a student, she was president of the Student Activities Board and led the Student Alumni Association. She was a charter member and vice president of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She served as president of the UK Alumni Association from 2017-2018 and on the board of directors from 2003-2009 and 2012-2023. She currently serves on the Leadership Advisory Council and is a member of UK Women and Philanthropy. She served on the University's Capital Campaign Council from 2017-2023. She is a 2013 recipient of the UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award and helped develop alumni clubs in South Bend, Indiana, and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR). She is involved with the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club. Mustian served as president of the Board of Directors, Southwest Ohio Breakthrough T1D (formerly Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and as the Cincinnati of the Year Gala co-chairwoman in 2015, 2016 and 2019. During her tenure she received the Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council Voices of Giving Award, the Lead's Cincinnati Women of Influence Award and the Cincy Magazine Charitable All-Star. In 2020, she received the Volunteer of the Year award from Southwest Ohio Breakthrough T1D. Mustian and her husband Scott ('85 BE) are Life Members of the UK Alumni Association. They are the parents of Sam, Nathan and Sarah.

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Ruth Cecelia Day of Madisonville, Kentucky, and Jacksonville Beach, Florida, is a 1985 graduate of UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics with a Bachelor of Science in accounting with distinction. While at UK, she worked in the engineering library and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority serving as vice president of finance and of the accounting honor society of Beta Alpha Psi. She serves on the Dean's Advisory Council of the Gatton College and volunteered in the Women Business Leaders mentoring program. She is a UK Fellow, a UK Alumni Association Life Member, a member of UK Women and Philanthropy and 2012 inductee of the Gatton College Hall of Fame. She served two terms on the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors and received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 2020. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and started her career with Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG) in Louisville. She retired after 29 years with Landstar System, Inc., headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida, a transportation services corporation where she served in financial management positions. After retirement, Ruth returned to work as chief information officer for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. A widow, Day spends considerable time in Lexington, sharing her townhouse with nieces and nephews while they earned their graduate degrees from UK. She is a founder, past president and currently treasurer of the Jacksonville UK Alumni Club. She is a member of the Dawson Springs Baptist Church in Dawson Springs, Kentucky. Her family is all Big Blue as her parents and three siblings graduated from UK.

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Vincent Michael Holloway of Fleming Island, Florida, received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1984. He went on to earn a Master of Science in Business Administration degree from Boston University in 1992, a Juris Doctor from American University in 2005 and a Master of Laws degree with distinction from Hofstra University in 2018. As a UK student, Holloway was president of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, a scholarship cadet in Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and commander of the Pershing Rifles. His career includes more than 20 years of service in the United States Army. His last assignment was at the Defense Information Systems Agency. Upon Army retirement, Holloway held executive leadership roles at Booz Allen Hamilton and is the vice president, Federal Information Technology Services at Tetra Tech. He has served on the Pigman College of Engineering Alumni Board, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Advisory Board, the UK Alumni Association Board of Directors and as a member of the Leadership Advisory Council. He has received numerous awards and recognitions including a 2015 Black Engineer of the Year Awards Modern Day Technology Leader, a 2016 inductee into the Pigman College of Engineering Quadrangle Society, a 2017 recipient of the Lyman T. Johnson Torch of Excellence, a 2023 inductee into the Pigman College of Engineering Hall of Distinction and a 2023 Hardin County Schools Distinguished Alumni awardee. He and his wife, Charlotte, are Barker Fellows, members of the Wildcat Society, and Life Members of the UK Alumni Association.

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