

PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY



UK NAMED 'GREAT COLLEGE TO WORK FOR' FOR 6TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For the sixth consecutive year — and seventh time overall — The University of Kentucky has been named a great college to work for, according to a survey conducted by ModernThink.

Now in its 16th year, the "Great Colleges to Work For" program recognizes colleges that receive top ratings from their employees regarding workplace practices and policies.

UK was recognized for excellence in five categories this year, up from three in 2022:

- Compensation and Benefits
- Faculty and Staff Well-being
- Shared Governance
- Faculty Experience
- Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging

The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was employee feedback.

MARKEY CANCER CENTER ATTAINS NCI'S HIGHEST STATUS AS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

The University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center recently announced that it has earned a National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center designation, the highest level of recognition awarded by the NCI. Markey is the first and only center in Kentucky to achieve this designation.

There are currently only 56 NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the country. The next closest Comprehensive Cancer Center is nearly 200 miles away.

The elevation to an NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center will further enhance Markey's ability to attract top-tier researchers and clinicians, secure additional research funding, collaborate with national and international partners, and give patients access to leading-edge treatments and clinical trials – resulting in better patient care and health outcomes for Kentuckians.



RECORD ENROLLMENT, GRADUATION NUMBERS UNDERScore UK'S PROMISE TO ADVANCE KENTUCKY

Record enrollment and historic graduation rates continue to support UK's mission to advance the Commonwealth. Preliminary fall enrollment and graduation rates were announced during a recent meeting of UK's Board of Trustees.

- UK reported an all-time enrollment of more than 34,000 students for fall 2023. Among those is another record-setting first-year class of nearly 6,500 students.
- Preliminary figures indicate that UK's first-to-second-year retention rate for the fall 2022 cohort is 87%, which means more students than ever before are attending, staying and graduating from UK.
- This fall – for the first time in our history – UK is marking a six-year graduation rate of 70 percent. This number places us among the top 100 public institutions – and top 20 percent – in the country, based on the most recent data.

