



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from the University of Louisville. I'm so excited to have joined this outstanding institution in February as its 19th president. Without a doubt, my first weeks here have been full of learning opportunities. I have found this community eager and able to build on its successes, and I very much look forward to working with my leadership team to help UofL realize its strategic goals.

My decision to come to Louisville took careful consideration. As I learned more about UofL's ongoing commitment to strengthening its status as an anchor institution for our region, the opportunity became both a logical and compelling one for me.

I look forward to collaborating with you to take this already established institution to new heights. Together, we will address significant issues such as enrollment, retention, funding and much more. I am confident that the results of our work together will be well worth the effort.

In the meantime, here are some recent highlights from the University of Louisville. I look forward to hearing about your successes.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Lori Stewart Gonzalez, who served as UofL's interim president over the past year, and Gerry Bradley, who served as interim provost. Lori and Gerry demonstrated that administrative transition is no excuse to delay progress. For their diligence and commitment to our university's success, our entire community is grateful.

Kim Schatzel, PhD
President
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UofL environmental health researcher on leave to serve the White House

Natasha DeJarnett, assistant professor of medicine and researcher with the Christina Lee Brown Envirome Institute, is spending a year away from UofL to devote her skills to improving environmental justice for the federal government.

DeJarnett has accepted a one-year fellowship as deputy director for environmental justice data and evaluation for the White House Council on Environmental Quality. The council coordinates the federal government's efforts to improve, preserve and protect public health and the environment. It also advises the president and develops policies on climate change, environmental justice, federal sustainability, public lands, oceans and wildlife conservation.

The White House Council on Environmental Quality created the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool. DeJarnett and her team will continue to develop it with input from stakeholders across the U.S. and experts in the field. DeJarnett will also help develop an Environmental Justice Scorecard that will track government agencies' progress on environmental justice.



Two U.S. Army colonels are first women in UofL fellows program

Two colonels in the U.S. Army are the first women to participate in the Army War College Fellows program at the University of Louisville. Col. Kimberly D. Pringle and Col. Karen L. Rutka are in their second semester in the 2022-2023 educational/strategic leadership program hosted at UofL by the McConnell Center. It marks the first time UofL has had two fellows at the same time.

This is the ninth year that UofL has participated in the program, which is based at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and helps Army leaders sharpen their skills and broaden their outlook as strategic thinkers.

UofL recognized for "Best Online Programs"

UofL's fully online programs were acknowledged among some of the top educational opportunities for online students in 2023 by U.S. News & World Report.

The university has appeared in the publication's Best Online Programs rankings for nearly a decade. In 2023, eight programs joined the list across the following categories: Bachelor's Degree, Undergraduate Business, Undergraduate Psychology, Criminal Justice, Computer IT, Engineering, Graduate Education and Master's in Business Administration.

UofL also is ranked as a Best Online Program for Veterans across all the same categories.

UofL announces Kent School of Social Work & Family Science dean

The University of Louisville has chosen a diversity scholar and seasoned college administrator as the new dean of the top-rated Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work and Family Science. John W. Miller Jr., dean of curriculum and senior diversity officer at St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin, will begin July 1, pending approval by the UofL Board of Trustees.

The Kent School, founded in 1936, is rated the No. 1 social work program in Kentucky and in the top 17% nationally by U.S. News and World Report.

Among his research interests are the relationship between



racism and adverse childhood experiences among African Americans. His textbook, "African American Perspectives: Matters of Consideration for Social Work Practice," was published in 2017. Also in 2017, Miller was selected as the Arkansas Social Worker of the Year by the Arkansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.



raiseRED brings in more than \$550,000

UofL's largest student-run philanthropy once again hit it out of the park. raiseRED, an annual dance marathon that benefits UofL's Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology and the Norton Children's Cancer Institute outpatient clinic, generated more than \$551,000 Feb. 24-25. This brings the cumulative total raised over the 10-year history of the event to more than \$4.6 million.

Central High School students in Pre-Medical Magnet Program receive white coats at UofL

What's normally a rite of passage for medical students has become a symbol of achievement for 33 Central High School juniors who are one step closer to pursuing a career in the medical field.

The Central High School Pre-Medical Magnet Program, which launched in the fall semester of 2022, gives west Louisville students an up-close and personal experience with a career in medicine. Students are able to shadow UofL doctors during rounds at UofL Health - UofL Hospital, scrub into operating rooms and witness surgeries, and also get practice performing simpler procedures like sutures through this immersive curriculum.

With every white coat placed on the shoulders of a student, this ceremony serves as a reminder of goals that can be fulfilled. This historic partnership connects UofL Health, Central High School, UofL School of Medicine and the Falls City Medical Society to encourage the future generation toward a career in the medical field.

The pre-medical pipeline program offers educational opportunities, college credit and hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships.



Cardinal Commitment Grant extended to non-Pell-eligible students

UofL's Cardinal Commitment Grant, previously available only to Pell-eligible students, is now offered as two versions to extend the offer to students with financial need who do not qualify for a Pell Grant. The first is need-based aid with a \$1,000-\$5,000 award amount, and the second is a 100% tuition coverage award.

The grant is renewable for students who continue to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress policy. However, the award amount is locked for renewed years, regardless of changes to a student's state or federal aid. Eligible students should [apply to UofL](#) by May 1 to be considered for the Cardinal Commitment Grant. Additional details on the scholarship are available at uofl.me/card-commitment.

