



Dear Friends,

Commencement always fills me with great hope for the future. It is an occasion to celebrate the work our graduates put into receiving their degrees as well as the positive impact their talents will have on the world. More than 3,600 students received their degrees at the end of the University of Louisville's spring 2023 semester. These recent graduates join our more than 163,000 alumni who got their start here and have gone on to make significant contributions to society around the world.

This year's commencement was special for me as it was my first as UofL's president. I was thrilled to honor our graduates and celebrate with their families and friends. For so many, receiving a degree is a life-changing event. About 33% of UofL's undergraduates are first-generation college students. As a fellow first-generation graduate, I am especially happy for those who represented their families as the first to receive their degree.

The student experience is about more than what is taught in the classroom; it is also about our community of care, which helps our students realize their potential. UofL is never short on people who mentor and inspire our students throughout their academic careers. I would like to thank everyone who supported our recent graduates as they pursued their degrees. Also, special thanks to the many volunteers who made the spring commencement a special and unforgettable experience for the class of 2023.

Recently, we marked the 225th anniversary of our university's Founders Day. On April 3, 1798, eight Louisvillians declared their intention to establish an education institution called Jefferson Seminary, which evolved into what is now the University of Louisville. We will celebrate this milestone on several occasions throughout the year.

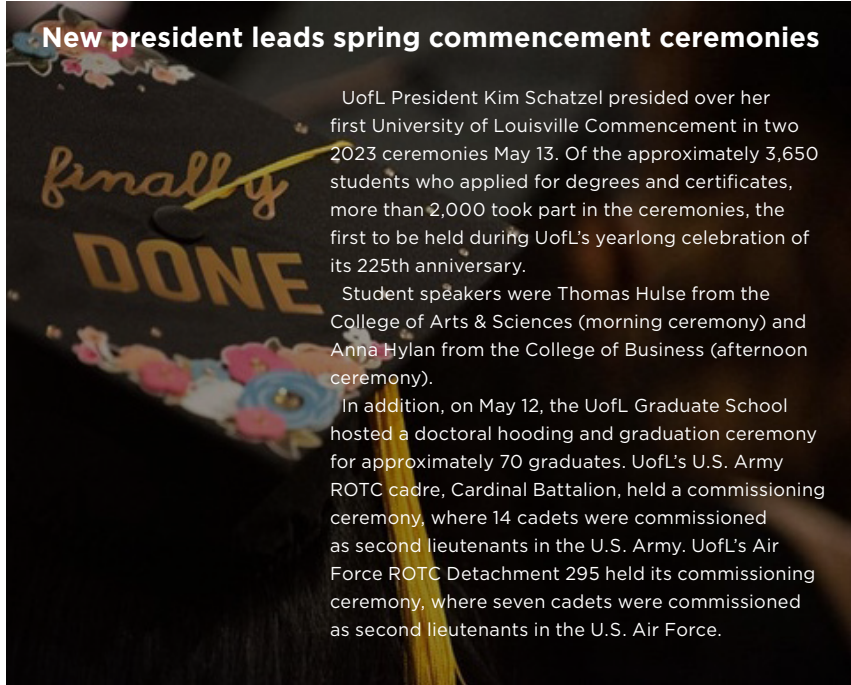
This is not just a celebration of our two-and-a-quarter century history of student success. The entire UofL family commits its personal and professional talents to a future where our world thrives. In addition to outstanding teaching and vital service to our community, our faculty are conducting research that will shape our future. Case in point: UofL's Office of Research and Innovation recently awarded more than 70 faculty and staff with its annual Innovation and Entrepreneurship Awards. Each year, UofL employees earn new patents, which come from their groundbreaking research and creative ideas to improve technology and business development.

Indeed, the University of Louisville has much to celebrate in 2023. We look forward to our next 225 years as a great place to learn, discover, connect and work.



Kim Schatzel, PhD
President
University of Louisville

New president leads spring commencement ceremonies



UofL President Kim Schatzel presided over her first University of Louisville Commencement in two 2023 ceremonies May 13. Of the approximately 3,650 students who applied for degrees and certificates, more than 2,000 took part in the ceremonies, the first to be held during UofL's yearlong celebration of its 225th anniversary.

Student speakers were Thomas Hulse from the College of Arts & Sciences (morning ceremony) and Anna Hylan from the College of Business (afternoon ceremony).

In addition, on May 12, the UofL Graduate School hosted a doctoral hooding and graduation ceremony for approximately 70 graduates. UofL's U.S. Army ROTC cadre, Cardinal Battalion, held a commissioning ceremony, where 14 cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. UofL's Air Force ROTC Detachment 295 held its commissioning ceremony, where seven cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Air Force.

UofL engineering student wins state's only Truman Scholarship

University of Louisville junior Klemmer Nicodemus has won Kentucky's only Harry S. Truman Scholarship for 2023. The award, valued at \$30,000, is given to just 62 U.S. college juniors annually and is the premier graduate scholarship for aspiring public service leaders in the United States.

Nicodemus, originally from the small rural western Kentucky city of Hartford, is a chemical engineering major in the J.B. Speed School of Engineering who is minoring in chemistry. His undergraduate research at UofL and with the Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory is aimed at mitigating the effects of climate change.



Can you say 'Quasquibicentennial'? UofL celebrates 225th anniversary



The University of Louisville celebrated 225 years as the higher education leader in Kentucky's largest metropolitan area on April 3, 2023, the date known in UofL history as its Founders Day.

The occasion commemorates the day in 1798 when eight Louisvillians – Richard Clough Anderson, Alexander S. Bullitt, William Croghan, John Thruston, William Taylor, James Meriwether, Henry Churchill and John Thompson – declared their intention to establish an education institution called Jefferson Seminary and began raising funds for their plan.

As one of the first city-owned, public universities in the nation, UofL's dynamic connection with Louisville has flourished over the past two-and-a-quarter centuries, fueling success for both. That history of success is cause for celebration. And the university plans to celebrate through the fall 2023 semester, including a series of events leading to the September inauguration of Kim Schatzel as UofL's 19th president, homecoming week and fall 2023 commencement.



Death of a legend: UofL says goodbye to former basketball coach Denny Crum

Denny Crum, who won two NCAA Championships while serving as the University of Louisville's men's basketball coach for 30 years (1971-2001), passed away at his home Tuesday, May 9. He was 86.

He directed Louisville to the 1980 and the 1986 NCAA Championships, ranking him as one of only 14 coaches in NCAA history to win two or more titles. Six times he guided the Cardinals into the NCAA Final Four, including four times in the decade of the '80s. Only five coaches all-time coached more Final Four teams than Crum.

After his retirement following the 2000-01 season, Crum continued to work as a special assistant to the UofL president for several years. The KFC Yum! Center court has been named in his honor. Since 2001, the Denny Crum Scholarship Foundation and the Denny Crum Scholarship Fund at UofL have awarded over \$1.5 million benefiting more than 500 students. A new residence hall on the UofL campus was recently named in his honor.

UofL Hospital Trauma Center receives gift from Old National Bank for efforts following April 10 shooting

In honor of the care provided to victims of the tragic April 10 shooting at Old National Bank in downtown Louisville, University of Louisville Hospital Trauma Center received a \$150,000 gift from Old National. The gift to UofL Hospital was part of \$1 million in total donations from Old National in response to the tragic event.

"On behalf of all those at UofL Hospital, I'd like to thank Old National Bank for helping us save more lives," said Jason Smith, chief medical officer for UofL Health. "This generous gift will enhance our program's ability to support our community, staff, patients and families by helping us improve our ongoing trauma readiness and family support services at the Trauma Center. We grieve with our Old National neighbors, and we also share in our love for Louisville."



Big ideas and inventions celebrated at Innovation and Entrepreneurship Awards program



More than 70 faculty and staff were recognized for their work to bring big ideas to life at the University of Louisville's 2023 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Awards, held April 18. The event, hosted by the UofL Office of Research and Innovation, honored faculty and staff from five schools and colleges for accomplishments in developing new technologies, working with industry and launching research-backed startups.

Six major awards were also presented, including Innovator of the Year. This year, that honor went to School of Medicine researcher Nobuyuki Matoba, recognized for his work to tackle devastating diseases, inflammatory bowel disease and cancer, through groundbreaking new vaccines, immunotherapeutics and treatments that leverage protein engineering and plant-based biotechnology.

Over the past two years, 57 of the honorees earned new patents, 28 had their technology optioned or licensed to a company and 68 were awarded innovation grants, such as KYNETIC or PRePARE, aimed at driving technologies to market. In the past fiscal year, the work of these innovators led to one new startup, 319 agreements, 49 new patents and \$15.6 million in innovation-related income.

UofL earns distinction through the Tree Campus Higher Education Program

For the 13th consecutive year, the University of Louisville has earned Tree Campus Higher Education recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The Arbor Day Foundation is the world's largest membership nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees. Its Tree Campus Higher Education program, established in 2008, honors colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and engaging staff and students in conservation goals. UofL achieved the distinction by meeting Tree Campus Higher Education's five standards, including maintaining a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning project.

Currently, there are 411 campuses across the United States with this recognition.

