

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT MAY 2023

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

## UK ENGINEERING GRADUATE MAKES HISTORY WITH \$34.5 MILLION GIFT TO ADVANCE THE COLLEGE, SUPPORT STUDENTS

The UK Board of Trustees approved a more than \$34.5 million gift to the UK College of Engineering — one of the largest single gifts in the 158-year history of the university — from Stanley and Karen Pigman.

For their long-standing support, the college will be named the Stanley and Karen Pigman College of Engineering. With this gift, Stanley and Karen's philanthropic impact to UK totals more than \$55 million.

For more than 20 years, the Pigmans have financially supported and mentored 200+ engineering and computer science students through the L. Stanley Pigman Scholarship Program. In addition, the Pigmans established two endowed faculty positions in power engineering. The Pigman family's generosity also will support the renovation and expansion of the Funkhouser Building — adding 100,000 square feet of state-of-the-art teaching and research spaces to the College of Engineering.





## CELEBRATING THE NEWEST UK ALUMNI

More than 5,800 May degree candidates were conferred by the UK Board of Trustees at its April meeting. This includes 3,745 undergraduate, 1,433 graduate and 633 professional degree candidates for May 2023.

Based on preliminary data, we expect to award more than 8,000 degrees and 1,000 certificates in the 2022-23 academic year, as defined by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

This would be the most ever in both categories and mark the first time UK has reached the 8,000-degree threshold.

## PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR CHANDLER MEDICAL CAMPUS EXPANSION TO ALLOW FOR MORE INPATIENT BEDS, ACCESS AND SERVICES

A plan to begin design work for a new patient care tower at the University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital was approved by the UK Board of Trustees at its April meeting.

The support for an additional patient care tower was one of several approved projects, which will expand or renovate key health care units and continue to expand the footprint of specialty and ambulatory care services on the UK Chandler campus.

As part of the projects supported, UK will move forward with \$180 million to initiate the design phase to expand patient care facilities to accommodate additional inpatient beds and clinical support services at UK Chandler Hospital, ranked Kentucky's no. 1 hospital seven years consecutively by U.S. News & World Report.

