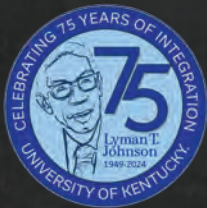


# PRESIDENT'S REPORT MARCH 2024

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY



## HONORING LYMAN T. JOHNSON AND HIS LEGACY

This year, UK is commemorating the 75th anniversary of Lyman T. Johnson's lawsuit against the institution. In 1949, a judge ruled in favor of Johnson, integrating UK and effectively overturning the Kentucky Day Law. That summer semester, Johnson and 29 other Black students enrolled at UK.

Although Johnson did not finish his degree at UK, the legacy he leaves behind is reminiscent of the lessons he once imparted upon his students: the fight for equality and fairness is an ongoing one, and the path forward is through education that enables students to learn how to think for themselves.

Throughout the spring and fall semesters, UK will celebrate Johnson's profound and enduring legacy with events across campus.



## KCH OPENS KOSAIR FOR KIDS CENTER FOR SAFE AND HEALTHY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Thanks to a generous \$2 million gift from Kosair for Kids, representatives from Kentucky Children's Hospital (KCH) and Kosair for Kids opened the Kosair for Kids Center for Safe and Healthy Children and Families. This new clinic space provides essential care for children affected by abuse and neglect, confronting a critical need in our community.

According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Kentucky ranks 14th in the country for child abuse and neglect. The new center offers state-of-the-art facilities and technology to support specially trained pediatricians and staff of KCH's Division of Pediatric Forensic Medicine in delivering comprehensive care, addressing both the physical and psychological needs of these children.



## UK NAMED AMONG NATION'S TOP LARGE EMPLOYERS BY FORBES MAGAZINE

The University of Kentucky has been named on Forbes' America's Best Large Employers list, ranking in the top 100 out of 500 total companies, and 11th in the education category. Other organizations listed include Garmin, Delta Air Lines and Fidelity Investments, placing UK among some of the most prominent companies in the nation.

America's Best Large Employers are selected based on an independent survey of more than 170,000 U.S. employees from all industry sectors working for companies employing at least 5,000 people across the U.S.

UK's strategic plan, UK-PURPOSE, calls upon the institution to take care of its people. This recognition as one of America's Best Large Employers confirms the university's commitment to this guiding principle and reinforces UK's reputation as an exceptional employer.