Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence
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A Note from the Director:

We began as a small scholarship program in the UofL Political Science department, and now, 25 years later, the McConnell Center has grown to be a nationally-recognized “Center of Excellence in Higher Education.” Despite changes in students, staff and location, the core mission of the Center remains the same today as it was in 1991 when Paul Weber, Mitch McConnell and a handful of faculty and administrators established it: to find, attract, nurture and support the most outstanding young student leaders in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

For our 25th year, we adopted an informal slogan that captures our mission: “From Kentucky, For Kentucky.” Our 250 students who have received more than $3.5 million in scholarships over the years have come from small towns and big cities. Some came from just across the street to college and others have come from as far away as Pikeville and Paducah. Despite the distance, they all came to the McConnell Center for an education in leadership, and they are now leading in virtually every field – from medicine to the military and from engineering to business.

In short, we are fulfilling the mission set before us a quarter of a century ago, and Kentucky is better for it.

Along the way, the Center outgrew the confines of Ford Hall and our relationship with just one academic department. We were established as a “Center of Excellence” to serve all of campus. We took on the big task of contributing to our civic dialogue by providing professional development to teachers.

We produced academic studies, as well as small books, that have garnered national – and even international – attention.

Four years ago, the U.S. Army asked us to take on the daunting task of contributing to the education of top mid-career military leaders. Nearly 100 soldiers have spent a month with us recharging their intellectual batteries and thinking about everything from Plato’s vision to NATO’s mission.

These successes are only the beginning. There will always be more outstanding students ready for a broadening education in leadership and the liberal arts. There will always be more Kentucky teachers looking for the resources to help them better serve their young students as they prepare for lives of citizenship and service. Ascending military leaders will always need a place to be intellectually challenged outside the confines of their branch training.

Because of the vision of our founders, the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our staff and partners, the McConnell Center stands ready for the challenges of the next quarter century.

Gary L. Gregg, II
Director, McConnell Center
250+ McConnell Scholars
Each has received the “McConnell Center” experience supporting leadership, scholarship and community service for Kentucky students. Ten new scholars are chosen each year.

$3.5 million in scholarships awarded
Each Scholar is guaranteed full tuition to UofL.

50+ Leadership Seminars
Students meet with local, state and national policy experts, authors and historians each year.

3,000+ community service hours
McConnell Scholars average a combined 3,000+ hours of community service each year with local organizations.

62% of Scholar alumni reside in Kentucky
8% of our graduates are presently in graduate programs; 5% work in Washington, D.C., and 2% serve in the U.S. military.

12 Fulbright Scholars
Scholars have served across the globe, including positions in Argentina, South Korea, Malaysia, Kazakhstan and more.

3 Truman Scholars
Scholars earned this prestigious post-graduate scholarship for their dedication to public service.

6 Student Body Presidents
Proven leaders, these students were elected by their peers to serve as a leader of the UofL Student Government.

National排行 in moot court team
In 2016, the McConnell Center’s moot court team was ranked a top-20 program.

7 guaranteed trips
Part of the McConnell Center experience includes summer study in China and a “behind-the-scenes” tour of Washington, D.C.

100+ U.S. soldiers broadened
Since 2014, the McConnell Center has offered top mid-career U.S. Army soldiers a 30-day “McConnell Scholar” experience on issues related to leadership and international relations.

Annual U.S. Army War College Fellow
The McConnell Center hosts a residential U.S. Army War College Fellow at the University of Louisville. This officer studies at UofL and offers leadership development to McConnell Scholars.
600 Kentucky teachers
More than 600 Kentucky social studies teachers have participated in professional development conferences, lectures and workshops as part of our Civic Education Program.

41,000 U.S. Constitutions distributed
This pocket-size edition is given free to classrooms and students as part of our efforts to improve civic literacy.

80 archived videos & speeches
A global education is available at your fingertips. Visit our digital library to watch past speeches from historians, politicians and experts on a wide variety of civic topics.

12 Publications & DVDs
Our publication series includes “The Senate: Great Forum of Constitutional Liberty,” “Hero Tales from American History” and four DVDs on Kentucky history.

30+ partner organizations
We partner with a variety of local and national organizations, including the Harvard Institute of Politics, Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate, Woodrow Wilson Center, Sons of the American Revolution, Liberty Fund and the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association, to strengthen and broaden our ability to serve.

9 Sponsored Conferences
Our conferences on “The Future of the Electoral College,” “Presidential Mistakes” and more have garnered national and international attention.

2 places to call home
The McConnell Center was housed on the fourth floor of Ford Hall until moving to the new West Wing of Ekstrom Library in 2006.

5 McConnell Center Fellows
These senior scholars offer their wisdom and expertise to students and the public.

25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
This 25-year legacy of leadership, scholarship & service culminated with the McConnell Center being named an “Oasis of Excellence” in higher education by the American Council of Trustees & Alumni.

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Current initiatives include the McConnell Center’s Alumni Reading Room and our Civic Education Program, which supports McConnell Scholars, Kentucky social studies teachers and students.

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