

## A Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

I hope that each of you are enjoying the summer. On June 17, Governor Matt Bevin issued an executive order reorganizing the Board of Trustees at the University of Louisville. On June 29, the Governor named ten outstanding community leaders to serve on a streamlined Board of Trustees that can more efficiently and economically oversee and govern UofL.

I assure you that our top priority continues to be attracting, educating and graduating top-notch students. To that end, UofL will operate on a spending plan based upon extensive campus budget conversations over the last six months. Yes, this plan includes a 5-percent tuition increase, but it allows students to earn a full rebate of this \$526 in-state increase by completing 30 credit hours. The plan also allows us to remain on course to achieve our objectives in the 2020 Plan and University of the 21st Century initiative.

While talk has shifted to the future of UofL, the present provides plenty of reasons for excitement and encouragement. AOL co-founder Steve Case visited our Institute of Product Realization and commended our emergence as a leader in advanced manufacturing. Staff from all across the university demonstrated just how seriously we take our military partnerships through tandem jumps with the U.S. Army's Black Knights, while UofL once again hosted military leaders for the annual Strategic Broadening training program. Our hearts swelled with pride at the remarkable tribute paid to Louisville native son Muhammad Ali by UofL student and McConnell Scholar Natasha Mundkur, who spoke along with

national and international dignitaries. Also of note, Kent School of Social Work faculty member Armon Perry received an impressive \$5 million grant to further his research on paternal engagement among non-custodial fathers.

So, you can see that the University of Louisville remains more committed than ever to our statutory mandate to be a preeminent, nationally recognized metropolitan research university. Each and every day we strive to become better in our service to our students, our city, our state and our region.

**James R. Ramsey**, President, University of Louisville



*President James Ramsey welcomes guests of the U.S. Army Strategic Broadening Seminar during a reception at Amelia Place*

## AOL founder visits UofL

Louisville is an ideal home for startups, according to one of the country's top entrepreneurs.

AOL co-founder Steve Case visited UofL's Institute for Product Realization June 16 as part of the Innovation Showcase. Case toured the IPR's Engineering Garage, FirstBuild and Additive Manufacturing Competency Center to see the groundbreaking work in science, manufacturing and business happening on campus in partnership with GE, UL and local entrepreneurs.

Case, now the CEO of investment firm Revolution LLC, touted the IPR as a unique engine of innovation and a nexus of manufacturing expertise, cutting-edge technology and public involvement. He praised the institute's willingness to push the envelope as essential to the future of enterprise in the city and cautioned business leaders in the audience not to rest on their laurels.

**"If you want to know what a city will look like in 25 years, look at the state of its startups now, you have to constantly reinvent yourself, or you'll get left behind." - Steve Case**



*Steve Case speaks during UofL's Innovation Showcase June 16.*

## Kent School researcher receives grant to study fatherhood

Researchers at UofL's Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work received a \$4.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families to help Kentucky fathers become more engaged parents.

Armon Perry, an associate professor who researches fathers' involvement with their children, will lead the five-year 4 Your Child project which begins in July. UofL's team will work with the state Office of Child Support Enforcement to recruit participants from six Kentucky counties – Daviess, Elliott, Hardin, Jefferson, McCracken, and Owen.

The participants will receive information and training on issues including co-parenting techniques, work-family-life balance, health, emotions, and the role of the father. Participants also will be connected with case managers who can provide community resources. Additional information can be found at [www.4yourchild.org](http://www.4yourchild.org).

"We're looking to offer people additional layers of support so they can do what society is expecting of them," Perry said. "Family is the primary institution of society."



Associate Professor Armon Perry announces the 4 Your Child project at a press conference June 22.

## Nursing students provide care in Haiti

The UofL School of Nursing recently partnered with Louisville-based nonprofit Supplies Over Seas and Project Medishare to provide medical care and supplies to patients and clinics in rural Haiti. Students and faculty spent nearly a week in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and treated more than 600 patients while providing health screenings and education.



The School of Nursing group that traveled to Haiti earlier this month pose with their translators and drivers.

The UofL group brought medical supplies including thermometers, stethoscopes, bandages, exam gloves, antiseptics and a baby scale to the rural clinics in the Thomonde region of the country. For students, the service-learning trip was eye-opening.

"During my time in Haiti, I got to experience more in depth what I had been getting to practice in my first semester of clinicals," said Mary Allis, a BSN student at the School of Nursing's extension campus in Owensboro. "It was amazing to get to step out of my comfort zone and to help those around me."

## UofL student speaks at Ali memorial

As the world watched Muhammad Ali's memorial service, they saw a UofL student among the celebrity and family speakers honoring "The Greatest."

Sophomore Natasha Mundkur, a McConnell Scholar at UofL, was chosen to speak at the memorial on behalf of the Muhammad Ali Center Council of Students.

"Reality was never a limitation for Ali," she said at the service. "Just as every punch his opponent threw, impossible is never enough to knock us down because we are Ali."



Natasha Mundkur, Photo by Ricky Bassman

Mundkur joined Ali family members including wife Lonnie Ali, and celebrities including comedian Billy Crystal and former president Bill Clinton in eulogizing Ali at the public ceremony June 10.

## UofL employees skydive with Golden Knights

It was the adrenaline rush of a lifetime for 15 UofL employees who recently skydived with members of the U.S. Army's elite parachute team. The UofL staff members were guests of the U.S. Army ROTC's 7th Brigade.

Each staff member jumped in tandem with a member of the Golden Knights. "He was keeping me busy talking up there," said Neville Pinto, UofL's interim provost, of his Golden Knights partner. "Before I knew it, I was out of the plane."

Along with Pinto, the UofL participants were:

- **Sharon Duffy**, deputy director of the Commonwealth Institute of Kentucky in the School of Public Health and Information Sciences
- **Kerri Rimmel**, professor and chair of the Department of Neurology
- **Mark Casey**, Fort Knox program coordinator for the College of Education and Human Development
- **Sara Karlsson**, graduate student who works in IT for the Office of the President
- **Ken Lolla**, men's soccer coach
- **Jeff Walz**, women's basketball coach
- **Jason Dierking**, swim team performance coach
- **Vickie Frank**, men's baseball executive assistant to the coach
- **Joe Elliott**, assistant director of special projects in the Office of the President
- **Ryan C. McDaniel**, director of information management in the Office of the President
- **Gary Gregg**, director of the McConnell Center
- **John Usher**, interim dean of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering
- **Mary Taposky**, director of tech transfer and program administration for Nucleus
- **Kimberly Kempf-Leonard**, dean, College of Arts and Sciences



Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, skydives with the U.S. Army's Golden Knights

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