

A Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

July is the month when UofL's Board of Trustees evaluate how well we did in accomplishing our goals for the previous year. This is an exercise that provides us with a reality check on how well we are meeting our statutory mandate to be a premier research university. This past year, as you can see from the chart on this page, we met or exceeded 16 of our 19 goals.

We consider those numbers a great measure of our success at UofL. And every one of the goals is designed to keep us on the path of our 2020 Plan by providing a high quality education for our students while being a key force in research, community engagement and our regional economy.

We can't, and won't, let outside forces distract us from doing what is right and what will benefit our city, state and region. We are doing the job, and doing it well at the University of Louisville.

James R. Ramsey, President, University of Louisville

Cancer center opens new location

Patients seeking the expertise of the James Graham Brown Cancer Center, jointly operated by KentuckyOne Health and the University of Louisville, can now take advantage of a location in northeast Jefferson County.

"In 2013 alone, the Brown Cancer Center had more than 1,200 visits from patients who live in Jefferson County and drove past Jewish Northeast to receive care at the downtown center," said Donald Miller, MD, director of the center. "Providing patients with the option to receive care at the best and closest location to them will improve their comfort and overall experience."



From left to right, Mark Milburn, vice president of oncology services, KentuckyOne Health; Ruth Brinkley, president and CEO, KentuckyOne Health; Vivek Ravindra Sharma, MD, oncology specialist, James Graham Brown Cancer Center; Shelly Wyman, patient; Gov. Steve Beshear; David Dunn, MD, PhD, executive vice president for health affairs, UofL; Donald Miller, MD, PhD, director, James Graham Brown Cancer Center.

Measure of our success

Educational Excellence Goals	1998 Actual	2015 Actual	Goal Achieved
Increase baccalaureate degrees awarded annually	1,734	2,832*	Yes
Increase number and level of degrees awarded in STEM+H fields (includes science, technology, engineering, mathematics, plus health-related fields)	NA	1,659*	Yes
Increase the 6-year baccalaureate graduation rate	30.1%	53.6%	Yes
Improve the overall first-to second-year retention rate and reduce retention rate gaps for select subpopulations	NA	Best	Yes
Increase doctoral degrees awarded annually	76	174*	Yes
Increase master's degrees awarded annually	1,209	1,352	Yes
Research, Scholarships & Creative Activity Goals	1998 Actual	2015 Actual	Goal Achieved
Increase total grant and contract expenditures	\$39.1M	\$179.3M*	Yes
Sponsored research award revenue for clinical trials	NA	\$8.4M*	Yes
Academic research priority #1: Cancer (progress toward National Cancer Center (NCI) designation)	Progress	Better	Yes
Academic research priority #2: Restorative medicine	NA	Best	Yes
Academic research priority #3: Advanced manufacturing and sustainability	NA	Best	Yes
Community Engagement Goals	1998 Actual	2015 Actual	Goal Achieved
Increase collaborative partnerships with the community	NA	Best	Yes
Diversity, Opportunity & Social Justice Goals	1998 Actual	2015 Actual	Goal Achieved
Achieve the median percent or above of UofL benchmarks for full-time faculty using fall 2012 IPEDS data as baseline	NA	Better	Yes
Increase the university's global representation	NA	Did Not Achieve	No
Implement at least two initiatives to address issues identified by the 21st Century culture committee	NA	Best	Yes
Creative & Responsible Stewardship Goals	1998 Actual	2015 Actual	Goal Achieved
Increase percentage of funds given to endowment (excludes athletics)	NA	53.0%	Yes
Annual philanthropy development dollars received	\$42.5M	\$237.9M*	Yes
Percentage of alumni giving to annual fund	NA1	13.9%*	No
Increase intellectual property/technology transfer	NA	\$6.6M*	No

* Preliminary data

"Good" defines an increase over previous year, "Better" indicates an increase over previous year and meeting our annual university goal. "Best" shows improvement over the previous year and exceeding the annual university goal.

¹ 1998 "percent of alumni giving" uses a different methodology/data definition and is not comparable under the 2020 plan.

UofL forges Army Strong partnerships

UofL and the U.S. Army were a joint force this summer with two programs providing leadership development to soldiers.

The College of Education and Human Development hosted the Cadre and Faculty Development Course at Fort Knox, a nine-week pilot program to help college-based ROTC educators revamp their teaching skills to better engage today's college student and tomorrow's soldier.

The course was developed specifically for Fort Knox by the CEHD's Leadership, Foundations and Human Resource Education Department. A team of 22 CEHD faculty and staff worked with Fort Knox on the program; 82 military personnel from around the country graduated from the program in July.

Also in July, the McConnell Center hosted the second annual Strategic Broadening Seminar on campus. Thirty-four U.S. Army officers and non-commissioned personnel from around the world participated in the specialized seminar designed to offer a broader worldview as U.S. foreign policy shifts its focus from the Middle East to the emerging Pacific Theater.

UofL was one of only two universities in the country to host the seminar.



President James Ramsey, fourth from left, joins soldiers and participants in the second annual U.S. Army Strategic Broadening Center hosted by the McConnell Center.



Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Harlan Sands, center, and CEHD dean Ann Larson, second from left, congratulate a graduate of the Cadre and Faculty Development Course at Fort Knox.



Executive vice president for health affairs David Dunn and president James Ramsey mingle with students at the Health Sciences Center campus ice cream social.

Students rank dental and medical schools at head of the class

The graduate school website, graduateprograms.com, has listed the UofL dental and medical schools near the top of their national rankings.

The School of Dentistry was rated second in the nation overall for dental schools. The website uses student evaluations to rank the programs in 15 areas, including academic competitiveness, workload and faculty accessibility. The School of Dentistry ranked highest in career support, education quality and program value.

Meanwhile, students ranked the School of Medicine third in the nation for career support, which the website defines as the quality of career planning, resources and support received during and after graduate studies. The school also ranked in the top 25 of the graduateprograms.com rankings for financial aid.

Coding for success

A vacant former nightclub is now a hub for coding instruction at Nucleus: Kentucky's Innovation Center.

The University of Louisville Foundation, which oversees Nucleus, previously purchased the rundown property at 252 E. Market St. that formerly housed several restaurants and bars. The space was converted into classrooms, where KentuckianaWorks now leases space to operate Code Louisville, the city's free 12-week coding-training program. The Learning House Inc., a leading cloud-based technology learning provider, also is leasing space for intensive coding boot camps that will launch in September.

The building is part of the UofL Foundation's J.D. Nichols Campus for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The classroom space is the Trinity Video Communications Center, named to recognize the Louisville company that donated the audio-visual equipment and engineering to make the system run on a wireless network.



Nucleus President and CEO Vickie Yates Brown announces the Code Louisville project at a July press conference with, from left, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and UofL Interim Provost Neville Pinto.