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ANNUAL REPORT

UNIVERSITY OF
LOUISVILLE

Learning is both constant and constantly evolving. In 2023, the University of Louisville celebrated 225 years of bringing vital knowledge and prosperity to our city, harkening back to the 1798 beginnings of higher education in Louisville. In the centuries since, our students' curiosity and our university's commitment to preparing them for thriving futures have remained steadfast.

The way we educate, however, has adapted and expanded. As of 2023, UofL is one of fewer than 80 universities in the country to be classified as both a Research I and Community Engaged university by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, meaning we create and apply knowledge that changes lives. We transform ideas into action for the betterment of our students, our community and the world. We remain connected to our city and have spent the past decades improving the well-being of our community.

By honoring our history and looking toward an ambitious future with milestones like welcoming a new president, 2023 ushered in a new era for UofL.

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CELEBRATING 225 YEARS OF CARDINAL PRIDE

As one of the first city-owned, public universities in the nation, our dynamic connection with Louisville has flourished in our more than two centuries of existence. Today, UofL prepares students for the careers, workplaces and complex challenges of tomorrow and makes impacts that improve lives through research and innovation. What founders began in 1798 has blossomed since and continues to grow.

**Five big years
out of 225**

1

1798

Higher education in Louisville—and UofL itself—starts with the establishment of Jefferson Seminary

2

1846

Kentucky's legislature combines the Louisville Medical Institute, Louisville College (created from the remnants of the seminary) and a newly created law school into the University of Louisville proper

3

1950-51

UofL is desegregated when Louisville Municipal College, a historically Black institution, becomes part of the university

4

1970

UofL joins the state higher education system

5

1997

Kentucky's legislature charges UofL with becoming a premier, nationally recognized, metropolitan research university



A 21st century leader becomes 19th president

Kim Schatzel was named UofL president on Feb. 1. Schatzel, who came to UofL from Towson University, is one of only 2% of university presidents nationwide with extensive corporate and entrepreneurial C-suite experience.

Along with Schatzel, the university welcomed two permanent academic deans in the last year—Dayna Touron with the College of Arts and Sciences and John Miller with the Kent School of Social Work and Family Science.

“THE MORE I HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS CAMPUS AND THIS COMMUNITY, I HAVE BEEN AWESTRUCK BY THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE’S INCREDIBLE ENERGY, ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ITS ABILITY TO EDUCATE SO MANY PEOPLE IN SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY AND UNCOMMON WAY, AND ITS DESIRE — ITS RESOLUTE COMMITMENT — TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE.”

— President Kim Schatzel, PhD

REDEFINING STUDENT SUCCESS

In 2023, the university saw a record number of first-year students, experienced higher graduation rates and increased need-based financial aid, meaning more students than ever have access to an education that lays the foundation for their success after college.



Nearly

6,000

students graduated from UofL in 2022-23, contributing to UofL's 62.2% six-year graduation rate, the highest ever for the university.

Graduation rate is the 2016 GRS cohort.

Welcome to the family

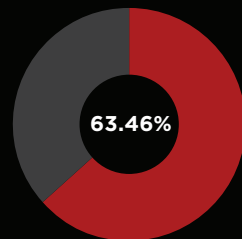
UofL welcomed more first-time Cardinals in fall 2023 than ever before with a record

3,130

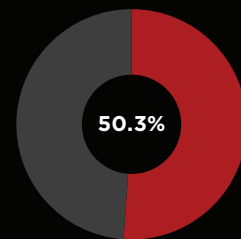
first-year students. The university saw increases in Black and Hispanic/Latino students, as well as students from outside Kentucky.

Preliminary enrollment as of Sept. 7, 2023.

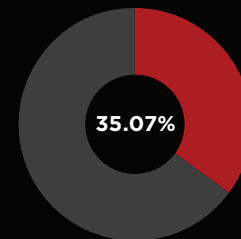
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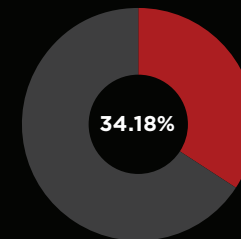
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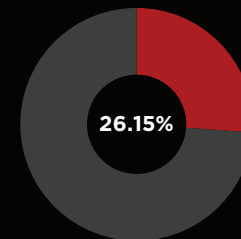
have some college credits



are first-generation college students



are pursuing a STEM+H degree (science, technology, engineering, math, health sciences)



are from outside Kentucky, representing 37 states

Preliminary enrollment as of Sept. 1, 2023.

TOP TRANSFER DESTINATION

UofL is the top transfer destination for students from public four-year universities in Kentucky, as well as Kentucky independent colleges and universities. UofL is second in total in-state transfers and transfers from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Transfers
by the
numbers

4,491

Total transfers

12

Post-Doctoral/House
staff transfers

608

Graduate student transfers

3,871

Undergraduate transfers

23.6

Percentage of fall 23
undergraduate class who
first enrolled as transfers

Preliminary data as of Nov. 15, 2023; includes all students with a status of "transfer" at first acceptance to UofL.



ACCESS INSPIRES SUCCESS

UofL aims to alter the paths of future generations by providing support and resources to Cardinals from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds. UofL's 2022-23 budget included nearly \$161 million in financial aid to significantly impact students' ability to afford higher education.

National notice

UofL's efforts to address affordability and boost college access appeared in several higher education rankings. Notably UofL is:

- The best value school among national universities in Kentucky, according to U.S. News and World Report
- Second among Kentucky public colleges in The Wall Street Journal's social mobility rankings
- The most economically diverse of all Atlantic Coast Conference Schools, according to U.S. News and World Report

In 2023, UofL increased financial support for resident Pell-eligible students and expanded need-based aid through a

\$300,000

infusion to Cardinal Commitment grants.

Need-based aid will grow by

\$8M

over the next four years.

465

students have received the Cardinal Commitment grant since its inception.



SCHOLARS, PERFORMERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS

UofL students expand their horizons, from prestigious scholars sharing their academic talents abroad to student musicians taking their musical talents underground for a one-of-a-kind concert located in the depths of Mammoth Cave.

“I THINK THERE’S NOTHING LIKE THIS COMMUNITY ANYWHERE ... IT’S VERY UNIQUE TO THE SCHOOL. I KNOW THAT I WANT TO ALWAYS BE TIED TO THIS COMMUNITY. IT’LL FOREVER BE LIKE A HOME TO ME—THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY AND EVERYONE IN IT.”

— senior Mery Muluberehan, one of two Kentucky college students to win a Voyager Scholarship for public service in 2022-23

UofL is home to:

- Kentucky’s only Truman Scholar
- One of only two Kentucky students to win a Voyager Scholarship
- Kentucky’s only Quad Fellow
- Six Fulbright scholars

Since 2003, UofL has had more than 160 Fulbrights, more than all other four-year, Kentucky public institutions combined.

Read more about our prestigious scholars at louisville.edu/scholars.

RESEARCH & INNOVATION POWERHOUSE

Turning ideas into action is what makes UofL a research and innovation powerhouse. In 2022-23, UofL research expenditures totaled a record \$230 million as Cardinals made advancements in health equity, planned for the future of STEM on campus and investigated how to change the way the world works.



“OUR RESEARCH IS ABOUT HOPE. OUR RESEARCH IS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF WORK AND WHAT’S THAT GOING TO LOOK LIKE. FOR ME, THE CENTER OF MY WORK IS ALL ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE LIVE BETTER LIVES THROUGH THEIR WORK AND NOT JUST TO GO TO WORK EVERY DAY.”

— Professor Brad Shuck

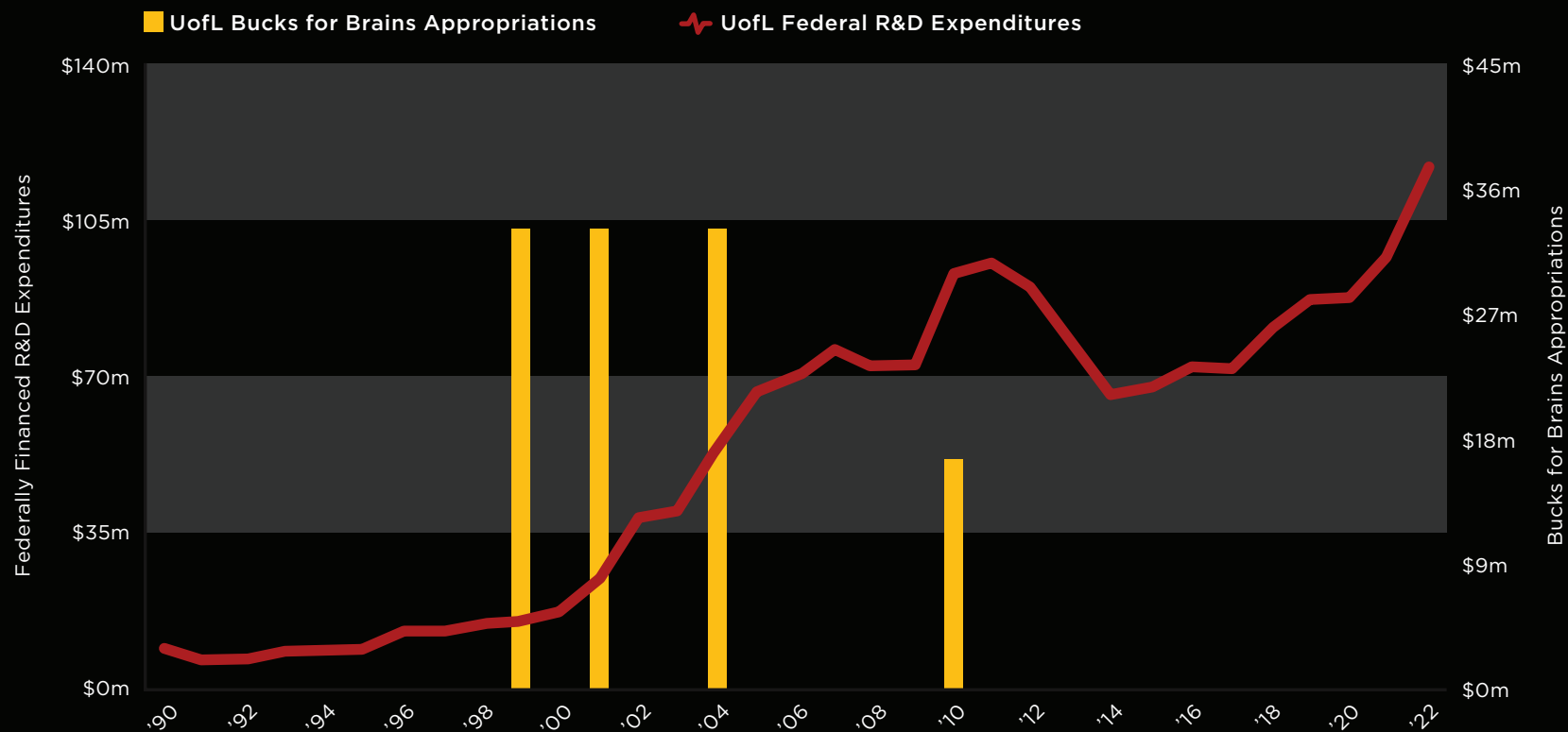
Working it out

Professor of human resources and organizational development Brad Shuck’s study on work determinates of health connected — for the first time — biological factors with workplace factors that cause chronic health conditions. Simply put, the research proved work actually can make you sick.

EXPERTS IN RESIDENCE

UofL received millions to recruit and retain endowed faculty to advance research in cybersecurity, energy, health and more.

The Research Challenge Trust Fund, commonly referred to as Bucks for Brains, supports groundbreaking research at Kentucky universities by matching state dollars with private donations. Private gifts more than doubled the state's investment from 1997-2002.



Bucks for Brains by the numbers

\$10M

State investment in 2023

\$126.7M

Total state investment since 1997

160

Endowed chair, professor and fellow positions created so far

STEM-powered

Cardinals harness the power of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) innovations to drive progress for society.

- The Louisville Science Pathways program, funded by Louisville Metro's SummerWorks program, placed high school students in STEM labs across multiple departments at UofL to gain hands-on experience assisting professional scientists and faculty in areas such as neurobiology, psychology, computer science and engineering.
- UofL will build a new Speed School of Engineering Building dedicated to serving STEM students and programming. The building is slated to open in 2025.

“APPLIED PHYSICS IS ALL ABOUT STRIKING THAT BALANCE BETWEEN LOFTY THEORIES AND ACTUAL REAL-WORLD APPLICATION, WHICH IS THE PERFECT FIT FOR ME. I HOPE THAT I CAN FIND THAT BALANCE TO MAKE A REAL, MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE SOMEWHERE.”

— Thomas Hulse '23, McConnell Scholar



Investing in health equity

Building on the latest efforts to advance health equity in the community—the Health Equity Innovation Hub, sponsored by Humana, and the UofL Christina Lee Brown Envirome Institute New Vision of Health Campus—UofL invested millions in research efforts to better understand and improve the health and well-being of our community.

- The recently launched Reconstruct Challenge will provide **15** winners with **\$100,000** each to tackle pressing problems around food access, maternal and child health and non-emergency medical transportation in the Louisville region.
- The Health Equity Innovation Hub funded more than **\$1 million** for UofL researchers seeking to boost health outcomes for marginalized communities.

Igniting innovation

The university recognizes dreamers and doers at its annual Innovation and Entrepreneurship Awards.

By the numbers

72

UofL researchers who received a patent or license

319

Agreements, including licensing and material transfer agreements

49

Newly awarded patents

33

Total grants for product development awarded to faculty

\$15.6M

Total innovation-related income, including royalties



PREMIER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

UofL is an anchor institution for our city and our commonwealth. In 2023, UofL students, faculty and staff made great strides to strengthen the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of our community through service efforts, corporate partnerships and the outstanding achievements of our alumni.

An economic engine

UofL continues to serve as a force in manufacturing for the state.

- The U.S. Department of Commerce awarded the university **\$13 million** to launch the Kentucky Manufacturing Extension Partnership (KMEP).
- KMEP is expected to generate **\$150 million to \$200 million** per year in economic growth across the commonwealth.
- The partnership will work closely with existing UofL manufacturing-related research centers, including the Additive Manufacturing Institute of Science and Technology (AMIST) and the Louisville Automation and Robotics Research Institute (LARRI).



Partners that power the future

From local start-ups to global conglomerates, solid connections with Kentucky businesses give UofL students a chance to gain real-world experience while addressing workforce needs.

For 25 years, UofL, UPS, Jefferson Community and Technical College and the city of Louisville have provided students a chance to earn a college degree for free while working at UPS through Metropolitan College. The program has provided a university education to more than 22,000 students, with many leveraging their college employment to full-time careers at UPS.

“UOFL AND UPS CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE AROUND THEM. JUST KNOWING THEY HAVE A PARTNERSHIP HELPED ME A LOT BECAUSE I DIDN’T KNOW I WOULD HAVE A CAREER HERE, BUT BY JUST STAYING THE COURSE AND FINISHING A DEGREE, I GOT THAT OPPORTUNITY.”

— TaShara Brown '20, Metropolitan College alum and UPS supervisor

Ohio River

Portland Elementary

J.B. Atkinson Academy

The Academy @ Shawnee

Western Middle School for the Arts

Central High School

LOUISVILLE

Students from Central High School's Pre-Medical Magnet Program receive white coats as a symbol they are one step closer to entering the medical field. The magnet program allows high school students to shadow UofL doctors and receive one-on-one mentoring in their areas of interest.

A COMMUNITY-ENGAGED UNIVERSITY

UofL collaborates with five Signature Partnership K-12 schools in west Louisville through programs with the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Public Health and Information Sciences and the College of Education and Human Development. The Signature Partnership is a nationally recognized initiative to enhance the quality of life and economic opportunity for residents of west Louisville.



Alumni words of wisdom

With more than 160,000 living alumni, Cardinals make impacts around the globe and credit UofL with sparking their success.



“FIND A CAUSE THAT IS BIGGER THAN YOURSELF AND USE YOUR DEGREE TO MAKE SOCIETY BETTER. KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE A POWERFUL VOICE, AND THAT VOICE CAN AND SHOULD BE USED TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.”

- Derwin Webb '92, '97, the first Black male elected as deputy chief judge for Jefferson County Family Court



“[COLLEGE] IS THE ONE TIME IN YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU REALLY GET TO EXPLORE AND PLAY. THAT'S THE OTHER THING THAT LOUISVILLE GAVE ME — IT GAVE THIS LITTLE KENTUCKY BOY A LOT OF EXPOSURE TO THE WORLD.”

- Jim Holthouser '81, '83, '85, Focus Brands CEO



“THROUGHOUT MY CAREER AS A UOFL STUDENT, I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TREATED LIKE A PERSON. RELATIONSHIPS MATTER AND UOFL PROFESSORS AND ADVISORS HAVE ALWAYS MADE THAT THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. I HAVE ALWAYS FELT LIKE THEY WANTED ME TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND WERE HAPPY TO ENGAGE WITH ME OUTSIDE OF CLASS.”

- Kara Ammerman '07, '08, '16, Principal, Echo Trail Middle School

FUNDING THE FUTURE

UofL's main endowment pool increased to \$832 million in 2023. Gifts to the university will bolster innovation and engagement in areas such as environmental health, real estate and nursing.



\$1 MILLION

A gift from the Trager family will help UofL better understand environmental impacts on health. The Trager Micro-forest Project will turn Founders Square in downtown Louisville into an outdoor living laboratory where researchers will work on innovative ideas for urban greening.

\$500,000

A gift from LDG Development will help the College of Business create a real estate finance and management program.

\$900,000

A gift from Scion Health to create a Student Collaboration Center will position School of Nursing students for success by encouraging engagement and peer support.

GAME FACES ON

Cardinals student-athletes broke records in games and grades in 2022-23

- Women's volleyball made an appearance in the NCAA title game.
- UofL finished the 2022-23 campaign with 13 different sport programs ranked in the top 25 at one point during their seasons, with seven programs cracking the top 10 at some point.
- The Cardinals recorded 50 All-Americans during the 2022-23 athletic seasons.
- Louisville's 3.28 overall department grade point average was the highest in the program's history.
- UofL's 92% Graduation Success Rate is the highest in program history.
- UofL student-athletes completed more than 4,000 hours of community service
- Women's basketball became the only school in the nation to reach the last five Elite Eights.



PUSHING FOR PROGRESS

With the lessons learned from our past 225 years, we turn toward the future with new leadership and a relentless pursuit for more. UofL launched the 2023-2025 strategic plan with an eye toward ensuring the university remains focused on creating thriving futures for our students, our community and our society by advancing goals that keep UofL a great place to learn, discover, connect and work.

Read the Strategic Plan 2023-25: Ways Forward at louisville.edu/strategicplan.

As 2023 proved, Cardinals will continue to build a better world, here and beyond.

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Two people are standing on a balcony with a metal railing, looking out at the city skyline. One person is holding a smartphone up to take a photo. The scene is bathed in a red light, and a large tree trunk is visible on the right side of the frame.

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