



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Dear Friends,

The University of Louisville had much to celebrate in 2019, and we capped off the year by welcoming 1,300 new alumni during an inspiring commencement ceremony. The acquisition of the area KentuckyOne assets and the completion of our three-year strategic plan are certainly among the highlights of the recently concluded semester. And I continue to be impressed by the work that goes on each day on our campuses—first-class instruction, groundbreaking research, impactful community service and innovative and life-saving health care.

In 2020, you can expect us not to rest on our laurels but to continue driving toward our goal of being an even greater place to learn, to work and in which to invest. In the new year, we will continue to put our strategic plan into action. We will increase our focus on experiential learning, student mental health and providing greater access to student financial aid. With 40 percent of our student body Pell Grant eligible, providing access to education remains one of our highest priorities.

For our faculty and staff, we want to create more opportunities for personal growth and development. We want to ensure that we have a culture where diversity, equity and inclusion are not just words that we say but values that we truly live.

We plan to bolster our philanthropic efforts, increase our business and industry partnerships and focus on solving a handful of “Grand Challenges” that set us apart from our peer institutions. We want to continue to capitalize on the fact that UofL is one of just 69 schools out of nearly 4,500 higher education institutions nationally that is Carnegie-designated as both a Research 1 university and a school with very high impact community engagement.

Finally, we took a calculated risk in 2019 by purchasing Jewish Hospital and the rest of KentuckyOne's local portfolio. We are so thankful for the support of our elected officials, the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and the Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Foundation for helping that transaction come to fruition. In 2020, we must fully integrate these assets into our growing UofL Health system to ensure their long-term stability and the future of health care throughout the Commonwealth.

As always, I am reminded that none of our success is possible without the support, encouragement and guidance of our many alumni, friends and other stakeholders throughout our community and beyond. All of us here at UofL—students, faculty and staff—are so grateful for the faith and loyalty that so many have to our long-term mission. We think it's going to be a great year, and we look forward to sharing our progress with you. See you on campus and in the community. Go Cards!

Neeli Bendapudi
President, University of Louisville



The 2020 Grawemeyer Award winners

UofL names world-changing winners of the Grawemeyer Awards

UofL and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary announced 2020 winners of five, \$100,000 Grawemeyer Awards Dec. 2-6.

Charles Grawemeyer, a UofL graduate and former seminary trustee, launched the awards program in 1984 to underscore the impact a single idea can have on the world.

“All of the 2020 winners offer important new insights into some of today's most significant issues, which is exactly what we seek to reward with these prizes,” said Charles Leonard, Grawemeyer Awards executive director.

UofL presents the annual prizes in music, world order, psychology and education and gives the religion prize jointly with the seminary. All of the award recipients will visit Louisville in April to give free, public talks on their winning ideas.

Winners are:

- **Lei Liang**, a San Diego composer who won the music composition award for his orchestral work “A Thousand Mountains, a Million Streams,” evoking the threat climate change poses to humanity
- **Ken Conca**, an American University professor who won the world order award for his book “An Unfinished Foundation: The United Nations and Global Environmental Governance” challenging the United Nations to rethink how it handles environmental problems
- **Robert Plomin**, a King's College, London, behavioral geneticist who won the psychology award for explaining how DNA influences how we work with the world around us
- **Sarah Fine and Jal Mehta**, two scholars who co-won the education award for their study of how to encourage deeper learning in U.S. high schools
- **Stephen J. Patterson**, a Willamette University professor who won the religion award for showing how an early Christian creed urging human solidarity applies in modern life

UofL recognized for Higher Education Excellence and Diversity

UofL recently received a HEED Award (Higher Education Excellence and Diversity) from Insight Into Diversity for the sixth year in a row.

UofL is one of 94 institutions receiving the award this year.

The committee from Insight Into Diversity recognized UofL's outstanding efforts toward diversity and inclusion, specifically through the Black Male Initiative, LGBTQ work and Kentucky Refugee Program through the law school. The Health Sciences Campus also received a HEED award.

Collaboration is key to research success

In athletics, everyone at UofL enjoys our competitive in-state rivalries. But in the classroom, UofL is firmly committed to collaboration with the Commonwealth's other universities to maximize impact for students and residents of the region. The results of these ongoing synergies were underscored recently by the announcement of two large, prestigious grants that will fund shared research in manufacturing and health.

Kentucky's two research universities, UofL and University of Kentucky, along with six other Kentucky institutions, were awarded a five-year, \$24 million grant to support the fundamental science needed to advance next generation manufacturing technologies, flexible electronics and robotics. The Kentucky National Science Foundation's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, awarded the grant.

"This cooperative project will help bolster Kentucky's economy, create jobs and put

the Commonwealth at the forefront of automation and human-machine interaction," said UofL president Neeli Bendapudi and UK president Eli Capilouto, in a joint statement.

The project, titled the Kentucky Advanced Partnership for Enhanced Robotics and Structures (or KAMPERS), will harness the collective research power of 40 multidisciplinary researchers from UofL, UK, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Somerset Community College, Transylvania University and Western Kentucky University.

In November, UofL, UK, the Commonwealth Commercialization Center (C3) and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development accepted an elite \$4 million grant to bring dozens of new med-tech and health-related companies to life across the state in the coming years.

The four-year Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hub



(REACH) grant from the National Institutes of Health will help fund a public-private consortium, the Kentucky Network for Innovation & Commercialization – KYNETIC. The new organization will use NIH funding to advance the most promising biomedical research innovations from the state's eight public universities and the Kentucky Community & Technical College System. Ultimately, its goal is to create startups that commercialize the technologies for public benefit.

"With the acquisition of Jewish Hospital and other

KentuckyOne Health properties, researchers at UofL will have additional opportunities to recruit patients for clinical studies to advance research emerging from KYNETIC," Bendapudi said. "Projects developed through KYNETIC will have the potential to further existing UofL research efforts in optimal aging, improve access to quality health care in underserved urban and rural regions and bolster efforts to both attract and retain top faculty and students."

UofL welcomes Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to campus

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo spoke on campus recently as part of the McConnell Center's Distinguished Speaker Series. Pompeo told the University Club crowd he is familiar with this part of Kentucky, having been stationed at Fort Knox twice during his Army service.

Pompeo, a graduate of West Point, served as a cavalry officer patrolling the Iron Curtain before the fall of the Berlin Wall. After leaving active duty, Pompeo graduated from Harvard Law School. He was confirmed as secretary of state in 2018 after serving as director of the Central Intelligence Agency and, prior, as a congressional representative from Kansas. Pompeo, the 70th secretary of state in U.S. history, is the seventh secretary of state to speak at UofL.

View a video of his remarks on UofL's [YouTube](#) channel.



Satterfield, Walz recognized with Coach of the Year honors

After leading the USA Basketball team to a perfect 7-0 record and a gold medal at the 2019 FIBA U19 World Cup in Bangkok, Thailand, UofL Women's Basketball Coach Jeff Walz was named a recipient of the 2019 USA Basketball National Coach of the Year award.

Walz led his UofL team in 2018-19 to a 32-4 record and the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight.

"It is definitely an honor," Walz said. "And...obviously you don't get such an award without having an outstanding staff and a good team."

Additionally, Scott Satterfield earned the 2019 Atlantic Coast Conference Football Coach of the Year. He is the first UofL coach to receive the honor.

"I'm certainly thankful and honored to be recognized as the coach of the year in the ACC, especially in the conference I grew up watching as a kid," Satterfield said. "I'm proud of my coaching staff who worked so hard to change the culture of this program and put our players in a position to succeed. "

Satterfield has guided the Cardinals to an impressive turnaround, becoming only the second school in the ACC to 0-8 in league play the previous year to 5-3 the following season.

The football team also won the American Football Coaches Association 2019 Academic Achievement Award. Satterfield will accept the award Jan. 13 at the AFCA Convention in Nashville.