

UN Ambassador Susan Power Visit
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Bigelow Hall, MIT

McConnell Introduction

Thank you, Gary. Good morning.

Welcome to the University of Louisville. We are honored to have you join us for this special occasion.

As I have said on many occasions, the University of Louisville is proud that Senator Mitch McConnell is a graduate of the University of Louisville, and no institution/organization has a better friend than Senator McConnell.

The Senator is the father of the prestigious **McConnell Scholars** program and the McConnell Center. When I travel across Kentucky ... (recognize scholar)

Also, in the last year: McConnell Center; Secretary of Army Initiative; 1 of 2 Strategic Broadening Initiatives; Army War College Fellow, Col. Chris Wynder.

(Thank Gary Gregg)

We're proud to have the Senator's papers and those of his wife Elaine at UofL. The papers of Mitch and Elaine greatly enrich scholarship/ research at UofL.

Because of Senator McConnell's work on behalf of the University of Louisville, we are a better university.

Senator McConnell:

- Understands that universities serve as engines for economic growth and enhancing quality of life.
- He has worked hard to strengthen Kentucky's research universities.

With his help, UofL has been able to invest in important academic/research programs like the Ekstrom Library, Cardiovascular Institute, Center for Translational Research and the Belknap Research Building.

Again, I say no university could have a better friend than Senator Mitch McConnell ...

And, oh, by the way, did I mention that the Senator is the newly elected Senate Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate? Yes, we are pretty proud of that. Our alum/our friend/our greatest football fan.

Please welcome Senator Mitch McConnell.

(McConnell speaks)

(You wrap up the program by presenting a pen to Ambassador Power)

Thanks to all of you for attending this event sponsored by the McConnell Center and the University of Louisville.