



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Dear Colleagues,

The University of Louisville wraps up the winter months with several noteworthy achievements that reflect our efforts to be a premier higher education institution – one that produces an outstanding education for all students in Kentucky and beyond and serves as a key resource for our commonwealth's businesses and industries.

Strategic partnerships remain critical in helping Kentucky's economy thrive. UofL's Kentucky Manufacturing Extension Partnership recently secured \$8 million in state appropriations to help small- and medium-sized manufacturers acquire capital equipment and next-generation technologies. Our university is proud that we can offer this support and drive these firms and Kentucky's economy forward.

UofL is pleased to once again be recognized as a "Research 1: Very High Spending and Doctorate Production" university by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. This designation is a testament to our enduring success in biomedical, engineering, scientific and creative activities.

Of course, there are many on our campus who contribute to our university's ongoing success. Six UofL faculty members were recognized by Louisville Business First for their contributions to health care innovation.

Speaking of positive and powerful contributions, it is with immense pride I recognize our student body who, through the annual raiseRED initiative, raised \$533,902.79 for the fight against pediatric cancer. This year's effort engaged more than 750 people from students to doctors and brought the cumulative amount raised by the campaign to over \$5.5 million since its inception 12 years ago.

Finally, I want to thank the University of Louisville Board of Trustees and the university community for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as UofL's next president. Our recent successes combined with our rich academic history will help us build a community where all students, faculty and staff can succeed.

Gerry Bradley

President,
University of Louisville



Gerry Bradley named UofL's 20th president

The University of Louisville Board of Trustees at a special meeting March 26 appointed Gerry Bradley, formerly executive vice president and university provost, as UofL's 20th president. The appointment is effective immediately following the board's decision to accept the resignation of President Kim Schatzel at that same meeting.

Bradley served as EVP/UP since February 2024 and was interim provost on two occasions—from January 2022 to February 2023 and from July 2023 to February 2024. Under Bradley's leadership, UofL has made a strong commitment to enrollment growth, student success and academic excellence. Last fall, UofL experienced record first-year enrollment, record first-year fall-to-fall retention and a record overall enrollment of 24,123 students.

Bradley has hired eight deans, overseen several successful accreditation reaffirmations and fostered the development and launch of several new academic programs.



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION POWERHOUSE

Carnegie Foundation reaffirms UofL as a research leader

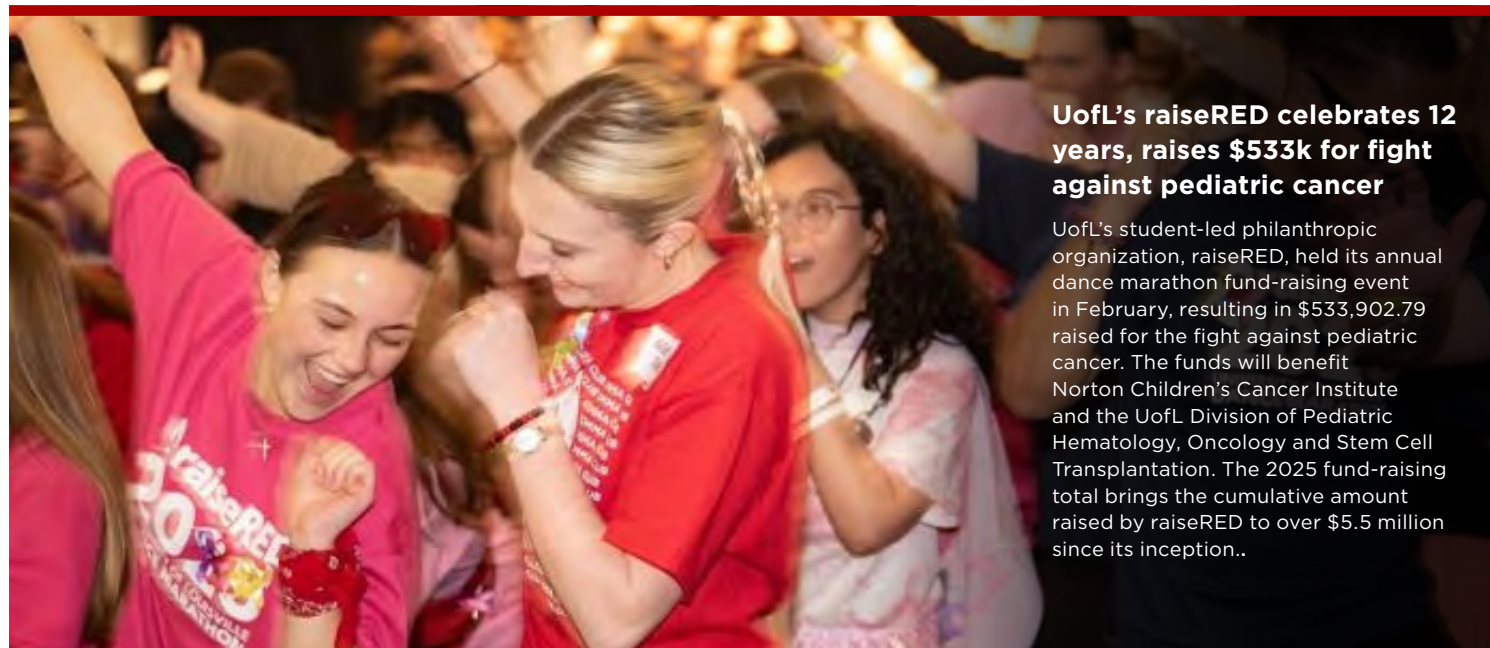
The University of Louisville remains a top research institution in the nation, recognized again by the Carnegie Foundation as a "Research 1" university. The designation highlights its elite status among U.S. universities.

Specifically, the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education 2025 has named UofL a "Research 1: Very High Spending and Doctorate Production" university. UofL is one of only 187 universities receiving this distinction as part of the new research activity designation introduced this year, and one of only two in the state. The 2025 designation was based on nearly \$221 million in research expenditures UofL made in fiscal year 2023 and 159 research doctorate degrees UofL awarded in 2022-2023.

UofL also holds a Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, which recognizes institutions that work with community partners to exchange knowledge and resources for public benefit. UofL is one of only 102 universities nationally that hold both recognitions.



UofL researchers Kavitha Yaddanapuddi, (left) and Chuanlin Ding, use a mass cytometer to help improve the effectiveness of cancer immunotherapies.



UofL's raiseRED celebrates 12 years, raises \$533k for fight against pediatric cancer

UofL's student-led philanthropic organization, raiseRED, held its annual dance marathon fund-raising event in February, resulting in \$533,902.79 raised for the fight against pediatric cancer. The funds will benefit Norton Children's Cancer Institute and the UofL Division of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation. The 2025 fund-raising total brings the cumulative amount raised by raiseRED to over \$5.5 million since its inception..

PREMIER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor awarded highest honor from UofL Brandeis School of Law



2025 UofL Brandeis Medal presentation to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

The University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law presented the Brandeis Medal to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor on Feb. 5. The Brandeis Medal honors recipients for their devotion to economic, social or political justice and for advancing the cause of public service in the legal profession. Sotomayor is the seventh Supreme Court justice honored with the medal, following Harry Blackmun, Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, Sandra Day O'Connor and John Paul Stevens.

UofL partnership secures \$8M to support state's small- and mid-sized manufacturers

The University of Louisville's Kentucky Manufacturing Extension Partnership (KY-MEP) secured \$8 million to help the state's small- and medium-sized manufacturers generate business results and thrive in today's technology-driven economy.

With the funding, which comes via a state appropriation, KY-MEP has launched the Catalyst Equipment Match program. The program provides an up to 50% match for manufacturers (up to \$200,000) for investments in capital equipment and next-generation technologies, such as automation, robotics and additive manufacturing.

KY-MEP, housed at UofL, helps manufacturers implement waste-reducing systems and processes, grow revenue streams and customize culture models that support the talent pipeline and a sustainable workforce. In the past 12 months, KY-MEP supported more than 600 companies throughout Kentucky and drove more than \$131 million in economic impact by way of retained or added jobs, improved efficiency and more.

2025 Health Care Heroes include six with UofL ties

Each year, Louisville Business First (LBF) recognizes 25 Health Care Heroes — medical professionals who demonstrate outstanding excellence in their work and who are taking the field to new levels. This year's Health Care Heroes from UofL are:

- **Jeffrey Bumpous:** executive vice president for health affairs and dean, School of Medicine
- **Jason Chesney:** director and chief administrative officer, UofL Health Brown Cancer Center
- **Jennifer Porter:** associate professor, pediatrics
- **Adam Gaweda:** associate professor, Department of Medicine
- **Bridgette Hittepole:** assistant professor and associate director, MD/PhD Physician Scientist Training Program
- **Deborah Kozik:** associate professor, Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery



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UofL Health CEO among those honored as Louisville influencers

UofL health CEO Tom Miller has been recognized as a Louisville Business First Power 50 professional. The Power 50 list identifies the city's most influential people in business and related communities. Louisville Business First selected honorees from individuals nominated by the public and those covered in the publication's own reporting and sourcing and did not include elected officials. Also making the Power 50 list are numerous Cardinal alumni and donors, along with current and past members of UofL boards.



Tom Miller