

A Message from University of Kentucky

**PRESIDENT ELI CAPILOUTO****REFLECTING ON WHAT WE HAVE DONE; LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

“Dear Campus Community,

Yesterday marked the last meeting of the Board of Trustees before the end of the academic year. I reflected with the Trustees on only a few of the remarkable moments of the last year and also discussed some of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

We have now administered nearly 240,000 doses of lifesaving vaccines at a makeshift clinic outside the concourse of a football stadium. Hundreds of people from across campus have come together to inject hope in our community.

A team from the UK Department of Physics and Astronomy recently contributed to a major study some herald as potentially transforming an entire field. On the UK team – among 200 scientists from 35 exemplary institutions in seven countries – was an undergraduate student from Louisville, Kentucky: Mitchell Turner.

A little more than a month ago, one of our own – Crystal Wilkinson, who grew up in Casey County – was named the state’s poet laureate. Professor Wilkinson said: “I’m hoping that young girls can see they, too, can be writers, as well as all people of color.”

And, at the board meeting, we honored two national championship teams – Volleyball and Rifle – led by the two best players in their sports this year, Madison Lilley and Mary Tucker. Over the last year, I believe we have honored our values and mission more deeply and in more compelling ways than ever before in our history. That commitment to our values is so important because our state has never needed us more. One way we reflect those values is in how we spend the resources entrusted to us. In the budget, I will propose to our board in June, we will put forward investments that will help us continue our progress.”

Read the full message here: <https://www.uky.edu/president/sites/www.uky.edu.president/files/5-5-2021.pdf>

**Congratulations Matt Marshall!**

Tomorrow, May 7<sup>th</sup>, will mark the end of 25 years of service for **Matt Marshall** (right). Matt is part of our Area 2 Maintenance team and has spent much of his career supporting the College of Agriculture Facilities. **Gary Sewell**, Matt’s supervisor, said that he plans to go back to farming cattle and enjoying life on the farm.

**PHOTO FRIDAY: STUDENT SALUTE!**

Finals week starts next Monday with Commencement ceremonies scheduled over the weekend of 5/14-5/16. Let’s give a big shout out to the students working in Facilities Management starting with Photo Friday this week. Please send pictures of students on your teams to [shane.tedder@uky.edu](mailto:shane.tedder@uky.edu) by Thursday at midnight. Include name, major, and graduation year. Thanks!