

Two UofL researchers named Fellows of National Academy of Inventors

Suzanne Ildstad, MD, director of the Institute for Cellular Therapeutics, and Kevin Walsh, PhD, director of the Micro/Nano Technology Center, will be inducted as fellows at the 4th Annual Conference of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) next month. "As a premier metropolitan research university, UofL strives to develop ideas into discoveries, then to translate these into forms that benefit all," said UofL Executive Vice President for Research and Innovation William M. Pierce, Jr., PhD. "Drs. Ildstad and Walsh are two of our many brilliant and dedicated scholars who do this every day."



Suzanne Ildstad, MD



Kevin Walsh, PhD

UofL Announces largest gift to Cardinal Covenant

Drs. Robert and Joyce Hughes will help low-income students attend the University of Louisville through a \$1.5 million gift to Cardinal Covenant. The program covers the cost of tuition, room, board and books for students from families living at or below 150 percent of the poverty level.

"Joyce and I strongly believe in education and knowledge as the greatest gift in life," said Robert Hughes. "We want to make that gift possible for as many students, present and future, as we can."



From left to right: Cardinal Covenant students Anna Brashear and Casey Sanders; Robert Hughes, MD; President James Ramsey, PhD.

A Letter from the President

Dear Friends,
At the University of Louisville we have great researchers who are doing world-changing work. The work of our faculty is being nationally recognized, and our faculty are being honored for their outstanding work, which is among the best in the world. Drs. Suzanne Ildstad and Kevin Walsh have been named Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors, a prestigious, select group of researchers and innovators from across the United States. They are the only two individuals from the Commonwealth of Kentucky named to this year's elite group with past Fellows including 21 Nobel laureates. The selection of Dr. Ildstad, director of UofL's Institute for Cellular Therapeutics, and Dr. Walsh, director of our Micro/NanoTechnology Center, is not only a great honor for them, but a boost to UofL's reputation as a hotbed of inventive activity. Drs. Ildstad and Walsh are just the most recent faculty members to be honored nationally for their work but we are proud of ALL of our talented faculty, doing their part to make the world a better, safer, healthier place for all of us.

James R. Ramsey President, University of Louisville



Record number of student athletes recognized at Red and Black reception

More than 400 UofL student athletes were honored as Red and Black Scholars for maintaining a cumulative 3.25 or better grade-point average. Provost Shirley Willihnganz addressed the student athletes, each of whom invited to the reception a faculty member who has had a significant impact on their academic success.

To enhance the classroom performance of all student athletes, in late February UofL broke ground on the new Thorntons Academic Center for Excellence at the south end of Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.



Energy-saving project extended

The University of Louisville's Board of Trustees voted to extend an existing contract with Siemens Industry Inc. that has saved UofL \$12.9 million in energy costs in six years. UofL and Siemens began working together in 2009 to save energy on the university's three campuses. More efficient lighting, updated heating and cooling systems and water use reduction in 88 campus buildings with a total area of 6.2 million square feet account for the cost savings.

"We've saved a lot of money through this initiative and become more energy efficient at the same time," said UofL President James Ramsey. "We've learned we can reap even more savings by extending this project."

FirstBuild earns GLI award

The University of Louisville and GE Appliances teamed up to create the microfactory FirstBuild, which opened last July. Greater Louisville Inc. recognized FirstBuild for its innovative promise with a Silver Fleur De Lis Award at its 2015 Annual Meeting. The microfactory engages a community of industrial designers, scientists, engineers, makers and early adopters to fast-track product prototyping, iteration and introduction. Earlier in February, FirstBuild debuted its first community-created, community-funded product, the Paragon induction cooktop.



GLI Silver Fleur-De-Lis Award Winners Natarajan "Venkat" Venkatakrishnan Lead Engineer, FirstBuild and J.B. Speed School of Engineering Dean Neville Pinto, PhD

UofL gives Kentucky kids reason to smile

University of Louisville School of Dentistry students and faculty, along with other community dental health providers, offered free, comprehensive dental treatment to more than 100 children from 16 schools in Bullitt, Meade, Nelson, Shelby and Spencer counties. Established in 2002, Smile Kentucky! is considered a national model for community partnerships.



Kids received free dental care in the Bullitt County offices of UofL School Dentistry alumni.



UofL & UK team up for cost savings

The University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky partnered to purchase scientific supplies in a move that will save thousands of dollars per year. While still providing for their individual needs, the two research universities combined the volume of their laboratory supplies to negotiate a higher-value contract, which Kentucky's other public colleges and universities can utilize to save on their scientific supplies and capitalize on enhanced services.