



Eastern Kentucky University

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Return on Investment for the Commonwealth

- Fall 2021 enrollment: 13,984
- 118 of 120 counties represented among ECU's student body
- 43% of undergraduates are first-generation college students
- \$580 million annual economic impact to the local, regional, and state economy

Positioned for Growth

- Nearly 10% YOY increase in new freshman enrollment
- Nearly 50% increase in STEM-H degrees awarded over 10 years
- Nearly 25% increase in underrepresented minority degrees awarded over five years
- 100% of textbooks provided at no cost to undergraduate students

Asset Preservation – Addressing Critical Needs



- More than \$1 billion in total deferred maintenance
- Types of projects include:
 - Extending useful life of facilities
 - HVAC repairs and replacement
 - Steam infrastructure upgrades
 - Plumbing and Electrical Upgrades
 - Elevator repairs
 - Roof replacements

Alumni Coliseum – The Front Door to ECU



- Constructed in 1963
- Regional economic driver
- Every on-campus student starts their ECU journey here
- Hands on teaching classroom and student success center
- Home of ECU Athletics

Model Lab – The Commonwealth’s Lab School



- Public school established in 1906
- 684 Students (K-12)
- 100% graduation rate
- Thank you for investing in teacher preparation and PreK-12 innovation



EKU Aviation - Kentucky's Only Four-Year Aviation Program



- Fall 2021 enrollment: 330
 - 271 pro-flight majors
 - 59 aerospace management/technology majors
- 15,762 hours flown in 2021
- 99% post-graduation employment rate
- Unmanned Aerial Systems concentration launching in 2022



EKU Aviation – Fleet and Infrastructure Investment



\$8 million investment from the General Assembly in FY 2021 budget has enabled:

- 16 aircraft acquisitions (fleet of 27)
- Transition from leased to owned
- Second temporary training facility
- Pending construction of new facility at Central KY Regional Airport



Questions?



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