



The University of, for and with Kentucky

We dream of a state that tomorrow is healthier, wealthier
and wiser than it is today.

Our mission, forged more than 160 years ago and upheld
with deep fidelity, is our Commonwealth's future — her
people and prosperity.

We were created to serve Kentucky.

UK HealthCare

Lung cancer journey gives Markey patient renewed purpose

By **Elizabeth Chapin** Jan. 26, 2026

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After her lung cancer diagnosis and treatment at UK Markey Cancer Center, Gabby Morrison found a new purpose helping others. Hilary Brown | UK Photo

LEXINGTON, Ky. (Jan. 26, 2026) — Gabby Morrison was 11 weeks into her third pregnancy in early 2023 when she learned she had miscarried. Days later, the emotional weight of the loss triggered a panic attack so severe the 27-year-old from West Liberty thought she was having a heart attack. Morrison went to [UK St. Claire](#) in Morehead, where a chest scan revealed a mass in her lung.

Media Resources

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

BY THE NUMBERS



ENROLLMENT INCREASE
OF MORE THAN **10K**
OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS.
FALL '25 REACHED **38,383**
TOTAL STUDENTS



72% SIX-YEAR
GRADUATION RATE

NEARLY **10K**
DEGREES AND
CREDENTIALS
CONFERRED IN 2025



UK'S MARKEY CANCER
CENTER IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR NEARLY **40%** OF
NEW CANCER CASES IN KY

UK PRESENCE

IN ALL
120
COUNTIES



72,500
DISCHARGES PER YEAR

Spent nearly **\$530M** on **R&D** – **economic impact** of nearly **\$940M**
and responsible for **4,700+** **jobs**

ADVANCING KENTUCKY



An aerial photograph of a rural landscape, likely in the Midwest, showing rolling green fields, clusters of trees, and several farm buildings. In the foreground, there are two large, cylindrical silos and a smaller white building. The background shows a vast expanse of fields and trees under a clear sky. The overall scene is peaceful and agricultural.

Are we being accountable?

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape in Kentucky. The scene shows rolling green fields, clusters of trees, and several farm buildings. In the foreground, there are two large, cylindrical silos and a smaller rectangular structure. The background features a dense line of trees and more distant fields under a clear sky. The overall tone is peaceful and agricultural.

What will the support you
provide yield for Kentucky?

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape, likely in the South or Midwest, showing rolling green fields, scattered trees, and farm buildings. The scene is captured in a soft, slightly hazy light, possibly during dawn or dusk. The overall tone is muted and contemplative.

Are our universities providing something relevant and lasting?

An architectural rendering of a modern, multi-story glass building at night. The building is illuminated from within, showing people on various floors. The text 'BUILDING ON OUR PROMISE' is overlaid in large, white, semi-transparent letters across the center of the image. The building's name, 'Michael D. Rankin MD Health Education Building', is visible on the ground floor. The scene includes a sidewalk with people walking, a street with cars, and trees under a dark blue sky.

BUILDING ON OUR PROMISE

Michael D. Rankin MD Health Education Building



Healthy Kentucky Research Building

WHITE HALL CLASSROOM BUILDING

SMITHGROUP

**WHITE HALL CLASSROOM BUILDING
SOUTHEAST ENTRANCE**

University of Kentucky

University of Kentucky General Fund Operating Requests

Requests	2026-27	2027-28
Inflationary Adjustments	+4.5%	+9.0%
State Fire and Tornado Insurance Premium Adjustment	+ \$806,300	+ \$806,300
Postsecondary Education Performance Fund	+ \$30,000,000	+ \$45,000,000

Advancing Kentucky Together

Our Partnership with You

We dream of a state that tomorrow is healthier, wealthier and wiser than it is today.

We dream of doing things that matter, *together.*

