

“Light it up Blue” for Autism Awareness
April 2, 2015

Dear UK Community,

Two years ago, a passionate group of UK students kick started our involvement in an international campaign called "Light it up Blue," in honor of Autism Awareness Month. We illuminated Memorial Hall with blue lights, making it the first building in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to participate in the campaign.

Awareness of these issues is critical. A recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the prevalence of autism spectrum disorders as 1 in 68 for children ages 6-17.

Last year, as part of the effort to increase awareness, students decided to light up the Taylor Education Building as well — the building where they are studying and preparing to be great teachers.

Today we continue this tradition, joining iconic landmarks around the globe — including the Great Pyramid in Egypt, Empire State Building in New York City and Opera House in Sydney, Australia — as well as universities, museums, concert halls, restaurants, hospitals and retail stores around the world.

Memorial Hall, the Taylor Education Building, Central Halls I and II, Haggin Hall and Woodland Glen I residence halls will each shine blue tonight in honor of autism awareness.

The University of Kentucky [Student Council for Exceptional Children](#) (SCEC), part of the College of Education, will also host a brief ceremony at the Taylor Education Building beginning at dusk with a reception to follow.

[Click here for more information on how to get involved.](#)

I hope you join us as we "see blue." in support of an important cause.

Eli Capilouto
President