

Academic Convocation

Feb. 2, 2015

Dear colleagues,

In an email to campus last Wednesday, I shared with you the details of our Founders Week celebration. For 150 years, you – and the faculty before you – have been the intellectual and cultural heart of our campus. You have taught and mentored promising minds, carried out creative scholarship that developed new understanding and stirred people’s souls, and served others through intent outreach and sophisticated care. Founders week – a special period in the history for our campus – is a time to celebrate those meaningful pursuits.

On behalf of the UK Sesquicentennial Committee, I want to extend a personal invitation to you for the Academic Convocation on February 23, 2015 at the Singletary Center for the Arts. The Convocation will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will feature keynote remarks from Dr. William E. "Brit" Kirwan, a UK alumnus, chancellor of the University System of Maryland, and former president of the University of Maryland - College Park and The Ohio State University. Chancellor Kirwan's father, Albert D. Kirwan, was an important part of UK's great history, having served as the University’s seventh president.

Faculty participating in the Academic Processional and Convocation are asked to RSVP between now and Friday, February 6, by contacting Nancy Smith in the Student Center Executive Director's Office, 209 Student Center, 257-5781 or [nancy.smith@uky.edu](mailto:nancy.smith@uky.edu). If you plan to participate, please also plan to arrive at the Singletary Center prior to 9:30 a.m. on February 23. We expect the Convocation will conclude around 11:00 AM. Faculty are expected to dress in full academic regalia.

Because this is a distinct time in our history, we would encourage you to invite your students to attend the Academic Convocation. Content of the Convocation may provide engaging assignments to integrate into your students’ coursework. This is truly a unique moment for the UK family to meaningfully reflect on our work and how we impact those we touch and teach.

The UK Sesquicentennial Committee will share more information with you about the other events associated with [Founders Week](#), which will culminate with the Blue Tie Bash at Rupp Arena February 27.

Thank you for all you do every day to make UK a special place. I look forward to seeing you at the Academic Convocation.

Eli Capilouto  
President