

## Championship Celebration

April 6, 2012

I want to thank you for both the school spirit you've demonstrated in recent weeks and the manner in which you have shown it.

It's a wonderful time to be part of this community and this university. And the responsible way that the vast majority of you celebrated this moment in time underscores what a special place we share at the University of Kentucky.

I know that some of the news accounts in recent days focused, to a large extent, on some of the celebrating that crossed the line into illegal or inappropriate behavior. Unfortunately, some of those accounts painted a picture that suggested much of that behavior came from students.

Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. The vast majority of people, including students, celebrated this terrific championship in an appropriate and civil manner. I've heard several reports from our public safety officials and those in the city about the positive example set by students throughout the last several days.

The city will fully prosecute those who acted in an illegal manner, and the university will hold accountable actions by the handful of students that violated our Student Code of Conduct.

But I don't want those necessary actions to overshadow what we all should acknowledge – the multitude of ways each and every day that the members of the UK family reflect the strong character and integrity of our institution.

Thank you for the important role you play in that effort. Good luck the rest of the semester and until next time, See Blue.

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