

Our Students and Our Values

April 7, 2015

Dear Wildcats,

These past few weeks took the Big Blue Nation on a rollercoaster of emotion as we watched and cheered for our Women's and Men's Basketball teams during the SEC and NCAA tournaments. Their pursuit of championships was a wonderful experience for our University.

I am equally proud of how University of Kentucky students behaved throughout the tournaments. Local and regional media were focused on our community's reaction over the last two weekends in particular, cataloguing the poor decisions made by 69 individuals who were arrested during the Men's Elite Eight and Final Four weekends. However, only seven UK students were among those arrested.

While we want to see this number decrease further, we should be proud that the vast majority of our campus community gathered in accordance with the law, local ordinances and the Student Code. At the same time, those students who behaved poorly will be addressed by Office of Student Affairs in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

There is more we can do to improve our outreach to – and with – our surrounding neighborhoods, but we should take pride in our progress toward being responsible neighbors. We all call Lexington home and should treat that home with respect and care. Doing so is a journey without end. I want to thank many of you who shared in this exciting time for our University with the proper dignity and respect the UK family always strives to exhibit.

Sincerely,

Eli Capilouto

President