## Launching A New UK Brand



### Why are we doing this?

#### The Top 20 Business Plan

- Key Factor
  - Enrollment Growth: 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students by 2020
- Key Challenges
  - Student pool of eligible students in Kentucky is decreasing
  - Increasing need to attract outstanding out of state students as well
- An Initiative by President Todd
  - To gauge UK's place in the marketplace both inside Kentucky and in key out-of-state markets.
  - To examine and evaluate financial aid, scholarship and admissions processes.

### Outside Looking In: STAMATS

• Last summer, the University contracted with STAMATS, the nation's oldest higher education consultancy, to conduct survey research to gauge UK in the marketplace and evaluate admissions' processes



# What makes a university appealing to prospective students?

- •National research as well as research conducted for UK indicate the most important factors are:
  - Strong program in my area of interest
  - Academic reputation of the school
  - Graduates get good jobs/get into good grad schools
- •The majority of prospects are seeking a public education
- •No matter the respondent's location, in or out of state, they prefer to attend within a 4-hour car ride of their home.

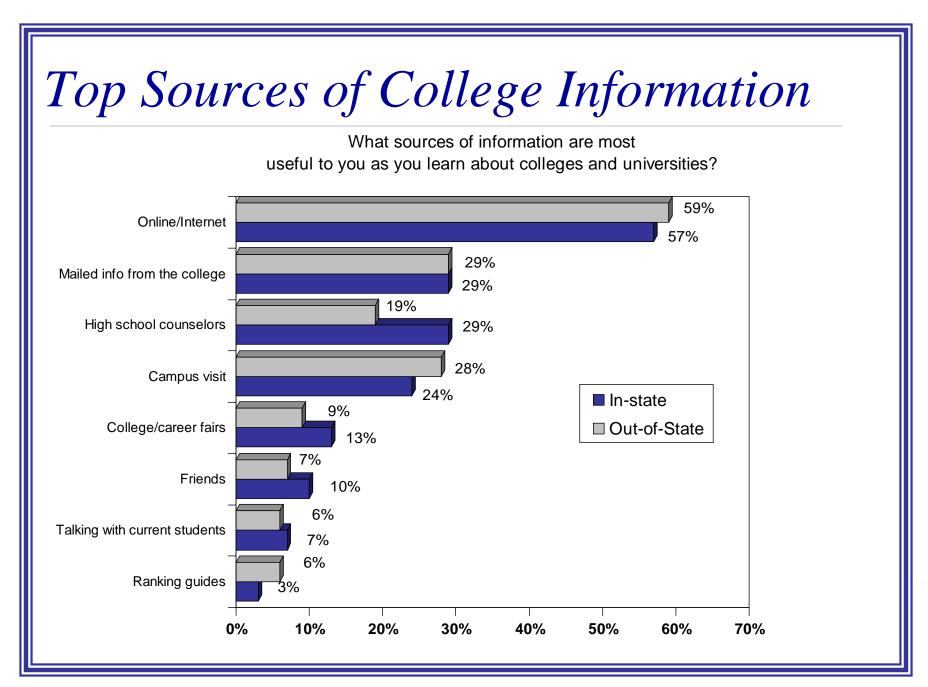
  This is consistent with national data.

### Appeal of School and City

- Both in- and out-of-state respondents find a larger university (with 10,000 or more students) less appealing. Because UK has nearly 19,000 degree-seeking students, we must find a way to convey a smaller college feel to appeal to these prospects
- A medium-sized to large-sized city is most attractive to prospects. UK can communicate Lexington's vast offerings and opportunities for students in terms of entertainment, shopping, etc.





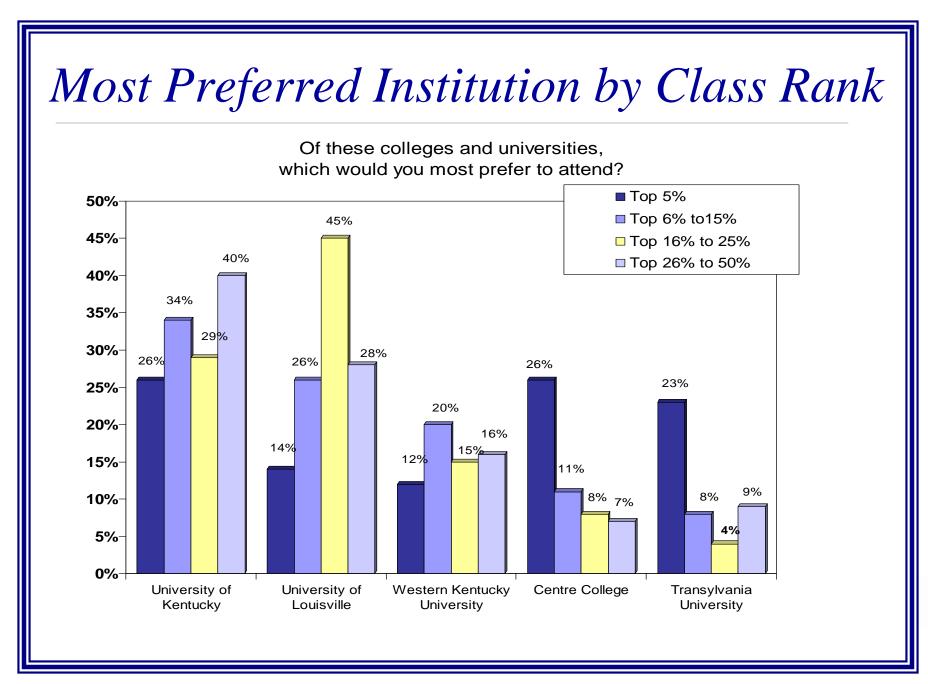


### How UK Rates

• STAMATS conducted survey of 1,032 prospective undergraduate students in Kentucky and contiguous states.

#### Key results:

- UK is viewed as having a "very good" academic reputation by 31 percent of Kentuckians, and by 11 percent of out-of-state respondents.
- "Strength of programs" was rated "very good" by 33 percent of Kentuckians, and 14 percent of out-of-state respondents.
- Quality of faculty was rated "very good" by 21 percent of Kentuckians, and 16 percent by out-of-state respondents.
- Personal attention from faculty and staff was rated "very good" by 16 percent of Kentuckians, and 12 percent by out-of-state respondents.



### How We Rate Among Out of State Students

- There is a great need for UK to bolster communication in its key out-of-state markets.
- <u>56% of respondents either have never heard of or are not at all</u> familiar with UK.
  - Illinois 72%
  - Indiana 60%
  - Tennessee 53%
  - Ohio 43%
- Seven high-promise markets have been identified (based on proximity, pool of students, positive awareness of UK, etc.)
  - Cincinnati, OH Evansville, IN Charleston, WV
  - Columbus, OH Nashville, TN
  - Indianapolis, IN Knoxville, TN



### Build Awareness around Academic Quality

- STAMATS and the University worked together to create a strategic institutional marketing plan
- What we've done thus far:
  - STAMATS facilitates discussions and brainstorming
  - A brand stewardship committee created
  - A series of workshops conducted
  - Web development and related technology
    - Site map and current inventory
  - Graphic treatment
  - Attention to emerging technology
  - Created concepts generated
    - Focus groups to test concepts

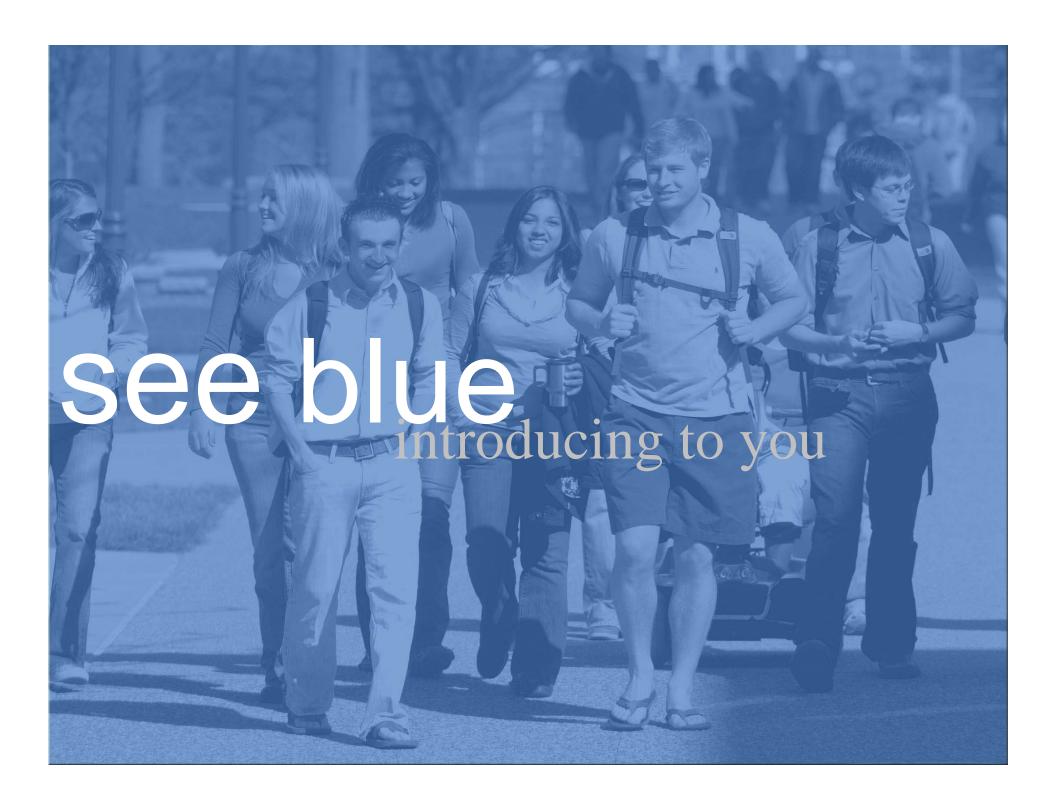


### Marketing: Where We've Been



Dream. Challenge. Succeed.

### The Future of the UK Brand



# concept background



In the contiguous states, we "own" the color blue.

# brand creative

### Elements of the University's Brand

The brand clearly defines what the audience can expect from their interactions with the University of Kentucky: this is a school where future and career-focused students can take advantage of the wealth of extracurricular and academic opportunities, while enjoying great pride in the comprehensiveness of their chosen program, a genuine camaraderie with their professors and the excitement of an institution vital to broader community and national development.

# vivid descriptors

#### **Academic Excellence**

UK has 70+ academic programs that are ranked nationally. It is also one of only seven universities that offers a comprehensive slate academic offerings (bachelor through professional school).

#### **Institutional Pride**

UK is a compelling institution for its degree of pride and tradition. Everyone here loves being here – demonstrated by the lack of other schools' apparel around campus. Further, there is a special sort of sports fans here that embodies UK pride and tradition – the essence of UK athletics.

#### **College-like Community**

Students, faculty, and staff alike all spoke of the close personal relationships they enjoy. Many students shared surprise, saying that was a WOW factor for them as they never expected a school of this size to offer such a personal and supportive environment.

#### **Moving Forward**

In keeping with the Top 20 Business Plan, UK is on the move. Correspondingly, the energy of students and employees improving a great University is reason to celebrate.

# concept tagline

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"See blue" rides the coattails of Wildcat sports fever by co-opting the school colors, immediately associated with sports activity. Additionally, the concept ties in with the enthusiasm and pride that is associated with being at UK. The concept aims to correlate and place on par the academic accomplishments of UK with the success of our athletic teams

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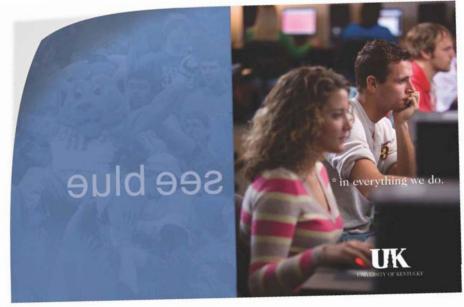


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## execution presidential postcard

UK has achieved its billion dollar capital CIN has achieved its billion dollar capital campaign. Having raised \$1 billion and \$22 million in UK's first-ever comprehensive capital campaign, UK reached its billion dollar goal nine months ahead of schedule. UK is one of only 31 American universities that have successfully completed campaigns of \$1 billion-plus.



122,000 donors. Those gifts helped add to Kentucky's brainpower, supporting academic and research programs across the university

The campaign blends perfectly with our Top 20 Business Plan, which calls on UK to pay for 40 percent of the plan internally. Private donations— combined with the university's continued focus to our expense and increase efficiency — will be critical to UK's Top 20 success.

Accomplishing this goal would not have been possible without the support of Kentucky's elected officials and the Bucks for Brains program, which provided UK with the opportunity to match \$208 million in private gifts. Bucks for Beains helped create 85 endowed chairs and 190

endowed professorships, supplying Kentucky with the type of talented faculty and researchers the state needs to compete in a global marketplace.

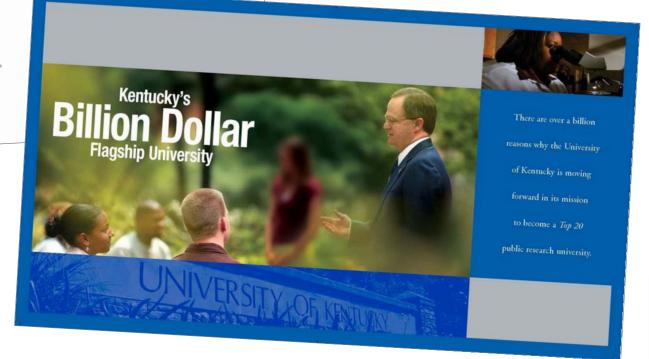
#### Additional accomplishments

- Andrew Lynch, a junior from Corbin, Kentucky majoring in chemical engineering, was awarded three of this nations most prestigious scholarships. He was named a Udall, Goldwater, and Beckman Scholar.
- UK's Cardiovascular Research Center is ranked 18th for American Heart Association tansee som for American rieart Association funding, which places us just behind Johns Hopkins University. UK is ranked ahead of pestigious institutions like the Cleveland Clinic and the University of Michigan.
- A pair of UK College of Arts and Sciences professors, Peter Little and Lisa Zunshine, received grants from the Guggenheim Foundation to further their academic research.
- Five University of Kentucky students will receive government-funded Fulbright Scholarships for graduate study and research abroad for the 2007-2008 academic year. This is UK's largest class of Fulbright scholars for an academic year.

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### execution campus map



## sample homepage



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