



Neville Pinto has been dean and a professor of chemical engineering at UofL since September 2011.

## Neville Pinto named interim provost

UofL President James Ramsey tapped Neville Pinto to succeed Executive Vice President and Provost Shirley Willihnganz on an interim basis effective July 1. Pinto, as the dean of the J.B. Speed School of Engineering, has helped spearhead the development of the 39-acre Belknap Engineering and Applied Sciences Research Park and fostered an enhanced relationship with GE.

“Dr. Pinto is passionate about teaching students in new ways and developing collaborations between academic units and community partners” Ramsey said. “He is highly respected by UofL faculty.”

“I am honored to be asked to take on this new role,” Pinto said. “Under President Ramsey’s leadership I look forward to building on the momentum that Provost Willihnganz has established.”

Willihnganz, who has been provost since 2003, will step down at the end of the academic year and return to the faculty following a sabbatical.

## Schnatter, Koch gifts create free enterprise center at UofL

UofL will combine \$6.3 million in gifts – \$4.64 million from the John H. Schnatter Family Foundation and \$1.66 million from the Charles Koch Foundation – to create a new academic and research center in its College of Business. The John H. Schnatter Center for Free Enterprise will “give our students the opportunity to learn from some of the greatest business minds in the world,” said UofL President James Ramsey.

The funds enable UofL to recruit two tenure-track professors and additional staff for the center, which will offer classes and a speaker series, conduct research, award fellowships and attract visiting professors. Stephan Gohmann, an economist who joined UofL in 1988 and became its BB&T Distinguished Professor of Free Enterprise in 2009, will be director.

“I firmly believe in the spirit of entrepreneurship and the need to equip today’s generation with the know-how to launch successful businesses through free enterprise principles,” Schnatter said. “The faculty joining the Schnatter center will research important questions about how to best enable people to live better lives,” said Brian Hooks, Charles Koch Foundation president.



John Schnatter, founder and chief executive officer of Papa John’s International, and his wife, Annette, are previous UofL donors.

## A Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Every day at the University of Louisville we remind ourselves that our students are the reason we exist. And every day our students remind us why we should cherish and respect them. They make us proud to be their teachers, mentors and members of the same Cardinal family.

In this issue of the President’s report you will read about plans for the John H. Schnatter Center for Free Enterprise, which will equip the next generation of business leaders with wisdom from today’s authorities. You’ll learn about our students’ annual raiseRED dance-a-thon, which again raised a record amount to fight pediatric cancer. You’ll also read about our Cards in Action – UofL student government leaders joining their counterparts from ACC schools in Washington, D.C., to talk to their congressmen and -women about issues facing education. Last year alone, there were more than 16,000 instances of students participating in community engagement projects.

Our students do this because they realize there is more to college than studying and a great social life – there is just as much to learn from helping others and making a difference on campus and in the community. And administrators, faculty and staff aren’t coaxing these young adults to be great citizens and leaders; they’re doing it on their own.

Again, we couldn’t be prouder of our student body and believe that what they’re learning inside and outside the classrooms will result in success for them upon graduation and a brighter future for all of us.

James R. Ramsey, President, University of Louisville



## UofL researchers receive NIH Grant for asthma study

The National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health, awarded a \$2.3 million grant to Barbara Polivka, PhD, Shirley B. Powers Endowed Chair in Nursing Understanding, and her interdisciplinary team. The team will examine the personal and environmental influences of asthma in older adults over a five-year period.



“This study is novel because until now there has been no comprehensive measurement of the many biological factors, along with environmental exposures, that impact asthma control and quality of life in older adults,” Polivka said.

Barbara Polivka, PhD, and her research team hope to recruit 190 asthma sufferers age 60 and older who are non-smokers and have no other lung diseases.

Health professionals know little about the triggers of asthma, which is typically considered a childhood health problem, among

seniors. A chronic inflammatory disease, asthma causes problems such as recurrent cough, wheezing and chest tightness or shortness of breath.

## Cards in Action student advocates participate in ACC Hill Day

Six UofL students from the Cards in Action student advocacy group visited Washington, D.C., with their counterparts from the Atlantic Coast Conference. Together, the students lobbied for continued federal support of financial assistance for students and research at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The UofL students visited each of the Kentucky congressional offices.



UofL students Aaron Vance, Kevin Grout, Chris Bird, Alicia Humphrey, Macey Mayes and Sean Southard joined a group of more than 30 counterparts from ACC institutions to advocate on behalf of their fellow students.

## UofL graduate named McConnell's legal counsel

Daniel Cameron, a 2011 graduate of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, became legal counsel for Sen. Mitch McConnell effective March 2. McConnell, a 1964 graduate of UofL, serves as the Senate Majority Leader in the U. S. Senate.



Daniel Cameron twice served as a student intern for Sen. Mitch McConnell.

While at John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, Cameron earned a spot in UofL's McConnell Scholars Program. Through the program Cameron spent time with the senator and other policy leaders.

Cameron also played football for the Cardinals, earned recognition as a Harlan Scholar and participated in the law school's most prestigious student activities—the Moot Court Board, Law Review and Student Bar Association.

## UofL students again surpass pediatric cancer fundraising goal

Student group raiseRED recruited almost 800 dancers for its annual dance marathon to fight pediatric cancer. The students set a goal of \$200,000, an increase of nearly \$50,000 from the record-breaking amount collected last year, which they beat with a total take of \$226,613 to fight pediatric cancer.

The night mixes the dancing with testimonials by patients and special guests to keep the dancers energized. Funds from raiseRED go to the UofL Division of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation, headed by Ken Lucas, division chief in the UofL Department of Pediatrics.



Students celebrate their fundraising record by dancing with the beneficiaries of their hard work.

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