

Opening Remarks



Let's Celebrate Big Blue Pride!

I love fall. It's a special time of year for many reasons. The start of the fall semester brings students back to campus en masse. You can feel the excitement and anticipation of college football (and tailgating!) and Homecoming. And, we're close enough to peek around the corner and see Big Blue Madness. It seems fitting that my first issue as editor of *Kentucky Alumni* magazine is a fall issue. There is energy in the air when fall rolls around. I hope to bring that same energy to *Kentucky Alumni*. Before we look ahead, I want to take a moment to salute the accomplishments of Liz Demoran, who served as editor of *Kentucky Alumni* magazine for many years. She recently retired after 37 years of service and dedication to the university and the alumni association, and made *Kentucky Alumni* magazine into the publication it is today. Her list of accomplishments is long and varied. Liz left some pretty big shoes to fill. I learned a lot from her and hope to put that knowledge to good use.

There are amazing things happening at the University of Kentucky and with its alumni. Our vision for *Kentucky Alumni* magazine is to celebrate the pride we have in those accomplishments. The fall 2010 issue celebrates the College of Medicine and the College of Nursing — both marking 50 year anniversaries. Just think about the students who have graduated from these two colleges over the years and the lives they have touched. We are also celebrating the 2010 UK Alumni Association Distinguished Service Awards recipients and the Joseph T. Burch Award recipient. Congratulations to Brenda Gosney, Kelly Holland, Lee Jackson, Dan McCain and Lee Webb. These dedicated volunteers give freely of their time to support their local alumni clubs, communities and the university. Thank you! We truly appreciate everything you do. The celebration of Big Blue pride continues with the story of Wildcat basketball great Wayne Turner's journey to complete his college degree. That's really something to celebrate! I must admit that Turner is one of my all-time favorite Cats. His performance in the epic battle against Duke in the 1998 NCAA Regional Finals is one that Wildcat fans will never forget. I know Wayne is very excited about walking across the stage at Commencement. We are excited to welcome him into our alumni family.

You might notice some changes in upcoming issues of *Kentucky Alumni*. Let us know what you think. Your feedback is always welcome. Something new in this issue are "tags." Those are the funny little icons that can be found on select pages. Visit www.ukalumni.net/tag to find out more.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Kentucky Alumni*!

Go Cats!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelli Elam

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