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### UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE FOUNDATION UNVEILS NEW BELKNAP CAMPUS ENTRANCE

**Louisville, Ky.** (September 22, 2009)—Future students, faculty, staff and visitors to the University of Louisville’s Belknap Campus will now be greeted by a brand new, environmentally-friendly entrance. In a special ceremony this morning, University officials were joined by Joe Prather, Secretary of Kentucky’s Transportation Cabinet, and Adam Edelen, Chief of Staff to Governor Steve Beshear, to unveil the redesigned entrance.

The Belknap Campus Oval now features cascading fountains, lighting, landscaping and safety features, including new sidewalks, curbs and brick pavers designed to calm traffic in the area.

“This new and improved entrance to the Belknap Campus is part of an overall plan to continue to beautify the University’s campus and provide a more environmentally-friendly atmosphere for our entire community,” said James R. Ramsey, University President.

The entrance will improve air quality for the Oval and surrounding areas while meeting and blending with the original columns and school crest that have welcomed visitors to the University for more than two centuries.

The improvements to the campus entrance were made possible through \$1.2 million in Transportation Enhancements Program funding from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and a matching \$250,000 grant from the University of Louisville Foundation. Transportation Enhancement projects are defined as transportation-related activities designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, historic and environmental aspects of Kentucky’s transportation infrastructure.

The project is the first of several planned to enhance the area reaching from the intersection of Eastern Parkway and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to West of I-65. The improvements will create a safer, more pedestrian-friendly campus.

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