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Kenneth B. Roberts received a B.S. in pharmacy and MBA in marketing from the University of Tennessee, and a Ph.D. in health care administration from the University of Mississippi. He served as dean of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy from 1989 to 2000. Dr. Roberts became dean of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in 2000

Dr. Roberts has served in various research roles as a student research assistant, graduate research assistant, co-investigator, project director and principal investigator (PI). He has served as PI on more than 40 funded projects totaling greater than \$12,200,000. He has published more than 100 scientific and professional articles and abstracts as well as authored and co-authored 12 books and manuals addressing pharmacy practice and the economics of practice management. He has been invited to address professional, scientific and business forums resulting in more than 600 presentations throughout the United States and around the world.

Since becoming dean the College endowment funding has increased almost 1000 percent, annual grand contract funding increased almost 300 percent, and funding from the National Institutes of Health has increased by more than 200 percent, to almost \$6 million in FY 2006-2007.

The program regained its position as the Top 5 College of Pharmacy in the United States (*U.S. News and World Report, April, 2008*) and the highest nationally ranked academic program in Kentucky. In May 2006, the College completed construction of a current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) manufacturing facility for sterile product dosage forms: 20,000 gross square feet, \$18 million construction cost. The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences was ranked 4th among 350 national peers by Academic Analytics in 2008 for academic achievement, scholarship and research productivity. The Pharmacy Residency Program, in partnership with the UK Chandler Medical Center Hospital was selected the Nation's Most Outstanding in 2007 by the national accrediting agency. College of Pharmacy graduates achieved the highest pass rates on the North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) as a class compared with all other college of pharmacy graduating classes in the nation over the past 5 years. The College will soon occupy a new 286,000 gsf education and research facility with a projected construction cost of \$150 million (approximately eighty percent, \$120 million from state funds). A ceremonial groundbreaking took place on April 13, 2007, and the building will open in 2010.

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