Bollinger's Achievements Offer Promise for Future

Following are some accomplishments achieved during Lee C. Bollinger's presidency at the University of Michigan (February 1997-Present):

- The University of Michigan has experienced record numbers of applications and enrollment in 2000.
- In 2000, Michigan faculty and staff disclosed 168 new inventions, filed 95 patent applications, and had 69 patents issued. The University licensed 48 technologies (from 41 new start-ups). During the past 14 years, more than 60 companies have been licensed from Michigan laboratory.
- The University of Michigan Health System received a $36.6 million grant—one of the largest of its kind in the nation—from the National Institutes of Health in March 2003 to fund its General Clinical Research Center for five more years. This is the largest grant in the University of Michigan's 125-year history.
- Defense of Affirmative Action
- Bollinger has been an ardent and consistent defender of affirmative action. In fall 1997, two affirmative action admissions lawsuits were filed against the University. Bollinger has been the motivating force behind what has become higher education's most comprehensive defense of affirmative action. He has marshaled considerable resources to defend Michigan's admissions policies and has garnered widespread support from internally and externally.
- In May and June 2001, 142 individuals, corporations and professors affiliated with the University stepped forward to file legal briefs in support of the Michigan appeals. Oral arguments of both appeals will be heard by the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Oct. 23.
- Master Plan
- Bollinger appointed Madeleine Albright, former United States Secretary of State, to chair a new master planning commission, with the charge to consider the campus's place in the larger Ann Arbor community and to look at things for the long term—30 to 50 years from now—to consider what our University campus might be like, what its character should be. That plan is being used to inform construction decisions across campus, including those related to the Life Sciences Initiative and to the Michigan's efforts to expand in theater facilities. The Life Sciences Institute will link, physically and intellectually, with the Medical School, the Dental School, and other areas of the University.
- The Whitacre Center, an academic unit established in 2003, offers students and professionals the opportunity to work with and study new technologies.
- The Whirlwind Center, a collaboration between the University and the National Institutes of Health, was created in 2003 to fund research on drug discovery and development.
- Environmental Stewardship
- Michigan has committed to and is a leader in the area of environmental stewardship. With initiatives and programs going on in almost every area of the University, the university is at the forefront of energy conservation, building design, pollution prevention, emissions reduction, and campus sustainability efforts.
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