

U of L online nursing students serve while they learn

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For Kasen Meek, it was the care and courage of nurses working during the Covid pandemic that convinced him to embark on nursing as a second career. His dad and childhood best friend unfortunately contracted the disease at the same time.

“Fortunately, my dad pulled through, but my friend was not so lucky,” Meek said. “I learned that nurses held my friend’s phone, letting her Facetime with family after being extubated and as she passed. The kindness of nurses struck me over and over again – and solidified that nursing was my calling.”

Fortunately for Meek, his transition from a marketing career to nursing was aided by a University of Louisville School of Nursing’s workforce grant. A scholarship and funding support allowed him to take an accelerated path from work as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) to earning a bachelor

of science in nursing (BSN). “Earning my BSN is something I knew I wanted to do, but cost and time were the initial prohibiting factors,” Meek said. “I know for certain that I would not be working on my BSN right now if it were not for this incredible scholarship opportunity.”

Originally awarded to UofL in Aug. 2023, the \$3.9 million Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) grant was designed to create an accelerated LPN to BSN pathway to address Kentucky’s nursing shortage in medically underserved areas, as well as reduce financial barriers for working LPNs to advance their nursing education.

PROGRAM HELPS TRANSFORM STUDENT LIVES AND COMMUNITIES

Enrollment soared from 24 students in the first year to 74 in the second year, and the program also has expanded from 19 to 41 Kentucky

counties. Ninety-two percent of applicants and enrollees live in medically underserved areas. Based on current progress, 60 students are projected to complete a BSN degree within the next 24 months, strengthening the Registered Nurse workforce in rural and underserved communities.

“Not only are we making this program accessible to students but also having the scholarships and the stipends available has been a major factor why we have seen such growth in year one to year two,” said Heather Mitchell, project director and associate professor of nursing education. “Students are having a very positive experience and they’re going back and telling their peers.”

Through this fully online program, UofL is bringing baccalaureate education to all parts of the state and preparing nurses to serve the communities in which they live. Incorporating the best practices of online education ensures that even in the

most rural and remote locations, students are able to attain the same high-quality education as someone who lives just two minutes away from UofL.

“Our students are participating in community-based experiences for the clinical education in their home areas and developing projects that directly impact those communities with tangible outcomes,” Mitchell said.

EDUCATION INNOVATION THROUGH REAL-WORLD SCENARIOS

Innovation in nursing education is also a hallmark of the LPN to BSN program, including the use of simulations to expose students to scenarios they might encounter in their nursing practice.

Through team collaboration, Mitchell, along with Simulation Director Christina Pennington, Program Director Diane Riff and Program Manager Joel Schmidt have created

a simulation directory that blends academic and real-world learning. The directory includes scenarios on respiratory disease in coal regions, gun violence trauma response, mental health and homelessness, among others.

The students aren’t the only ones to benefit from these resources. Each simulation is being embedded into RN-BSN online courses and being prepared for public release as open-source resources with full documentation, ensuring broad access. This will extend the impact to nursing programs statewide and nationally.

Mitchell said she is proud the innovative program is providing such an enriched experience for students. Schmidt agrees. “I receive comments from students about how much these scholarships and stipends mean, and how anchored in purpose these students feel for being able to go back and work in their own community. It’s something bigger than themselves.”

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Affairs bill signed into law.”

HEALTH CARE FUNDING STILL UP FOR DEBATE

The Democrats failed to secure their main demand during the shutdown, which was an extension of the health care subsidies that many of the 24 million people who buy insurance through the Affordable Care Act rely on to help defray costs.

Instead, the package guarantees a vote on the issue in December — which was not enough for most of the Democrats, who rejected the deal and voted against it.

"The American people want us to stand and fight for health care,” said Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

FEDERAL WORKERS GET A REPRIEVE

The package seeks to roll back some of the Trump administration’s shutdown-related hits to the federal workforce. Employees have faced repeated threats of firings and mass layoffs

this year.

The stopgap measure reinstates federal workers who had received reductions in force, or layoff, notices and protects against such future actions.

It also would provide back pay for federal workers who were furloughed or working without pay during the shutdown — something that’s traditionally provided but that the Trump administration had threatened was not guaranteed.

GETTING THE BILL TO THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Political and procedural hurdles remain as Congress, which is controlled by Republicans, slogs through more voting and the shutdown entered its 41st day Monday.

Senators hope to skip past a series of steps that could drag voting out all week if the dissenters put up a prolonged fight.

One Republican, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, voted against advancing the package Sunday, and he is said to have concerns over a hemp industry provision. And three ultra-conservative GOP senators held up voting for more than

two hours as they demanded consideration of their ideas. It is unclear if any of them plans to stage further protests.

Democrats, who have fought for the past month in their hopes of preserving the health care subsidies, also could delay final passage, and

their next steps are uncertain.

And the package faces fresh scrutiny once it goes to the House, where Speaker Mike Johnson of Louisiana holds a slim GOP majority and would likely need almost all Republicans to support the bill in the face of objections

from Democrats who are holding out for the health care funds.

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York said the party will fight the bill, forcing the Republicans in the House to pass it largely on their own.

“We will not support spending legislation advanced by Senate Republicans that fails to extend the Affordable Care Act tax credits” Jeffries said. “Donald Trump and the Republican Party own the toxic mess they have created.”



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT

Civil Action No. 24-CI-00220

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
Electronically Filed

DANIEL A. BEACH DEFENDANTS
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF DANIEL A. BEACH
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
GENERAL ELECTRIC CREDIT UNION
DISCOVER BANK
COUNTY OF CARROLL

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Carroll Circuit Court on the 28th day of October, 2025, I will sell at public auction on the front steps (south door facing Highland Avenue) of the Carroll County Courthouse, 440 Main Street, Carrollton, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Carroll County, Kentucky, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 1514 Highway 36 E, Carrollton, KY 41008
Map ID #: 23-34

Being the same property conveyed to Daniel A. Beach, unmarried, from Tonya Derman New and Eric New, by his POA Tonya Derman New, wife and husband, by Deed dated May 22, 2014, of record in Deed Book 194, Page 418, in the Office of the Carroll County Court Clerk.

THERE IS NO MOBILE HOME, DOUBLEWIDE AND/OR MANUFACTURED HOME INCLUDED IN THIS SALE.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the sum of \$78,845.06, plus accrued interest at the rate of 4.25% per annum, from June 1, 2024, together with amounts for late fees and assessments, advancements for protection of the property, including but not limited to, taxes and insurance, escrow advances, and reasonable attorneys fees permitted by KRS 411.195, for a total of \$90,908.37, as of September 1, 2025.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Carroll Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2025;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; and,
- Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Carroll County.

/s/ Jake A. Thompson
JAKE A. THOMPSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT



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UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT

Civil Action No. 24-CI-00179

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
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CANDY LEE DRURY DEFENDANTS
JOHN J. DRURY, II
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
CARROLL COUNTY,

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Property address: 1342 Zen Forest Road, Turners Station, KY 40075
Map ID #: 26-01-28

Being the same property conveyed to Candy Lee Drury and John J. Drury, II, wife and husband, from Nguyet Truong and Hai Truong, wife and husband, by Deed dated March 30, 2018, of record in Deed Book 207, Page 585, in the Office of the Carroll County Court Clerk.

THERE IS NO MOBILE HOME, DOUBLEWIDE AND/OR MANUFACTURED HOME INCLUDED IN THIS SALE.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the sum of \$82,876.55, with accrued interest in the amount of \$16,036.96, as of September 8, 2025, and with interest continuing to accrue from September 8, 2025, at the rate of \$11.92 per day until fully paid, together late charges, amounts advanced by Plaintiff for taxes and insurance, and other charges and costs, including reasonable attorneys fees and costs incurred and accruing in this civil action, for a total of \$119,617.93.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Carroll Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that Carrollton Utilities, Carrollton, Kentucky, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bid packets for the construction of the following project:

CARROLLTON UTILITIES INFLUENT SCREEN REPLACEMENT INSTALLATION PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received by Carrollton Utilities at their office located at 900 Clay St, Carrollton, KY 41008, no later than 2:00 P.M. (Local Time) on December 4, 2025. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids received prior to this time shall be opened and publicly read aloud. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

The project generally consists of the following:

- Demolition and removal of existing screen system and associated controls and electrical components.
- Installation of Owner Supplied Influent Mechanically Cleaned Bar Screen and Debris Compactor and associated controls.
- Furnish and install new ventilation systems.
- Associated metal fabrication work,
- Concrete channel repair.
- Associated control and electrical work.

Plans and specifications for the Project are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

- Heritage Engineering LLC, at 603 N. Shore Drive, Unit 204, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.
- Carrollton Utilities, 900 Clay St, Carrollton, KY 41008.
- Builders Exchange of Louisville, 2300 Meadow Drive, Louisville, KY 40218, (502) 459-9800 T, (502) 459-9803.

Copies of the Plans and Specifications for the project may be obtained from **Heritage Engineering at 603 N. Shore Drive, Unit 204, Jeffersonville, IN 47130**. Plan sets may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$100 per set. Checks shall be made payable to Heritage Engineering. Bidders may also request electronic copies of the plans and specifications in lieu of, or in addition to paper copies, at no cost, by emailing their request to Baily Rone at brone@heritageeng.com.

The work to be performed and the bid to be submitted shall include sufficient and proper sums for the installation of the Owner Supplied Mechanically Cleaned Bar Screen and furnishing and installing all structural, mechanical and electrical systems as specified to make the system fully operational.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.

A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted. Award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder. In order for a Bidder to be considered responsive, they must be a registered Plan Holder with the Engineer.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over fabrication, assembly, delivery and startup of the equipment shall apply to the project throughout.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Specifications.

The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Plans and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

Carrollton Utilities will hold a Nonmandatory Prebid Meeting at the Carrollton Wastewater Treatment Plant site, 1937 Greens Bottom Road, Carrollton, Kentucky 41008 on November 24 at 1:00 P.M. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend.

Terry Roach, PE, General Manager
Carrollton Utilities
900 Clay Street
Carrollton, KY 41008