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**Carl Nathe**: thanks Chris.

**Sonja Feist-Price**: The University of Kentucky has made significant strides in the area of diversity and inclusion. But, not only for inclusion; but developing a community of belonging.

**Carl Nathe**: That’s Sonja Feist-Price, who became the University of Kentucky's Vice President for Institutional Diversity back in March. The Louisiana native joined the UK faculty 25 years ago, in the College of Education Department of Childhood Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling, after earning her doctorate at Southern Illinois University.

**Sonja Feist-Price**: I was born of two parents, neither of whom graduated from high school. But both of my parents recognized the importance and the value of education.

**Carl Nathe**: since coming to Kentucky, Feist-Price also earn a terminal degree in counseling psychology.

**Sonja Feist-Price**: I would not be here today if not for the care, commitment, compassion and dedication among educators who saw in me a diamond in the rock.

**Carl Nathe**: Dr. Feist-Price said UK's diversity starts at the very top with President Eli Capilouto.

**Sonja Feist-Price**: It's in his soul, his spirit and in his heart that he is committed to diversity, inclusion and inclusive excellence.

**Carl Nathe**: Insight into Diversity Magazine just selected UK as one of only 15 diversity champion colleges and universities in the nation.

**Sonja Feist-Price**: the University of Kentucky is a microcosm of the world in which we live. We have people from all over the world, all of our states from different counties. It affords us the opportunity to learn from each other. To engage to ask those critical questions and to understand things from other people's points of view.

**Carl Nathe**: UK's current student population is the most diverse ever. And that is the goal for the faculty, staff and administration of the institution.

**Sonja Feist-Price**: I know that President Capilouto speaks often about making the University of Kentucky the best and last job aby person would want to have. Make the University of Kentucky an institution where there is a sense of engagement and belonging. And, we're all equally invested into the fabric of our institution.

**Carl Nathe**: We invite you to visit uky.edu. there, fond our UK Now News Page, as well as how to engage with us through social media. On Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. See blue, I'm Carl Nathe with UK at the half.