



Promoting Kentucky Values and the Golden Rule

- Restored voting rights to more than 190,000 Kentucky felons who had served their time and had completed their sentences for nonviolent, nonsexual offenses.
- Requested an exploration into and ultimately a vote on the issue of the potential removal of the statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis from the State Capitol Rotunda.
 - ◇ The committee ultimately voted to remove the divisive monument and the administration acted quickly, removing the statue on June 13, 2020.
- Posthumously promoted Col. Charles Young, a U.S. Army officer born to enslaved parents in Mays Lick, Kentucky, in 1864, to the honorary rank of Brigadier General.
 - ◇ Col. Young was the first Black American attache to a foreign country and, at the time of his retirement, had achieved the highest rank attained by any Black man in the U.S. Army.
 - ◇ President Joe Biden also promoted Col. Young, which came to fruition in a ceremony held at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where Young had been its third Black graduate.
- In 2020, Gov. Beshear became the first sitting governor to speak at the annual statewide Fairness rally at the Capitol.