

# KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF CAREER COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

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#### The Impact of Career Education in Kentucky

Kentucky's Career Colleges and Schools make a significant impact on our local workforces and on the lives of individuals they serve. Spread the news by downloading and sharing a copy of our 2017 Kentucky Info Sheet with leaders in your community. The document can be found on the KACCS website under Documents.

# KENTUCKY CAREER COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS PRODUCING GRADUATES

2,597

554

426

Associate Degrees

Bachelor Degrees

Masters Degrees

2,377

4,770

245

Certificates Awarded

With this approach, Higher Education becomes Hire Education.

Women who received degrees or certificates, including 936 African-American women African-American men who received degrees or certificates

Career colleges and schools can help more Kentuckians earn a degree and help Kentucky close the education and skills gap with other states and the rest of the world. Represented by The Kentucky Association of Career Colleges and Schools (KACCS), our schools provide practical, career-based education to approximately 32,000 students every year - about 10% of the state's postsecondary education population.

Sources: Career Education Colleges and Universities; Kentucky Occupational Outlook to 2024; Education and Workforce Development Cabinet; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; IPEDS

# Kentucky Career Colleges and Schools

# Changing Lives, Launching Careers and Filling Jobs

Kentucky's career colleges and proprietary schools fill a gap in Kentucky's postsecondary training that the community colleges and traditional universities do not fulfill. Career college students learn valuable skills that will make them productive members of a more competitive Kentucky workforce. Only 32 percent of Kentucky's adults aged 25-34 have a degree.

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#### President's Corner

As we enter into the spring quarter, the focus of our organization this season is opportunity.

# Opportunity to Engage

Fresh off of an exciting Career College Day at the Capitol event, the first opportunity I encourage all of our members to participate in is the opportunity to engage your local leadership. Spring is an excellent time to host a legislative visit, welcome a local workforce group

to campus to hold their quarterly meeting or invite your mayor or other county officials to campus. There are countless opportunities to bring people who have awareness to our sector and having these key individuals on campus helps create a opportunities and stronger understanding of who we are and serve on these comthe important role we play in strengthening our local workforce.

### **Opportunity to Be** Heard

Next, I challenge you to make sure your voice is heard. KACCS in these groups, ask often speaks on be-

half of our sector on matters of importance both in the Commonwealth and nationally. These messages come from chosen to get involved. KACCS has numerous committee the individuals that mittees are vital to directing the activity of our organization. Opportunity to Net-

# work

As you connect and yourself, "who is

missing from this table?" and encourage them to join. KACCS is currently in the midst of a membership drive. We strive to speak with one voice, but that voice is stronger when we all stand behind it.

## **Opportunity to Lead** Finally, if you've been involved but want more opportunities, let us know. We are currently accepting applications for an opening on our board of directors. If you are interested, contact me or Candace Benwork with your peers sel by July 1 for details. Cindy Landry, President clandry@ata.edu

# Legislative Update

The state constitution requires that the short legislative sessions be adjourned sine die by midnight on March 30.

There were no major issues affecting our industry in the 2017 session. We monitored HB 238, which was the Commission on Proprietary Education's housekeeping legislation. HB 238 passed the Senate on March 15 and now heads to the Governor, and is expected visits. This was a to be signed. We also had some concerns about HB 254 which would have removed the Commission's authority over Real Estate Appraiser programs. The bill was to the quality of never given a hearing, but we expect that issue will be back in 2018. KACCS had a very successful legislative day this Febru-

ary devoted to individual legislative new format and most participants agree we should consider alternating between our traditional format and the format used this year due conversations that took place during our day at the Capitol. We also continue to move forward on additional legislative outreach

plans for 2017.

Beyond the 2017 session, we are beginning to focus on tax reform and the special session that is supposed to be called by year's end. Currently there is no tax proposal on the table and the expectation is that the details of any plan won't be known until the pension audit is complete. The Governor indicated in his State of the Commonwealth address that the pension problem will require additional reve-

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### KACCS Welcomes New Member, Lexington Healing Arts Academy

KACCS is pleased to welcome new member, Lexington Healing Arts Academy, to our organization. Lo- environment and cated on Southland Drive in Lexington, the school offers pro- spires professional grams in Massage Training, Hospital Based Massage Ther- their students. They

apy Training, Person- are committed to, al Fitness and Yoga Training. Their mission is to provide an curriculum that encourages and indevelopment and personal growth for

"creating a community spirit in which each individual is respected, appreciated, and accepted." Lexington Healing Arts Academy is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education

Schools. Representatives from the school have been actively involved with KACCS continuing education opportunities and we are looking forward to collaborating with them on other important matters pertaining to Kentucky students.

#### **Campus Celebrates First Anniversary**

When Sullivan University opened their Louisa, KY campus, Ranita Brown saw an opportunity to change her life. Brown, 42, a native of Columbus, OH, moved to the area

three years ago. After a career in sales, she wanted a change and found it in the Sullivan University Center for Learning-Louisa's medical coding program. "I knew I'm studying online, when I moved here I

wanted to find another trade, another career," Brown said. "It was just so convenient to come in and get started with classes. Even though having Sullivan right

here in town made it very easy for me. I hear other students say the same things." The location of the school in the tight-knit community has played a significant role in its first year success.

## Students Learn They Can Impact Change in Frankfort

On Tuesday, March 7th, seven students from the College for Technical Education's Cosmetology program in Winchester, along with Rick Christman, CEO of Employment Solutions, Inc. and Brenda Evans, the Director of the College for Technical Education, traveled to Frankfort to hear the Senate Committee on Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regu-

lations meeting. The meeting was to address HB 271, which would reduce the hours of Cosmetology sentatives and were from 1800 to 1500 hours in the state of Kentucky. Those in attendance were able ly with themselves, to witness history as the bill passed, forev- munity and state. er changing the future of Cosmetology for students in Kentucky. Following the meet-

ing, the group toured

the State Capital.

offices, the Senate and House of Repreable to see how they can be part of positive changes, not onbut with their com-"I am so proud to be

the Director of such a great school and such fine, professional students," said Brenda Evans, College Director, "I can't wait

They visited the Ken- to see what the future tucky Supreme Court holds for all of them!"





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# **Nursing Program Receives Accreditation Boost**

Beckfield College's nursing program has received a major accreditation boost that will provide more career opportunities for students and graduates. The program's Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program has been accredof Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the accrediting body of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing

(AACN). CCNE accreditation ensures a nursing program's curriculum meets strict standards and assures the public that the nursing program meets the quality and commitment toward these high standards. Dean of Nursing, Dr. Deborah Smith-Clay, ited by the Commission PhD, MSN, RN., shared, roles, responsibili-"graduates from this program qualify to attend other accredited schools to pursue advanced studies such as

a master's degree in nursing. Graduates have an advantage for hire as potential employers acknowledge that CCNE accreditation denotes a certain level of quality." According to a report from the Institute of Medicine, nurses' ties and education should change significantly to meet the increased demand for care that

has been created by the federal Affordable Care Act and to advance improvements in America's increasingly complex health system. "To ensure its members are wellprepared, the profession should institute residency training for nurses, increase the percentage of nurses who attain a bachelor's degree to 80 percent by 2020, and double the number who pursue doctorates," according to the report.

#### Local Schools Honored in D.C.

Two local schools, Spencerian College and remarks from First La-Sullivan University, recently visited the White House where they were recognized for their participation in the Obama Administration's Healthy Campus Challenge. Sullivan University CEO Dr. Jay Marr and Spencerian College Executive Director Jan Gordon joined adminis- event, "Everyone who trators and leaders from nearly 60 campuses across the nation to create a healthly for a featured panel discussion of Administration officials and

education leaders and dy Michelle Obama. The White House Healthy Campus Challenge was launched in September as an effort they have health into enroll more students in the federal Health Insurance Marketplaces established by the Affordable Care Act. Gordon said of the attended was very energized about working atmosphere on their college campuses, so we were able to share

as and ways that schools have used to assist their students in getting healthier and making sure surance." Dr. Marr shared, "The Challenge was intended to help students and others learn about and better understand health insurance options available to them. Knowing good health is paramount to promot-

ing student success

in the classroom,

many different ide-

the passion to help students was evident by all those institutions in attendance." While at the White House, the pair were able to visit the East Wing and witness preparation for the pending inauguration, which took place days after their visit.





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#### **KACCS Online Training Center**

The KACCS Online **Training Center** offers a wide variety of professional development opportunities for your faculty, staff and management. Successful completion of each online course provides credit toward the Certified Higher **Education Profes-** sional (CHEP) certification awarded by the **National Association** of State Administrators and Supervisors of Private Schools (NASASPS). The CHEP certification has play the appropriate received tremendous recognition in our sector and NASASPS has awarded over 1,500 CHEP awards.

KACCS member institutions that use **KACCS Online Train**ing Center to provide opportunities for their tor. maintain the CHEP certification may dis-**CHEP Recognition** Seals (www.cheponline.org

/seals) on their websites, providing eligible KACCS members an additional competitive advantage in the career education sec-

employees to earn and Learn more by visiting the KACCS Online Training Center at kaccstraining.org. Contact vip@kaccstraining.org for 2017 discount codes for online courses.

# SAVE THE DATE: 2017 Regional Leadership Institute



July 13-14 at Beckfield College in Florence, KY Look for registration information on the KACCS website later this month!



# **KACCS Annual Meeting and Educational Conference**

August 25 at Sullivan University in Louisville, KY Registration will be available in the Summer Newsletter July 1!



SAVE THE DATE!

## **KACCS Symposium**

Representatives from 22 different organizations gathered last month for the KACCS annual Sympo- ciples of Leadership. sium. This event provides During a luncheon meetunique opportunities for attendees to network with amendments to the representatives from numerous organizations on matters of importance in round table discussion groups and through numerous breakout sessions. Hairdressers and Cos-This year, those in attend- metologists. All proance also had the oppor-

tunity to hear keynote presenter, Treasurer, Allison Ball, speak on Prining, members voted on KACCS bylaws including an item which expanded eligible members to include schools licensed by The Kentucky Board of posed changes passed.



#### **KACCS Membership**

#### **American National University**

Danville, KY
Florence, KY
Lexington, KY
Louisville, KY
Pikeville, KY
Richmond, KY
ATA College
Louisville, KY
Beckfield College

# Florence, KY **College for Technical Education**

Lexington, KY Winchester, KY **Daymar College** Bowling Green, KY

#### **Emergency Medical Training**

**Professionals** Lexington, KY

**Interactive College of** 

**Technology** Newport, KY

**Kentucky Horseshoeing School** 

Richmond, KY

**Lexington Healing Arts Academy** 

Lexington, KY

**MedQuest College** 

Louisville, KY Lexington, KY

**Spencerian College** 

Lexington, KY Louisville, KY

Sullivan College of Technology

**and Design** Louisville, KY

**Sullivan University** 

Fort Knox, KY Lexington, KY Louisville, KY Online Division

#### The Medical Institute of Kentucky

Bowling Green, KY Florence, KY Lexington, KY Louisville, KY

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#### **Share Your Stories With Us!**

To have your organization highlighted in a future KACCS newsletter, please submit your story ideas and best practices for consideration to

<u>candacebensel@kycareercolleges.org</u>. The deadline for the next Newsletter is Thursday, June 15th.

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