

Career College Day at the Capitol

This February brings an event that has become a favorite for students, faculty and staff at our schools. Career College Day at the Capitol brings students to Frankfort to share what they are learning in classes as they prepare for exciting new careers at KACCS schools across the Commonwealth. This event will take place this year at the **Capitol Annex Building, Room 129 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. (ET)**. All legislators and staff members are invited to meet students, faculty members and administrators and participate in various demonstrations.

This year, featured programs and activities featured at this event include:

- ◆ Massages provided by Spencerian College’s massage therapy students,
- ◆ Automation demonstration by Sullivan College of Technology & Design’s Advanced Manufacturing Technology students,
- ◆ Glucose screening by National College students,
- ◆ Demonstration by Kentucky Horseshoeing School,
- ◆ Blood typing provided by Spencerian College’s

- Medical Laboratory Technician students,
 - ◆ Dental assisting materials overview provided by ATA College students,
 - ◆ Criminal justice demonstration provided by Daymar College students,
 - ◆ Computer diagnostics repair demonstration by National College IT program students,
 - ◆ Blood pressure screening provided by Lincoln College of Technology students,
 - ◆ And much more.
- We look forward to seeing you at this event!

Spencerian College Recognized for Over a Century of Excellence

This November, Spencerian College was recognized at the ACICS Centennial Celebration and Conference in several categories. They are one of the five founding schools of ACICS still in existence. The school is over 100 years old and has been accredited for more than 50 years. Chancellor Sullivan and President Glenn Sullivan have both served as ACICS Commissioners in the past. Currently, Linda Blair, Dean of Spencerian College, is an ACICS Commissioner. Each of these individuals were recognized at the conference for their roles.

The school has also received recognition for a recent community service project, a large community health and wellness fair providing over 20 free screenings and health information for the Shively area. There were 110 projects entered in the ACICS We Serve Competition and Spencerian was one of three recognized at the celebration in Las Vegas November 7th. Spencerian has also been recognized recently at the BBB Torch Awards Luncheon for being a Better Business Bureau accredited business in good standing over 100 years old.



ACICS Centennial Gala: Jan Gordon (100 Year Award), Chancellor A.R. Sullivan (Founders Circle Award), Hazel Mathews Sullivan (50 Years Accredited School Award), Linda Blair (Excellence in Community Service Award)



Glenn Sullivan receiving 100 year award from Mayor Greg Fisher at Annual BBB Torch Awards Luncheon

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President's Corner

America is built on the notion that no matter who you are, or where you come from, you will have an opportunity to secure financial stability for you and your family, and the peace of mind that comes with that. Our educational system should be built on this same notion, yet all too often, segments of our population have trouble accessing the secondary education that serves as a bride to prosperity. We call this the "opportunity gap."

KACCS schools are work-

ing to bridge this opportunity gap by providing students with the specific skills based education they need to exceed in many high-demand occupations - from information technology to medical professionals.

As we move into this new year, the KACCS Board of Directors has been working with our partners at APSCU to prepare for reauthorization of the Higher Education Act on a national level and also continues seeking opportunities to meet the needs of our membership locally. Recently, the board began

planning for 2013 with a strategic planning session as we consider ways to meet the evolving needs of our organization. We look forward to working more closely with our members this year and initiating new, exciting, statewide, initiatives. Please contact us to learn how you can be more involved with these activities in 2013.

As I close, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize David Winkler who retired from Sullivan College of Technology & Design and the KACCS Board of Directors in December.

David faithfully served our organization this past year as a board member and the knowledge he shared during this time will continue to positively impact our organization for years to come. The remainder of David's term will be completed by Mark Mann of Daymar College. Jennifer Gripshover, KACCS, President.

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Jan Gordon, KACCS President Elect recognizing retiring board member, David Winkler

Legislative Update

The 113th Congress will be taking up the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and our colleagues at APSCU are hard at work on this issue.

They are talking to members, state association colleagues, students and others as part of their effort to propose new ways of

thinking about higher education so that students who need education and skills for a chance at real jobs and real incomes are able to access postsecondary education. This is critical as we strive to meet the President's goal of America leading the world in college educated

citizens by 2020. It is also important in addressing the emerging skills gap our country is facing and in helping students choose the best education for them to meet their postsecondary and future employment goals. As you think about access and success for your students, we invite you to

share your ideas for improving the current higher education system. We are looking for bold, innovative ideas that will help our students achieve their goals. Please contact KACCS Executive Director, Candace Bensel or Greg Brotzge with thoughts or to receive additional information. gbrotzge@impactgovrelations.com

Online Training Center

Recently, KACCS conducted a survey among those who have attended KACCS training conferences to assess the training needs of faculty and staff members among our member organizations. Feedback of this nature is important as we plan for the KACCS annual meeting and workshops. The results of this survey also indicated training needs in

areas currently available on the KACCS Online Training Center. These identified needs and corresponding courses include:

- ◆ Student Assessment: ED03, ED106, ED108, ED109, ED114
- ◆ Engaging Students: ED101, ED102, ED106, ED112, ED117

- ◆ Career Services, Developing a Social Media Strategy: CS104, CS104
- ◆ Developing Financial Aid Staff: FA110, RT105
- ◆ Developing Online Courses: EL101, EL102, EL103, EL105, EL105
- ◆ Student Services Social Media and Appropriate Accommodations: CS104, CM251

- ◆ Admissions Best Practices: AD105, AD107, AD108, CMI03, CMI04
- ◆ Needs of Administration: MLI11, CMI01, CMI03, CMI06, RT105, MLI39

This site is available year round to meet your organizations training needs. Visit www.kaccstraining.org for more information about these courses and other training opportunities.

Army Veteran Becomes Maintenance Supervisor After Earning Associate's Degree

Chris Meetin, an 11-year army veteran who used his military benefits to earn his associate's degree in business administration management at the National College Lexington Campus, is putting his new skills to use as a maintenance supervisor for Lextran, Transit Authority of Lexington.

Chris was amazed at how quickly he was able to apply the principles he learned in class to his work. One of his first classes was in sales and contract law which he was taking at the same time

that he was involved in negotiations of the union contract at Lextran. "It was surprising how quickly I could actually bring the knowledge that I got here to practical use," he said. "I think it's helped me out so much - it's almost ridiculous how well it's transferring over into my work."

He likes the small class sizes at National and he is impressed by the instructors. "Generally most of the instructors here are subject matter experts.

They've worked in the field, so when they come here, they teach with passion rather than from a book," he said.

After graduating with an associate's degree, Chris rolled straight into his bachelor's degree program at the campus and hopes to finish in May 2014. He feels his degree and eagerness to learn was instrumental in his promotion to maintenance supervisor and he has his sights on more promotions in the future. "Given the opportunity, I will make di-

rector of maintenance," he stated assuredly.

Chris encourages other veterans and those desiring to move up in their career field to get started now. "If you stick with it and put the time in...the doors will open left and right and, before you know it, you'll find the ideal position, the ideal job, the ideal pay."



Nursing Program in Owensboro

Daymar College's Owensboro Campus is proud to announce that their Associates of Science Degree in Nursing was granted full approval by the Kentucky Board of Nursing during the

December 9, 2012 meeting of the board. The nursing program began on the Owensboro campus in January 2011 and has an enrollment of approximately 100 nursing

students. The director of nursing is Dr. Michael Rager. The program was granted approval by ACICS in the fall, and the visiting team commended Daymar on the excellent quality of the nurs-

ing faculty.

The addition of this program furthers Daymar's efforts as they continue to make their motto, "we change lives one person at a time," a reality.

Practical Nursing Student Helps Save a Life

Shaunte Robinson is a Practical Nursing student at the Florence, KY campus of Lincoln College of Technology. She began her program in October 2011 and is gearing up to use her education in the workplace. Recently, she had an amazing experience that solidified her training and helped her realize her potential. Shaunte rides the bus to school. On her way home from school on September 5, she saw someone fall to the floor on the bus.

Shaunte immediately sprang into action to see if the passenger was all right. She noticed that he was shaking.

She told the bus driver to stop the bus and call 911. Shaunte assessed the situation and began to monitor the amount of time the shaking occurred compared to the amount of time it took the gentleman to respond. She wrote this on her hand and was able to get the man to respond and was able to gather medical history information from the passenger. When another passenger attempted to have the man sit up, Shaunte was able to properly inform the other passenger that he needed to stay where he

was, especially since he hit his head when he first went to the ground. The ambulance and fire rescue arrived several minutes later.

Shaunte was able to communicate effectively with the EMT all that had happened and the specific times of the seizure. She also informed the medics that the patient had complained of head and back pain.

Shaunte was able to spring into action and surprised even herself with how calm and collected she was throughout the situation. She was able to effectively help the patient and keep everyone else calm and on

task. Of the experience, Shaunte said, "this situation is what makes me proud and thankful that I have instructors who have challenged and pushed me to realize my potential. I have grown so much as a woman, mother, teacher, and future nurse. I can't wait to learn more."



Shaunte Robinson, Practical Nursing Student at Lincoln College of Technology in Florence, KY

Chef Ryan is Making a Difference in a Local School Cafeteria

Chef Ryan Laudenschlager is making headlines for his healthy and delicious overhaul of a Lexington school cafeteria. With schools today more focused than ever on the childhood obesity problem in the United States, people like Chef

Ryan are making a difference. Chef Ryan's first move, when hired for the school system earlier this year, was to tear out the fryers. Now the school serves fresh, local foods made from scratch to create nutritious options while

maintaining control over the salt, sulfates and fat in each dish. Processed foods are not used at the school. Students have been excited to try new foods at lunch each day ranging from quinoa to amaranth and spelt wheat berries but Chef Ryan also puts new, healthy, twists on

favorites such as pizza and chicken fingers. He also takes the opportunity to educate the school's students and staff at each meal sharing interesting facts about the food.

Chef Ryan graduated from Sullivan University's Lexington Campus with a degree in culinary arts.

President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll School Recognized

For the third consecutive year, Lincoln College of Technology in Florence has been recognized by the President of the United States, "for extraordinary and exemplary community service." Their Health and Safety Fair is the pinnacle event leading

to the campus receiving recognition as a President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll School.

The Health and Safety Fair was attended by more than 35 businesses and organizations and over 1500 members of the

community. The event featured free services for community members including: sessions on cancer detection, diabetes prevention and drug awareness, Zumba, yoga and self defense demonstrations, mammograms provided by St. Elizabeth, prostate exams provided by the

Urology group and blood pressure screenings and massages provided by students and staff from Lincoln College.



Service Learning Opportunities at National College

On October 19, the Kentucky Association of Career Colleges & Schools held a Service Learning Workshop at the National College Florence Campus. Service learning can be a very effective teaching tool, giving students an opportunity to put their skills from the classroom to work as they provide assistance to an organization in need in their community.

Tammy Riley, Director of the National College Pikeville Campus, attended the KACCS workshop which she says helped her clarify the difference between community service and service learning. "The connection between providing a service to

your community and actually gaining insight specifically into your curriculum from a student perspective and bridging those two—that's what service learning does," explained Tammy. Tammy was inspired by the workshop and she realized that students from her campus were already participating in a service learning project with Westcare Emergency Shelter, a homeless shelter that is located in Pikeville. Nurse Administrator, Shirley Goff, implemented the project in her nursing class and student, Leandra Johnson, spearheaded a donation drive and led health and wellness workshops at the shelter. The workshops covered

such topics as HIV testing, hand washing and vaccines and also provided the residents with information regarding agencies that provide free or reduced rate medical care. "I was skeptical at first...about how they'd react to the workshops, but they were awesome. They were full of questions. They were really, really, thankful," Leandra recalled of the residents' response.

Leandra's experience volunteering at Westcare has given her a new sense of gratitude for all that she has and it has increased her enthusiasm for her career ahead. "Seeing the difference that I made at the shelter - I'm so excited to do that at the hospital to help people," she said as she embarks on her

career as a registered nurse. Tammy and the department chairs from the National College Pikeville Campus recently toured Westcare to learn more about the shelter's needs. "The nursing students were getting so motivated and inspired and I wanted to spread that throughout the other programs," Tammy said. She hopes to incorporate a service learning project into each program at the campus to utilize other student's skills to help the shelter.



Nursing students Jaimie Duncan (left) & Leandra Johnson (right) organizing donations at Westcare Emergency Shelter.



Kentucky Association of Career Colleges & Schools

2013 Winter Workshop

***Compliance & Brand Monitoring: Updates on
Regulatory Changes, Best Practices for Internal Staff, and
Self Regulatory Online Brand Usage***

Friday, January 18, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. EDT



Topics to be covered in this workshop include:

- ◆ Program integrity: gainful employment and misrepresentation
- ◆ Regulatory agencies update
- ◆ Court cases in relation to the admissions process, including financial aid
- ◆ Being a proactive “self-regulator” against rogue affiliates’ use of your brand online
- ◆ Improving admissions and financial aid communications
- ◆ Social media: turning negative reviews into positive actions

This workshop is ideal for: Executive Directors and Campus Presidents, Compliance Directors, Communication Specialists, Admissions, Financial Aid and Career Services Staff and anyone on your team who wishes to learn more about organizational compliance.



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Registration Before January 4	\$25	\$35
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Lunch and all workshop materials will be provided.

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