

**KACCS Honors 2015 Award Recipients**

At the KACCS Annual Meeting this year, we had the privilege to honor individuals making an impact in career education in Kentucky. The KACCS Legislator of the Year was **Senator Jimmy Higdon**. Sen. Higdon has long been a champion of improving education in Kentucky. During the 2015 General Assembly, Sen. Higdon was instrumental in championing an amendment to change a piece of legislative language to include nationally accredited schools. He has also been recognized for his work promoting school improvement and equitable educational opportunities for all KY children, and has aided and crafted vital education legislation throughout his career. Sen. Higdon stated, "the future looks bright for private sector schools because they are in good position to fill the needs of today's workforce." The winner of this year's Community Service Award was **Sarah Williamson of Medtech College**. Sarah spearheaded service projects for her campus each month of the year including: blood drives, Habitat for Humanity, and fundraisers for Alzheimer's, Kosair Children's Hospital, Epilepsy Awareness, American Heart Asso-

ciation and Hope's Wings, a domestic violence program. The Rising Star Instructor award was **Mitch Taylor** of Kentucky Horseshoeing School. Mitch has spent more than 25 years in education. He has traveled the world as a farrier educator and brings new ideas back from these trips to further develop curriculum and techniques in his classroom. He also volunteers his time giving free owner education clinics to horse owners throughout the state. The Instructor of the Year was **Jennifer Lesch** of Spencerian College, Louisville. Jennifer uses various technologies in the classroom to assist with learning and also provide examples of competencies and was instrumental in building a clinical documentation platform, which Spencerian became the first college nationwide to use. She also participates in various community activities. Other finalists this year included: Christina Robinson of Sullivan University, Stephanie Watson of Spencerian College, the Spencerian College Louisville campus, Patricia Bag-

gett of Daymar College, Ellie Boldrick of ATA College, Brook Elliott of Spencerian College, Sherrie Isaacs of Medical Career & Technical College and Kimberly Luna of Sullivan University.



*KACCS Legislative Liaison, Greg Brotzge (right) with Senator Jimmy Higdon*



*Sarah Williamson with Medtech College representatives following food drive*



*Mitch Taylor, Rising Star Instructor winner*



*Instructor of the Year Winner Jennifer Lesch (center) with Larisa Crawley (left) and Linda Blair (right)*

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### President's Corner

Heading into the autumn quarter, activity in the association is in full swing. Our committees have grown in recent months with several new members across numerous campuses joining our team following the annual meeting. These groups are taking on new initiatives to advance both the work and the reach of our mission throughout the Commonwealth. Ongoing activities include discussions in preparation for the upcoming legislative session and discussions surrounding the regulatory changes impacting our schools, planning for our first articulation and transfer event and plan-

### Legislative Update

Things are relatively quiet on the government affairs front. The main focus between now and November will be the Governor's race. Most experts are expecting a close race and opinion polls that have been conducted up to this point confirm that assessment. While various polls show one candidate or the other leading, the lead tends to be within the margin of error and, therefore, a statistical dead heat. There is a sharp distinction be-

ning for our 2016 Symposium. We also have several new projects we are in the initial stages on planning that we look forward to sharing with you in the coming months. If you have not yet joined a committee, this is the single best way to be involved and make your voice heard. In the coming months the association also plans to extend our membership by reaching out to schools who are not yet members to discuss the benefits and networking advantages that come from working together. As Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress.

tween the two candidates in their backgrounds, philosophy and approach to government, so the outcome will have a significant impact on the 2016 General Assembly and beyond. The Governor's race aside, there are a number of issues that will require the legislature's attention come January. Even numbered years are budget sessions and the budget is always the dominant issue when it's in play. There will be additional revenue available this time due to

Working together is success." If you are interested in learning more about KACCS or being part of a new member outreach team, please contact us for additional information. In addition to school activities and outreach efforts, we are also interested in continuing efforts to educate community leaders and small groups about career colleges and the students we serve. We continue to encourage schools to open their doors for campus tours when appropriate, but if KACCS can assist and provide sector-wide information and benefits, or if you have groups

you wish for us to speak with, please let us know how we can assist you. Finally, I would like to welcome Chris Ernst to the KACCS executive committee in his newly appointed role as vice president. Chris will join Cindy Landry, now president-elect, who will be preparing for her role as the association president, which she will assume at our annual meeting next year, and Vincent Tinebra, who is in his final year as KACCS treasurer. I am honored to be part of such an exceptional leadership team and look forward to the work we will accomplish together in this next year. Jan Gordon, President [jgordon@spencerian.edu](mailto:jgordon@spencerian.edu)

improving economic conditions, but the needs on the expense side will far exceed this additional revenue. Kentucky's underfunded pension system remains the largest budgetary problem, but public universities and other groups that have had their funding cut in years past will be asking for at least some of those monies to be restored. At this point, the major issue KACCS will be following concerns dual

credit. The Council on Postsecondary Education and the Department of Education are working on legislation to present in the 2016 session. Our main concern is that the law does not contain any barriers to our schools' participation in the program. There will likely be other issues that surface between now and January and KACCS will keep you up to date as the session approaches. For additional information, contact Greg Brotzge at [gbrotzge@impactgovrelations.com](mailto:gbrotzge@impactgovrelations.com)

### The Future of Postsecondary Education

This summer, KACCS was pleased to welcome Steve Gunderson, President and CEO of the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Schools (APSCU) as a guest speaker at our Annual Meeting. Prior to his time with our member schools, Gunderson took the opportunity to meet with numerous community leaders to discuss the future of postsecondary education. Some of the items he addressed in this presentation included:

- ◆ Trends in high school graduation rates,
- ◆ Our nation's ranking and total students in higher education credentialing,
- ◆ Changes in workforce

trends,

- ◆ Spending in higher education,
- ◆ The workforce skills gap
- ◆ The evolution of the career college sector.

Education is changing. We are moving from a, "just-in-case" delivery - learning for a brief time and applying the material for the rest of our lives, to a "just-in-time," competency based delivery - learning for the rest of our lives and constantly applying new knowledge. Constant learning in small segments will help us keep up with changing technologies and trends in the workforce. Gunderson has held a number of leadership po-

sitions that have addressed the education and workforce investment challenges facing America's citizens. He was 23 when he was first elected to the Wisconsin State Legislature. After three terms, Gunderson served 16 years in the U.S. Congress and was a recognized leader on education, employment policy, healthcare, human rights and agriculture issues. He was the lead

author of the book, "The Jobs Revolution: Changing How America Works," and the sole author of, "The New Middle Class: Creating Wages, Wealth and Opportunity in the 21st Century."

The PowerPoint from Gunderson's presentation on *The Future of Postsecondary Education* is available on the KACCS website, [www.kycareercolleges.org](http://www.kycareercolleges.org), under, "documents."



### New Online Courses Available in the KACCS Online Training Center

**ED120 - Nonverbal Communication in the Classroom** is a new online course available in the KACCS Online Training Center. Studies reveal that as much as 85% of classroom communication is nonverbal. The course consists of eight entertaining modules that include audio tracks, animation and interactivity. Topics include the importance of nonverbal communication in the classroom, as well as our everyday lives. The modules describe the use of

body language, effective vocal cues, proper appearance and the effective use of space (proxemics) and time (chronemics). A variety of support materials accompany the modules, including an assessment tool that instructors can use to evaluate their nonverbal skills. Also new to the training center is **CS202 - Best Practices in Graduate Employment Verification and Documentation**. Accurate representation of graduate

outcomes is critical to upholding institutional integrity. All involved in employment reporting must continuously identify ways to strengthen their system for tracking, collecting and verifying employment data. When documentation is both a quality and a compliance matter, staff must understand the verification program as a whole, the role they play in continuously improving it and how to use professional principles and best practices in

documentation. This course is designed to encourage participants to critically analyze their own employment reporting practices while sharing ideas and best practices that can help lead to the highest level of data integrity. Learn more about these courses by visiting the KACCS Online Training Center at [www.kaccstraining.org](http://www.kaccstraining.org). Members, contact KACCS or [vjp@kaccstraining.org](mailto:vjp@kaccstraining.org) for VIP discount codes.

### Graduate Benefits from Campus Community Connections

After graduating from American National University's (ANU) Health Information Management (HIM) program, Norman Bartley took a big step in his medical career moving from a physically demanding job working as a patient aid at a state hospital into a professional position working as a release of information technician at Baptist Health.

Instructors at ANU, who are professionals in their field, and advisory boards comprised of representatives from local employers, two of the hallmarks of the programs at the university,

helped Norman quickly land his job.

"I would recommend ANU. It's got some of the best instructors that I've ever had. I actually work with a couple of them here," he said of his instructors who bring their experience in the field to the classroom and act as valuable connections in the workforce. Program director Linda Burcham's commitment to her students was also crucial to Norman's success as he prepared to take the exam to become a registered health information technician (RHIT),

a credential that is increasingly sought after by employers. "Ms. Burcham was a huge help. She held meetings after school to come in and [take practice tests]. It was a lot of work, but it paid off." His hard work and dedication to his new career were evident to the representatives from Baptist Health he met while networking with employers during an HIM program advisory board meeting at ANU. "A couple of the [members] of the advisory board are my supervisors here.

They told me to apply and I applied and [got the job]," Norman explained.

As a release of information technician, Norman works with government audits of Medicare records. "I love working for Baptist - great people, great company," he stated. "[My job is] going to help me with my income and my benefits. It's made a drastic change in my life. It's going to make a difference for my kids too."



### Dalton Named Chairman of the Board for APSCU

Roger Dalton, Vice President of Government Affairs for American National University, was recently named Chairman of the Board for the Association of Private Sector Colleges & Universities, a voluntary

membership organization of accredited, private, postsecondary schools that provide career-specific educational programs.

Dalton said of his appointment, "It is indeed an

honor for me to help lead an organization that is committed to empowering nearly 3.5 million students with the education and skills vital for their career success. Today, that commitment

is more important than ever if we are to prepare our students for the 21st century workplace and their own economic security." Congratulations, Roger on this new, exciting role!

### Local Student Recognized as Student of the Week by Nation-Wide Organization

Lexy Rupp, a Sullivan University student, was named student of the week by the Imagine America Foundation (IAF) this July. Lexy was nominated by instructor, Chef David Wheatly. Wheatly said, "It has been my pleasure to instruct and watch Lexy work, progress and grow over the past four quarters within our institution. She will

no doubt develop into an excellent representative of not only our school, but more importantly, of the industry itself." Rupp stated, "I chose Sullivan University because of their abundance of chef accreditation. The school has the most amount of chefs with years and years of experience. I feel that someone can go to school and be

smart in regular class subjects, but that real world experience is the real test and most learning experience. Sullivan gives the opportunity to look up to these great chefs and dip my toes into various different culinary classes such as basics, baking, garde manger, international cuisine and advanced. I am also given the opportuni-

ty for many intern and externships...I feel Sullivan University was the best school choice for me." Imagine America Foundation is a research, scholarship and training provider for career colleges. They seek to recognize individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to career education.



**Articulation & Transfer Development Work Tank Meeting  
 Kentucky Association of Career Colleges & Schools**

**Friday, December 4, 2015 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. EDT**

**Registration Form**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution/School/Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you be joining us for lunch? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
 Please indicate any special needs you have: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please select all meetings you plan to attend. Please note, those in each grouping will take place simultaneously. If you have more than one program in a group, it will be necessary for another representative from your school to cover the second meeting during that time frame.*

**Group 1 Meeting**

- Business
- Medical Assisting/Medical Coding/Medical Administration

**Group 2 Meeting**

- Information Technology
- Nursing

**Group 3 Meeting**

- Radiology
- Computer Graphics

**Group 4 Meeting**

- Medical Laboratory
- Criminal Justice

Please let us know if there are additional concentrations areas you wish to review during this meeting or in future meetings: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Who should attend:**

Deans, program Directors, Executive Directors, CEO's and any other key personnel handling transfer and/or articulation agreements.

**What to bring:**

Information about your programs, brief overview of courses, competency requirements (if applicable), business cards.

**What we will discuss:**

Overview of courses, what you are interested in getting from the meeting (transfer/articulation agreements, etc.) and next steps.

Contact Candace Bensel for additional information:  
 (502) 727-3456 or  
 candacebensel@kycareercolleges.org

**Agenda:**

- 9:00 - 9:30  
Registration and Networking
- 9:30 - 9:45  
Welcome and Instructions
- 9:50-10:55  
Group 1 Meetings
- 11:00 - 12:05  
Group 2 Meetings
- 12:05-12:45  
Lunch and Networking
- 12:45-1:50  
Group 3 Meetings
- 1:55-3:00  
Group 4 Meetings

**Join us for this event at**

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**Registration Deadline:  
 Monday, November 23rd  
 Cost: \$15 per person**

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Pikeville, KY

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### **ATA College**

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### **College for Technical Education**

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Owensboro, KY

Paducah, KY

Russellville, KY

### **ITT Technical Institute**

Lexington, KY

Louisville, KY

### **Kentucky Horseshoeing School**

Richmond, KY

### **Medical Career & Technical College**

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### **Medtech College**

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### **MedQuest College**

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The deadline for the next Newsletter is Tuesday, December 15th.

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