

2016 Career College Day a Success

Career College Day at the Capitol took place this February in the Capitol Annex. Ten schools participated in the event sharing information about the programs they offer and providing hands on demonstrations highlighting the skills students are learning in the classroom. Demonstrations included glucose screening, spirometry testing, 3D printing, EKG interpretation, blood pressure screening, criminal justice display, early childhood education display, dental assisting display, culinary arts display with catering and more. In addition to numerous special guests, 35 legislators also took the time to stop by and meet with representatives from our schools. They participated

as students practiced hands-on skills they are learning as they prepare for their careers and took the time to learn more about experiences representatives from our organizations have had. Thank you to the schools who made this event possible and to our special guests who took the time to visit during the event.



Representative Dennis Horlander has his blood pressure checked by an ATA College practical nursing student.



Representative Dennis Keene learns about Beckfield College's Criminal Justice Program at Career College Day at the Capitol



Spencerian College students practice respiratory therapy skills as Representative Kelly Flood visits with them during the Career College Day event.

KACCS Welcomes New Member

KACCS is pleased to have welcomed a new member, Emergency Medical Training Professionals (EMTP), this quarter. Emergency Medical Training Professionals is located in Lexington, KY and offers programs including: State Registered Nurse Aide, Paramedic, EMT, Phlebotomy, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant and EKG Technician.

Their mission is to, "train and educate quality medical professionals in the Central Kentucky area by providing an enhanced learning environment while teaching the practical skills and overall medical knowledge needed to focus on patient health and well-being. It is the goal of all EMTP employees to ensure student success by emphasizing

respect, dedication to safety, and adherence to medical ethical guidelines and ensuring that we are a compassionate group of medical professionals that always put patient care first."



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President's Corner

2016 has gotten off to an active start for our Association. The projects and activity taking place have made significant efforts in fulfilling the mission and objectives of our organization.

With the legislative session underway, in February several of our member schools participated in Career College Day at the Capitol. This event is an important opportunity to educate legislators and staff members at the capitol about career colleges & schools. Students, faculty and staff members had the opportunity to interact with legislators and share their experiences in our schools at this event.

Communication and ed-

Legislative Update

The 2016 General Assembly is down to it's final days. The budget bill has yet to be negotiated and a number of major issues have yet to be finalized. KACCS is working on a number of issues including SB 140, the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). The bill authorizes the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education to enter

education about our sector remains a priority. The better we can educate decision makers about our schools throughout the year, the better informed they are when legislation arises that may impact our schools. As part of this effort, a special legislative edition of our newsletter went out specifically to legislators this year. The legislative edition highlighted student success stories, provided education about the similarities and differences between national and regional accreditation, educated readers about trends in our sector and more. Ongoing communication is a essential as we educate about the value our schools offer to their communities and to higher education as a

into the SARA agreement and to serve as the portal agency. Being a part of SARA will allow our schools that offer distance education to do so in any SARA state as long as they meet the national standards. SB 140 has passed both Houses and is awaiting the Governor's signature. It was delivered to the Governor on March 29. The pace of the session has been slow even by

whole. We encourage all of our member schools to remain actively involved in these efforts, whether through contributing graduate success stories for our website, stories about activities taking place on campus or in your communities, participating in letter writing campaigns or inviting legislators to tour your school and learn more about the hands-on programs you offer as we meet local workforce needs.

The KACCS website has recently launched a Graduate Spotlight page. To learn how to submit your stories, see the submission criteria document under this tab.

As we move forward, we have a number of other exciting projects underway to further the

efforts of our organization. If you or your team members have an interest in being involved with these efforts, contact us for additional information. Much of the ongoing work in our organization takes place by way of our committees.

These include: PR/ Membership, Government Relations, Articulation and Conference Planning. Each group generally meets once a month for an hour by conference call. In the coming months, we also have openings coming available on our Board of Directors. To apply to be considered as a potential board member, submit a CV or current resume. Board meetings take place monthly by conference call and attendance is required as specified by our Bylaws. Jan Gordon, President jgordon@spencerian.edu

historical standards. This has largely been due to the four vacant House seats that were in play until the March 8 special election. The Republicans were hoping to capture all four open seats, which would have resulted in a 50/50 tie. That didn't happen. The Democrats captured three of the four and the partisan split is now 53-46. Control of the House is still very

much an issue for the remainder of this year, with around 90 of the 100 House seats in play for the fall election. Republican control of the House will have major policy implications for the 2017 General Assembly. For regular daily updates on legislative activity, visit the News page of the KACCS website, www.kycareercolleges.org. For additional information, contact Greg Brotzge at gbrotzge@impactgovrelations.com

KACCS Board Member Receives Community Award

American National University's Richmond campus director and KACCS Board Member, Keeley Gadd, was recently selected as the recipient of the *Howard and Neal Colyer Dedication Award* during the 2015 Richmond Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

Keeley has served the Richmond Chamber of Commerce as an Ambassador, active board member, and as Vice President of Shared Partnerships, working with the Economic Development Committee to bring businesses to the community and help local businesses

grow. She also serves on the Madison County Business & Education Committee, which brings together employers and educators to determine best practices for preparing area students for the workforce.

As she introduced Keeley as the recipient of the award, Kristi Middleton, chief external affairs officer at Eastern Kentucky University, said that Keeley has served the community for many years with a focus on making Madison County a great place to live. "Her voice

of reason and positive attitude have always served our community well and will continue to do so in the future," Ms. Middleton stated.

"I am so excited and thankful for being selected as this year's recipient of the *Howard & Neal Colyer Dedication Award*. I feel so very blessed to work with an employer like American National University that allows me and my great staff the time to give back to our community," Keeley said. "I was brought up by wonderful parents that

taught us to work for our God, country, family and community, and I hope each person in our town will do the same, because we have a great community, and it will only become greater if we all keep working at it."



Students Tour State Capitol and Learn About Legislative Process

College for Technical Education Business Office Administration students were recently provided the opportunity to tour the Capitol and attend a Senate Education Committee meeting. The trip was made possible following an invitation made by Senator Reginald Thomas.

Students toured the Capitol building and then attended the committee meeting. Lead instructor of the Busi-

ness Office Administration program at the College for Technical Education, Kim York, stated, "it was wonderful to see the passion of the process in action for Kentucky students. My students also recognized they found a renewed passion for success, and their continued education was the first step." After being recognized in the Education Com-

mittee meeting, the students had lunch with Senator Thomas, where he took the time to speak with them and learn more about their education and their futures.

Denetta McCann, a student in the program stated, "My experience at the Capitol was simply amazing. I was able to meet with so many new people. Everyone there was friendly and treated you

with such respect. There were people from all over Kentucky visiting, including families, students and teachers. I never knew visiting the Capitol would be so much fun and educate you as much as it did."



Local Mayor Joins Campus as New President

Bowling Green Mayor, Bruce Wilkerson, recently joined the Daymar College team as the Bowling Green Campus President. Wilkerson first became involved with the campus in the 90's as the school was launching their Criminal Justice program. He had noticed that police recruits were lacking the skills, training and

knowledge needed for the job and was instrumental in the development of the school's local program ensuring students had the necessary skillsets to succeed on the job.

In a recent interview, the new college president stated, "Daymar is special. They give the individual attention to its students. They bring accountability

to students' lives. They allow students the opportunity to reach their full potential. Daymar is so involved with its students, sometimes at large campuses you feel lost, and Daymar closes the gap by focusing on the students."

Mayor Wilkerson has lead city government workforce development

initiatives for the betterment of Bowling Green citizens. Along with his passion for education, he believes, "Daymar brings this great opportunity of filling those positions to our community, allowing people to receive the education they need to have the opportunity to land those jobs and support their families."

New Campus Opens in Eastern Kentucky

To celebrate its expansion into Eastern Kentucky and to meet community leaders, residents and potential students, Sullivan University had a grand opening and open house of its Louisa Learning Site on March 12. The public was invited to meet top administrators and staff from Sullivan University at the Louisa Learning Site,

which is adjacent to the Lawrence County Courthouse, 122 S. Main St. in Louisa.



Sullivan University staff offered technology demonstrations and pro-

vided tours and admissions information to potential students. "We are excited, honored and proud to bring Sullivan University to the people and employers of Louisa, Lawrence County and Eastern Kentucky," said Sullivan President Glenn Sullivan. "Our career focused education programs prepare students

for their life and professional goals, while providing employers with a trained and skilled-workforce."

Sullivan University will initially offer one class in Louisa, along with the school's full array of online courses, and then add more classes and opportunities as enrollment grows.

New EMT Program Addresses Regions Critical Shortages

Students in Eastern Kentucky who are considering careers as first responders will now have a new option available to them for training to become certified emergency medical technicians (EMT). In response to the critical shortage of EMTs in Eastern Kentucky, the American National University (ANU) Pikeville campus will begin offering an emergency medical technician diplo-

ma program this spring. The program has been developed with support and input from the area's first responder community, including Cyrus Hess, a veteran of the field who is serving as the program's director.

The EMT diploma program will qualify graduates to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians' (NREMT) EMT examination. As a certified EMT, graduates

from the program will be prepared for entry-level employment working for police, fire and rescue squads; private ambulance services; and hospitals. After graduating from the EMT program, students then have the opportunity to continue their education in the ANU paramedic program, which the campus launched in 2015.

Dustin Reynolds, a student in the ANU para-

medic program, enjoys serving his community as an EMT working for Trans-Star Ambulance service. "I've always wanted to help people and I don't like sitting still. I love being where the action is," Dustin said.



KACCS Symposium Attendance Sets New Attendance Record

More than 100 higher education professionals from 23 campuses across the Commonwealth took advantage of the opportunity to attend the KACCS Symposium in March setting a new record attendance for this event. The Symposium provided an opportunity for those in attendance to learn from local subject matter experts and nationally recognized speakers on issues of vital

importance in higher education. Round table discussion groups designed to encourage communication with peers working with students at specific points in the student life cycle also contributed to the experience and aided in the development of strong networks dedicated to creating positive student experiences and local workforce develop-

ment. The strengthening of these networks often proves beneficial not just on this day each year, but throughout the year as well. With trends in education always advancing, ongoing training is essential. We hope to see you at our next big event, the Educational Conference and Annual Meeting, this August.

Look for details and registration information in the July newsletter. Do you have a breakout session recommendation for a future KACCS event? Information on submitting presentation proposals for the August Educational Conference and Annual Meeting will be available on the KACCS website on April 18th.



Executive management was one of the six round table discussion groups at the Symposium. Other groups included: enrollment management, education management, faculty and career services and alumni.



Misty Edwards, Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education was among the 14 guest presenters at the event.

New Online Courses Available in KACCS Online Training Center

CS110 - Providing Career Services for Students with Disabilities is a new course available in the KACCS Online Training Center. Students with disabilities represent a unique minority group within higher education. Career services practitioners pride themselves in their ability to serve diverse populations, yet many remain untrained in working with disabled students. This course helps career services practitioners understand federal legislation basics as they relate

to disabled students, the unique challenges they face, and characteristics of the population as well as practical resources and career services strategies to help overcome their unique barriers to employment.

CM150 - Understanding the Language and Intention of Accreditation Standards is another new online course available in the KACCS Online Training Center. In this course, using your accrediting

body's criteria, you will study the language and intention of accreditation. Participants will develop a different perspective on the self-study process and an understanding of how to craft the self-study report to effectively communicate how present practices meet the standards. Discover what the standards really are and what it takes to meet them, interpret and communicate your institution's current operating practices in the

context of the criteria, and develop a more accurate understanding and expression of how your institution can help provide the evidence needed to demonstrate compliance.

Learn more about all available online courses by visiting the KACCS Online Training Center at www.kaccstraining.org. Contact KACCS or vip@kaccstraining.org for VIP discount codes for online courses.

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The deadline for the next Newsletter is Wednesday, June 15th.

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