

Legislator of the Year Recipients Honored at KACCS Meeting

Senator Max Wise, R-Campbellsville and Representative Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, were the co-recipients of the 2016 KACCS Legislator of the Year award presented in August at the KACCS Annual Meeting. Both legislators played a key role in the passage of legislation regarding the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), a national compact that allows postsecondary institutions to offer distance learning in any SARA state without requiring a separate license in each state, as long as they meet SARA requirements.

Sen. Wise was the sponsor of SB 140, which was the enabling legislation for SARA. Rep. Richards sponsored HB 537, the companion legislation filed in the House.

SARA increases postsecondary options for students, potentially decreasing their completion time and reducing the overall cost of their education. Sen. Wise and Rep. Richards saw the value of the legislation immediately and their bipartisan leadership and support helped move the bill easily through the General Assembly.

Instructor of the Year and Ambassador of the Year Recognized



Livian University, Lexington (left - pictured with award sponsor Andrew Anderson of Library and Information Resources Network) and the 2016 KACCS Instructor of the Year, **Jackie Edwards** of Spencerian College, Lexington (right - pictured with award sponsor Katie Mahan of McGraw-Hill), were awarded at the Annual Meet-

The 2016 KACCS Ambassador of the Year, **Marika Adams** of Sul-



Representative Jody Richards

Senator Max Wise



Several legislators attended the awards luncheon at the KACCS Annual Meeting and accepted the award on behalf of their colleague. Bowling Green Mayor Bruce Wilkerson (right), presents award to (left to right) Rep. Donohue, Rep. Schamore, Rep. Belcher, Rep. Horlander and Rep. Graham

ing August 26th. Award criteria and a complete list of 2016 finalists can be found on page 4.



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President's Corner

As I enter into the first season of my office as the KACCS President, I have felt mixed emotions as our sector continues to face challenges, but in the midst of these challenges I see the dedication and determination our members have to serve students seeking quality, career education. Our annual meeting this year took place the same week three proprietary college campuses announced permanent closures affecting hundreds of Kentucky students. Discussions between breakout sessions designed to strengthen our teams and organizations

shifted from the normal networking to actively seeking solutions for students impacted by these closures. A sense of sadness and frustration was evident, but one can't help but feel pride in reflecting on how quickly our schools jumped into problem solving mode to help these displaced students.

In the month since these closures, many students have entered the doors of our member schools. Fifteen of our schools have reported to KACCS regarding their work with former ITT Technical Institute and Medtech College students. They are all actively reviewing

transcripts and do accept transfer credits where possible. Many are waiving application fees and several are even offering grants to assist them with the costs associated with completing their education.

In addition to the opportunities afforded to students to transfer, our member schools are also ensuring communication is taking place with these students advising them to review the loan forgiveness programs through the Department of Education prior to making a final decision. We want to ensure the students are aware of

the options provided to them as they make these important decisions regarding whether or not to continue their education.

While our sector will continue to face challenges in the coming months as these situations stabilize and final decisions are released in the situation with ACICS, I hope we can all take a moment during the more difficult days to appreciate the strength of our KACCS community in the midst of our struggles. I am encouraged by an organization that truly lives it's mission and believes in a strong Code of Conduct to protect students and student choice. Cindy Landry, President clandry@ata.edu

**Legislative Update
Fall Campaign Enters
Its Final Phase**

With the November election a little over a month away, most people's attention is on the Presidential race. While that contest has tightened in recent weeks, most polls and pundits still give Hillary Clinton a slight lead. As the debates get underway, they may have an impact on the outcome. The other wildcard is the two third party candidates and how much momentum they can muster in the final

weeks. The outcome could have a significant impact on our sector since Ms. Clinton has pledged to continue the Obama administration's policies on for-profit schools.

In Kentucky, the focus is on the Kentucky House of Representatives and whether the Republicans can capture control for the first time since 1921. Kentucky is the only state House south of the Mason Dixon line still in Democratic control. At the present time, there are around 15 House seats that are considered

very competitive, with several members of Democratic leadership drawing unusually strong opposition. A few of these races involve incumbent Republicans, so the GOP will have to retain these seats in addition to taking the four seats necessary to put them over the top. Trump is expected to carry Kentucky and to do well in Eastern Kentucky so this should help the GOP's chances.

The state Senate is firmly controlled by the Republicans and this will

not change in November. At this point, it also appears that all incumbents in Kentucky's congressional delegation will be reelected. Representative Ed Whitfield did not seek reelection and recently resigned his seat in Congress. Jamie Comer will be elected as his replacement, and the fact that Representative Whitfield resigned early will give Mr. Comer additional seniority in Congress. KACCS encourages all members to go to the polls on November 8 to cast their vote.

For additional information, contact Greg Brotzge at gbrotzge@impactgovrelations.com

New KACCS President Takes Office at Annual Meeting

This August, KACCS members formally elected Cindy Landry as their new association president. She will serve the organization in this capacity until 2019.

Cindy shared, "KACCS and its member schools are getting ready to embark on another exciting and challenging year. I am pleased to be stepping into my role of President. Jan Gordon is difficult to follow, but I will do my best. I would like to personally thank Jan for her guidance and for the superb

leadership she has provided to KACCS.

"As we enter this new year, I am approaching it with enthusiasm and optimism for our organization and the schools it represents. I am fortunate to have spent over 25 years in career education. I believe in the importance of career education training and the service provided to our population. I have always believed that if an institution bases its decision making paradigm on

what is best for the students served, both the institution and the graduate will achieve great outcomes. I look forward to working with the KACCS schools this year for a productive and rewarding year in higher education."

Ms. Landry is the Director of Accreditation and Compliance for ATA College and also serves on the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education.



New KACCS President, Cindy Landry (right) presenting Immediate Past President, Jan Gordon (left), a gift of appreciation for her service at the 2016 Annual Meeting

New Board Members Elected at the 2016 KACCS Annual Meeting

Two new board members were unanimously elected at the 2016 KACCS Annual Meeting August 25. Robin Boughey of MedQuest College and Mia Granacher of Beckfield College were

slated by the nominating committee and selected among numerous highly qualified candidates. Both Ms. Granacher and Ms. Boughey have served the organization on vari-

ous committees for a significant period of time and have taken leadership roles in a number of KACCS events previously. The role of KACCS

Treasurer was also on the ballot for term election this August. Brett Weber of ATA College, who has served on the KACCS Board since June 2013, was elected as the new Treasurer.

ANU Online Network Administration Degree Named as One of 20 Affordable Online Bachelor's Degrees

The American National University bachelor's degree in network administration, available through ANU Online, was recently included on the AffordableSchools.net (www.affordableschools.net) list of "20 Affordable Online Bachelor's Degrees in Computer Networking." AffordableSchools.net is a college rankings site centering on unique and affordable academic programs. Rankings for the list were compiled with

data from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), a bureau from the U.S. Department of Education (<http://nces.ed.gov/>). "If you have been researching possible after-college careers at all, it's likely you've come across the fact that there is a significant shortage of skilled workers in the USA and elsewhere for computer programming/software engineering roles. There are also

career opportunities in the systems administration and security aspects of the computer networks used by many organizations for their computer systems," said the article's lead researcher, Raj Dash. "This ranking of online and hybrid bachelor's degrees in computer networking provides a starting point for students researching technical schools for their college application list."



American National University is a member of the Microsoft®, Cisco®, and Comp TIA certification exams.

For more information, visit www.an.edu/online/programs/network-administration-bachelors/ or call 888-410-6109.

KACCS Ambassador and Instructor of the Year Finalists

KACCS conferred their 2016 awards at the Annual Meeting August 26th. The KACCS Ambassador of the Year is awarded to a team member who recognizes the importance of and excels in their efforts to strengthen their campus and build a sense of community. Nominees are rated for:

- ◆ Impact on their campus community, including faculty, staff and students
- ◆ Degree to which they embody the school's mission statement

- ◆ Efforts promoting their program(s)
- ◆ Efforts working across departments and
- ◆ Efforts above and beyond.

The finalists for this award were: Marika Adams of Sullivan University's Lexington campus, Caitlin Rivard of Spencerian College's Lexington campus, Tina Schlimm of Beckfield College's Florence campus and Karen Swinney of Spencerian College's Louisville campus.

The Instructor of the Year is awarded to in-

structors whose techniques and innovations best respond to the needs of students in vocational training. Nominees are rated on:

- ◆ Response to student needs
- ◆ Contributions to campus community
- ◆ Effectiveness and originality and
- ◆ Quality of recommendations.

The finalists for this award were: Mollie Banks of Daymar College's Bowling Green campus, Nancy Conrad

of Beckfield College's Florence campus, Angie Crowder of Spencerian College's Louisville campus, Jackie Edwards of Spencerian College's Lexington campus, Carolyn Manley of MedQuest College's Louisville and Frankfort campuses and Ronnie Turnmire of ATA College's Louisville campus.

Marika Adams was the recipient of the Ambassador of the Year award and Jackie Edwards received the Instructor of the Year honors this year.

ARE YOU REPRESENTED?

Join a KACCS committee and let your voice be heard!

Current committee opportunities include:

Conference Planning, Public Relations & Membership, Government Relations and Articulation.

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Report Shows Kentucky is Still Below National Average in Higher Ed Attainment

The United States currently ranks 13th among developed nations in college attainment rates. The Lumina Foundation, the nation's largest private foundation solely focused on increasing the success of American's in higher education, has what they call *Goal 2025*, seeking to ensure that by 2025, at least 60% of working age Americans (ages 25-64) hold a degree, certificate or other high quality postsecondary credential. The national average for 2014 was 45.5%. Kentucky's rates during this

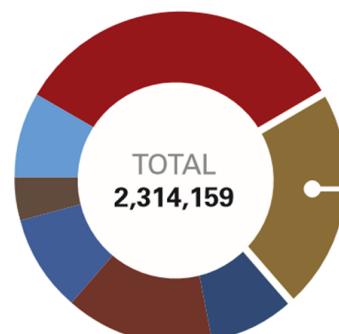
time were 42.5%.

By 2020, two-thirds of all jobs are expected to require postsecondary edu-

cation. We are not facing a shortage of jobs, but a shortage of qualified applicants,

making skills based training essential to closing the gaps and building a stronger Kentucky workforce.

Levels of education for Kentucky residents, ages 25-64



Less than ninth grade	102,125	4.41%
Ninth to 12th grade, no diploma	191,621	8.25%
High school graduate (including equivalency)	765,353	33.07%
Some college, no degree	504,025	21.78%
Associate degree	203,297	8.78%
Bachelor's degree	330,928	14.30%
Graduate or professional degree	216,810	9.37%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey

Graphic from "A Stronger Nation," Lumina Foundation, April 2016. Visit strongernation.luminafoundation.org/report/2016/#Kentucky for additional information.

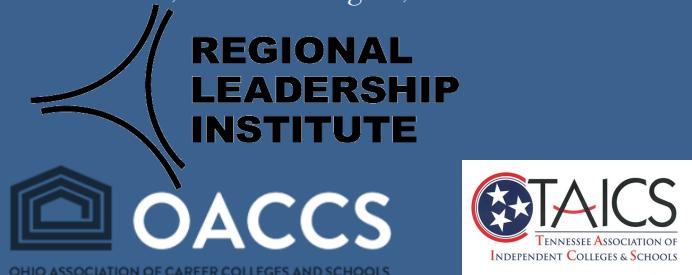


KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF CAREER COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

KACCS is partnering with the Ohio (OACCS) and Tennessee (TAICS) state associations for a

Regional Leadership Institute

October 20-21, 2016 in Lexington, KY.



This event is designed for emerging leaders at our regions private career colleges and schools. The institute will focus on campus leadership and the vital role each department plays in making our communities a success.

JUST FOUR SEATS REMAINING!

Contact us TODAY for information on how you can attend!

Second Annual Articulation Work Tank Event Coming to Louisville in December

The second Annual KACCS Articulation Work Tank Meeting will take place at Spencerian College in Louisville December 2, 2016.

The structure of the meeting this year will be

slightly different with networking clusters in the fields of Allied Health, Business and Technology. Any key personnel handling transfer and/or articulation agreements are encouraged to attend.

Develop a stronger understanding for other program offerings in your area and identify opportunities to partner with other schools to better facilitate the ongoing success of our stu-

dents. Look for registration information for this event on the KACCS website later this month or contact us today to ensure your contact information is on our distribution list.

New Course Available in the KACCS Online Training Center

CM 141 - FERPA and Privacy: A Practical Approach is a new online course available in the KACCS Online Training Center, covering the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA or the Buckley Amendment). FERPA is a federal law in

the United States designed to provide students with access to, and the privacy of, their educational records. The law applies to students in higher education and educational institutions that receive funding under a program administered by the U.S. Department of

Education. The course is designed to provide participants with a working knowledge of FERPA guidelines to ensure proper handling of educational records and other institutional requirements.

Learn more about this course by visiting the

KACCS Online Training Center at www.kaccstraining.org. Members, contact KACCS or vip@kaccstraining.org for VIP discount codes for this session or the more than 100 other online courses available in the training center.

2016 Annual Meeting



SAVE THE DATE

Make plans to attend the

2017 KACCS Symposium

March 3, 2017

Look for General Registration Information in the January KACCS Newsletter!



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Louisville, KY

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

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