It’s annual conference time!

Professional development and personal growth take center stage at the 2019 KACCS Conference & Exhibition, Friday Aug. 9 at Sullivan University in Louisville.

This year’s speakers cover the full range of career education topics, from classroom management to financial aid, from effective communications to compliance and accreditation.

In between are terrific opportunities to socialize, encounter the latest technologies and products in the exhibition hall, and enjoy hospitality provided by the culinary team at Sullivan.

Registration continues now through Aug. 9, but if you register early you will receive a price break on conference fees, which include lunch and hospitality between sessions. Go to https://kycareercolleges.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/revappnavchange.pdf to register today!

Speakers include Kentucky Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton, the first African-American to hold statewide office in the Commonwealth. A former member of the U.S. Air Force, she has become a political leader and advocate for education and entrepreneurship. She will deliver the featured address at the luncheon.

Other featured speakers include Cristina Vela on integrating digital into the classroom, Zack Lesak on motivating Gen Z students, and Yolanda Gallegos on ED.Gov’s proposed rules applied to the accreditation of innovative distance education modalities.

In addition, the conference will host a special panel from the Kentucky Education & Workforce Development Cabinet.

Nothing can stop her: Profile in student persistence and achievement

It takes a lot to go back to school and persevere when everybody and everything seems to tell you no. But those circumstances did not stop Keiwanna Weathers from continuing her education and making a better life for herself and her children. Keiwanna enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program with Employment Solutions, Inc./College for Technical Education in November 2017. The program is a nine month certificate and offers students not only eligibility and knowledge to sit for the CDA (Child Development Associate) exam, but much more than that. And Keiwanna wanted more.

Keiwanna is a mother of four, including one in elementary school, one in pre-school and two younger children at home. “It’s hard to be a mom and know that your children have to rely on you, but you know you must make a better life for them,” Keiwanna said. “My children deserve more.” While in school, one of Keiwanna’s children became very sick; she was forced to drop out when she was nearly half way through the program to stay home and provide care. (Go to Pg. 2)
“Let VETS Choose” tour across America coming to Kentucky

Proposals that would substantially diminish access by military veterans to career education options are under serious consideration in Congress, re-interpreting the 90/10 rule, changing it to an 85/15 ratio or both.

Come hear more about this important issue during the rally and information session at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5 at Sullivan University in Louisville.

All military students, families alumnae and staff are encouraged to attend!

RSVP to reserve your seat at VETS4CareerEd.org/Let-Vets-Choose.

Nothing can stop her:

“We are lucky that our student to teacher ratio is so small at a certificate based program such as CTE,” said Cynthia Quinton, Early Childhood Education Director. “We were able to move some things around so that Keiwanna could return to school when her child recovered.”

Keiwanna’s persistence resulted in an employment offer from Campus Kids Early Childhood Center.

“Keiwanna is an amazing person who has drive. We see that a lot with our students,” said Brenda Evans, CTE College Director, “I am so proud to be handing her a diploma.”

For more information go to admissions@cte.edu.

Sullivan, Spalding ink partnership deal

Sullivan and Spalding Universities have reached an agreement that makes it easier for Spalding students to earn a doctorate of pharmacy degree from Sullivan’s College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Leaders of the schools said the new pathway agreement will allow more students to complete a doctorate of pharmacy degree, or Pharm.D., and enter the job market sooner. (A Pharm.D. is required to become a pharmacist.)

Tori Murden McClure, president of Spalding, described the program as a “3+3 program” that would allow Spalding students working on a natural science bachelor’s degree and on a pre-pharmacy track to transfer to Sullivan’s College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences after three years.

Credits earned after completing the first year of the Sullivan University Pharm.D. also would complete Spalding’s bachelor’s degree program. In total, the accelerated Sullivan Pharm.D. program takes three years to complete.

Sullivan University president and CEO Jay Marr said that higher-education institutions today are more likely to partner with potentially competing organizations to serve their students. Sullivan University has a similar partnership with Morehead State University.

“We are always looking for ways to partner with other institutions that's beneficial for them as well as us,” Marr said

■ Chris Larson, Louisville Business First, Jul 8, 2019

Keiwanna Weathers, CDA and alumnus of CTE.

Highest-paying jobs that don't need a four-year degree

The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development reports that the distribution and logistics industry in Kentucky employs 68,709 people at 541 facilities across the state.

Looking at the top jobs on the list of the highest paying jobs that don't require a four-year degree, the top job is transportation, storage and distribution manager, with a local annual mean income of $95,380.

Data reviewed from the federal government identifies 25 of the highest paying jobs that employers usually don't require a four-year degree.

Many high-paying jobs don't require a four-year degree. The review includes national and local mean wage for each of the 25 jobs, the number of local positions, and the type of education you may need for the job.

The mean wage is an average wage. Top 25 not requiring 4-year degree:

- LAN and WAN network specialists/associate degree/$68 K
- Dental Hygienists/associate degree/$75K
- Construction trades supervisor/high school/$70K
- Diagnostic sonographers/associate degree/73K
- MRI techs/associate degree/$72K
- Radiology diagnostic techs/associate degree/$78K
- Web developers/associate degree/$75K
- Radiation therapist/associate degree/$86K
- Logistics management/high school/$103K