

**Kentucky Board of Education  
June 4, 2014**

**Report from the President of the  
Council on Postsecondary Education**

**CPE April Meeting**

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met on April 28 and 29 at Murray State University. The “Stronger by Degrees” agenda report focused on college readiness. There was a marked increase in the number of Kentucky recent high school graduates who met all three readiness benchmarks. The percentage of degree seeking students meeting readiness benchmarks increased 17 percent, from 58.2 percent in 2011-12 to 68.3 percent in 2012-13. Since 2010-11, this percentage has improved 31.3 percent. The meeting information is posted at <http://www.cpe.ky.gov/about/cpe/meetings/2014/default.htm>. The next CPE meeting will focus on student success and will be held on the Centre College campus in Danville on June 19 and 20.

In other business, CPE set tuition and mandatory fee ceilings that limit the amount public campuses can charge resident, undergraduate students over the next two academic years. For the comprehensive and research universities, the Council set ceilings that average 4 percent a year, with a maximum allowable increase in either year of 5 percent. Students at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System could see as much as a three dollar per credit hour increase each year, or an average of 2 percent a year. Council Chair Pam Miller said, “Since I’ve been on the Council, the universities have been cut by the state every year. And every year, we have asked them to do more...It’s admirable that our campuses continue to maintain exceptional quality and service to students.” Between fiscal years 2007-08 and 2013-14, Kentucky’s public colleges and universities were cut \$168 million, or 15.5 percent of their combined net General Fund appropriations. Adjusting for inflation, the cuts total \$284 million or 24 percent. Meanwhile, enrollment grew 8.5 percent during the same period.

**Kentucky Adult Education**

Reecie Stagnolia, Vice President for Kentucky Adult Education, participated in a Congressional briefing on adult education in Washington, D.C on May 15. Stagnolia was one of seven panelists and was the only representative of a state system.

Stagnolia was selected to participate in the briefing, sponsored by the Council for Advancement of Adult Literacy (CAAL), as a result of Kentucky’s leadership in national policy development.

**Developmental Education Program Model Grants**

CPE awarded five mini-grants to support the design of accelerated and co-requisite model programing for developmental education. The grants range from \$7,500 to \$20,000 and recipients were Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, Jefferson

Community and Technical College, Gateway Community and Technical College, and Owensboro Community and Technical College.

### **2014 Student Success Summit**

The Kentucky Student Success Summit provides faculty, staff and administrators an opportunity to learn from leading student success experts and to engage in stimulating discussions with colleagues from across the state. This year's summit on April 7 and 8, **"Every Student Counts: Holding High Expectations for All,"** attracted over 300 attendees from across the state and focused on closing achievement gaps for underrepresented minorities, low-income students, and underprepared students. The summit featured nationally-recognized experts who shared evidence-based best practices to promote student learning and retention. Featured speakers for this year's summit included **Kati Haycock**, President of The Education Trust; **Deborah Santiago**, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Policy & Research of Excelencia for Education; **Sandra Gregerman**, Director of the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program at the University of Michigan and former Chair of the Council on Undergraduate Research; and **Blane Harding**, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Kansas and co-author of the National Academic Advising Association's publication "Cultivating Potential in At-Risk Students." Additional information about the summit can be found at [http://cpe.ky.gov/news/events/student\\_success\\_summit.htm](http://cpe.ky.gov/news/events/student_success_summit.htm).

### **Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program Statewide Conference (GMS CPP)**

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual GMS CPP Statewide Conference will be hosted by Eastern Kentucky University on June 25 and 26, 2014. Two hundred students from across Kentucky are expected to participate in STEM-H activities.

### **GMS CPP Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference**

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference will be hosted by Murray State University on June 13 and 14, 2014. Current high school sophomores and juniors can explore information about the conference at <http://cpe.ky.gov/news/calendar/statewide/acadprof.htm>.