

**Kentucky Board of Education  
December 3, 2014  
Report from the President of the  
Council on Postsecondary Education**

**CPE November Meeting**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Friday, November 21, at Bluegrass Community and Technical College and took action on several items:

- The Council approved two capital projects, one from the University of Louisville to authorize a \$1.25M athletics maintenance facility (funded by the UofL Athletic Association), and the other from Morehead State University to construct a \$1.4M volleyball facility (funded privately).
- The Council approved federal Improving Educator Quality grant awards totaling \$944,721 to Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Kentucky.

The Council heard progress reports from Kentucky State University, Murray State University, and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. These annual reports to the Council provide each campus with the opportunity to discuss progress made in the four focus areas of the state's strategic agenda for postsecondary and adult education: college readiness; student success; research, economic and community development; and efficiency and innovation.

In other business, the Council heard the CPE President's report, the Commissioner of Education's report, the Committee on Equal Opportunities' report, and good news reports from the institutions.

The next meeting of the Council will be held February 12-13, 2015, at the Council on Postsecondary Education in Frankfort. The annual board retreat will be held in conjunction with this meeting.

**\$10 GED Testing Campaign in Full Swing**

For a limited time, eligible Kentucky adults can take each module of the GED® test at the reduced cost of \$10, a savings of \$20. The offer is being made possible in Kentucky through \$20 limited-time vouchers using federal Workforce Investment Act funds.

**Developmental Education Institute**

The Kentucky Developmental Education Institute, held on October 10 at the Louisville Marriott East, attracted 130 university faculty and administrators representing every higher education sector in the state. The institute was supported with funding from Core to College and Complete College America.

**Project Graduate Online College Fair**

CPE Board Chair Pam Miller kicked off the second phase of Project Graduate at a September news conference with former Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson and Representative Derrick Graham, chair of the House Education Committee. Project Graduate is an effort to encourage Kentuckians who left college

with 80 or more credit hours (30 or more at KCTCS) to go back and finish their degree. At the conference, an online college fair was announced, where former students chatted with Project Graduate representatives and got their questions answered. More than 700 prospective students participated in the fair.

### **Annual Student Success Summit**

Planning is underway for the 2015 Student Success Summit, which will be held March 30 – 31, 2015, at the Louisville Marriott East. The theme for the summit is “Learning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Higher Education’s Value Commitment.” Save-the-date e-mails have been sent to multiple constituents, who will be contacted again when speakers have signed contracts.