

The KENTUCKY HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY has offered our District, and we have accepted, the services of a College Coach through the federal AmeriCorps program.

KHEAA will:

- A. Place a fully-trained AmeriCorps College Coach at HCHS to serve as a full-time near-peer mentor for students. (Michael "Ben" Adams has been hired as our College Coach. Ben received his B.S. in Political Science for U. of L. in the summer 2006. Ben has done some substitute teaching in Lebanon and Springfield, KY. He also worked youth teaching a USDA clinic in high school for grades K-9. He brings two years of coaching and mentoring experience to the role of College Coach. Ben is currently enrolled at the University of the Cumberland's pursuing a Master's of Art in Teaching with a secondary education in social studies. Eventually, Ben would like to teach in a secondary education setting.)
- B. Provide regular, rotating oversight for the AmeriCorps member to ensure he is engaged in service activities to help high school students and their parents develop higher education aspirations, understand their options for postsecondary education and learn about/use the resources available to help pay for education beyond high school.
- C. Provide age-appropriate publications and outreach services to students and parents and training on KHEAA resources to school personnel.

HCHS will:

- A. Host full-time AmeriCorps College Coach during the service period of September 19, 2011 to August 31, 2012.
- B. Provide an on-site supervisor/mentor for the AmeriCorps College Coach who will be available to the member throughout the year. This person should help the member create a work plan that is specific to the school, meet with the member on a weekly basis and be a mentor to this young professional. This site supervisor is to ensure that the AmeriCorps College Coach is being effective and to assist the AmeriCorps College Coach in connecting with parents, families and teachers. (Amber Thomas will serve as the site supervisor.)
- C. Provide an orientation for the AmeriCorps member – to the school and to the community.
- D. Provide AmeriCorps College Coach with opportunities to interact with all students and parents – parent nights, class presentations, etc.
- E. Provide a workspace for the member – desk, cubicle, etc., and a phone and access to a computer network.
- F. Provide AmeriCorps College Coach with access to student data (with appropriate parent permission) and Individual Learning Plans.
- G. Identify a targeted group of 50 students for the AmeriCorps College Coach to mentor, assist, and work with on a regular basis – a group of students who are on track to graduate from high school but who are at risk of not attending college.