

Kentucky Board of Education
June 8, 2016
Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Upcoming Council Meetings

September 22 and 23: Eastern Kentucky University

November 17 and 18: Owensboro Community & Technical College

Teacher/Leader Academy Returns July 11-14, 2016: As part of GEAR UP Kentucky's School Improvement Services designed to increase capacity to implement Kentucky Core Academic Standards (KCAS), the second biennial GEAR UP Teacher/Leader Academy will take place on July 11-14, 2016 in Lexington. The teacher academy will run concurrently with a parallel four-day session for school administrators. The workshops are designed to support community-based activities that bring KCAS to life in and outside the classroom. Participants will:

- Work together to identify skills necessary for academic success in high school, college and career
- Develop approaches to support skill development in content area courses that enable students to be successful in a rigorous learning environment.
- Identify important skills that cultivate broader school-wide expectations and explicit classroom level approaches for developing those skills as part of a rigorous curriculum.

This event is sponsored by GUK at no cost to the schools/districts. Additional details regarding content, travel and lodging arrangement are available in the [2016 Teacher/Leader Academy flyer](#). In addition to the workshop activities, an opening session/welcome reception will be held for all participants on the evening of Sunday, July 10 at the Hilton Lexington Downtown. All participants will also visit the GUK Summer Academy at the University of Kentucky on Wednesday, July 13, to observe Academy activities and meet with university faculty, staff, and students for a facilitated dialogue on the realities of college and career readiness from K-12 and postsecondary perspectives.

Facilitating transfer through degree pathways topic of June 6 Transfer Summit: CPE and KCTCS hosted a successful Transfer Initiative Planning Meeting in January that brought together 100 KCTCS and university faculty and staff for conversations around how to improve our collaborative transfer efforts. To continue the conversation, KCTCS will use funds from a Perkins Grant to host a statewide Transfer Summit on June 6 at the Leestown Campus Auditorium of Bluegrass Community and Technical College. Invitees include chief academic officers, department chairs and other faculty from disciplines aligned with key economic sectors-- manufacturing, logistics, information technology, business and health professions. Goals include identifying current and potential pathways to facilitate transfer.



15 to Finish communications campaign garnered \$5.4 million in Public Service Announcements:

The Council's 15 to Finish communications campaign ended nearly a two-year run of public service announcements on statewide television and radio with an estimated \$5.4 million value in total airtime. The ads encouraged students to earn 15 credit hours a semester or 30 credits a year to finish their degree on time. The ads, and the parent and student resources, will remain available at <http://15tofinishky.org/>. GEAR UP Kentucky's contract with the Kentucky Broadcasters Association provided funding for the effort.

High-impact teaching practices focus of third annual Pedagogicon: The Council and the Faculty Development Workgroup sponsored the third annual Kentucky Pedagogicon, an intensive one-day conference focusing on the pursuit of excellence in teaching. Held May 20 at Eastern Kentucky University's Noel Studio for Academic Creativity, the conference brought together 125 faculty, staff and administrators. This year's theme, *Exploring High-Impact Educational Practices Using Scholarly and Creative Teaching*, drew on research from the Association of American Colleges and Universities regarding teaching and curricular practices that have proven to increase student engagement, learning and retention. Dr. Aaron Thompson, executive vice president, served as the opening plenary speaker. Concurrent sessions focused on high-impact practices such as first-year seminars, learning communities, writing-intensive courses, collaborative assignments and projects, service learning, internship, and capstone courses.

KYAE partnership offers State Registered Nurse Aid pilot program:

Kentucky Adult Education has partnered with the South Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center and private donors to offer a State Registered Nurse Aid (SRNA) pilot training program at a 90 percent discount to 12 participants, who were recruited from adult education programs in Hardin, Larue, Marion and Meade counties. Interested adults preparing to take the GED test submitted applications for acceptance into the program to concurrently train for the SRNA certification. Pilot participants are receiving contextualized adult education instruction, taking an online SRNA course facilitated by a registered nurse, participating in clinicals and practice days at long-term care facilities, and being mentored by course facilitators and adult education instructors. Participants completing the pilot will have the opportunity to meet with local employers at a celebratory luncheon.

