

Kentucky Board of Education Good News

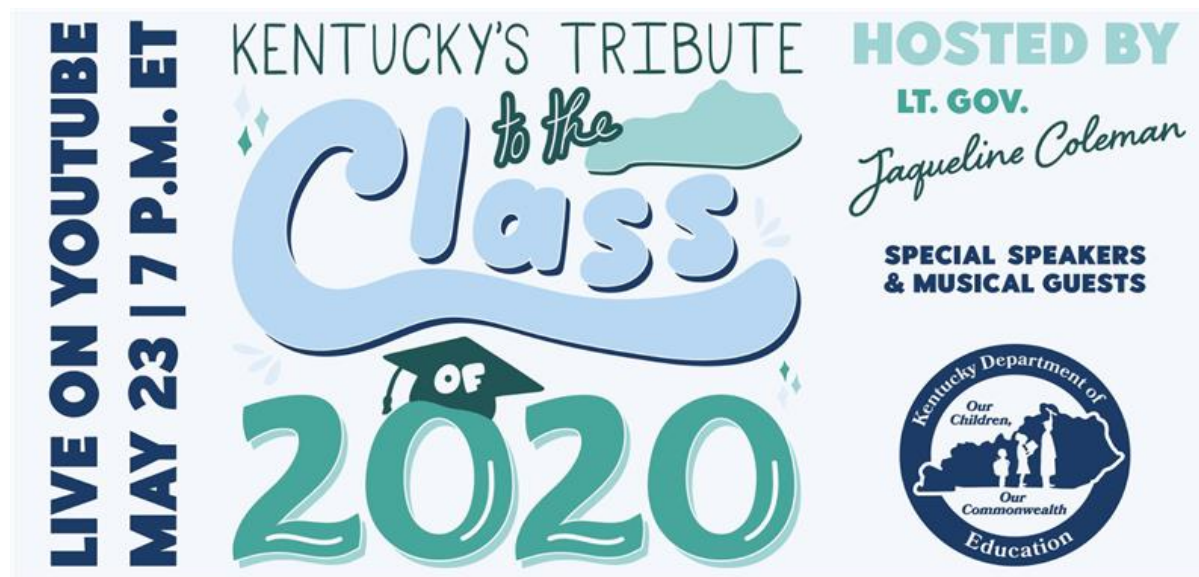
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Kentucky School for the Deaf Graduation

On May 22, the Kentucky School for the Deaf held a drive-through graduation ceremony on the school's campus. Students, parents and invited guests were able to celebrate the successes of this year's graduating class while participating in a safe social-distancing event. The ceremony was followed by a reception for families outside of their cars to honor the seniors.



Kentucky's Tribute to the 2020 Graduates



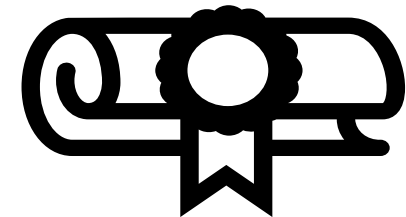
“Kentucky’s Tribute to the Class of 2020,” presented by the KDE and Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, was hosted by Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman on May 23 on YouTube. The one-hour program featured more than 1,500 photographs of our seniors submitted to KDE from superintendents and high school principals across the state. The event also featured a collection of commencement addresses and musical performances from Kentucky artists J.D. Shelburne, Linkin’ Bridge and the Kentucky State University Choir.

2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars

On May 21, the U.S. Department of Education announced the 2020 class of U.S. Presidential Scholars. This program honors the academic achievement of graduating high school seniors. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selected the finalists based on their academic success, school evaluations, transcripts and essays, as well as clear evidence of community service, leadership and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.

This year, we are proud to recognize Kentucky's 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars:

- Kathleen Criner - Paducah Tilghman High School
- Megan Rose Johnston - Boyle County High School (Scholar for U.S. Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education)
- Raymond Micheal Suo - duPont Manual Magnet High School



2020 KBE Priority Award Winner for Closing the Achievement Gap

Jeanne Crowe serves as the director of continuous improvement in Bourbon County Schools. She has a career that spans more than three decades and every level of public education in Kentucky.

Crowe's Education Recovery assignment at East Carter High School from 2011 to 2019 serves as one example of her commendable leadership. She demonstrated measurable gains in student achievement and East Carter remains a high-achieving school. It has been designated as a Hub School to serve as a resource to schools designated for Targeted Support and Improvement.



2020 STLP Championship

Kentucky's K-12 Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) State Championship had a different look this year. Due to the COVID-19 emergency. The state competition – normally held at Rupp Arena in Lexington – was presented virtually.

Twenty out of the original 1,800 STLP school projects were selected by virtual volunteer judges. From those 20 projects, four schools were named state champions:

- ***Dave Sigler Award for the best technical Project:*** Allen Elementary School (Floyd County) for their Life Saving Vest.
- ***K-5 Division:*** Blake Elementary School (Jefferson County) for their Blake's L.E.M.O.N.S. Project with a Twist.
- ***6-8 Division:*** Ashland Middle School (Ashland Independent) for their No Child Left Behind project.
- ***9-12 Division:*** Fairview High School (Fairview Independent) for their Westwood Hook project.



2020 Alternative Programs of Distinction

In an effort to recognize the work of educators and programs that serve students with a variety of learning needs, KDE named 11 Alternative Programs of Distinction.

The programs recognized are:

- Fayette County Learning Center (Fayette County)
- Jackson Academy (Warren County)
- McCracken Regional School (McCracken County)
- Mercer Day Treatment (Mercer County)
- Regional School Programs (Dayton Independent)
- The McDaniel Learning Center (Laurel County)
- The Phoenix School of Discovery (Jefferson County)
- The Providence School (Jessamine County)
- Transformational Learning Center (Covington Independent)
- Western Day Treatment (Jefferson County)
- William Cofield High School (Franklin County)



The Phoenix School of Discovery

Feeding Programs



School districts have been going above and beyond to ensure their children remain fed during the time school buildings were closed and into the summer.

Union County:

All central office administrators and principals had to work at least one week in the kitchens during the last 45 days of feeding. Not only did they all do a wonderful job, but they gained an immeasurable level of respect for the hard work and dedication it takes to nourish our youth.



Clinton County:
Putting individual notes of encouragement in meal bags.



A note from a Middlesboro Independent student to food service staff.