

## **CPE President's Report to KBE**

**December 4, 2024**

**Workforce Visits:** Over the last several months Dr. Thompson joined members of CPE's Workforce and Economic Development unit to visit partners engaged in CPE's healthcare and aviation initiatives. These visits provided an excellent opportunity to educate stakeholders about CPE's mission and hear feedback on how the Council can deepen its engagement in local areas. In September, CPE staff met with students taking aviation classes from Shawnee High School. The conversation ranged from aviation career opportunities to the importance of higher education in general. Following this, CPE participated in a roundtable discussion with Louisville business leaders to explore potential education-employer partnerships. In October, CPE visited Prestonsburg to meet with students and faculty involved in the CLIMB Health initiative at Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College. This is a program that trains individuals in recovery from substance use disorders to serve as peer support specialists. A meeting with SOAR (Shaping our Appalachian Region) about workforce and economic development issues facing Eastern Kentucky followed.

**ALDI Institute:** The sixth cohort of the Academic Leadership Development Institute (ALDI) held its final seminar at CPE last month. ALDI provides a series of highly interactive sessions and small group seminars led by faculty and administrators from across Kentucky and other states. The goal is to create a learning community of early career, underrepresented minority faculty and staff who are on track for professional advancement.

**Faculty Leadership Academy:** The Academic Excellence unit convened the first meeting of the Faculty Leadership Academy (FLA) in October. This new opportunity involves 24 full-time, mid-career faculty who are seeking to further develop their leadership skills and better understand their institutions' place within the state and national postsecondary landscape. A series of professional development and mentoring activities are scheduled through the summer of 2025.

**Graduate Profile Academy:** The Graduate Profile Academy met at Kentucky State University in early November to review progress made since 2021 in embedding the ten essential skills into undergraduate programming and discuss the next steps in assessing students' mastery of these skills.

**GEAR UP KY Campaign:** A new GEAR campaign launched in December called "I'm In." Members of the Kentucky high school class of 2025 will record themselves reading acceptance letters to public and private Kentucky postsecondary institutions. The best of these will be shared on social media and through other channels. Additionally, GEAR UP—in conjunction with CPE's Kentucky Advising Academy, KHEAA, and the Prichard

Committee for Academic Excellence—launched GO!vember to encourage students to fill out the FAFSA and apply to college.

**CPE Meeting:** The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will occur on January 31, 10 a.m. ET at the CPE offices.