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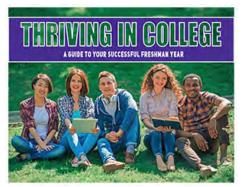
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'Thriving in College' can help transition to campus

"Thriving in College," a guide that helps college freshmen succeed during their first year on campus, is available free KHEAA.

"More Kentucky students who enroll in college are finishing their degrees, but there still is room for improvement," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "This booklet from KHEAA can help students,



especially those who are the first in their families to attend college, thrive during their first year. Once students finish their freshman year, they're more likely to graduate — with a great foundation for their future."

The booklets provide high school seniors with a way to better prepare themselves for their first semester of college.

The 36-page booklet includes sections about:

- Majors and class schedules;
- Staying healthy and safe on campus;
- Learning styles and study tips;
- Campus life; and
- Financial basics.

To order a free copy, email <u>publications@kheaa.com</u> and include your mailing address. An online version is available at <u>kheaa.com</u>.

Students have different options after high school

Many students think of education after high school as the traditional four-year college degree.

"Education after high school includes technical training and two-year associate's degrees," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "Kentucky needs students with all levels of postsecondary education to keep the state's booming economy growing."

Two-year degrees can prepare students to continue at a four-year school, but they can also lead directly to a job in the workforce. Diplomas and certificates in specialized skills give students the knowledge they need to compete for good jobs in industry and other careers. These programs usually take six to 18 months to complete.

Kentucky students can tap into numerous sources of financial aid to pay for whatever level of education they want to pursue.

KHEAA administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), which can help pay for technical education and for two-year and four-year degrees. Students interested in technical training in certain fields can take advantage of KHEAA's Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship.

The financial aid office of the school students plan to attend will help students understand these and other aid programs.

Kentuckians who choose military service can still continue their education. All branches of the armed forces have education options for service members while they're in uniform or after their discharge. Service members should contact their unit educational office to discuss student aid options. National Guard members can take advantage of the Kentucky National Guard Tuition Assistance Program, also administered by KHEAA.



Forker

Wiser

3 counselors join KHEAA regional outreach team

Brandi Forker, Robin Hiter and Bill Wiser have joined KHEAA as regional outreach counselors.

"We are so pleased to have Brandi, Robin and Bill join our KHEAA Outreach team," KHEAA Director of Outreach Kim Dolan said. "They have a passion for this work, and their backgrounds and professional experiences will make them excellent resources for the students and families in their regions."

Forker will represent KHEAA in the northwestern Kentucky region. The counties in that region are Breckinridge, Daviess, Grayson, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster.

Hiter will represent KHEAA in the far western Kentucky region. The counties in that region are Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken and Trigg.

Wiser will represent KHEAA in the south central Kentucky region. The counties in that region are Casey, Clark, Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Laurel, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Owsley, Powell, Pulaski and Rockcastle.

KHEAA's outreach counselors live in the region they serve and provide financial aid and college planning services to schools, students and families.

Eight schools win \$500 in FAFSA completion contest

Eight Kentucky high schools have won \$500 from KHEAA for participating in the FAFSA Completion Challenge. The FAFSA is the form students must file to find out if they qualify for student aid.

"I congratulate these schools for their efforts and commitment in helping their graduating seniors file the FAFSA," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "Those efforts will pay off in helping Kentucky students find the funds they need to pay for the technical and college programs that will make our state more competitive in attracting new businesses and expanding existing companies."

The challenge was open to all public and private high schools in the state. Schools were awarded \$500 for having the highest FAFSA completion rates and the highest percentage increase in FAFSA completion rate from 2021 to 2022.

KHEAA reports a 3.7 percent increase in the Class of 2022's FAFSA completion rate, ranking it in the top 10 year-over-year increases in the country.

The schools with the highest FAFSA completion rate in the contest were:

- Small public: Robertson County High School.
- Medium public: Franklin County High School.
- Large public: Lafayette High School in Lexington.
- Private: St. Patrick High School in Maysville.

The schools with the highest year-over-year increase were:

- Small public: Russellville High School.
- Medium public: Bell County High School/Bell County Area Technology Center.
- Large public: Frederick Douglass High School in Lexington.
- Private: Oneida Baptist Institute in Clay County.



4 students can win college savings account for reading

Four Kentucky students will win \$529 each toward a college savings account this year by participating in a summer reading program at their local public library.

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, KHEAA and KY Saves 529 have launched the Explore Oceans of Possibilities College Savings Summer Reading Sweepstakes as part of the 2022 summer reading program at participating public libraries across the state.

"The Summer Reading Sweepstakes is a fun way to encourage children to read during the break and learn more about what is offered in their local public library," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "For many families, the local public library is one of the few places their children can go to access free educational resources, activities and programs."

The sweepstakes, which runs May 16 through Aug. 12, will award four \$529 college savings accounts to Kentucky children and young adults 18 years old or younger. Each winner's local public library will receive \$500 toward future reading programs.

After children participate in the summer reading program, parents, grandparents or guardians should visit <u>http://kysaves.com/oceans</u> to fill out the entry form and to find the official rules and prize details.





KHEAA sets social media schedule for this summer

KHEAA Outreach has scheduled six Facebook and Twitter events for June through August.

The schedule is:

- June 6: Jumping Into Summer: ACT Resources, Facebook
- *June 20:* Jumping Into Summer: Tips and Tricks for the ACT, *Twitter*
- July 5: Summer Blast: College Choice Hot List, Facebook
- July 18: Summer Blast: Cooling Off on Campus, Twitter
- *Aug. 1:* Beating the Heat: Gearing Up for Fall, *Facebook*
- Aug. 15: Beating the Heat: No Stress Seniors Twitter

All sessions begin at 3 p.m. Eastern, 2 p.m. Central.

The links are:

www.facebook.com/KHEAA/ www.twitter.com/KHEAA/

NKU, KCTCS tuition set; KSU gets funding boost

In-state undergraduate tuition will increase 2 percent at Northern Kentucky University in the fall. Students at Kentucky Community and Technical College System schools will pay \$3 more per credit hour.

Both increases were approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education in April.

In other action, the council approved a \$17.5 million disbursement to Kentucky State University to help cover a budget shortfall through June 15.

CPE staff will work with KSU's board of regents and staff to determine final payroll amounts, evaluate cash flow needs for transition from FY 2022 to 2023 and year-end closeout expenses.



Scholarship Spotlight

MG Benjamin J. Butler Century Division Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be an active or former member of, be a direct lineal descendant of or have been adopted by, or be acknowledged by the



Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System as a dependent of a member of the U.S. Army, 100th Infantry Division or any of its successor designations; be pursuing a four-year degree at an accredited college or university; be a Junior ROTC member and a National Honor Society member; be a high school graduate; have at least a 2.5 GPA; be involved in extracurricular, community and/or military activities; and submit ACT and/or SAT score, high school or college transcripts, honors and awards received, two signed letters of recommendation from non-family members, and a signed, typed essay of 250 words on the subject of how this scholarship will help the applicant achieve their goals. Renewable.

Award: At least \$1,000

Number: Varies

Deadline: June 15

Contact: The Association of the Century Inc., Attn: Century Division Scholarship Committee, PO Box 34393, Louisville, KY 40232

What to do if you want to transfer to another college

As the spring semester winds down, many college students may be thinking about transferring to another school.

KHEAA offers these tips for students who plan to transfer this year.

You should talk with the financial aid office at your current school to make sure you don't owe anything or to find out if you get a refund. Also talk with the financial aid office at your new school to make sure you've done everything you need to get financial aid when you transfer.

Also, contact the registrar's office at your new school to find out which credits and grades you earned at your current school will transfer.

If you have more questions about transferring, each college should have a contact person who can answer them. Students transferring from a public Kentucky two-year college to a public Kentucky university can find help at <u>www.knowhow2transfer.org/</u>.

Three degree programs approved for U of L, WKU

Three new degree programs have been approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

The University of Louisville will now offer an educational specialist degree in curriculum and instruction.

Also approved for U of L was a master's degree in accountancy and analytics. It will replace the current master's program in accountancy.

Western Kentucky University will add a master's program in cybersecurity data analytics.



Exit counseling required for students finishing college

Kentuckians who have borrowed federal student loans and are finishing their schooling must take exit counseling.

"The federal government requires student loan borrowers to take exit counseling so they will understand their obligations and options," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "During their counseling session, they will learn how to ensure that they make their payments on time and whether they can qualify for a deferment or forbearance."

Deferments and forbearances let you stop making payments temporarily, if you qualify. Most federal student loan payments are in forbearance at least through Aug. 31, 2022, because of the pandemic.

The U.S. Department of Education assigns student loans to one of eight loan servicers, which collect payments. Servicers also help students pick the best repayment option. Students should keep in touch with their servicer to make sure the repayment process goes smoothly.

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ACT National Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022
Sept. 10, 2022	Aug. 5, 2022	Aug. 19, 2022
Oct. 22, 2022	Sept. 16, 2022	Sept. 30, 2022
Dec. 10 2022	Nov. 4, 2022	Nov. 11, 2022
Feb. 11, 2023	Jan. 6, 2023	Jan. 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023
SAT National Test Dates*		
Aug. 27, 2022	TBD	TBD
Oct. 1, 2022	TBD	TBD
Nov. 5, 2022	TBD	TBD
Dec. 3, 2022	TBD	TBD
March 11, 2023	TBD	TBD
May 6, 2023	TBD	TBD
June 3, 2023	TBD	TBD

* Anticipated



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