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**Ruark receives Governor's Service Award**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 21, 2019)** — Kody Ruark, the Kentucky college coach at Nicholas County High School, has received a Governor's Service Award for his work in helping NCHS students plan for their post-high school years.

The award was presented by Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton at a ceremony in Frankfort March 6.

"Kody has tirelessly worked with our juniors and seniors to explore their options after graduation," said Kasey L. Miller, the NCHS site supervisor. "In addition, he has brought in innumerable outside resources to our underclassmen to familiarize them with college and career opportunities."

College coaches help students prepare for education after high school. The coaches are volunteers through the federal AmeriCorps program. Ruark is one of 30 coaches statewide sponsored by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority under a grant from the Kentucky Campus Compact.

Ruark received the award based on his success in helping students apply for college, learn about military options and educate themselves about life skills.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses. It also disburses low-cost Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC).

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