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Bullitt East Student Wins Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority Essay Contest

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 17, 2020) — Tyler Wheatley, a junior at Bullitt East High School in Mount Washington, has won the 2020 essay contest sponsored by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

“Tyler’s powerful essay reminds us that when we invest in a student’s education, the impact is felt throughout their whole community,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “This has never been more important than now, as we strive together to end a worldwide health pandemic and come back even stronger.”

In his essay, Wheatley wrote, “Living in poverty limits children’s ability to learn and contribute to the community... People who lack education struggle financially, often have poor health and have higher unemployment rates. Education creates stable and safe communities.”

Wheatley and Bullitt East each received certificates in honor of his winning essay. If school officials deem it safe to do so, KHEAA staff will do a photo shoot at Bullitt East, with the photos to be featured in future KHEAA publications.

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. Kentucky Lottery funds pay for many of those programs.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC). For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit advantageeducationloan.com.

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