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During the four recent KYAE regional meetings held at Kentucky State Parks, KYAE recognized county providers who achieved Top 25 and/or Excellence status during 2012-13. The KYAE Top 25 designation is determined by averaging rankings in achieving enrollment, academic performance and GED® test credential attainment

The Top 25 county programs receiving certificates during the meetings were: Russell, Marion, Simpson, Todd, Campbell, Daviess, Lyon, Green, Fulton, Edmonson, Mercer, Taylor, Carter, Carroll, Crittenden, Hancock, Greenup, Mason, Hardin, Franklin, Butler, Jefferson, Lincoln, Adair, Marshall and Logan (tied for 25th).

KYAE 2012-13 "Programs of Excellence" received banners for achieving 85% or higher of their state-mandated enrollment goals and 54% or higher of state-mandated performance measure goals. These county providers were: Adair, Butler, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Crittenden, Cumberland, Daviess, Edmonson, Elliott, Franklin, Fulton, Green, Greenup, Hancock, Hardin, Hart, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, LaRue, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Logan, Lyon, Magoffin, Marion, Mason, McCreary, Mercer, Monroe, Pulaski, Russell, Simpson, Taylor, Todd, Trigg and Washington.

To view photos of program directors and staff who received certificates and banners at the regional meetings, [go here](#). To review presentations from the regional meetings, [go here](#).



Rodney Johnson and Sara Brown represented Russell County, the number one KYAE program in 2012-13, at their regional meeting. They were awarded a certificate for their Top 25 ranking and a banner for achieving excellence from Reecie Stagnolia, KYAE vice president, and David Walters, KYAE director of program administration.

Mathematics opportunity available for Kentucky adult educators

Steve Hinds, a nationally recognized expert in mathematics education with experience in curriculum development and professional development, recently conducted a workshop on teaching functions for KYAE math instructors. The workshop gave participants a sample of the exciting lessons and methodology Steve uses to help students succeed in mathematics.

Steve will be returning to Kentucky in early 2014 to conduct the Active Learning in Adult Numeracy Professional Development Initiative (ALAN-PDI), an exciting opportunity for KYAE adult educators to learn, teach and give feedback on a series of active learning math lessons and classroom practices developed by Steve.

To apply to join the ALAN-PDI, submit the application, available on the KYAE web site, before November 22, 2013. [Click here](#) for information.

KYAE's "Time is running out message!" on McDonald's® trayliners in 53 counties



This week, McDonald's® restaurants in 53 counties are helping KYAE get the word out about the end of the current GED® test and upcoming GED® test changes by using KYAE-designed trayliners, the production and distribution of which was funded by the restaurant owners.

Customers at restaurants represented by McDonald's® of Central and Southeastern Kentucky, Paducah Co-op, Tri-State Co-op, Louisville Co-op and Tri-Cities Co-op will see five different trayliners that feature the four Kentucky GED® graduates that have been used on TV commercials, radio spots and print materials this year.

This is the ninth consecutive year that McDonald's® restaurant owner/operators have partnered with KYAE to promote GED® test credential attainment. The campaign was initiated by Joe Graviss, a Central Kentucky owner/operator and member of the Council on Postsecondary

Education. The project began in three of his restaurants in Franklin and Woodford counties and has grown exponentially through his leadership.

If you reside in one of the counties listed below, please be sure to stop by your local McDonald's® this week!

Central and Southeastern Kentucky: Adair, Anderson, Bath, Bourbon, Boyle, Breathitt, Casey, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Knox, Laurel, Lincoln, Madison, McCreary, Mercer, Metcalfe, Montgomery, Pendleton, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Scott, Wayne, Whitley and Woodford

Paducah Co-op: Caldwell, Calloway, Crittenden, Graves, Lyon, Marshall and McCracken

Tri-State Co-op: Elliott, Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan and Pike

Tri-Cities Co-op: Bell, Harlan, Letcher and Perry

Adult educators on parade



Logan County Adult Education staff and students created a float and participated in the Logan County Tobacco and Heritage Festival Parade on October 12, 2013. Sharyl Markham, ELL

director, was float designer and builder, and Chasity Holloway, teaching assistant, served as chief float builder. Seen on the float are GED recipients, as well as children of staff and students. *If your program participates in a parade – or another community event – be sure to send photos and information about it to Missy Brownson at missy.brownson@ky.gov.*



PIACC releases first results of Survey of Adult Skills

On October 8, the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) released the first results of the Survey of Adult Skills, an international survey conducted in 33 counties. This survey measures the “key cognitive and workplace skills needed for individuals to participate in society and for economies to prosper,” according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). To view these first results, [go here](#).



Avoid scare tactics when promoting end of current GED test

As you promote the end of the current GED test, it can be tempting to scare people about the upcoming test changes (increased cost, computer-based administration, etc.) to get them through your doors. However, please keep in mind that the new test you're scaring them about is the same test you'll be trying to get them in the doors to take beginning in January. Instead, please share the message that the scores of those who have successfully completed some sections of the current test will expire at the end of the year because the test is changing. This encourages partial completers to finish while getting the test-change message out.

We need one student success story from each county! DEADLINE: December 2

Beginning January 2, 2014, KYAE will share one student success story a day on its Facebook page for 120 days – or one success story per county. This is designed to build “buzz” and inspire others to come to our programs to begin work on their GED® testing credentials. A press release will be distributed by KYAE/CPE at the start of the campaign, and customizable press releases will be provided for program to spotlight local efforts.

When your county’s student is featured, your county name and program contact information will be shared as well. This is an easy and excellent opportunity to spotlight your program and show your county pride!

Because we are hoping to alleviate fears about the upcoming computer-based GED® testing, if you have any successful students who have taken the GED® test on computer, please consider including them in this effort.

Please have your selected student complete the questionnaire [found here](#). Instructions for submission may be found at the bottom of the questionnaire. If you have questions, please contact Missy Brownson at missy.brownson@ky.gov or (502) 373-5114, ext. 123.



Janet Hoover honored by CPE Resolution

On September 12, the Council on Postsecondary Education adopted a resolution “congratulating Janet Hoover, thanking her for her service, and wishing her good fortune as she embraces her new opportunities.” This resolution proclaimed that “the Council has benefited greatly from Janet Hoover’s 30 years of service, through her insight, passion, knowledge, and commitment to the Commonwealth, postsecondary education and Kentucky Adult Education.”

Janet provided valuable leadership in several areas at KYAE, including policy development, internal/external communications, grant processes, outreach and Kentucky State Plan revisions. She also recently led a grassroots effort to refresh the KYAE logo and tagline (Your future starts here!) by seeking out feedback from providers and students from across the state.

KYAE Vice President Reecie Stagnolia said, “These contributions are just a few that will leave a lasting legacy and ripple effect on KYAE for years to come. We offer Janet a collective thanks and wish her well in the next chapter of her life.”

Parting Thought • Something to challenge or inspire

“If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.” –Unknown



Faces of KYAE

Having GED® makes graduate feel like a better person – and better mother

By Katie Bowles, Kentucky GED graduate

I got my GED in 2011; it was a very emotional moment in my life. My mother died in 2010, and she had always encouraged me to get my GED.



GED graduate Katie Bowles is shown with her daughter.

At the time, I thought she was just being annoying. Now looking back, I know that she wanted me to get my GED so that I could better myself. I dropped out of high school when I was 16 because my mom had a terminal illness and we were on the verge of being homeless. I quit school and got two jobs so that we could get by.

I am a single mother and have struggled to make sure that my daughter has everything that she needs; I want my child to have a great life. Getting my GED not only bettered my life, but it is also making my daughter’s future better as well. The day that I got my GED, I cried. I was excited, sad, proud, nervous, but, most of all, so in shock that I actually did it. Since I earned my GED, I have been at Gateway Community & Technical College full-time and have remained on the dean’s list all semesters.

Having my GED makes me feel like a better person – and a better mother. I used to think that not only was I a single mother, but I was also a high school dropout; sometimes it made me feel really worthless. Having my GED makes me feel more confident about who I am and what I have accomplished thus far in life. It also motivates me to not stop there and to continue to better myself. It has given me the push towards success that I needed to ensure that my daughter’s future is everything that she deserves.