

Cumberlands WORKFORCE NETWORK Newsletter

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The Cumberlands Workforce Investment Board and the Partners of the Workforce Investment Area are excited to begin sharing our information, activities and successes through a quarterly newsletter. Each partner strives to give individuals new opportunities through the services that are offered. Business Services Teams are being formally structured to assist the business community with needs that are encountering. Although the needs of each individual and business may vary, the services of each partner vary as well and as a collective group gives a wide array of services that can address many of those needs. These services have been in place for several years and literally thousands of individuals and numerous businesses have received services through these partners. Many know of the services that are offered and the successes that can result from them, but until now we have not publicly shared them in a way that could raise more awareness and benefit more individuals and businesses. We hope that the newsletters will be informative and help you better understand the services offered by the partners of the Cumberlands Workforce Investment Area.



Darryl McGaha, Associate Director for Workforce Development.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation has recently experienced various staff changes statewide. Dr. David Beach was appointed Executive Director during Spring of 2012. Jane Ann Botzman retired June 1, 2012 after 27 years with OVR. Beth McFall replaced Jane Ann Botzman on the Cumberlands WIB. Jane Smith was appointed Director of Program Services on October 16th. Scott Daniels will be transferring from Richmond to the Corbin OVR Office in November.

Deana Wilson-Kimble was recently hired as a Job Placement Specialist. She will be working with consumers in Russell, Pulaski, Wayne,



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Clinton, Cumberland, Boyle, Casey, Lincoln, Mercer & Garrard Counties.

Governor Beshear proclaimed October 2012 as Job Placement Month. Each District Office will be conducting activities to promote job placement in our community.

September 30, 2012 was the end of OVR's fiscal year. OVR assisted with placing 3,512 Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve suitable employment and independence.

Kentucky Adult Education

The mission of Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE) is to prepare our students for college and career readiness by delivering a world-class education. KYAE is committed to a quality adult education system that is accountable, efficient and meets the needs of students.

Across the Commonwealth, KYAE programs help adult students gain the academic skills and credentials they need to transition to postsecondary education, function productively in the workforce and support their families.

For Kentucky to be successful, the nearly 410,000 Kentuckians age 18-64 (15 percent of the working-age population) without a high school credential must have the opportunity to prepare themselves for college and careers, an opportunity that KYAE programs provide. Adult education programs provide instruction in reading, writing and mathematics and offer family literacy, workforce education and English as a second language instruction. When students enter the academic program, individual customized student education plan(s) are developed to identify targeted instruction in their program of study. Processes are established to enable individual goal attainment such as subject pre-assessment, skill level diagnosis, targeted instruction, progress evaluations, performance gains measurement, and post-secondary enrollment and/or job acquisition. Targeted instruction is offered with the typical class being a minimum of 40 hours of instruction.

Pursuant to Title II of the Workforce Investment Act, the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, eligible students are those individuals who live or work in Kentucky and:

- ◆ have attained 16 years of age;
- ◆ are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under state law; and
- ◆ who lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills to enable the individual to function effectively in society;
- ◆ do not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, or have not achieved an equivalent level of education; or are unable to speak, read or write the English language.

A student with a high school diploma must score 11.9 or below on the Tests for Adult Basic Education (TABE) to be eligible for services.

Among its workforce development activities, KYAE promotes the attainment of the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC), a credential based on assess-

ments indicating career-preparation, and pays for eligible students to take the assessment.

In another workforce effort, Kentucky was one of five states awarded a \$1.6 million grant to help more Kentuckians earn workforce credentials. The Accelerating Opportunity pilot seeks to put adult students on track to earn a postsecondary credential by integrating the delivery of academic and technical skills.

KYAE's partners in the project are the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. KYAE, the 13-county Cumberland's Workforce Network area and KYAE providers work in concert with the Lake Cumberland Area Development District (LCADD) - Workforce Investment Director, Darryl McGaha, and staff to offer and provide KYAE services training to individuals, families, incumbent workers and pre-hire training for business and industry. KYAE services are provided at work sites and in the local 13 county adult learning centers.

For more information on KYAE Services available in all 120 Kentucky counties, please visit the KYAE website at www.kyae.ky.gov. For more information concerning KYAE services in the Cumberland's Workforce area, contact Billy Crabtree at phone: 270-799-1533 and email: billy.crabtree@ky.gov or the applicable KYAE county provider. For a listing of the KYAE county provider adult learning centers contact information, please visit the KYAE website at <http://www.kyvae.org/countycontacts.aspx>.



**Billy Crabtree, Program Administration,
Area 2 - Barren River, Lake Cumberland
and Lincoln Trail Area Development
Districts Kentucky Adult Education,
Council on Postsecondary Education**

Office of Employment & Training

A J Jones was recently name the Operations Administrator of the Corbin Office. A J comes to Corbin as a transfer from the Richmond One Stop where he served as the Operations Administrator since January, 2010.

A J is from Hyden, Kentucky and attended Leslie County High School. After graduation in 1990, he spent 5 years active duty in the US Air Force. AJ was a Security Police and K-9/Military Working Dog Handler (worked both drug and bomb dogs) and Bicycle patrolman. AJ also had the privilege on 2 occasions during Pres. Clinton's visit to Hawaii to provide presidential security and work alongside of Secret Service to provide Security for the President.

Upon leaving military in Oct 1995, he worked 1 year for Lexington Fayette Co Govt as a Communications Officer/Dispatcher for the Lexington Police Dept.

AJ also attended Sue Bennett College from 1996-1997, played football there and obtained an AA degree in Liberal Studies. He also attended Honolulu Community College while in the Air Force, Eastern Kentucky University and Union College, where he obtained his BS in Business Admin/Management.

After graduation, AJ worked for Cingular Wireless as a Sr Retail Sales Consultant for 3 years and for HSBC / HFC / Beneficial (Same company, just worked under the different umbrellas) for 6 years, 2 as Account Executive and the last 4 as an Assistant Manager and Branch Manager.

AJ is already making an impact on the Corbin area and is eager to work with staff and partners to improve the workforce system in that area. Welcome aboard AJ!



AJ Jones, Operation Administrator of the Corbin office.

Pine Knot Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

The Pine Knot Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (PKJCCCC) is a residential job training program for at risk young people between 16 – 24 years of age that is located within the magnificent Daniel Boone National Forest in Pine Knot, KY. The Center offers student enrollees opportunities to prepare for the future in one of nine different Career Technical Training areas to include: Automobile Technology, Computer Technology, Construction Craft Laborer, Culinary Arts, Union Bricklaying, Un-

ion Carpentry, Union Painting, Urban Forestry and Welding; and both a GED and High School Diploma program. After class, students have the opportunity to take advantage of one of the best Recreation programs in the nation which may include various activities such as; off center trips, dorm competitions, basketball, volleyball, tennis, weight training, aerobics, billiards and arts and crafts, just to name a few. The PKJCCCC is operated by the U.S. Forest Service through an inter-agency agreement with the U.S. De-

partment of Labor and serves 224 students. The USDA Forest Service operates 28 Civilian Conservation Centers spanning 22 forest and grasslands and 18 states with a capacity of serving 6,200 students. For more information, visit: <http://pineknot.jobcorps.gov>



Somerset Community College Student, Campbellsville Resident Mike Moore Named New Century Scholar

For the fourth time in the past five years, a Somerset Community College student has been named to the Coca-Cola New Century Scholars program. Mike Moore, a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program student from Campbellsville, was chosen as the top scoring student from Kentucky in 2012.

Moore is one of only 50 community college students from the United States, Canada and Guam to be named a 2012 New Century Scholar. The New Century Scholars Program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa, and American Association of Community Colleges.

More than 1,700 students were nominated from more than 800 community colleges for recognition. Judges consider grades, leadership, activities and most importantly, how students extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom.

As part of his recognition, Moore received a \$2,000 scholarship and recognition at the American Association of Community Colleges Convention April 21-24, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. He was also featured in the USA TODAY newspaper in April, AACC's Community College Times and Community College Journal and on Phi Theta Kappa's website.

According to Dr. Ron Meade, PTA program coordinator, Moore was an excellent choice for the award.

"Mike has really been the ideal



Mike Moore, a Somerset Community College student in the Physical Therapist Assistant program, was named to the Coca-Cola New Century Scholars Program. He was one of 50 winners from across the nation to win this outstanding award and was honored at a ceremony in Orlando, Fla. From left to right: Dr. Jo Marshall, SCC President and CEO; Claudette Prather, PTA Program instructor; Dr. Tony Honeycutt, SCC Provost; Mike Moore; Dr. Ron Meade, PTA Program Director; and Johanna Atkinson-Bigelow, Communications professor.

student," said Meade. "He has excelled academically and has been very active in his community and within the physical therapy profession. He is the type of student every instructor hopes to have in the classroom."

According to Moore, who grew up in Columbia, he got mixed up with the wrong crowd during his early teenage years and was on a wrong path. He ended up dropping out of school before completing his high school diploma.

"I was blessed enough afterward to have a pastor, who along with my mother, gave me discipline and tough love and helped me get on a good path," said Moore.

"A few years later I fell in love with my best friend and wife. After we married, I worked my way up in the manufacturing world, receiving seven promotions with one company and later moved on to another company to take a very challenging posi-

tion."

Even though Moore had become successful and was a family man, he wasn't satisfied in the latter years.

"I realized one day that work and the pressure of the position was consuming me," he said. "It seemed I had no time to listen to my family and focus on God which are the most important things in life. I wasn't paying attention to the world around me and I wasn't happy at all."

Moore asked to step down from his management position and ultimately was laid off during the economic downturn. At that point, he decided to complete his GED and go back to school.

"I always knew I wanted to help people and I really love health and fitness," he said. "The PTA program was a natural fit for me."

"SCC literally changed my life course," he said. "I have time to hear birds sing and really listen when people talk again, everything looks brighter now. I wish everyone could experience this."

Moore and his wife, Peggy, reside in Campbellsville. In addition to the conference in Orlando, Moore was recognized at SCC's Honors Night and again at the KCTCS New Horizons Conference in Lexington last spring.

He received his Associate in Applied Science Degree in the PTA Program in May 2012.