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HOMESCHOOLING WORKS!

by the National Homeschool Association

People are born ready to learn. Learning involves everyone everyday. Living and learning are not separate activities. Learning cannot be contained in a place or time. Learning is too wonderful and powerful to limit it by turning it over to conventional schools.

Children need the love and support of their families and communities, just as adults do. Throughout time, families have raised their children to be knowledgeable and competent adults. Having a sincere desire to homeschool qualifies a parent to homeschool. A homeschool is a good place for people to heal from the inaccuracies and injustices that accompany labels such as ADD and LD.

People gain social experience and skills by interacting with a diverse group of people of all ages. Homeschooling provides opportunities for such interaction easily and naturally.

Homeschooler Samuel Fletcher, pictured with Campbellsville University President Michael Carter, was one of six co-valedictorians who graduated May 7, 2005, with a 4.0 grade point average. Samuel began homeschooling in second grade. He majored in journalism and is going on to graduate school in the fall. "I can tell you absolutely that homeschoolilng works!," Samuel said. He is the son of KHEA board members Charlie and Jan Fletcher [*Photo originally appeared in the May 12 edition of the* **Central Kentucky News Journal.**)

Regulations

Hundreds of thousands of families are showing that homeschoolers do not need to be regulated by the state. There is no evidence that any regulations foster better homeschooling.

To maintain homeschooling freedoms, homeschoolers learn what rights and responsibilities they have, refuse to do more than the minimum required by law, and avoid setting precedents that exceed the law and cause difficulty for homeschoolers. Laws and court cases cannot protect our freedoms. Any law, even one that is viewed as good, can do damage. No law, no matter how good, is enough. Exercising our rights and responsibilities daily and con-

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KHEA NEWS deadline

The next KHEA Newsletter is expected to be published in July. Have you ever thought about writing an article for the KHEA Newsletter? We'd love to have more membership involvement as to what goes in the Newsletter. If you have an announcement you would like to submit, or an article to submit to the July KHEA Newsletter, please send it to mail@khea.info by July1st.

Things are rolling in Bowling Green. See Around the State on Page 3.

sistently, even on seemingly small points, is essential.

We oppose special regulations or requirements for small groups of homeschoolers, such as those who want to play sports; those who have been labeled "at risk," "ADD," "LD," etc.; and those who have been accused of truancy. Increased regulation of any homeschooler can easily lead to increased regulation of other or all homeschoolers. Homeschoolers are not joining the bandwagon to beat up on those for whom conventional schools do not work.

Attempts of homeschoolers to regulate each other are unnecessary, complicated, divisive, and dangerous.

Federal and State Goals and Standards

We are concerned about the way state and federal standards in education, standardized tests and assessments, and school-to-work programs are moving conventional schools toward "compulsory education" (different from the currently required "compulsory attendance") which will undermine the basic freedoms needed to maintain a free society. We are committed to resisting the homeschooling movement being drawn into this web of compulsory education.

Not Mixing Causes

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Diversity

There are many approaches to homeschooling that work. A major strength of homeschooling is the diversity of people, methods, and philosophies involved. Having close connections across diversity lines is a radical act. Homeschoolers foster diversity by:

- Respecting and celebrating diversity.
- Respecting anyone's desire to homeschool while remaining true to principles that make homeschooling freedoms possible.
- Understanding that what supports one family's homeschool might not be right for another's.
- Working to maintain the rights of families to make their own decisions regarding the education of their members.
- Developing and maintaining inclusive organizations across cultural and religious diversity lines.
- Describing to others the diversity within the homeschooling community.
- Refusing to speak for homeschoolers; rather, providing forums for individuals' voices to be heard.

Support

The knowledge and effective support homeschoolers offer one another are major strengths of the homeschooling movement. Homeschoolers who create and participate in support groups, share resources, and gather for activities and discussions are making an important contribution to the growth and stability of the homeschooling movement. Grassroots organizing and networking have been a source of the homeschooling community's strength.

Vouchers

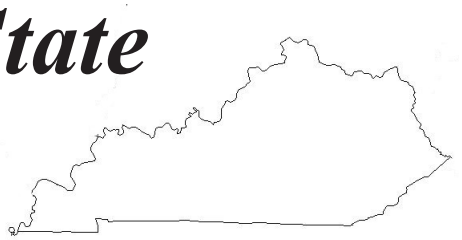
We would not expect the government to give away tax money with no strings attached and no accountability. Government programs to supplement homeschoolers' educational resources (by providing services or funding) would have accountability strings attached. We realize that vouchers given to families would lead to increased government presence in our homeschools. Vouchers inevitably lead to increased government regulation and unacceptable reductions in our homeschooling freedoms.

Conclusion

Homeschooling strengthens families and communities. Strong homeschools are an asset to our communities and our nation. They provide alternatives to conventional schools, save taxpayers' money, and provide valuable perspectives on learning and education.

This statement was written to stimulate discussion, not to speak for all homeschoolers. This document is from the National Homeschool Association's Roundtable Conference held at Becket, Mass. Oct. 1996.

Across the State



Trouble in Bowling Green

by Connie Laffin

Things are rolling in Bowling Green. In mid-July a local school principal paid a visit to the home of a family (the Jones') who had turned in their letter of intent to homeschool in a timely fashion.

Someone had called in a complaint that the family was not really homeschooling. The DPP visited on several occasions, not finding the Jones family at home. So somehow, the school principal got involved. The Jones family had started the school year in a typical fashion, but things changed near the holidays and the mother was forced to return to the workforce full time.

Instead of putting the 12 year old child back in school, the Jones' chose to continue homeschooling — doing the school work in the evening. This left the child home alone all day.

There happened to be another homeschool family living in the same trailer park (the Smiths). At the time of the principal's visit, the Smith children were playing in the Jones' home without an adult being present. Mrs. Smith had gone next door for a few minutes. When the visiting principal surmised that there was no adult around, he entered the home.

Eventually, he took down the names of all of the children and then called Mrs. Jones at work.

The rest of the story is not pleasant to hear. The court ordered the Jones family to put the child back in public school. The Smith family received a court summons a week later, which was after they had joined HSLDA. The Smith family's hearing is set for Tuesday, May 24th.

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www.khea.info/forum
This forum will replace our current KHEA MSN Group list. Our new webserver gives us expanded options for our forum. You'll really like it!

DPP makes outrageous demands

by Home School Legal Defense Association (February 28, 2005)

A Home School Legal Defense Association member family in Grayson County was recently surprised by a home visit by the local Director of Pupil Personnel (DPP). The DPP demanded that the homeschooling mother immediately provide all of her records; including the books she used, her children's schoolwork and the attendance records.

After being threatened by the DPP that she wasn't conducting a bona-fide homeschool program the mother brought back an armload of materials to prove that she was teaching her children. The DPP complained that the mother's attendance records weren't good enough and that she did not believe that the mother had really been teaching her children. The visit ended with the DPP telling this homeschooling mom that she had 24 hours to put her children in public school or she would see her in court.

Due to these threats the mother quickly contacted her local support group, a statewide homeschool organization and Home School Legal Defense Association for help. In a phone conversation with the DPP it was learned that an anonymous compliant had been made that the family was not homeschooling their children. In a good faith gesture the mother agreed to meet with the DPP to provide the scholarship and attendance records the DPP had authority to request when presented with a complaint.

However, at the meeting the DPP continued to make unreasonable demands beyond her legal authority. Among the complaints the DPP made of this family's homeschool program was the way the mother kept her attendance records and that instruction in certain subjects had to be for 45 minutes each day. Additionally, the DPP insisted that the mother provide her with a daily schedule of instructional activities and demanded that the children demonstrate their reading and writing abilities in her presence.

At this time HSLDA attorney T.J. Schmidt contacted the DPP to inform her of our member family's legal right to teach their children at home. Schmidt reminded the DPP that the only documentation that she had the legal authority to examine was the attendance records and the scholarship reports (report cards). After pointing out that there is no statutory authority for a DPP to dictate the manner records are kept or force an educational evaluation of homeschool children, Schmidt demanded that all harassment of family stop as it was clear that they were conducting a bona-fide homeschool program.

While the DPP is silent on whether she will follow the law, HSLDA is committed to defending this family, and other member families, from public school officials who attempt to harass and limit their rights to teach their children at home. Any member family experiencing similar attacks on their homeschool rights should contact us [HSLDA] as soon as possible. (From: http://www.hslda.org/hs/state/ky/200503020.asp. KHEA Board Members Connie Laffin and Jan Fletcher met with the DPP in this case, and gave the local support group encouragement.)

Need to join HSLDA? (Home School Legal Defense Association) You can access an application online at www.hslda.org. KHEA members may use the KHEA discount number, # 291057, to receive a $20 discount on HSLDA membership.

Conferences, Curriculum Fairs, and Used Book Sales

Kentucky

June 11th (Saturday)
KY Homeschool Conference and Book Fair – Harrodsburg, KY
9:00am - 3:00pm at Southside Church, 1450 Danville Rd (State Route 127) in Harrodsburg. Free admittance!!!! Lots of used and new books! Key Note Speaker: Authors Valerie and Bruce Bendt of Florida! Book Displays: Charlotte Mason materials, Jim Weiss Great Hall Productions, Apologia, How Great Thou Art, Vision Forum, Critical Thinking, Write Source Books, Timberdoodle, Sycamore Tree, etc. etc. For Seller Guidelines or more information contact Charlene@messianichomeschool.net.

July 15 -16, 2005
15th Annual Christian Home Educators Conference – Louisville
Valley View Baptist Church, 8911 Old Third Street Road, Louisville. **For more information** check their website at http://www.chek.org.

Tennessee

June 4: (Saturday)
Used Curriculum Sale sponsored by NETHEA – Gray, TN
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m at Crossroads Christian Church, 1300 Suncrest Dr (beside Daniel Boone High). Free admission but there is a surcharge on purchases.

June 10 & 11: (Friday & Saturday):
MHEA Conference & Curriculum Fair - Memphis, TN
For more information check out their website at http://www.memphishomeed.org.

June 10 & 11: (Friday - 10 am to noon): PACHEK - Ruff Park, Hopkinsville - Used curriculum sale. **For more information** e-mail: rnelson4@ethixs.com.

July 8: (Saturday)
SMHEA Resource Fair - Farragut, TN - Friday: 10 AM to 7 PM, Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM at Farragut Middle School. **For more information** go to the website at http://www.smhea.org/Events.asp?ItemID=25.

July 16: (Saturday)
HomES COOL Expo 2005 – Columbia, TN
9a.m.-3p.m at Columbia State Community College, Gymnasium building in Columbia. **For more information** check out the website at http://www.HomesCool.homestead.com or contact Terri at 931-380-0428 or tjhill@djis.net.

July 22 & 23: (Friday & Saturday)

CSTHEA Curriculum Sale - Chattanooga, TN
Friday 9am – 9pm, Saturday 9am – 4pm at the Camp Jordan Arena in East Ridge, TN. **For more information** check out their website at http://www.csthea.org.

Illinois

June 3 & 4, 2005 (Friday & Saturday)
ICHE 2005 Annual Southern Illinois Convention - Benton, IL
For more information check out the ICHE website at http://www.iche.org/pages/events/or contact Greg & Jane at: Greg@yourclearwave.com.

Missouri

October 6-9, 2005
2005 Live and Learn Unschool Conference - St. Louis, MO
"Ages & Stages"
The Live and Learn Unschooling Conference: Encouraging families to trust themselves to make good decisions and empowering them to find the support and information they need. This conference is a must attend. Meet other families on the same journey, listen to inspiring speakers and panelists and discover the art of unschooling in beautiful Fairview Heights, Illinois - just across the river from St. Louis. **For more information** check out the website at http://www.liveandlearnconference.org/.

Ohio

June 23 - 25, 2005
CHEO's 21st Annual Statewide Convention – Columbus, OH
Veterans Memorial Hall, 300 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. **For more information** check their website at http://www.cheohome.org/.

Virginia

June 16-18, 2005
HEAV State Convention & Educational Fair – Richmond, VA
Home Education: Joy in the Journey at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. **For more information** check the website at http://www.heav.org/conventions/2005/index.htm.

North Carolina

May 26-28, 2005
NCHE Conference – Winston-Salem, NC, at the M.C. Benton Convention Center. **For more information** check the website at http://www.nche.com/conference2.html.

Arkansas

May 27-28, 2005
Arkansas Home School Convention – Searcy, AR
Held at Harding University. This is the convention sponsored by

Education Alliance. There will be an Exhibit Hall with over 50 vendors, General Sessions with keynote speakers, College Fair, Banquet, Graduation Ceremony, workshops (covering topics from beginning homeschooling to prep for college, and plenty of topics in between) and a used curriculum fair. $15 per family. **For more information** check the website at http://www.familycouncil.org/eahms01conv.html.

Catholic Conferences
June 25, 2005
Get the Faith - Catholic Curriculum Fair & Conference - Noblesville, IN
At the Hamilton County 4-H Exhibition Center, Noblesville, IN. Sponsored by Roman Catholic Home Educators of Indiana (RCHEI).
For more information check the website at http://www.rchei.org/conference.htm.

BJU Curriculum meetings:
Paducah – Tues., May 24, 10am-6pm at the Days Inn at I-24 Exit 4

Ashland – Wed., June 1, 10am-6pm at the Best Western on Russell Plaza Dr. behind the Golden Correll

Walton – Tues. June 7 10am-6pm at the Holiday Inn off of I-71/I-75 at Exit 175

Goodlettsville, TN – Tues., June 21, 10am-6pm at the Baymont Inn off I-65 at Exit 97

Owensboro - Tues., July 12, 10am-6pm at the Holiday Inn on Rt. 60 Bypass at Exit 2

Knoxville, TN Tues., July 19, 10am-6pm at the Best Western off I-40/I-75 at Exit 374

Frankfort – Tues., July 26, 10am-6pm at the Best Western off I-64 at Exit 58

Lexington – Wed., July 27, 10am-6pm at the Comfort Inn off I-75, Exit 110

Louisville – July 15 &16 at the CHEK Convention

For a listing by state, visit www.bjup.com/meetings or call 800-845-5731.

The Clock's ticking: Preparing for the next legislative session.

In looking back over this short legislative session, we, the KHEA board members, have had much to think over. There is still a movement afoot to regulate homeschooling. Our opposition doesn't give up. When one legislator leaves, they just pass the baton to another spokesperson. The opposition to homeschooling in Kentucky is very determined. They know that it would be pretty hard to pass all of the reforms they propose at one time. So they are working to slowly erode our freedoms. They would like to see school district "approval" of homeschool curricula, standardized testing and home visitation.

So instead of using a head-on attack, they will probably just start to chip away at our freedoms through other legislation which will have a "ripple effect" on our homeschools. Next year, plan to see bills introduced which would limit your homeschooling freedoms. In the 2005 session there were several bills filed to regulate driver's licenses. This sort of bill will most likely pass next year and we will need to see that our children don't get locked out in the process. Watching what happened with the truancy bill last session has taught us that some legislators are willing to pull every trick in the book to get around the committee process. It looks like it will be a hard fight in 2006.

We have learned one thing: trying to monitor the legislature from a distance is useless. It's a waste of time. Unless you live nearby and can see these folks in person, there's no sense it in. It's a small state and everything hinges on relationships.

Your KHEA board really needs more manpower. We need 2 Board members from the Frankfort-Lexington area – people who can get to Frankfort quickly on short notice.

Because of work situations and the distance many of us live from Frankfort, our current board will not be able to respond to what is going on in Frankfort quickly enough to have much influence. Kentucky homeschoolers need the presence of KHEA in Frankfort during the 2006 legislative session. If we don't find KHEA board members who can get to Frankfort quickly, then we will lose our voice to the legislature.

CHEK and KHEA have historically worked together to combat this situation and both groups' input and monitoring of potential legislation is needed. In other words, we need all the manpower we can get. We are fortunate to have Bro. Joe Adams, of CHEK, in Frankfort. However, we also need some folks in Frankfort who will represent the distinctive KHEA perspective. We represent homeschoolers of every race, color, creed and religious viewpoint. If all of the Commonwealth's homeschoolers are going to be represented then KHEA needs a presence in Frankfort, too.

We need capable, knowledgeable fathers who have strong convictions concerning homeschooling and who also have a flexible work schedule. We also need seasoned, articulate homeschool moms who would be willing to leave home and go to Frankfort on various days. And these homeschool moms will need support groups who are committed enough to take care of the children they leave behind, so that the children don't lose school time. This is going to take a group effort. If we can get a few strong leaders from the Frankfort-Lexington area, they can spearhead a strategy for covering the most important meetings concerning homeschooling issues.

So, what are the other responsibilities of board members? They need to work on special projects assigned them. Most of these projects can be tailored around the board member's personal schedule. They need to attend 4-5 Board meetings per year. Currently, our Board meetings are being held via conference call. The meetings take about 3 hours and are usually on Saturdays. Using conference calls has saved us many hours of travel time. KHEA reimburses its Board members for the long distance phone call.

We'll train you. We'll appreciate you! Most of all, we need you. How about it? Won't you help us defend homeschooling freedoms?

Give one of us a call and we can talk.
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Student writing exhibition

Kentucky, by the Book: "Unbridled Spirit" Writing Theme

The Kentucky State Fair is calling for original student writing for a special exhibition at the fair, Aug. 18-28, 2005.

Written works by Kentucky students will be featured in "Kentucky, by the Book," a special literature exhibit at the Kentucky State Fair. The exhibition, highlighting fictional books set in Kentucky or written by Kentucky authors, will be located in the new kaleidoscope Discovery Zone (South Wing).

Students in grades K-12 are invited to submit original, creative works or book reviews for consideration. Selected student works will be exhibited in a professional display in the South Wing, where an audience of over 650,000 people can enjoy them. Some works will be read aloud during programs on the exhibit's storytelling stage.

Student works must address the new theme for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, "Unbridled Spirit." What does "unbridled spirit" mean to you: The courage of men, women, and children on the Kentucky frontier 200 years ago? The strength of a thoroughbred training to run in the Kentucky Derby? The character of a hero in your own community? Students are encouraged to use their imagination and follow their own interests related to the "Unbridled Spirit" theme.

The deadline to submit student works is June 1, 2005. For more details visit: http://www.kystatefair.org/special_exhibits/educational_exhibit/teachers_students/kaleidoscopedisczone05.htm.

Vacation retreat teaches authentic "settler" skills in camp setting.

Settler's Way, in Linden, Tenn., offers a one-week getaway for those seeking a real-life "settler-in-early-America" experience. Day camps are also available. Visitors experience pioneer life from those who are living it. Camping, fishing, and canoing complement four courses offered at Settler's Way, which are Horse-farming, Domestics, Crafts and Woodworking, and Primitive skills. Visitors learn how the settlers survived in early America, and see how skills used by native Americans are still useful today.

These skills include:

- Elements of Horse-farming
- Soap making
- Butter churning
- Basket making
- Spoon making
- Flint napping
- Carving
- Snaring
- Scavenging for medicinal and edible plants
- Gardening
- Goat-milking

The instructors are the Lowell Morgan Family, who have been farming exclusively with horses for over 20 years. Lowell Morgan was a research coordinator for the Animal Science Dept at Auburn University in the 70's. Since his farming ventures began, Lowell has not used chemicals, pesticides, or herbicides. He has been teaching seminars in woodcrafts for over 15 years. Rita is an expert in vegetable and fruit preserving, meat canning, soap making and gardening. The couple has trained their children to carry on the homesteading legacy to the next generation. Courses are taught by Lowell and Rita and their children: Mitch and his wife Callie, Jimmy and his wife Becky, Dustin, Ethan, Lee, Nolan, and Cora.

For further information visit www.settlersway.com.

Unschooling Resource

Life Learning, http://www.lifelearningmagazine.com is a magazine for self-directed learning, homeschooling, and distance education. The March/April 2005 issue had the following headlines: "An Unschooling Landscape," "The Right to Be Odd," and "Some Educational Superstitions of Our Times." Here's a sample paragraph from "September Scholar:" "I want to talk about learning. But not the lifeless, sterile, futile, quickly forgotten stuff that is crammed in to the mind of the poor helpless individual tied into his seat by ironclad bonds of conformity! I am talking about LEARNING - the insatiable curiosity that drives the adolescent boy to absorb everything he can see or here or read about gasoline engines in order to improve the efficiency and speed of his 'cruiser.'"

Websites of interest

Conservative news site:
http://www.studentnewsdaily.com
Buying/selling homeschool materials:
http://www.HomeSchool EXPO.com
Good online reference tools:
http://highschoolhub.org/hub/math.cfm
http://dictionary.reference.com/
- This site has both a dictionary and a thesaurus
http://www.almanac.com/
http://www.encyclopedia.com/
New site for homeschooling dads:
www.homeschooldads.com

For the latest updates on homeschooling curriculum fairs and conferences, please visit our website at http://www.khea.info/events.html.

If you know of a homeschooling event you want to publicize, please e-mail Connie Laffin at : laffinatu2@hotmail.com.

FESTIVALS, ZINES, AND COLLEGE TOURS:

Folklife festival

The Kentucky Folklife Festival is scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, September 15-17, in downtown Frankfort. Sponsored by the Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Arts Council, the event celebrates the traditions of diverse Kentucky groups across the state. Students can watch crafts and occupational demonstrations, listen to folk music performances, learn traditional dances, and meet the people who keep these customs and practices alive.

Hands-on areas provide opportunities to sample traditions first-hand. Teachers of scheduled classes receive an introductory video, a guide to the event, and a packet of classroom activity ideas. The cost is $2 per person (students, teachers, and chaperones). Advance scheduling is strongly recommended.

To learn more about the event or download a scheduling form, go to http://folklife.ky.gov or http://history.ky.gov/Programs/Folklife/Kentucky_Folklife_Festival_05.htm. To talk to someone about scheduling and scholarships, contact jennie.boyd@ky.gov.

E-book author seeking input

Kipling Oren is writing an e-book guide for homeschooling parents, and has a survey questionnaire. If you would like to share your views for the benefit of other homeschooling families, visit http://www.right4me.com for more information.

Homeschool friendly university offers online degrees

Robert Welch University(http://www.robertwelchuniversity.org, a homeschool friendly university, is now offering degree programs and college level courses online. While the university is headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin, the degree programs offered by the university will be 100 percent online, allowing homeschooled students to study advanced subjects from the comfort of their homes anywhere in the world. Robert Welch University takes a non-sectarian, principled approach to higher education and will first offer an Associate Degree with an emphasis in Liberal Arts subjects.

RWU is no newcomer to the homeschool education market having sponsored summer camps nationwide for over 30 years. Over 75 percent of those attending the summer camps come from a homeschool background. For an online principled college education with a moral, values based focus visit their website at http://www.robertwelchuniversity.org.

For specific information, contact Jesse Frickenstein at 800-241-2882 or, email jfrickenstein@robertwelchuniversity.org.

New Christian free bimonthly ezine

Homeschool graduates, with a Christian worldview, publish *Ideas & Paradigms,* a free bi-monthly ezine. The ezine helps Christian homeschoolers "understand what it means to think like a Christian and how to discern anti-Christian worldviews in the culture around us." For more information, visit: http://www.ideasandparadigms.com/

Free Practice College Tests

Test Prep Review is a great source for Free Practice Tests. They have practice resources for many of the tests high school students will take. Test Prep Review is ready to help your student prepare for the following tests (and more): PSAT, ACT, and SAT - Tests your student will take if they plan to go to a college or university; ASVAB - Military academic screening test; COMPASS - Academic screening test used by KY Community and Vocational Colleges, and also used by universities as a coursework placement test; and the GED. The website also has great resources to use in beginning the test prep process, and links to the tests official websites. This is a wonderful resource!

Navigo Magazine! - A publication for adventurous independent learners.

NAVIGO Magazine is written for the entire family (from age 10). They offer readers highly targeted, indepth content and beautiful photography. Each issue of *NAVIGO Magazine* focuses on a specific editorial theme with feature articles written from historical, cultural and scientific perspectives. This publication also includes travel features, product reviews, news and events, and personal interviews with individuals and families exemplifying the spirit of experiential learning. For more information, visit http://www.navigo-online.com.

Tour Up to Ten Colleges

The Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) and its 19 member institutions are pleased to announce that the second annual Kentucky Private College Week is slated for June 13-17, 2005.

The weeklong event is a collaborative effort among 19 independent higher education institutions in Kentucky to encourage prospective students to explore the benefits of a private education. During Private College Week, students and their families will get a glimpse of the academic and social factors that make private college students successful: small classes, strong academics, numerous extracurricular activities, an emphasis on civic responsibility, study abroad opportunities, job placement and internships, and a commitment to the successful education of all students.

During Private College Week each campus will offer daily sessions at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m (local time) that include a campus tour and information on admission, financial aid, academics, and student life. Students who participate will receive application fee waivers to the colleges and universities they visit (up to 10 visits possible). With application fees ranging up to $50, a student could save as much as $500.

To participate, students may register on-line at the website for the Association of Kentucky Independent Colleges and Universities (AIKCU): http://www.aikcu.org. Students will receive confirmation of their registrations, along with follow-up reminders from the colleges they plan to visit. Or, students can contact the colleges that interest them directly and register by phone.

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