

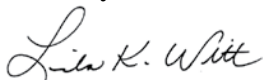
## Greetings, LEEP Students!

Seniors, what an exciting time! Your graduation is fast approaching, and you will soon be holding a diploma in your hand. The diploma shows that you have achieved your desired outcomes and are ready to be on the path to meeting the demands of the twenty-first-century economy.

The Louisville Education and Employment Partnership (LEEP) wants you to know you are not alone in deciding your strategy for your future. Your career planner is there to provide guidance and support in making life decisions whether you are on the path to postsecondary education, certification training, or work experience.

LEEP is the bridge to your educational and training options. We encourage you to continue to talk with your career planner once you leave high school; don't be a stranger! If a problem arises, you still have the relationship with your career planner and he or she can help you develop a plan of action to help resolve the issue. Congratulations, seniors, and good luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Linda K. Witt  
Director, LEEP

### Ballard High School Activities

In January 2011, a Men of Quality group was started at Ballard High School. Ten of the 28 young men in the group are LEEP students.

The following colleges have recently visited Ballard's campus:

Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC)  
Murray State University  
Western Kentucky University (WKU)  
Kentucky State University (KSU)  
Eastern Kentucky University (EKU)  
St. Catharine College  
Morehead State University  
University of Louisville (UofL)

To date, 24 LEEP seniors have been accepted to the following colleges:

JCTC  
University of Kentucky (UK)  
UofL  
WKU  
EKU  
Butler University  
KSU  
Sullivan University

Thirteen LEEP juniors, along with eight peer mediators, went to the Youth Performing Arts School (YPAS) for a dance concert on February 23, 2011.

**"It's the Real Thing!"** This slogan from Coca Cola exemplifies what is happening at Ballard High School. Under the direction of Ms. Klausung, teacher for the Pathways to Careers class, the students were given instruction in contacting local employers to set up a day of job shadowing and information interviewing. They're getting a taste of the real world.

Following a photographer for a day with *The Courier-Journal*, I know now for sure that I will major in photojournalism at WKU.

— **Jessica Armstrong on her job-shadowing experience at *The Courier-Journal***

The day helped me realize my dream of working in an international business.

— **Michael Crawford on his job-shadowing experience with Presbyterian Church (USA)**

The chemical engineer at LG&E will be a great networking contact. I will major in biochemical engineering at UK.

— **Chris Helton on his job-shadowing experience at LG&E and KU Energy**

Being in the studio with a disc jockey and all the technology, I know that I will major in communications.

— **Takesha Stokes on her job-shadowing experience at B 96.5 Radio**

Shadowing the nurses at Kosair just reconfirms my desire to major in nursing and become a pediatric nurse.

— **Kristen Wilt on her job-shadowing experience at Kosair Children's Hospital**

There was a world of difference between the job shadows at Walgreens and Audubon Hospital. I will major in pharmacy at Bellarmine or Butler and become a hospital pharmacist.

— **Andrea Skaggs on her job-shadowing experiences at Walgreens and Norton Audubon Hospital**

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In summary, students noted that job shadowing is a great way to clarify career goals; discover the hidden job market; expand one's professional network; build interviewing confidence; and assess career interests, academic capabilities, and overall strengths.

Many said that, for once, it was great to be out of their comfort zone because that is where you grow the most. Thank you, Ms. Klausing.

### **Achievements**

- As of April 1, 2011, Jamal Bullitt has perfect attendance for the entire year! Way to go!
- Rashid Hunter and Cedrick Marbry have been awarded the William C. Parker Scholarship at UK.
- Zack Graves has received a football scholarship to Lane College in Tennessee.



### **Central High School Magnet Career Academy (MCA)**

**“Down the stretch they come!”** Our seniors have rounded the last turn toward graduation. College plans are now the main topic of conversation. More than 512 college acceptance letters are on file in the Senior Counselor's Office.

Thanks to our senior counselor, Julie Brown, many of our seniors participated in on-campus tours with more than 20 colleges. In addition, college admissions representatives have been here to talk directly with seniors. Many seniors have received multiple college acceptance letters and are now deciding which college to attend.

Seniors with medical or nursing majors have been reviewing requirements for applying for college scholarships with Norton Healthcare, Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare, and UofL Hospital.

### **Doss High School**

LEEP students are preparing for a strong finish to the third trimester of the 2010-11 school year. They are trying to stay focused on their attendance and grades and are looking forward to summer break. Special thanks are given to college representatives from the UofL Upward Bound Program, UK, UofL, U.S. Air Force, National Guard, Lindsey Wilson College, Bellarmine University, KSU, Spalding University, Pikeville College, and Lane College. The representatives spoke with students about their college/career choices and financial aid options.

### **Events**

- Students went on college tours to UofL, UK, University of Cincinnati, Ohio State University, Sullivan University, and JCTC.
- Senior students took part in a workshop with the Sullivan College of Technology and Design, ITT Tech, Spencerian College, JCTC, and the UofL Upward Bound Program.
- Students are actively participating in the Men of Quality and Ladies of Leadership Programs.
- Students attended the Youth Opportunity Showcase.
- All juniors took the ACT.
- UPS came to Doss to talk with students about job opportunities.
- Students attended the Men of Quality Lifestyles Choices Forum.
- Representatives from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) came to Doss and helped all senior students with their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications.
- At the LEEP Business Breakfast, Victor Reynolds represented Doss High School as LEEP Student of the Year.
- All students have completed their Individual Learning Plan (ILP).

### **Individual Achievements**

#### **Second-Trimester Honor Roll (3.0 grade point average [GPA] or higher)**

Thomas Allen  
Tiffany Allen  
Candace Blessitt  
Breonna Bright  
Cory Brown  
Dajzon Dukes  
Ashley Dunn  
Raven Eisenbeis  
E'Tese Fry  
Megan Fullmer  
Chris Garvin  
Ashley Heil  
Autumn Hockenbury  
Kyle Janes  
Robert Meder  
Michael Miller  
Tyresha Pulce  
Victor Reynolds  
Heather Robinson  
Kristine Robinson  
Jessica Ross  
Shaiyane Sawyers  
Terrell Simpson  
India Taylor  
Donniesha Tennyson  
Nicholas White  
Donald Widemon

#### **Second-Trimester High Attendance (95 percent or higher)**

Candace Blessitt  
Breonna Bright  
Dajzon Dukes  
Ashley Heil  
Raymeen Hunter  
Raven Jackson  
Shantal Johnson  
Sarah McGregor  
Robert Meder  
Khila Patterson  
Eric Phelps  
Heather Robinson  
Stephanie Rodriguez  
Jessica Ross  
Terrell Simpson  
Meckenzi Tompkins

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## Fairdale High School

On March 31, 2011, LEEP, Title V, and Project “20” students traveled to Richmond, Kentucky, to visit EKU’S campus. This school year has been plagued by bad weather. The snow and ice caused numerous events to be cancelled. The students were eager and excited about experiencing a new adventure. We were able to notify a few former graduates, and they were thrilled to have us visit. The thought of being on your own is scary, but seeing others learning and surviving is so rewarding. The campus tour was informative and inviting. The buffet-style food was awesome, and the atmosphere was warm and nurturing. The seniors and juniors look forward to these college visits, and bonding is genuine between the classes. Everybody had a great time and can’t wait till the next event.

### Events

- Peace Education Workshops
- JCTC College Tour
- EKU College Tour
- UofL College Tour
- Employment Skills Workshops

### Individual Achievements

Kortney Ashby—Honor Roll both trimesters

Justin Dunlap

Dontrail Jackson

Joseph Provencher

LaKrista Toogood



## Fern Creek Traditional High School

At Fern Creek Traditional High School, spring has definitely sprung! As the school year winds down, students are still focusing on their academics and maintaining good attendance. Several freshmen and sophomores are concentrating on earning service-learning hours. Juniors are focusing on ACT preparation, Junior Ring Ceremony, and prom. On April 19, the Kentucky Core Content Test

(KCCT) began. Seniors are excited about college acceptance letters and are looking forward to prom and graduation. Thirty seniors have completed college applications, and all of them have received acceptance letters.

### Events

- Two colleges, along with the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Army sent representatives for recruitment during March.
- Juniors participated in their ring ceremony on April 15.
- Candice Johnson from KHEAA gave a presentation entitled “How to Handle Your Future.”
- Heather Gray, from the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) Support Team, is helping seniors finalize their résumés.
- The Academic Pep Rally and underclassman award ceremony are scheduled for **May 20**.
- Senior Teach Day is **May 5**.
- Partnership Underclassmen Celebration (date to be determined)
- Partnership Senior Semester Celebration (date to be determined)
- Graduation is scheduled for **June 3** at Broadbent Arena.

### Individual Achievement

- Codie Gaddis has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.
- Teonia McCune received an athletic scholarship to Wright State University.
- Andrew Stubbs was accepted to the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Orlando.
- Adam Snyder and Sunny Harvey received acceptance letters to Indiana University Southeast (IUS).
- Cornelius Cotton and Telana Jones are William C. Parker Scholarship winners from UK.
- Kamden Alexander and Shaakira Barber were accepted to Northern Kentucky University (NKU).
- Hannah Fife, Gerron Hurt, and Caleb Smith were accepted to WKU.
- Katrina Matherly was accepted to the J. B. Speed School of Engineering at UofL.

- Donovan Sims was accepted to KSU.
- Colleen Mitchell was accepted to Indiana Tech.
- Dani Harris received an athletic grant from St. Catharine College.
- Taylor Minzenberger was accepted to UofL.
- Brittany Bradley, Dalton Cox, Jillian Eagan, Cherish Edmundson, Asia Grigsby, Brandy Hughes, Matt Kelly, Dzejlana Kostic, Michael Lyles, Brittaney Spoelker Mattingly, Courtney Mills, Cody Staples, and Lamont Wickliffe have received acceptance letters from JCTC.

## Iroquois High School

This is an extremely busy time at Iroquois High School. With the onset of the last grading period, LEEP students are encouraged to turn their attention toward closing out the school year strong! This means continuing to focus on maintaining and, in some cases, improving grades and attendance. LEEP students will engage in sessions designed to focus on the continuous improvement model.

Juniors have been focusing on test-taking skills in preparation for the upcoming assessments. Seniors are getting excited about graduating and finalizing postsecondary plans.

### Events/Activities

- Ninety-five percent of LEEP seniors have completed the FAFSA and applied to college, and most students have acquired admission status to the colleges of their choice.
- On January 12, Iroquois hosted the Annual College Fair coordinated by the career planner.
- During February, LEEP seniors visited the NKU and UofL campuses.
- On February 23, Jaqueline Rutledge from Daymar College provided a dynamic motivational presentation.
- Several of the young men attended the Men of Quality Conference on March 14.

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- A series of résumé workshops provided assistance to many of the students in preparation for job fairs and their anticipated summer job search.
- Five seniors visited Morehead State University during Spring Break.
- Thanks to the generosity of a former LEEP parent, seniors are encouraged to compete for the \$500 Julius L. Mitchell Scholarship.

### **Individual Achievements**

Shawn Gentry and Keion Goff were selected to participate in the Career Pathway Class. Best of luck to these outstanding young ladies!

**Sha’Nae Minnett** was recently selected to represent Iroquois High School as the Outstanding Senior at the LEEP Annual Breakfast. She has an overall GPA of 2.5 and has been accepted to Murray State University. She is considering pursuing a career in education or accounting. Though she has not made her final college selection, Sha’Nae recognizes “the importance of making and taking advantage of educational opportunities.”

**English Moore** has been accepted to Bellarmine University. English has worked very hard to maintain a 3.1 GPA and says she is “very proud of this accomplishment.”

Congratulations to all 35 graduating seniors!



### **Jeffersontown High School**

The end of the year is approaching for the Chargers! The LEEP seniors are all collecting their college letters and making plans for graduation and prom. It has been a great year!

Francesca Donayre was the first ABC scholarship winner and received the award at LEEP’s Annual Breakfast. Tammy Braun, a ResCare mentor, received the Mentor of the Year Award.

### **College Scholarships**

- Two students have received basketball scholarships, Lenette Holt from Volunteer State and Aisjah Roan from Walter State.
- Jared Stout has received a scholarship to play baseball from St. Catharine College.
- Courtney Anthony received academic scholarships from UK, UofL, Bellarmine, Brechia College and Hanover College.

Our End-of-the-Year Activity with ResCare will be **May 12** at the Middletown Fun Park. It has been a wonderful year for the mentees and mentors. We will meet over the summer to start planning next year.



### **Moore Traditional School**

It’s hard to believe the school year is winding down. Seniors are looking forward to graduating and beginning the next phase of life. All 31 LEEP seniors have been accepted to a postsecondary institution. Juniors are waiting for ACT results and are researching colleges of interest. Many sophomores are excited and eager to do well on the KCCT. It’s been a productive year for freshmen. They understand the importance of making good grades and how to figure GPAs. Go, Mustangs! Positive thoughts lead to achievements. All LEEP students have been working hard on improving attendance and academics.

### **Events**

- Carlous Yates from JCTC spoke to juniors and seniors about college expectations.
- Several LEEP seniors attended the field trip to WKU. It was an eye-opening experience to be on a college campus that size. Many have received acceptance letters.
- Mondana Bonaccorso from Spencian College spoke to sophomores about various medical careers.
- Candice Johnson from KHEAA spoke to juniors and seniors about Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships (KEES) and ACT

bonus money. She is scheduled to speak to freshmen about exploring the KHEAA Web site.

- Chris Goodman from Ivy Tech spoke to sophomores about the medical program.
- Plans are being made for juniors to tour Sullivan’s School of Pharmacy in May.

### **Achievements**

**Congratulations** to Ashley Harris, senior nominee for Outstanding Student of the Year.

**Congratulations** to the following seniors who scored Proficient on the On-Demand writing test this year: Desirae Allen, Robert Allen, Ashley Harris, and Chyanne Stott.

Twenty senior project students were: Jodena Cody, Valeria Contreras, Andrea Diaz, Nekia Dryden, Ashley Green, Angela Hook, Kendrick Leach, and Steven Roederer.

**Congratulations** to the following students who attended Moore University and had 90 percent attendance: Britni Gray, Katie Abel, Alexis Biggers, and Austin Givens.

**Congratulations** to the following students on the A/B Honor Roll for the second trimester: ninth grade—LeVonte Evans and Alexis Biggers; tenth grade—Nelissa Stark; eleventh grade—Chevianne Brooks, Britni Gray, and Tiffany Lay; twelfth grade—Heather Clark; 20 Seniors Project: Angela Hook.

Perfect Attendance Recognition: ninth grade—Quashon Hastings, tenth grade—Chris Moses

**A special recognition goes out to LEEP sophomore Donisha Jackson**, who attended the seventh annual Children’s Advocacy Day at the Capitol on February 17, 2011.

Best of luck to the Class of 2011!  
Achieve your goals and aspirations!

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## **Pleasure Ridge Park (PRP) High School**

As the school year comes to an end, we would like to wish all of the LEEP seniors the best of luck next year. Always remember that PRP High and LEEP have taught you the skills you need to be a success.

### **Events**

The seniors will be participating in the Senior Exit Project during their English class in the third trimester. The purpose of the project is for graduating seniors to exit high school with the necessary awareness of the current job market before making a transition to higher education, a career/the workplace, or military service. Various community guest speakers will conduct workshops on budgeting, the most up-to-date job/career information, résumé writing, and interviewing techniques. An exit interview will take place in May with PRP alumni and community leaders. This knowledge and skill enhancement will prepare students for their chosen future endeavors.

### **Individual Achievements**

- Congratulations to Chasity Bishop, 2011 LEEP Student of the Year.
- The seniors have received college acceptance letters from UofL, UK, JCTC, Sullivan University, Lane College, Morehead State University, and KSU.

## **Southern High School**

During this past trimester, the LEEP students at Southern High School have been getting college-ready. Students and their parents had the opportunity to attend a financial aid blitz night put on by Candice Johnson from KHEAA. Juniors and seniors also were able to visit three college campuses over the past couple of months.

First was a visit to UofL. Students were able to have discussions with college students, speak about tuition, and tour the campus and visit dorms. The second trip was to JCTC, where students were shown the new Health Careers building. Students took a tour of the entire downtown campus, with priority given to the students with an interest in the health care field. Most recently, juniors were taken to IUS, where they spent a beautiful day walking around campus, listening to information from an admissions counselor, and having lunch in the student center.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Avery Razor received the Unsung Hero Award from the Rotary Club of Louisville.
- Keisha Chiles was voted Outstanding Athlete at Southern High School.
- Jasmine Raines was voted Basketball Homecoming Queen.

## **Western High School**

All of the seniors at Western are preparing for prom and graduation. We have 36 seniors who have been accepted into postsecondary educational institutions. They have been admitted to JCTC, Campbellsville University, St. Catharine College, KSU, UofL, UK, IUS, Pikeville College, Benedict College, and Bellarmine University. They have earned academic and athletic scholarships worth \$72,330 for next year. Thirteen of the students have been accepted to multiple universities. Go, Warriors!