

Greetings, LEEP Students!

The 2009-10 school year is in full swing. Freshmen are settling into the new routine, sophomores and juniors are catching up with old friends, and seniors are getting prepared to finish all the requirements of their last year in order to graduate as the class of 2010.

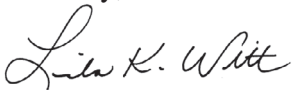
To quote the Black Eyed Peas' "I Gotta Feeling," this is going to be a good year. A good year will be one where all of the Louisville Education and Employment Partnership (LEEP) students have at least 95 percent attendance, 100 percent of the seniors transition to college or vocational training, and no LEEP student drops out of school.

It is very possible these good things will happen by making a commitment to yourself that school is important. The mantra **School Is Important** should be repeated every day when you look in the mirror, getting ready for one of the most important things a teenager can do—obtain a high school diploma.

It is LEEP's mission to help you be successful in your school life as well as provide you opportunities to visit colleges. Your career planner can provide guidance in the application process for the college or university of your choice. He or she will help you fill out financial aid forms, answer questions about applications, proof-read your essays, write recommendations for you, and listen to what you think is important in your life.

I believe that if you work hard and develop a relationship with your career planner, success will come your way and it will be a good year. Peace to all.

Sincerely,


Linda K. Witt
LEEP Program Director

The LEEP Senior Project— A New Facet of LEEP

The career planners listed below went the extra mile in recruiting and certifying 20 additional seniors, at their respective schools, into the LEEP Senior Project.

- Jamie Baxter, Pleasure Ridge Park High School Magnet Career Academy (MCA)
- Inga Bush, Fairdale High School MCA
- Holly Dunn, Southern High School MCA
- Barbara Grumblatt, Fern Creek Traditional High School
- Eric Kinslow, Ballard High School

With the enrollment of an additional 100 seniors into the LEEP Program, there are new faces to work with in transitioning seniors to college, community college, technical school, the military, or the workforce.

The LEEP Senior Project will:

- Provide an interactive Web site that features a Seniors' Forum to ask and answer questions about college. Students can also access college Web sites and connect with a host of online resources, from housing to financial aid to sports and social activities on campus.
- Assist in registration for taking the ACT a second and/or third time (if needed).
- Provide college tours during school days or on weekends. Possible tours include the University of Louisville (U of L), Indiana University Southeast (IUS), the University of Kentucky (UK), Western Kentucky University (WKU), and Eastern Kentucky University (EKU).
- Encourage attendance at college fairs, such as the UPS College and Career Fair and in-school fairs.
- Hear from college recruiters and make connections with college admissions representatives.
- Complete applications for college and relevant scholarships (e.g., Norton Hospital, the William C. Parker Scholarship for UK, the Woodford R. Porter Scholarship at U of L).
- Apply for financial aid via Web sites and Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) workshops.
- Obtain one-on-one counseling in the college decision-making process through the Kentucky College Access Center (KCAC).
- Provide Parent Workshops for parents and students to discuss overcoming obstacles to college, to fill out financial aid applications, and to listen to guest speakers representing colleges.



Academy @ Shawnee

We're off to a great start at The Academy @ Shawnee. The Preparatory Academy (ninth and tenth grades) and the Upper Academy (eleventh and twelfth grades) are looking forward to an exciting school year.

Events

Our juniors and seniors toured the U of L campus on September 18 and spoke with admissions representatives and a peer panel of students about some of the requirements for entrance to the university.

College Tours

October 12 UK
November 12 JCTC
January 19 Sullivan University

Ballard High School

Ballard returned 45 Partnership students (29 seniors) to the program this year. The career planner encourages all Partnership students to participate in some type of activity on campus. For example, students participate in sports, music, the Multi-cultural Teacher Recruitment Program (MTRP), and other clubs and organizations.

Events

It will be a very busy school year at Ballard. Ballard's first field trip was to UK on October 12 (seniors). Fifteen of the 29 seniors qualified for the trip. Students must have had a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) to be eligible.

The next planned field trip is with the Ballard freshmen to Blackacre State Nature Preserve on **November 19**.

On **November 30**, the sophomores are going to the Newport Aquarium.

No date has been set a date for a field trip with the juniors.

Ballard will host a Job and Career Fair on **October 28**. All juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend this event.

The LEEP Senior Project has started out well. Ray Hurley has been a tremendous help with this project.

Achievements

The first six-week grades are pretty good for most Partnership students.

Central High School MCA

The following new students are welcome additions to the Central LEEP Program:

Freshmen

Mia Baker
Dareon Churchill
Jasmine Coleman
Jazmyn Davis
Nikayla Edmondson
Makala Howell
Chelsey Isaacs
Iesha Johnson
Darvon Juliss
Bretney Saint Felix
Tynica Smith
Tyffney Taylor

Sophomores

Denny Acosta
Breana Childers
Miles Cook
DaQuan Foster
Kadejah Gentry
Elexus Green
Christienne Henderson
Courtney Holcomb
Trevonte Veasey
Diamond Williams

Juniors

DeJon Day
Daniel Dix
Glennisha Edison
Latosha Kirk

Events

- Upward Bound Program Workshop at U of L
- Say No to Drugs Workshop
- KCAC Workshop
- KHEAA Workshop
- Field trip to UK
- Field trip to EKV
- Field trip to U of L

Achievements

Congratulations to Destiny Beason for scoring a 28 on the ACT test she took during the summer.

Doss High School MCA

The LEEP Program is off and running at Doss High School MCA. Thirty-nine students returned to the program this year, and we welcomed 16 new students into the program.

A special thank you to representatives from the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, and Kentucky State University (KSU) who spoke with LEEP students about various college and career choices.

A representative from the Men of [Q]uality Program spoke with some LEEP students about the many benefits of the program.

LEEP students participated in President Obama's historic National Address to School Students. Students heard firsthand from the leader of our country the importance of staying in school and working hard.

Achievements

Congratulations to those LEEP students who took the ACT in September.

Best wishes to those seniors who took the ACT On-Demand Test and sophomores who took the ACT Plan Test. It's never too early to work hard and plan for your future!

Congratulations to those LEEP students who are participating in a fall sport. Go, Dragons!

Perfect

Attendance
Nastassja Bailey
Donald Bethel
Taylor Borders
Brittany Caples
Brynda Cecil
Raven Eisenbeis
Tajohn Ferguson
Vineece Griffin
Darallen Hickman
Ashley Hunt

Honor Roll
Kelsie Bell
Tommesha Bell
Michael Miller
William Moppins
Megan Morgan
Tyresha Pulce
Kristine Robinson
Jeffrey Rolfe
Terdrika Thomas
Donald Widemon

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Michael Miller
William Moppins
Derrein Powell
Clarence Richardson
Heather Robinson
Kristine Robinson
Terell Simpson
Terry Smith
India Taylor
Cory Watts
Donald Widemon
Timothy Wright

Fairdale High School MCA

Welcome to the new enrollees. This school year, Fairdale will team up with Southern, Fern Creek, Pleasure Ridge Park, and Ballard to test the waters on a new pilot program called the LEEP Senior Project. Each school will pick 20 additional seniors to work with and will share an additional career planner. The career planner will be available to work with these students and help them prepare for postsecondary education, vocational/technical training, employment, and military service. The students have been carefully chosen, and many are delighted to have the additional help to accomplish their career goals. I look forward to working with an additional career planner and hope that the extra effort will result in success.

Events

- ACT Workshops at the Huntington Learning Center
- Employment Workshops at Fairdale Christian Church
- KCAC Workshops
- Senior Project Workshops
- KHEAA
- College tours for the juniors and seniors
October 23—UK Tour/CSFY

Achievements

The following students will have the opportunity to work with Darline Hartman, the job trainer for this school year: Zackary Chesser, Irena Davis, Sylvia Garmany, Datriel Edwards, Rickie Coslow, Brian Graves, and Shertrista Thomas. Darline runs two programs here at Fairdale: the Cove (Career Opportunities

through Vocational Exploration) Program and the Plans for Achieving Student Success (PASS) Program, which are both Safety Net programs that help monitor students' grades, attendance, and employment issues. She is a wonderful trainer with experience and successful results.

Fern Creek Traditional High School

The LEEP Program at Fern Creek Traditional High School currently has an active enrollment of 77 students. Students are making great strides in the areas of academic achievement, and emphasis is still on attendance.

Events

- **Every 1 Reads** is now available.
- Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will participate in team-building activities at Jefferson Memorial Forest in October.
- Seniors will attend a College Day at UK in October.
- LEEP freshmen will attend team-building activities at Blackacre State Nature Preserve in November.
- KHEAA will sponsor a workshop pertaining to career choices and college information in November.
- Fern Creek Traditional High will sponsor a College, Career, and Service Learning Fair for all Fern Creek students on **December 10**.
- ACT Prep is available to juniors and seniors in the areas of English and Math every week until the ACT exam on **October 24**.
- The University of Alabama at Huntsville, U of L, and KSU all sent representatives during our Lunchroom Visits in September.
- Students with a 2.5 GPA will be invited to attend the Renaissance Academic Rally in November.

Achievements

Congratulations to tenth grader Devin Tooley and twelfth graders Tim Moten and Maina Campbell for being in the football homecoming court.

Iroquois High School MCA

This school year has gotten off to a fantastic start. There were approximately 25 new students added to the 2009-10 program this year. Currently, there are 58 Iroquois students participating in LEEP.

Events

- Fifteen students participate in the weekly LEEP Advocacy class. Advocacy class focuses on developing successful habits and skills.
- Seniors are participating in a series of Prep Seminars. Prep Seminars are geared toward preparing for life after high school.
- Close the Deal, a special yearlong initiative sponsored by the Mayor's Office began on September 29. Iroquois students and faculty are excited about the program.
- On **October 30**, select LEEP students will attend the Spencerian College Health Career Expo.
- Early in December, the Annual Iroquois High School MCA College and Career Fair will be held.

Achievements and Kudos

Perfect Attendance First Six Weeks

Gulchekhra Veysalova, Ninth Grade
John Vittitow, Tenth Grade
James Vinson, Eleventh Grade
Sam Tolliver, Twelfth Grade

Senior Spotlight

Congratulations are in order for senior Volonte Nyatso. He participated in the Governor's Scholars program this past summer at Bellarmine University. Volonte has a 3.6 GPA and also co-ops at UPS. Volonte recently had the opportunity to attend the Graduate Kentucky Summit in Frankfort. He says, "I really enjoyed the experience and the Capitol Plaza Hotel too!" Nyatso is focusing on improving his ACT score this year and is definitely college-bound. His career goal is to become a diplomat.

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Jeffersontown High School MCA

We are charging into a great school year. A total of 57 students are participating in the LEEP Program for the 2009-10 year. We are setting up workshops, events with guest speakers, and some college visits.

The ResCare Mentoring Program is up and running as well. We have been meeting to discuss the year and what activities we would like to have happen. We had 26 mentors last school year, and this year we are hoping to increase that number.

Events

- College and Career Fair—October 8, 5:50 p.m.
- UPS College and Career Expo—October 18

Liberty High School

The LEEP Program at Liberty High School is off and running. With an enrollment of 75 students, this year promises to be exciting and fun-filled. The introduction of the Freshman Academy Program has been a great success! Seniors have already attended a workshop facilitated by Carlous Yates of Jefferson Community & Technical College (JCTC). Mr. Yates was informative and engaging and left the students with a lot to think about concerning their futures. LaShala Goodwin Porter from KCAC also conducted a financial aid workshop for seniors.

Events

October

- 21 College Tour to EKU
- 26 College Tour to UK
- 30 Spencerian Health Career Expo

November

- 4 College and Career Fair
College tour to JCTC—Date and time TBA

Achievements

LEEP students at Liberty are excelling at academics! The following students made the Honor Roll for the first progress period:

Crystal Brooks
Alex Edds
Destiny Foley
Chelsea Frazier
Chauncy Henry
Dylan Hooper
Shianna Hudson (All A's)
Morkell Jennings
Asia Johnson (All A's)
Laura Kolb (All A's)
Jaela Miller
Tiffany Mitchell
McKinley Moore
Cheyhana Newson
Krystle Nolte (All A's)
Brandon Parker (All A's)
Alexis Pointer
DeApprea Porter
Lealand Robinson
Jessica Ross (All A's)
Candice Sheckles
Kaurice Vaughn (All A's)
Kimberly Veazy
Stephanie Walsh

Moore Traditional School

The year has gotten off to a great start! It's been busy with seniors registering for the ACT in October. Sophomores were given helpful strategies for the PLAN test. Students are looking forward to the college fair and campus tours.

Events

- September 28
UK Recruiter
- September 30 and October 1
ACT Prep Workshop, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- October 12
UK field trip
- October 20
College Fair
- October 29
College and Career Night
- November 4
Freshmen to Blackacre

Achievements

Congratulations to seniors Terri Silvis and Jalisa Boller who worked the entire six weeks for the Summer Youth Programs and are looking forward to working again next year.

Pleasure Ridge Park High School MCA

At Pleasure Ridge Park High School MCA, all new LEEP and Senior Project members have completed their applications and the semester is off to a great start. LEEP members have also completed Weekly Progress Reports on Fridays. This activity has increased communication with teachers and has helped students complete missing assignments to improve their grades.

The LEEP juniors and seniors will begin to complete applications for the ACT and SAT. College tours will be taken during the second trimester. The Health Profession Fair will be held in early November for all new LEEP members.

Seneca High School MCA

As we approach fall, LEEP students at Seneca have several activities on the horizon.

Events

October

- 7 College visit to St. Catharine (seniors)
- 18 UPS College and Career Fair (all grades)
- 30 College visit to UK (seniors)

November

- 17 Muhammad Ali Center field trip (juniors and sophomores)
- 19 Blackacre State Nature Preserve field trip (freshmen)

Achievements

Athletics are a huge deal, and more than 30 LEEP students are involved. There are too many to list, but these students are benefiting because of their involve-

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ment. Also, the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) is very popular and successful. Like sports, JROTC is an engaging activity for LEEP students. More details to follow in the next issue.

Southern High School MCA

The LEEP students at Southern High School MCA have been extremely busy during the first few weeks of school. With the new Senior Project being piloted at Southern, more seniors than ever before will engage in preparing for that successful transition after graduation.

Students have already had a speaker for Spencerian College.

Events

October

- 6 College Fair, 3 to 6 p.m.
- 13 Sullivan University Presentation for Seniors, 8:45 a.m.
- 27 Health Careers Expo for Freshmen and Sophomores, Periods 1-5
- 30 JCTC Admissions Workshop for Seniors, 12 noon

November

- 5 ITT Presentation for Juniors and Seniors, 1:10 p.m.

Valley Traditional High School

The first trimester has been a busy start for Valley LEEP students. Seniors have already filled out ACT packets for the October test date. Students are also filling out college applications.

Events

October

- 22 Career/College/Military Fair
- 29 ECU tour for 30 students from Valley and Western

November

- 4 UK's Come See for Yourself Campus Tour for 30 students from Valley and Western

Achievements

Martin Dulin made the honor roll for the third trimester of the 2008-09 school year.

Western MST Magnet High School

We are starting the year off excited at Western. All 13 of our LEEP seniors have applied to JCTC. In addition, all of our juniors have signed up to take one ACT exam before the statewide test is given in March 2010.

Achievements

We have one senior, Breon Martin, who is almost finished with the application process for Berea College.

Go, Warriors!