



## News from the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities February 2010

### **AIKCU students interning in Frankfort with General Assembly this semester**

Ten students from six AIKCU member institutions are getting an up close look at the inner workings of the Kentucky legislative process this spring. Participants in the 2010 AIKCU Frankfort Semester Legislative Internship Program work full-time for members of the Kentucky General Assembly. In addition to their full-time jobs working for legislators the students take two upper division seminar courses while in Frankfort.

The 2010 AIKCU Frankfort Semester Legislative Interns are:

- Laura Perry, an **Asbury College** senior majoring in communications, who is interning with Sen. Tom Buford.
- Nathan Cox, a **Campbellsville University** junior majoring in political science, who is interning with the House of Representatives minority (Republican) caucus.
- Phillip Mitchell, a **Campbellsville University** junior majoring in political science, interning with Rep. Jim Wayne.
- Leann Straley, a **Campbellsville University** sophomore majoring in political science, who is interning with the Kentucky House of Representatives minority (Republican) caucus.
- Chelsea Clark, a **Georgetown College** junior majoring in political science, who is interning with Sen. Kathy Stein.
- Jared Radford, a **Lindsey Wilson College** senior majoring in history, who is interning with Rep. Jody Richards.
- Morgan Reck, a **Lindsey Wilson College** senior majoring in history, who is interning with the Kentucky Historical Society.
- Tanalisa Hatton, a **St. Catharine College** junior majoring in liberal arts, who is interning with the Kentucky Senate Democratic Leadership office.
- Nicole Paulley, a **St. Catharine College** senior majoring in criminal justice, who is interning with Rep. Linda Belcher.
- Jessica Beard, a **Transylvania University** junior majoring in political science, who is interning with Rep. Leslie Combs.

This is the 11th year for the AIKCU Frankfort Semester Internship Program. In even years, students work directly for members of the General Assembly. In odd years, interns serve in a variety of state government agencies. The AIKCU intern program is directed by Richard Wilson, a former Courier-Journal reporter and bureau chief and member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.

### **Midway College to open pharmacy school in Paintsville**

Midway College recently announced that it will open the Midway College School of Pharmacy in Paintsville, Kentucky. The school will help address the shortage of qualified pharmacists in eastern Kentucky. It will enroll up to 80 students per year, with a capacity enrollment of 320 when fully operational. Midway will begin accepting applicants in January 2011 for the entering class, which will begin August 2011.

### **Forbes says three of the Best Colleges in the South are AIKCU members; Centre rated #1, Berea and Transylvania recognized in top 20**

Centre College sits atop the newly released *Forbes* magazine list of the Best Colleges in the South. Joining Centre in the top 20 are Berea College (19th) and Transylvania University (20th).

### **Pikeville College establishes new program that guarantees medical school admission for qualified high school seniors**

Pikeville College, in conjunction with the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCSOM), is offering students a cooperative eight-year program (4+4) leading to a bachelor's degree and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree. Osteopathic Medical Scholars Program applicants must apply as an incoming freshman, have a minimum 1200 SAT or 26 ACT, be in the top 10 percent of their graduating class or have earned a 3.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale and be a resident of Kentucky.

### **AIKCU teams take national honors in fall sports**

Congratulations to these AIKCU teams on their outstanding national achievements: the Lindsey Wilson men's soccer team won its 8<sup>th</sup> NAIA title; the Campbellsville University volleyball team won the NCCAA national championship; and the Georgetown College volleyball team finished as NAIA runners up.

### **AIKCU members learn about energy performance contracting from Siemens Building Technologies and EKU**

Siemens Building Technologies, an AIKCU business partner, recently held an energy performance contracting workshop for AIKCU members on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University. EKU President Doug Whitlock, members of his staff, and Siemens representatives showcased EKU's \$27 million energy savings performance contract and educated AIKCU business officers and facilities managers on ways energy savings performance contracts can benefit smaller institutions.

### **AIKCU VP Bob Johnston named vice chair of Coalition for College Cost Savings**

AIKCU Vice President for Business Services and Chief Operating Officer Bob Johnston has been named vice chair of the national nonprofit Coalition for College Cost Savings (CCCS). The CCCS is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to helping private colleges and universities improve processes and reduce and contain costs through collaboration. Its membership is composed of 22 state independent college associations. The combined membership represents 582 colleges and universities and more than 1.1 million students.